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2nd Lieutenant.—I. B. Scales.

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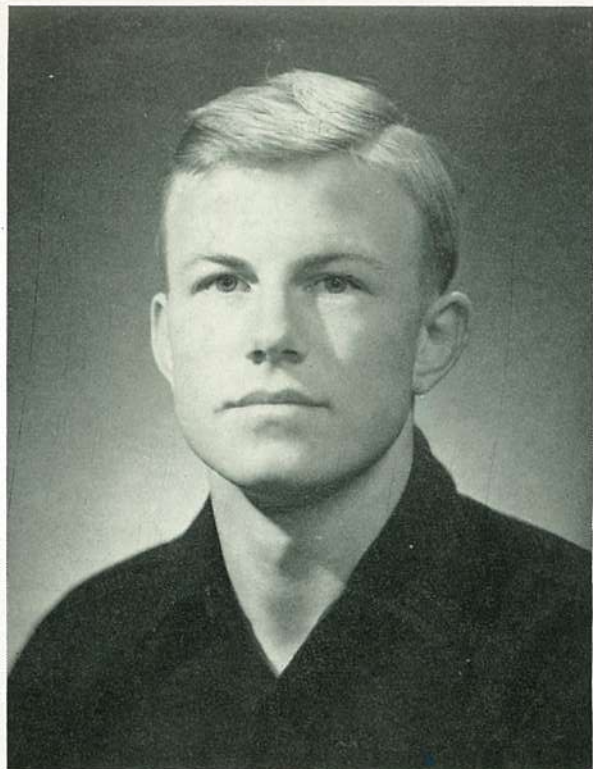
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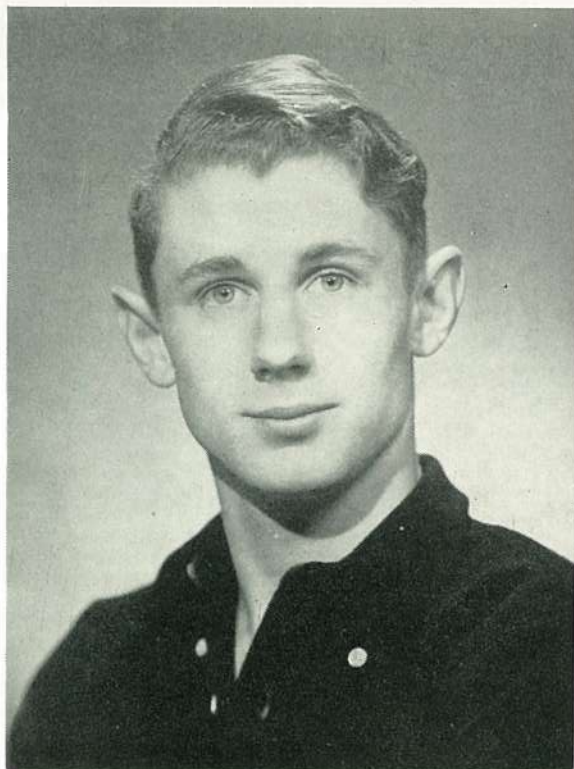
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CORONATION YEAR.

THE British Monarchy is very old. It can be traced back beyond the reign of Alfred the Great. Since that time many great monarchs such as Edward I., Henry VIII. and Elizabeth I have ruled England. And so the British Monarchy has endured for eleven hundred years, with the exception of the interval of the "Commonwealth," which inevitably collapsed owing principally to England's peculiar attitude to the Crown. Since that time the nation has developed into an Empire and Commonwealth, a "British Commonwealth of Nations" founded and built on the British Monarchy. Thus without the Crown our present Commonwealth would not be the great and peculiar constitutional institution it is, which millions admire and wonder at, and yet, at the same time, often fail to comprehend, for they do not see it as a unity effected by the peculiar position which the British Crown enjoys. As the British Nation has developed and changed, so the British Monarchy has changed with it, until it now embodies perfectly the British conception of constitutional leadership.

The British Government is in the hands of men directly responsible to public opinion who can be dismissed from office when they lose the people's confidence. But the State remains and must have its head—a permanent symbol of unity.

In this year of 1953, perhaps as never before, the significance of the coronation of a British Monarch has been demonstrated to the peoples of the British Commonwealth and, in fact, to the whole world, through the great modern mediums of radio, film and television. Listening people everywhere could not have failed to be

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impressed by the solemn religious significance of the occasion as the young Queen made her vows. The film "A Queen Is Crowned" with all its colourful pageantry must have filled millions of British hearts with pride and served to impress millions of others in foreign lands. The film was appropriately preceded by the beautiful lines spoken by Gaunt in Shakespeare's play "Richard II":

"This royal throne of kings, this sceptred isle,
This earth of majesty, this seat of Mars,
This other Eden, demi-paradise . . ."

and ended with a view of the symbols on the Victoria Monument, standing outside the gates of Buckingham Palace, depicting the principles on which the Empire has been built and stands.

Queen Elizabeth II. is the sole personal link between the various countries of the British Commonwealth of Nations, a unique constitutional organization which occupies more than one-quarter of the earth's surface and includes within its territories more than a quarter of the human race—people of every colour and creed, living in many varied conditions and standards of life. This amazing diversity of peoples who are in, and intend to remain in the British Commonwealth shows how practicable this constitutional organization is. Constitutionally none of the larger countries of the Empire such as Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand owes any allegiance to Britain. They are completely independent nations, who, although free to make their own choice prefer to recognise Elizabeth as their undoubted Queen, and by doing this they prove to the world the practicality of this unique arrangement and the unity of thought and purpose. Elizabeth would regard it as her most important duty to see that these ties are maintained and strengthened among this big family of nations. Elizabeth has found a warm place in the hearts of her people, and although they are not technically her subjects, it is certain that none of them would change their young Queen for all the republics or dictatorships in the world.

As in the past when, say, Elizabeth I. and Victoria became Britain's undoubted Queens, periods of great national prosperity and expansion followed, so we now look hopefully and confidently to the new Elizabeth to unite and weld the British Commonwealth of Nations into a powerful influence for good in this modern troubled world. There is evidence that our desire may be fulfilled as the workings of our democratic limited monarchy are demonstrated to the world as an example of what can be achieved in co-operation.

In the near future we are to be honoured by a visit from our Monarch, which will further strengthen our bonds of loyalty and friendship to the mother country half a world away which bred our forbears and which we feel was the nursery of our present Commonwealth whose traditions we as New Zealanders all inherit and from which we derive so much strength and confidence to go forward in the right.

B. C. Beetham.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

BEYOND THE CORONATION

When the world returns to normal
When the tourist crowd departs,
When the cities shed their splendour
When the nation's work restarts
Is there more in England's glory,
Has that Island more to show
Than the clash of martial music,
And the roaring mob below?

Oh, England in her heyday liked to flaunt her power abroad,
She had a Drake with sailors and each sailor had a sword
She singed the Spaniard's kingly beard and split his fleet atwain
—There was glory and great riches in Queen Bess's golden reign.

To-day our England does not brawl
With Spaniards on the sea,
Where once she fought to make men slaves
She fights to make them free,
Champion of the Councils,
Protector of the weak
Oh, Leader of the Commonwealth
Thus, let your glory speak.

Now that the Queen is on the Throne, ruling according to law,
Now that the wheels of Commerce turn instead of the wheels of war,
There is more in England's glory, there is more for her to show
Than the clash of martial music and the roaring mob below.

R. B. Hosking, 6B.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

The Assembly Hall was crowded for the Annual Breaking-up and Prize-giving Ceremony held on the afternoon of December 12. Those on the platform were the Mayor, Mr. E. R. C. Gilmour, and Mrs. Gilmour, Mr. E. P. Aderman, M.P., and Mrs. Aderman, and the Chairman of the Board, Mr. H. R. Billing, and Board Members. The Academic prizes were presented by the guest speaker, Professor I. A. Gordon, of Victoria University College, and other awards by Mrs. Gordon.

The Headmaster, after welcoming Professor and Mrs. Gordon, stated that he did not intend to inflict the Annual Report upon those present, as the history of the year's activities could be found in the School Magazine.

There was one matter, however, that the Magazine scarcely touched upon—the activities of the Board of Governors and its subsidiary committees. Few realised what the School owed to the voluntary work of the Board's members nor what big business was undertaken by it. The Headmaster's personal thanks to the Board was great, as it was to Mr. Papps and the staff, to Mr. Burford and his staff, to the Hospital Sisters, to the Head Boy and his Prefects, and to the ministers of religion. A school such as ours could not run smoothly and efficiently without the active goodwill, conscientious work, and co-operation of all these groups.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

Mr. Blundell had already been thanked for his 26 years of valuable service and the School wished Mrs. Blundell and him all good fortune and happiness in their retirement. The school was sorry to lose Miss Pottinger and Miss Christoffel after their ten years of conscientious work.

A word of thanks was offered to the Sixth formers as a whole, and the Headmaster added that several masters had asked him specially to commend these senior boys for their excellent conduct, hard work, and school spirit.

The Headmaster concluded by praising the whole School on raising over £200 in four work days, for the United Nations Appeal and their own needs.

Professor Gordon, speaking in support of the accrediting system for University Entrance, stated that statistics kept since its inception in 1944 indicated that it had worked, and he thought that accredited students had done "rather better" at university than those who sat and passed the entrance examination. As far as university teachers were concerned he did not think they had any feeling of disquiet regarding the system.

Replying to criticism of the variation of the standard of accrediting from school to school, Professor Gordon said that it was irresponsible criticism made by people who obviously did not know the facts. The system was largely controlled by four skilled teachers and educational experts at the university, and each school was watched and advised very carefully.

In conclusion, after stressing the importance of two years in the sixth form the professor urged anyone who proposed attending university to give serious consideration to going full time. In the long run he felt that the financial cost was less for the full-time student who earns big money during the summer holidays than for the part-timer who plodded on year after year.

CLASS PRIZES—

Prep Dept.—Upper: G. R. Milne. Lower: M. Hunt. III Ag.: H. V. Wellington and M. D. Blackwell. III E.B.2: A. C. N. King. III E.B.1: B. W. Lowrie. III G.2: P. R. Harris. III G.1: W. Rumball. III P.2: B. L. Irvine. III P.1: M. N. Harford. IV Ag.: M. Dillon. IV Bdg.: D. C. Rielly. IV E: G. L. Bailey. IV G.3: E. Pata. IV G.2: B. Walter. IV G.1: R. J. D. McCaw and K. S. D. Austin. IV C.L.: F. B. Sampson. VE.: B. A. Tinsley and C. S. Horrill. V Ag.: W. Jonas. V G.3: D. W. Marsden. V G.2: I. B. Darney. V G.1: R. Patchett. V C.L.: D. J. Barnes and D. Lloyd. VI Sc.: R. S. Croxson. VI B: B. C. Beetham. VI A: 2nd in Lang. sect: D. L. Kitchingman; 2nd in Maths and Sc.: M. J. Simcock.

SPECIAL PRIZES—

Rex Dowding Memorial Prize (Junior Essay): I. B. Pryke.
Junior Oratory (Cup and Books presented by Mr. L. M. Moss): C. S. Lealand.
Senior Debating (Cup presented by Wellington Old Boys): L. J. Croxson and R. S. Croxson.
Drawing Prize: G. S. Collier.
Music Prizes (Mr. Collier's Prize): D. J. Hughson. (Mrs. J. Davies' Prize): R. F. Gadd.

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Reading Prizes: Chapel (presented by an Old Boy), G. S. Collier; Assembly, G. C. Derby; Senior (presented by Mr. N. Hewson), L. J. Croxson; Junior, J. J. Terris.

Tabor Scholarships: English, B. C. Beetham. Science: R. S. Croxson, Engineering, I. G. Turner.

Bedall Memorial Prize (Senior Essay): W. R. Armstrong.

White Memorial Prize (Literature): D. L. Kitchingman.

Syme Prize (Latin): D. L. Kitchingman.

Heurtley Memorial Prize (Original Verse): S. R. Hill.

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

Head Boy's Prize (Mrs. Brookman's Cup): D. J. Graham.

Dux Prizes: Language Section (Mrs. Buick's Cup), S. R. Hill; Maths and Sc. Section (Ian McLeod Memorial): G. A. Wright.

ATHLETICS—

Old Boys' Challenge Cup (Senior Athletic Championship): B. W. Lake.

Challenge Cup (Junior Athletic Championship): D. G. Lloyd.

Bennett Cup (Under 14 Athletic Championship): R. D. McCaw.

1911 Cup (Senior Steeplechase): W. J. Wood.

Bryce Cup (Fastest Time Senior Steeplechase): J. T. Alsweller.

H. Smith Cup (Junior Steeplechase): A. W. Messenger.

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Noakes' Cup (Under 14 Steeplechase): G. E. Humphries.

Hansard Cup (Inter-house) Pridham Old Boys' Challenge Cup: (Old Boys' Race): P. A. B. Powell.

SWIMMING—

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

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

Fox Cup (Under 14 Championship): D. Byers.

Wilson Shield (Preparatory Championship): R. T. Teariki.

BOXING—

Kidd Cup (Under 11 stone Championship): G. B. Williamson.

Chivers Cup (Middleweight Championship): T. S. Fa'asalafa.

H. Smith Cup (Welterweight): F. M. Elliott.

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

Wallace Shield: Pridham (J. R. Brimblecombe).

TENNIS—

Candy Cup (Senior Singles Championship): St. L. M. Reeves.

SHOOTING—

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

McDiarmid Belt (School Championship): H. A. Boardman.

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): Day Boys.

Bates Cup (Inter-house Championship): Moyes.

SCHOOL NOTES

School resumed on February, the 3rd, with a roll of 732, 269 of whom were boarders.

The new Governor-General, Sir Willoughby Norrie and Lady Norrie visited the School on May, the 27th.

We were honoured that he should visit us so soon after his term of office began. He gave us a most amusing and friendly talk and he gave us a holiday. Both the Governor and Lady Norrie were genuinely interested in the School. In spite of the Headmaster's warning that boys should keep away from the visitors' limousine, a sympathetic chauffeur thrilled dozens by opening the bonnet for the inquisitive eyes of the mechanically minded.

We congratulate F. P. Hutchings and R. B. Hosking on winning the Wellington Provincial Schoolboys' Chess Championship. This is the second time the championship has been won by representatives of the School. Additional congratulations to Hutchings on carrying off the New Zealand title with the fine performance of seven points out of seven.

Congratulations to B. Chong on winning the Taranaki and Central King Country Secondary Schoolboys' Golf Championship in the August holidays.

It was disappointing that the Music Club, formed last year, and supported so enthusiastically, did not function this year because of a lack of support. It is hoped that next year there will be sufficient interest for the listening group to meet again to pursue this most enjoyable pastime.

The Hansard Cup Sports were held on March the 12th, only two days before the Annual Sports. This gave boys a concentrated programme a week before the Inter-Secondary School Sports, held for the first time this year. This meeting was most successful and those people who were responsible for the organisation of the sports must be commended for the energy and initiative which they showed and which was responsible for the success of this inaugural contest.

A competitive examination to test boys' knowledge of native birds and trees was held for the first time this year. Prizes were presented by Old Boys and Mr. V. Davies. R. Rumball wrote the best paper, P. G. Maxwell was second and D. G. Medway third.

The School Gymnasium was painted during the year. The colour scheme tones well with the plantation and when the Baths are white-washed again this season the scene will be very attractive. The Lower Ground Pavilion also received a face-lift.

For the third successive year the Waikato Royal Show Essay was won by a pupil of the School. This year B. Gudopp presented the best essay. Fourth place went to M. Dillon, another pupil of the School.

Mr. Mackintosh of the Chinese Inland Mission visited the School in the third term. Dressed in Chinese costume and possessing various souvenirs, he gave us a most amusing and interesting talk on Chinese and Tibetan customs, food and way of life. He illustrated

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his talks with souvenirs and the use of the blackboard. Boarders of course were all attention when the subject of food was introduced and drew inevitable comparisons.

During a practice match on the Lower Ground a member of the First XV received a fractured leg. The School tractor and trailer happened to be on the ground and the injured player was promptly stretched out on the trailer and conveyed to the School hospital. The incident had a sequel. As the teams for the final of the Kerr Cup went down to the Lower Ground for the match the trailer was again present. A player was heard to ask the groundsman to keep it handy to take him to the hospital after he was injured. The groundsman stayed and during the second spell the player concerned was trampled on by husky forwards, drawn from the ruck with an injured foot, laid on the trailer and removed to the hospital. His injury was not serious.

After the Athletic Sports it was decided that steps must be taken to rid the Top Ground of the springy kikuyu grass. The whole ground, except for a small portion in the centre was sprayed with a chemical weed killer. It was anticipated that the ground should then be replanted. But the spray was considered to have had little effect and the ground was ploughed, rolled and disced prior to re-spraying and re-sowing. Hopes of playing cricket on the Top Ground this season were dashed by the ploughing. It will be out of use now, until the summer of 1954-55. Certain masters, however, are not daunted by the condition of the turf, but with set faces, "wind slowly oe'r the lea" through the mud on their way home for lunch. Another master is still trying to find out who gave the instructions that the practice wickets were "to be or not to be" ploughed.

Since the masters took up residence in their new common room, 6A, who now occupy the former staff room, are the object of much jealous talk. While the upper form revels in the warm sun on winter mornings, we hear that the masters, in spite of the smoky atmosphere, have dubbed their new home "the second morgue."

An incident during the matinee performance of "Merrie England," attended by 3rd and 4th Formers was most embarrassing to a member of the staff taking part in this production. A bun tossed from the stage with a dramatic gesture and an invitation to "Buy my bread," was returned by a youth in the audience with such accuracy that it not only reached the stage but struck the School's earnest chorister just as he was taking the next deep breath.

Congratulations to R. Routley on his brilliant performance in winning the Flannagan Cup harbour race.

The Woodwork block was completed during the year. Classes are held for apprentices to builders in the city as well as the pupils of the School. Serving the same purpose is the recently finished Machine-shop at the Technical School.

The Music Festival was the main activity in the first term. After three years' trial there is no doubt now that the annual festival has become the social event of the year.

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A start was made, in the second term, on the Moyes' Memorial Pavilion. A considerable amount of tree-felling was done before the site was uncovered, when construction went ahead steadily. The building is of pleasing design and when completed will add still more attraction to our School grounds.

The School was unlucky this year when only one film was deemed worthwhile. "A Queen is Crowned" expanded the mental picture formed if we had previously listened to the Coronation ceremony on the radio. Many boys enjoyed the film so much that they went again or saw its rival film "Elizabeth is Queen."

We did, however, see another short film. It was associated with a lecture on Road Safety by a Senior Traffic Officer of the district.

The school has experienced the usual number of staff changes during the year. At the end of the first term Mr. Brenstrum left us to take an appointment with the Education Department as an inspector of Post-Primary Schools. We were very sorry to lose him. He joined the staff in 1938 as an assistant housemaster in Pridham House. He then became housemaster of Pridham House, a position which he filled with great success for ten years. He taught a great variety of subjects on the language side of the School and entered into many outside activities. He coached football, organised and coached cricket, took a prominent part in the cadets and even at one stage ran the tuck shop.

Mr. Bowden also intends leaving us at the end of the year to take up a position at the Avondale College, Auckland. Both as a teacher, a housemaster in Pridham House and in outside activities Mr Bowden entered fully into the life of the School. He was particularly interested in tennis, football and athletics and in all set a fine example of performance and of physical fitness.

Sister Pottinger left us at the end of last year to move to Waitara. She had been in charge of the School hospital for ten years and has been greatly missed.

To these three the School extends its best wishes.

At the beginning of this year Mr. J. A. Clouston joined the staff to take charge of the Engineering Department. He is an Old Boy who has had considerable experience in the Air Force and at Hawera Technical High School.

Mr. C. P. Walker also joined us. He is teaching English, History and Geography. We also welcome Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner to Niger House. Mr. Gardiner is in charge of the Preparatory School.

Sister Leitch has joined us to take charge of the hospital and Miss Goodrich has taken Miss Christoffel's place as assistant Matron.

We extend a welcome to all these newcomers and hope that they all enjoy being with us.

Another addition to the staff this year was Mrs. Campbell. She takes part-time mathematics with senior forms.

We congratulate R. J. Grey on gaining highest marks in the accountancy trial examination. This was a creditable performance as he was competing against students from all parts of New Zealand.



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Back Row: J. N. Elmes, B. C. Beetham, R. J. Grey, R. R. Brown, B. S. Bellringer, E. A. Batten.
Front Row: R. S. Croxson, D. M. Calder, R. H. Graham (Head Boy), G. G. Julian, T. Matalo.



BOARDING HOUSE PREFECTS, 1953.

Back Row: R. B. Palmer, G. E. Chapman, F. M. Stevenson, D. M. McConachie, G. M. O'Halloran, J. P. Simcock.

Middle Row: R. J. Harvey, E. I. Rumball, P. J. O'Shaughnessy, K. B. Alken, G. K. Sigley, J. R. MacLean.

Front Row: D. G. Lloyd, P. J. Lloyd, J. R. Brimblecombe, W. E. Jonas, W. R. Shortt, J. D. Raines.



DAY BOY HOUSE PREFECTS, 1953.

Back Row: B. W. Moorhead, P. N. Webb, J. S. Jensen, I. B. Darney.

Middle Row: B. Chong, J. A. Hancock, B. E. Gilliver, B. W. Kerr, B. C. Smeaton, R. M. Patchett.

Front Row: S. T. King, I. G. Turner, R. S. Watts, R. D. E. Alexander, T. E. Miller. Inset: D. M. Foggin.

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Boxing enthusiasts at the school regretted the retirement of Mr. I. W. ("Blue") Wallace who has been the School's boxing instructor since 1930. During this long period of service to the School Mr. Wallace has trained boxers who have won Taranaki and New Zealand titles and even an English University Blue. He emphasised in his instruction that boys must be able to give and take in the ring in a manly and courageous way. Although his decision to retire will break a link with the School which he has kept for 14 years he will not be forgotten by those boys who have attended classes under his capable instruction.

£120 was the goal set this year for the Works Days, and £124 14/10 was the final total. Our congratulations to West House for returning the greatest House total. Work was again plentiful and varied. The graphs of the individual House totals were kept at the back of the Assembly Hall: Boys soon became accustomed to ignoring "Scrooge" pounding his bulging money-bag immediately after assembly, beneath the ever-climbing grand total graph.

A novel use of a School cap was made outside the offices of a New Plymouth firm. A scarecrow was constructed on a newly-planted lawn, its head represented by a dilapidated portion of the School uniform.

We have heard of unusual happenings in Prefects' Common Rooms but this year the inhabitants of one room, having plenty of spare time, have organised a billiard room, playing on a rug-covered table and using the Housemaster's golf clubs and balls.

Carrington House will soon take possession of a handsome new locker-room. The new concrete building lies between the Library and the House and will relieve a very tense situation among the owners of the present room.

West House again turned on a most successful dance during the second term. The Westown School Hall had been attractively decorated with lights and monograms.

The district has experienced a number of earthquakes this year. During one disturbance it is reported from the labs. that a science master asked his form, "Who's shaking the floor? Cut it out."

The annual Barracks Week was held this year at Linton Camp. The food was good and therefore most boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Even the School took a large interest in the local body elections. It is rumoured that a letter in one of the local newspapers which was responsible for many replies from enraged citizens, was written by a sixth former.

The School congratulates "Laurie" Miller and "Ted" Meuli on being selected to play in the 1953 N.Z. cricket team in the tests against South Africa and "Laurie" Miller on his inclusion in the touring side.

School breaks up on the 10th of December. Best of luck to boys leaving and to those returning we wish a pleasant continuation of their school life.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

University National Scholarship.—M. J. Simcock, G. A. Wright.

Taranaki Scholarship.—S. R. Hill, D. L. Kitchingman.

Higher Leaving Certificate.—W. R. Armstrong, H. F. Barrett, J. D. Bathgate, I. H. Bailey, G. S. Collier, L. J. Croxson, G. C. Derby, M. B. Francis, D. J. Graham, K. L. Grant, R. M. Harvey, C. T. Henderson, S. R. Hill, D. L. Kitchingman, G. J. Lawson, R. K. McClellan, J. H. Nash, J. S. Nicholls, H. S. Paterson, St. L. M. Reeves, M. J. Simcock, W. N. Thomas, B. D. Webby, F. S. Whitehead, G. A. Wright, A. F. Cassie, C. J. Osborn, R. E. Still, P. J. Wahlstrom.

B. Com. Passes.—A. F. Cassie, P. R. Erskine, C. J. Osborn, R. E. Still, P. J. Wahlstrom.

University Entrance (By Accrediting).—E. A. Batten, B. C. Beetham, G. A. Bendall, M. I. Broome, R. R. Brown, D. M. Calder, R. S. Croxson, G. A. Davidson, T. S. Dillon, D. J. Drumm, J. N. Elmes, D. M. Foggin, P. A. Foreman, R. H. Graham, R. J. Grey, R. J. Harvey, D. J. Hughson, G. G. Julian, B. W. Kerr, S. T. King, A. H. Kirk, D. H. Lee, A. J. Lester, M. D. Maingay, R. M. Phillips, B. G. Quin, F. R. Routley, J. M. Scott, W. F. Shortt, J. P. Simcock, R. S. Spencer, A. J. Sterritt, M. A. Stevens, M. Tere, I. G. Turner, R. S. Watts.

School Certificate.—J. T. Alsweller, E. J. Askew, D. J. Barnes, B. J. Besley, D. Boland, P. A. Boon, J. R. Brimblecombe, N. Burdes, D. W. Burton, J. J. Butler, R. A. Cardiff, G. McM. Cassidy, G. E. Chapman, I. B. Darney, K. E. Denham, R. F. Elliott, B. S. Farquhar, P. F. Fookes, J. L. Garrett, D. L. Gill, B. E. Gilliver, P. W. Green, J. A. Hancock, J. D. Hanning, M. L. Hay, G. J. Hight, C. S. Horrill, R. B. Hosking, A. C. Howell, T. G. Huggard, W. E. Jonas, D. G. Lloyd, G. M. Lloyd, P. J. Lloyd, F. G. Lys, J. E. Lys, I. C. McCallum, D. M. McConachie, G. G. McGlashan, J. R. Maclean, D. W. Marsden, J. Maskery, V. Mila, T. E. Miller, B. W. Moorhead, B. F. Newcomb, G. M. O'Halloran, P. J. O'Shaughnessy, R. M. Patchett, T. R. Polletti, C. R. Potter, J. D. Raines, E. I. Rumball, B. H. Sampson, G. K. Sigley, J. M. Smale, R. A. Snowdon, F. M. Stevenson, B. A. Tinsley, P. K. Turner.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—

Could you please tell me why the School Steeplechase is held half-way through the third term. I think it would be much better if it was held say, in the second-to-last or even the last week of the second term. As this is right at the end of the football season, most boys will already be fit, but if it continues to be held in the third term boys will have to start training hard again after the August holidays. This training cannot be done by most fifth and sixth formers because they are studying for examinations.

If the School Steeplechase is held at the end of the second term, I am sure most people will agree with me, that a higher standard of running will be reached and not so many boys will pull out, as has been the case in recent years.

I am, etc.,

G. R. Jensen, 5Cl.

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The 1953 Rugby season was marked by the wet weather that prevailed and the number of matches that were played in rain and with heavy conditions underfoot. Although few matches were cancelled, considerable practice time was lost.

These conditions emphasised the most urgent needs of Rugby in the School, namely, adequate showering facilities for all the boys, and washing and drying facilities for boarders' gear. Again day boys were forced to change in the open stand on the racecourse which has one shower beneath it. Boarders, practising on the racecourse were able to shower and change in the gully or gym. The need for adequate dressing space, with plenty of showers on or adjacent to the racecourse is very urgent and is particularly missed in a wet, muddy season as was 1953. Although the boarders now have access to a washing tub and hot water, there are still no drying facilities.

The gully was reduced to a quagmire during the season, but the racecourse grounds stood up particularly well. This again emphasised the value of these grounds to the School.

Next season it is hoped that each of the day boy junior house teams will play in distinctive colours. The boarding houses have followed this policy for a few years now. Increasing cost of football clothing is a source of anxiety, but increases do not seem to be out of proportion to the general rising trend of costs.

The School is still short of coaches. Eighteen teams were entered in competitions this year, and senior boys again had to assist the masters taking football. Although good work was done by many boys, the task is really beyond them.

Three teams won the championship in their grade last year. They were the 1st XV, 2nd XV and the 5th grade A team. Several lower grade teams performed well and finished high on the competition ladder in their grades.

The first fifteen was an almost new team, only three of last year's regular players being available again. The team finally chosen was young and light. It won the Taranaki northern division championship but lost three college games all, however, by narrow margins. The team produced a most attractive brand of football. A feature was the leadership and outstanding play of the captain, G. Julian. Injuries took their toll as the season progressed but these really did not affect the performances of the side.

The youth of the first group is reflected in the fact that the second fifteen members were all young enough to permit the team's entry in fourth grade rather than third grade as has been done in the past. This team remained undefeated throughout the season and contained some very promising players. So, too, did the fifth grade A team, which defeated Waitara D.H.S. narrowly in the final.

The policy of lower grade home and away fixtures for lower grades with other schools was continued, visits being again exchanged with Stratford T.H.S. and Opunake D.H.S. An inaugural game was played between the Wanganui Collegiate School second club team and the School fifth grade A side. Wanganui won an excellent fixture by 6 to 3. The intention is to make this game an annual one.

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The thanks of the School are due to those organisations whose efficiency and keenness enables School football to function so smoothly and to the benefit of so many boys. They are: The Taranaki Rugby Union, the Northern Junior Management Committee and particularly its secretary, Mr. R. C. Christensen, the Racecourse Playing Fields Committee, and the Referees' Association.

COLLEGE GAMES

v. HAWERA-STRATFORD T.H.S.

(Played at Victoria Park, Stratford, May 30th). Draw 3—3.

A fair crowd watched this game which was the main attraction to the second annual Taranaki Secondary Schools' day. Bright open Rugby and outstanding defence inspired the comment that this was the best and most interesting game of the season at Stratford.

The teams were:—

Stratford-Hawera.—T. Martin, K. Gray, B. Pope, R. Adams, N. Robinson, J. McCullough, J. Christie, M. Thompson, M. Crean, C. Davis, I. Young, P. Oliver, B. Radich, J. More, S. Hura.

School.—B. Darney, I. Rumball, J. Hancock, P. O'Shaughnessy, T. Takai, G. Julian, J. Raines, B. Sampson, G. McGlashan, M. Rangi, D. Calder, R. Brown, M. Tere, R. Graham, M. Fa'aitu.

THE PLAY

School attacked early and with the forwards receiving a fair amount of the ball, and Raines playing outstandingly at half-back, the backs were seen in some good movements. Poor handling by the three-quarters, coupled with grand cover defence by the combined team, prevented any tries. Darney kicked a goal from well out, to make the score 3-0. The combined team replied with a penalty goal by Adams. This, too, was a fine kick and half-time came with the score 3-3.

The second half was thrilling with play surging up and down the field. School nearly scored when O'Shaughnessy was grounded inches from the line. Then within seconds the combined teams' half-back was stopped close to School's line. So with the result in doubt until the final whistle both defences held and the game ended 3-3.

v. ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE (Silverstream)

(Played at Hawera, July 4th). Lost 6—12.

With a large number of their undefeated team of 1952 still in the side, St. Patrick's fielded a team this year that showed a remarkable maturity about its play. This was reflected in its ability to shift the attack almost at will. This ability, together with dazzling speed in the three-quarters made it a really outstanding side, and they scored some glorious tries. The School team was out-paced, out-sized and well beaten. A most satisfactory feature of the game was the greatly increased attendance. Although St. Pat's were clearly the superior team, the game was by no means

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one-sided and it kept the large crowd at a high pitch of excitement throughout. At one stage it appeared as if St. Pat's could win easily but the School team rallied with fine determination.

The teams were:—

St. Pat's.—W. Hikaka, J. O'Rourke, P. Derig, G. Mahoney, R. Sierpinski, J. Taitaka, R. Fredrickson, M. Thompson, B. Bush, G. Pepuleai, J. Ngahi, P. Cowan, P. Bourke, C. Sheahan, M. Matalich.

School.—B. Darney, I. Rumball, J. Hancock, P. Lloyd, J. Lay, G. Julian, K. Briscoe, M. Tere, G. McGlashan, M. Rangi, D. Marsden, B. Sampson, B. Smeaton, R. Graham, M. Fa'aitu, D. Calder.

THE PLAY

Silverstream, winning the early scrums and line-outs, were soon on the attack and School's cover defence was tested. School weathered this period and missed two penalty attempts. Eventually with the spell half gone, O'Rourke scored right in the corner. The kick missed. Silverstream led 3-0. Before half-time School attacked with determination. First Julian then Lay found gaps without success. Right on half-time Silverstream were penalised well out and Darney, judging the wind accurately, kicked a magnificent goal.

With the score at 3-3 School started the second half playing into a stiff wind and were on the defensive at once. Only stout tackling prevented tries being scored; but eventually Frederickson kicked a penalty from right in front to put Silverstream ahead. St. Pat's kept on the attack and Mahoney and Derig scored unconverted tries in quick succession as a result of crisp, fast back movements.

School rallied, the forwards got more ball, and they never admitted defeat. Darney narrowed the gap with another penalty, and School kept hammering away. Full time, however, found St. Pat's deservedly in front by 12-6. It had been a grand match.

v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

(Played on School Gully, July 22nd). Won 6—3.

Although played in sunshine, this game took place in the worst possible conditions underfoot. Several days of heavy rain had made the grounds of New Plymouth unplayable, and no other ground was available. The School Gully had surface water lying all over it, and in a short time it was a sea of mud.

Despite these conditions, a large crowd of visitors saw an excellent game, the highlight of which was the remarkable handling of the School backs. They showed from the start that in spite of the conditions they meant to keep the ball moving, and they turned on some excellent and thrilling Rugby. Wanganui played in the same spirit—their forwards in particular playing very well indeed. The boys had every excuse if they had turned on a dour struggle, and both teams are to be congratulated upon their enterprise and ability in the conditions.

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The teams were:—

Wanganui Collegiate.—J. Cooper, E. Bennett, W. Speedy, M. Brooker, J. Wynne-Lewis, W. Short, M. Pulusila, G. Byers, J. Chadwick, T. Richmond, W. Olsen, E. Parsons, J. Zohrab, C. Earle, S. Speedy.

School.—B. Darney, I. Rumball, J. Hancock, T. Takai, J. Lay, G. Julian, J. Raines, M. Tere, I. Komene, M. Rangī, D. Calder, R. Graham, B. Smeaton, M. Fa'aitu, B. Sampson.

THE PLAY

The game opened at a fast pace with the Collegiate forwards playing furiously. It was soon obvious, however, that School's inside backs were faster and a fine break by Julian saw Lay fail to score by inches. New Plymouth kept attacking for a period and the Wanganui defence finally gave way when Fa'aitu received an in-pass from Julian on the blind side following a scrum in mid-field, and scored well out. The kick missed.

Collegiate then attacked consistently and came very close to scoring but their efforts were rewarded when just on half-time Bennett kicked a good penalty to make the half-time score 3-3.

The pattern of the game did not change much in the second half and back movements were frequent. Takai and Rumball put in good runs but it was not until full-back Darney moved up on the blind side that School scored again. Darney's conversion hit the bar.

Collegiate tried desperately to make up the lee-way and their forwards worked courageously. The New Plymouth backs, however, made ground whenever they received the ball. Their handling under wet conditions was faultless. The final whistle saw School attacking again and the score still 6-3.

v. TE AUTE COLLEGE

(Played at Hastings, August 1st.) Lost 3—6.

After a series of wet heavy grounds the School team played Te Aute on a ground baked as hard as concrete. Injuries had been heavy in preceding club games and several players were injured in this game. The game was a thrilling one, especially in the last twenty minutes. It developed into a struggle between the fast-breaking loose defensive tactics of Te Aute with unorthodox attacks, and School's tidier, more precise play. School's forwards gained plenty of ball, but the outside backs had a day off, particularly with their handling. This was especially disappointing in view of the excellent display they had given against Wanganui Collegiate in such unfavourable conditions.

The teams were:—

Te Aute.—P. Wilkie, T. Mulligan, R. Panapa, W. Sterling, T. Whaiputi, R. Wairau, A. Takarua, R. Werepa, P. Kapa, L. Ranapia, N. Williams, G. Walker, A. Clarke, H. Keelan (captain).

School.—B. Darney, I. Rumball, J. Hancock, D. Lloyd, J. Lay, G. Julian (captain), J. Raines, M. Tere, I. Komene, M. Rangī, D. Calder, B. Sampson, B. Smeaton, R. Graham, M. Fa'aitu.

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THE PLAY

School were soon attacking and getting plenty of ball. Poor handling by the School backs and a vigorous Te Aute cover defence saw School's chances come to nothing. Darney missed one penalty but succeeded with another to put School ahead 3-0.

With a series of dribbling rushes Te Aute stormed the New Plymouth line and P. Kepa scored from loose play on the line. The try was not converted. School returned to the attack but again the backs spoil their movements with bad passing. Half-time came with the score still at 3-3.

The second half had just begun when Stirling kicked a good goal for Te Aute. Territorially School held the advantage and staged attack after attack but the Te Aute defence could not be penetrated. The last twenty minutes thrilled the crowd as play surged from one end of the field to the other. With two minutes left Julian attempted a blind-side attack and passed to Lloyd, who ran half the length of the field only to be grounded inches from the line. He suffered concussion in the tackle and did not play again during the season. Right on time Darney burst his way across but was recalled for a previous infringement and the game ended with Te Aute still holding their 6-3 advantage.

v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL

(Played at Rugby Park, August 22nd.) Lost 8—11.

Although both teams noticed the heat on this bright, sunny, early spring day, conditions for football could not have been better, and a fine game resulted. School was unlucky to lose Rangī, the lineout specialist, during the Thursday pre-match practice, and his absence was felt. Grammar came down with a fine reputation and lived up to it. Five tries were scored—three by Grammar and two by School—and they were all good. The result was in doubt until the end but the fact that Grammar secured more reliable possession from the set play gave them the honours and the victory.

The teams were:—

Auckland Grammar.—J. Miller, L. Mathews, L. Keene (captain), E. Morrow, M. Glass, R. Marsden, N. Darrock, W. Fryer, B. McGreavy, P. Stein, W. Roberts, D. Gardiner, D. Hill, D. Johnston, P. O'Hara.

School.—B. Darney, I. Rumball, J. Hancock, T. Takai, J. Lay, G. Julian (captain), J. Raines, M. Tere, I. Komene, D. Marsden, D. Calder, B. Sampson, B. Smeaton, R. Graham, M. Fa'aitu.

THE PLAY

Obtaining all the early ball Grammar attacked from the start and showed that they were a sound team, forward and back. After fifteen minutes Grammar won a quick ruck close to the School line, and a blind-side movement saw the winger Mathews score in the corner. McGreavy converted.

School began to get more ball and there was some sparkling play by the School backs. In a short time Hancock scored twice from back movements—once in the corner and once under the posts. Darney converted the first with a magnificent kick and

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missed the easy one in front. Just before half-time Grammar took play back into the School half and R. Marsden showed penetration to score an unconverted try. The half-time score was 8-8.

The second half did not produce football of the quality seen in the first half—perhaps the unseasonal heat was responsible. School were forced to defend for a long period which culminated in Glass scoring an unconverted try. School staged several last minute attacks which kept the result in doubt until the final whistle when the scores were—Grammar 11, School 8.

CLUB GAMES (JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP)

First Round:		Second Round:	
v. Marist	Won 19- 0	v. Star	Lost 3- 6
v. Uruti	Won 15- 3	v. Tukapa	Lost 3- 6
v. Old Boys	Won 16- 0	v. Clifton	Won 9- 3
v. Tarurutangi	Won 8- 3	v. Uruti	Drew 6- 6
v. Star	Won 14- 6	v. Tikorangi	Won 6- 3
v. Tukapa	Won 16-11		
v. Okato	Won 14- 0	Won	10
v. Kaitake	Won 42- 0	Lost	2
v. Clifton	Drew 8- 8	Drew	2

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS (PEASE CUP)

(Played on the School Gully, September 30th.)

The teams looked impressive as they filed on—Day Boys in White and Boarders in scarlet and white. The game produced plenty of highlights and was a most attractive spectacle. Both packs made every effort to give the ball to their backs, and both sets of backs threw it about. The result was a game full of interest and movement.

The teams were:—

Day Boys.—B. Darney, P. Webb, B. Beetham, J. Hancock (captain), J. Lay, B. Moorhead, K. Briscoe, P. Cooney, D. Calder, D. Marsden, J. Frazer, B. Smeaton, B. Sampson, K. Denham.

Boarders.—D. Wood, I. Rumball, T. Takai, J. Carter, K. Aiken, G. Julian (captain), J. Raines, C. McGlashan, C. Hight, M. Tere, R. Brown, M. Denton, D. Mooney, M. Fa'aitu, R. Graham.

THE PLAY

Day Boys began well and scored twice within the first ten minutes. The first try came when Webb fell on the ball when, following indecisive play, it had rolled in goal. A few minutes later Darney joined a back attack and dived over. This latter try he converted. Boarders rallied and after getting a share of the ball for a time hammered the Day Boys' line for some time before Takai went over. Julian converted and then a few minutes later goaled with a good penalty. Half-time came with the score 8-8.

Play became tense but remained fast and open. Eventually Darney kicked a penalty goal for Day Boys to give them the match 11-8.



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1953.

Back Row: J. D. Raines, D. G. Lloyd, E. I. Rumball, K. C. Briscoe, B. C. Smeaton, T. Takai, I. Komene.
Middle Row: B. H. Sampson, M. Rangitukua, J. K. Lay, D. M. Calder, I. B. Darney, D. W. Marsden.
Front Row: J. A. Hancock, M. Fa'aitu, R. H. Graham, G. G. Julian (Captain), B. W. Kerr, T. Mataio,
G. G. McGlashan.

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HOUSE FOOTBALL

The senior inter-house competition was held in the beginning of the third term and this year's series saw the dominance of Pridham House in this competition brought to an end. For the first time for 15 years two day boy houses contested the final. The teams were well matched and provided a good first-half in which West scored 13 points. Thereafter, unfortunately the game became loose.

Results:—

Moyes 3 v. Pridham 0, West 14 v. Carrington 11, Central 21 v. East 0.

Semi-final: West 9 v. Moyes 5.

Final: West 13 v. Central 0.

West House team.—S. Cottier, B. Beetham, R. Southorn, D. Jensen, J. Hancock, B. O'Dowda, M. Sullivan, B. Darney, I. Komene, C. Barclay, T. Tompkins, B. Gudopp, T. Corkill, J. Hanning, J. Frazer, R. Patten.

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The School team this year went on tour for the first time. The tour resulted from the new annual fixture against Wellington College, which was played for the first time last year on our home ground. This year the team travelled to Wellington first, played the College, spent a most enjoyable and enlightening day at the New Zealand v. South Africa test match and then travelled to Wanganui for our annual match against the Collegiate School.

The team began the new season with a nucleus of four old caps, and new caps were awarded for performances on the tour.

Old caps: Graham, Darney, Julian, Barclay.

New caps (awarded for performances on tour): C. Maingay, T. Takai, D. Fookes, M. Rangī.

COLLEGE GAMES:

v. NELSON COLLEGE

(Played at Nelson, December 13th and 15th. Result: Drawn.)

School won the toss and went in to bat in bright sunshine on an easy wicket. Prospects, however, soon became grim when School lost two early wickets for only seven runs. Barclay and R. Graham batted slowly but steadily to take the total to 21 before Barclay was dismissed. R. Graham and Julian soon followed and School had lost five wickets for 43 runs. J. Graham was partnered by Moorhead and they set about retrieving the position. Graham was batting forcefully and well with Moorhead doing a very good job at the other end. With the total at 79 Moorhead was well caught by Leggat in the slips. Takai and Wahlstrom batted dourly and Osborn partnered Graham in the liveliest partnership of the match, Graham finally being bowled for 82 after a true captain's innings. Osborn continued to bat very freely and with Jensen provided a bright and a most valuable last wicket partnership, until School were all out for 187.

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Nelson commenced their first innings and School's prospects looked bright when Nelson had lost three wickets for 34 runs. Guy and Bowers, however, became associated in a solid partnership which took the score along to 73 for three at stumps. On the second day both batsmen continued to bat freely and the score mounted at a considerable rate until Bowers was out for 36 runs. Guy continued to bat forcefully until just before lunch when Barclay trapped him leg before wicket, and Nelson were 164 for five. Of the remaining Nelson batsmen, Haskell (42) and Davies (15) batted confidently against an attack of which Barclay, Wahlstrom and Osborn were the spearheads.

School's second innings was confined to ensuring a draw and at stumps the score was 101 for five, R. Graham (36) and Barclay (25 not out) being the principal scorers.

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First Innings—				Second Innings—			
R. Graham, b. Bowers	11	st. Croucher, b. McLeod	36
Sampson, b. King	1	b. Davies	3
Darney, b. King	..	..	3	l.b.w., b. Guy	..	..	4
Barclay, b. Bowers	..	..	7	not out	..	..	25
J. Graham, b. King	..	..	82	not out	..	..	3
Julian, l.b.w., b. Haskell	..	..	5	c. and b. McLeod	..	..	12
Moorhead, c. Leggat, b. Haskell	..	..	17	run out	..	..	5
Takai, c. Clark, b. Haskell	..	..	0	Extras	..	..	13
Wahlstrom, b. Haskell	..	..	8				
Osborn, b. Guy	..	..	34	Total for 5 wkts.	..	..	101
Jensen, not out	..	..	10				
Extras	..	..	10				
Total	..	..	187				

Bowling for Nelson.

First Innings—					Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
King	32	14	49	3	16	9	14
Leggat	11	3	17	—	1	—	7
Haskell	27	11	42	4	8	3	12
Bowers	13	—	49	2	6	4	2
McLeod	2	—	12	—	11	4	15
Guy	2.3	—	9	1	4	—	7
Davies	—	—	—	—	21	11	15
Martyn	—	—	—	—	2	1	2
Clark	—	—	—	—	2	—	11
Croucher	—	—	—	—	1	—	3

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NELSON COLLEGE.

First Innings—										
McLeod, c. Darney, b. Wahlstrom	13
Martyn, b. Barclay	5
Clark, b. Osborn	13
Guy, l.b.w., b. Barclay	79
Bowers, c. Moorhead, b. Wahlstrom	36
Leggat, c. Wahlstrom, b. Osborn	10
Haskell, c. Barclay, b. Wahlstrom	42
Croucher, l.b.w., b. Barclay	14
Gilbert, not out	7
King, b. Wahlstrom	4
Davies, b. Osborn	18
Extras	12
Total	253

Bowling for School.

	O.	M.	R.	W.				
Barclay	43	13	87	3
Wahlstrom	29	8	57	4
Osborn	33.3	7	78	3
Darney	1	—	19	—

v. WELLINGTON COLLEGE

(Played at Wellington, March 5th and 6th, 1953. Result: Win for School by seven wickets.)

Play commenced in bright sunshine on an easy wicket. Wellington won the toss and went in. After 47 minutes' play Wellington lost their first wicket with the score at 39, when Maingay took a brilliant catch. At lunch Wellington had made 103 for the loss of four wickets. After lunch wickets fell in quick succession and Wellington were all out for 169, the main contributors being Deacon (33), Hutchings (37) and Preston (36).

School lost chances through their inability to hold catches, which was the worst fault of the team in both innings.

School's innings commenced with 34 minutes to bat until afternoon tea and in that period lost two wickets for 24 runs. After tea further wickets fell until Barclay and Takai were associated in a lively partnership, taking the score to 61 before Barclay was caught for 27. The School "tail" fought back and bright displays by Miller (29), Fookes (11) and Hancock (16) gave School the moderate total of 125.

The second day commenced with the Wellington opening batsmen associated in a solid opening partnership of 65 runs before Morrison was out for 41. At lunch Wellington had made 95 for five. After lunch the Wellington batsmen collapsed, mainly owing to the excellent spin bowling of Fookes, who finished with the figures of seven for 31.

School were left with 150 runs to get in 200 minutes. Maingay and Graham opened and at afternoon tea had 73 runs on the board without loss. After tea the pair batted very freely, hitting the loose balls hard and taking no chances. School lost their first wicket

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when Maingay was out for 50, concluding an opening partnership of 143 runs. School then lost two more wickets in getting the eight runs necessary for victory, Graham remaining not out 88.

WELLINGTON.

First Innings—				Second Innings—			
Morrison, c. Maingay, b. Rangī ..	32	c. Graham, b. Fookes	41				
Hamilton, b. Rangī	7	b. Fookes	31				
Pope, c. Takai, b. Fookes	7	c. Hancock, b. Fookes	0				
Deacon, c. and b. Barclay	33	b. Rangī	5				
Francis, c. Takai, b. Rangī	0	st. Takai, b. Fookes	3				
Hutchings, b. Barclay	37	l.b.w., b. Fookes	0				
Preston, c. Hancock, b. Barclay ..	36	b. Rangī	5				
George, c. Hancock, b. Barclay ..	14	not out	9				
McCrae, c. Takai, b. Rangī	0	l.b.w., b. Fookes	0				
Eagley, b. Rangī	0	b. Fookes	0				
Clark, not out	0	b. Rangī	1				
Extras	3	Extras	10				
Total	169	Total	105				

Bowling for School.

First Innings—				Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Barclay	31	13	72	4	12	5	20	—
Miller	5	—	12	—	9	3	21	—
Rangī	26	5	57	5	15.2	7	23	3
Fookes	6	1	16	1	16	5	31	7
Darney	3	—	9	—	—	—	—	—

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First Innings—				Second Innings—			
Graham, b. Hutchings	10	not out	88				
Maingay, b. Hutchings	10	l.b.w., b. Pope	50				
Darney, b. Hutchings	0						
Moorhead, c. Morrison, b. Preston ..	1	c. Preston, b. Pope	0				
Barclay, c. Morrison, b. Eagley ..	27						
Julian, b. Hutchings	1						
Takai, b. Hutchings	10	l.b.w., b. George ..	1				
Hancock, b. Clark	16	not out	3				
Miller, not out	29						
Fookes, b. Hutchings	11						
Rangī, b. Eagley	2						
Extras	8	Extras	11				
Total	125	Total (3 wkts.)	153				

Bowling for Wellington.

First Innings—				Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Preston	13	5	20	1	11	5	21	—
Hutchings	16	6	25	5	21	6	47	—
George	4	3	2	—	6	3	7	1
Deacon	7	1	26	—	3	—	6	—
Eagley	6	1	25	3	9	—	29	—
Clark	5	—	20	1	8	2	23	—
Francis	—	—	—	—	7	4	6	—
Pope	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	2

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v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE.

(Played at Wanganui, 9th and 10th March, 1953. Result: Drawn.)

School won the toss and decided to bat on a perfect wicket, opening with Maingay and Graham.

The score increased slowly but steadily until lunch, the morning period ending with the score at 1 for 76.

After lunch Darney was out l.b.w. to Clare for a patient 22 and school then lost 3 wickets quickly. Julian partnered Maingay who was playing a very solid and valuable innings. These two took the score along to 131 when Julian was bowled for an attractive 16. Takai then joined Maingay in a determined stand until just before afternoon tea when Maingay was struck on the head by a rising ball from Zohrab and was forced to retire injured. School were all out soon after the tea adjournment for 171, Maingay failing to add to his extremely valuable innings of 72.

The Wanganui innings commenced with an hour and 43 minutes left for play and at stumps the total stood at 99 for 7. Hare (30) and Wynne-Lewis (45) were the main contributors. School's success was due mainly to the good bowling by Barclay, who finished with the figures of 6 for 35.

Wanganui were all out after 15 minutes play on the second day for 104 giving School a handy lead of 67 runs.

School began their second innings and at lunch had lost 2 wickets for 61 runs after a solid partnership between Barclay and Maingay which yielded 40 runs. After lunch the middle fell out of the School batting, but Darney, who was put lower in the batting order in case such a position arose, played a very intelligent and valuable innings for 35 not out. School was finally all out for 133.

Wanganui commenced their innings requiring 200 runs in 135 minutes. After a quiet opening, Hare and Fullerton-Smith forced the pace, but were both out. Darney and Fookes found the wicket to their liking and had all the batsmen in difficulties. Only Speedy's defensive batting saved Wanganui. In a tense atmosphere they faced the last three balls for a draw. School dropped two catches in the last fifteen minutes.

WANGANUI.

First Innings--				Second Innings--			
Fullerton-Smith, run out	1	c. Takai, b. Rangī ..	33				
Simpson, b. Barclay	0	c. Takai, b. Rangī ..	24				
Speedy, b. Rangī	9	not out	18				
Hare, c. Julian, b. Miller	30	c. Julian, b. Fookes	16				
Gibson, b. Barclay	1	b. Fookes	8				
Wynne-Lewis, l.b.w., b. Barclay ..	45	l.b.w., b. Fookes ..	0				
Wright, b. Barclay	6	b. Fookes	0				
Pulusila, not out	9	c. Rangī, b. Darney	24				
Clare, b. Barclay	2	b. Fookes	1				
Corballis, b. Barclay	0	c. Maingay, b. Darney ..	1				
Zohrab, b. Miller	0	not out	0				
Extras	1	Extras	12				
Total	104	Total	138				

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Bowling for School.

First Innings—	Bowling				W.	Second Innings—			
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Barclay	17	4	35	6	14	7	20	—	
Miller	12	4	25	2	9	2	22	—	
Fookes	11	—	27	—	19	4	39	5	
Rangi	5	1	16	1	6	1	18	2	
Darney	—	—	—	—	9	2	26	2	

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First Innings—	Bowling	W.	Second Innings—	Bowling	W.
Graham, c. Speedy, b. Zohrab ..	12	0	b. Zohrab	0	
Maingay, c. Wright, b. Zohrab ..	72	27	b. Zohrab	27	
Darney, l.b.w., b. Clare	22	35	not out	35	
Barclay, c. Fullerton-Smith, b. Clare	4	25	c. Simpson, b. Zohrab	25	
Moorhead, c. Gibson, b. Clare ..	0	0	l.b.w. b. Clark ..	0	
Hancock, b. Pulusila	3	1	l.b.w., b. Zohrab ..	1	
Julian, b. Wright	16	16	c. Pulusila, b. Zohrab	16	
Miller, run out	8	0	b. Corballis	0	
Takai, b. Zohrab	15	2	l.b.w., b. Zohrab ..	2	
Fookes, b. Corballis	0	0	c. Fullerton-Smith,		
			b. Hare	3	
Rangi, not out	0	5	l.b.w., b. Corballis ..	5	
Extras	19	19	Extras	19	
Total	171	133	Total	133	

Bowling for Wanganui.

First Innings—	Bowling	W.	Second Innings—	Bowling	W.
Zohrab	21.4	7	42	3	19
Clare	20	8	21	3	15
Pulusila	15	2	33	1	8
Corballis	20	5	44	1	12.1
Hare	3	—	6	—	2
Wright	4	2	6	1	3

Second XI.

The Second XI. has again enjoyed a pleasant if not altogether successful season. The Christmas holidays caused their usual disruption and this affected our team as it does all School sides. However, the new team settled down as well as could be hoped.

The highlight of the season was Bellringer's six, hit from the top ground. The ball landed in the vicinity of Mr. Veale's garden. We would like to thank Mr. Veale for returning the ball so promptly.

The team had one "away" game when we travelled to Stratford. The remainder of the games were played at School.

This year the members of the team were: W. F. Shortt (captain), B. Bellringer, E. A. Batten, R. D. Alexander, B. Sampson, D. Wood, R. Harvey, P. Cooney, J. Simcock, T. Fa'asalafa, J. V. Parkinson, K. B. Aiken.

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Third XI.

The Third XI. once again had a very enjoyable season. By the end of the season we had managed to reach third position in the local competition.

Although the strength of the team lay in the bowlers, V. Jury finished the season with several creditable batting performances.

In an inter-School game against Okato District High School, our team was the winner by an inning and seven runs. We wish to thank Okato for their hospitality and for a very pleasant game.

The team: M. Sullivan (Captain), B. Bennett, V. Jury, R. Burgess, R. McCaw, R. Hamilton, A. Tompkins, E. Corkill, K. Comber, R. Patten, B. Pentecost, B. Briscoe.

Fourth XI.

The past season has once again been a very successful and enjoyable one for the Fourth XI. The team won all its matches except that against Waitara in which we drew after an exciting game. As a result of this game, we finished first equal with Waitara in the Junior competition.

The annual game with Stratford Technical High resulted in a win for us in the first innings. We also defeated our old enemies, the Third XI., but we must admit that we have not yet ceased telling them about it.

We are lucky in having some very promising batsmen and bowlers in the team. Those deserving special mention: Batsmen, R. Lewis, J. Wood, R. Allison; and bowlers, P. Foley, T. Smith and A. Tubman.

The practises were well attended but we would like the fielding section of the team to concentrate more at practices.

The team: M. Wynyard (Captain), R. Lewis (Vice-Captain), R. Alison, J. Wood, T. Smith, B. Alvis, S. Cottier, P. Foley, A. Tubman, E. Penny, B. Kohn, J. Lys, E. Pata, B. Walter.

Third Form XI.

The annual match between the Third Form XI. and North Taranaki Primary Schools was a very even one from which the School XI. finally emerged the winners by 17 runs on the first innings. Played last season on the top ground in rather unpleasant conditions, the game did not provide any outstanding performances, although several performed creditably. School batted first and scored 97 (Pentecost 32 and Ham 24). Primary Schools seemed set for a win when they were 6 for 69 but they collapsed to be all out for 80 (Schouler 26, Wright 18; Hamilton 3 for 20, Comber 2 for 3, Patten 2 for 14).

This year's group shows considerable promise and a strong team should be available for the annual game against Primary Schools. The School is in need of young players of promise and this year's group may provide quite a number of the senior teams next year.

HOUSE CRICKET

The Bates Cup was contested for, by four teams this year, the holders having to play in an eliminating round owing to the evenness of the respective teams.

BLAZER AWARDS

Pridham defeated West and Central defeated Moyes (holders) in the eliminating round bringing about a final between Pridham and Central.

In the final Pridham defeated Central with 9 wickets in hand on the first innings.

Result: Central, 66; B. Bellringer 40 not out, G. Taylor 12. Bowling for Pridham: P. Foley 4 for 35, Fa'asalafa 3 for 22. Pridham 67 for 1: R. Graham 47 not out, C. Maingay 12. Bowling for Central: Hamilton 1 for 14.

The Results of other House Grades:—

B Grade: Carrington.

C Grade: (A) Pridham. (B) Moyes.

D Grade: Carrington.

Day Boys v. Boarders

The match resulted in a win for Day Boys by 34 runs on the first innings.

Day Boys: 152 for 9 dec.; C. Barclay 58, B. Moorhead 23, J. Hancock 29, P. Erskine 11. Bowling for Boarders: P. Wahlstrom 2 for 75, C. Osborn 5 for 38.

Boarders: 118 P. Wahlstrom 62, C. Maingay 11, J. Graham 10. Bowling for Day Boys: C. Barclay 6 for 39, J. Lay 2 for 37.

Masters v. Boys

This annual match was cancelled owing to adverse weather conditions, and the Masters were saved from an inglorious defeat at the hands of the boys. Perhaps next year justice will be done.

R. H. Graham.

BLAZER AWARDS

The following have qualified during the year for School Blazers:—

R. H. Graham, Head Boy, Football, Cricket.

D. M. Calder, Prefect, Football.

G. G. Julian, Prefect, Football, Cricket, Athletics.

T. Mataio, Prefect, Football.

I. B. Darney, Football, Cricket.

T. Takai, Football, Cricket.

J. A. Hancock, Football, Cricket.

M. Rangi, Football, Cricket.

D. Fookes, Cricket, Hockey.

J. D. Raines, Football, Swimming.

C. Barclay, Cricket, Soccer.

Prefects: R. S. Croxson, B. C. Beetham, J. N. Elmes, E. A. Batten, R. R. Brown, R. J. Grey, B. S. Bellringer.

Cricket: C. T. Maingay, B. W. Moorhead, T. E. Miller, D. Jensen.

Athletics: F. P. Hutchings, P. G. Maxwell.

Football: D. G. Lloyd, E. I. Rumball, J. K. Lay, K. Briscoe, D. Marsden, I. Komene, G. McGlashan, B. Sampson, M. Fa'aitu, B. C. Smeaton, B. W. Kerr.

Boxing: J. R. Brimblecombe.

Swimming: D. G. Swan, F. R. Routley.

Hockey: D. Burton.

Shooting: J. P. Simcock.

Soccer: A. W. Hall, R. Burgess, G. L. Bailey.

Gym.: A. W. Smith.



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Back Row: D. C. S. Jensen, D. J. Sampson, C. W. Barclay, I. B. Darney, B. W. Moorhead, G. G. Julian.
Front Row: T. Takai, C. J. Osborn, D. J. Graham (Captain), P. J. Wahlstrom, R. H. Graham, C. T. Maingay.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS 1953

EVENT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	TIME, HEIGHT, DISTANCE	SCHOOL RECORD
SENIOR—					
Championships					
(a) 100 Yards.	Julian, G. G.	Sigley, G. K.	Hancock, J. A.	11sec.	10.4sec. { R. Watson, 1927. W. P. Revell, 1943.
(b) 220 Yards.	Julian, G. G.	Sigley, G. K.	Rumball, E. I.	24.4sec.	24sec., L. B. Shrimpton, 1948.
(c) 440 Yards.	Maxwell, P. G.	Hutchings, F. P.	Rumball, E. I.	56.1sec.	52.6sec., J. A. Ross, 1948.
(d) 880 Yards.	Maxwell, P. G.	Foggin, D. M.	O'Shaughnessy, P.	2min, 14.1sec.	2min, 3.8sec., C. Keig, 1948.
One Mile.	Maxwell, P. G.	Oxenham, G. E.	O'Shaughnessy, P.	5min, 18.4sec.	4min, 42.6sec., C. Keig, 1948.
Long Jump.	Beetham, B. C.	Hutchings, F. P.	Carter, J. McC.	19ft. 2in.	21ft. 8in., A. G. McIntyre, 1937.
High Jump.	Alexander, R. D.	{ Pata, S. T. Saxton, D. C.	—	4ft. 6in.	5ft. 6¾in., J. C. Gordon, 1929.
Hop, Step and Jump.	Hutchings, F. P.	Beetham, B. C.	Carter, J. McC.	41ft. 1in.	43ft. 6in., L. J. Croxson, 1952.
Throwing the Discus.	Hutchings, F. P.	Lay, J. K.	Rangitukua, M.	117ft. 8in.	128ft. 8in., A. B. Hooper, 1949.
Putting the Shot.	Hutchings, F. P.	Rangitukua, M.	Fa'aitu, M.	40ft. 1in.	43ft., A. B. Hooper, 1949.
Throwing the Javelin.	Lay, J. K.	{ Carter, J. McC. Southern, A. R.	—	163ft. 3in.	163ft 3in., J. K. Lay, 1953.
Handicaps					
100 Yards.	Takai, T.	Grey, R. J.	Alexander, R. D.	11sec.	
220 Yards.	Takai, T.	Alexander, R. D.	King, S. T.	25.9sec.	
440 Yards.	Harvey, R. J.	Tait, I. D.	Patchett, R. M.	60sec.	
880 Yards.	McGlashan, G. L.	Boon, P. A.	Carter, J. McC.	2min. 16.1sec.	
(e) One Mile.	Foggin, D. M.	Boon, P. A.	Horrill, C. S.	5min. 10sec.	
(n) 120 Yards Hurdles.	Simcock, J. P.	Stevenson, F. M.	Alexander, R. D.	19sec.	
JUNIOR—					
Championships					
(f) 100 Yards.	Lloyd, P. J.	Croxson, R. S.	Jonas, N. G.	10.9sec.	10.6sec. { C. C. Kjestrup, 1937. W. J. P. Mitchell, 1946.
220 Yards.	Lloyd, P. J.	Lloyd, D. G.	Croxson, R. S.	25sec.	24.2sec., O. A. M. Greensill, 1948.
(g) 440 Yards.	Lloyd, D. G.	McCaw, R. D.	Morton, M. J.	55.2sec.	55.2sec., D. G. Lloyd, 1953.
(h) 880 Yards.	Smith, T. D. S.	Jacobs, B. D.	McCaw, R. D.	2min. 16.2sec.	2min. 16.2sec., T. D. S. Smith, 1953.
120 Yards Hurdles.	Lay, J. K.	Simcock, J. P.	Lawn, R. C.	16.7sec.	16.7sec., J. K. Lay, 1953.
(i) Long Jump.	Croxson, R. S.	Lay, J. K.	McCaw, R. D.	18ft. 1½in.	20ft. 8½in., C. C. Kjestrup, 1937.
(j) High Jump.	Lay, J. K.	Simcock, J. P.	Tuck, B. N.	5ft. 2in.	5ft. 2½in., A. A. Keller, 1932.
Hop, Step and Jump.	Lay, J. K.	Tuck, B. N.	McCaw, R. D.	40ft. 2in.	40ft. 2in., J. K. Lay, 1953.
Handicaps					
100 Yards.	McKoy, F.	Honnor, I. J.	Cleland, G.	11.4sec.	
220 Yards.	Honnor, I. J.	Wright, D. F.	Jacobs, B. D.	26.5sec.	
(k) 440 Yards.	Brewer, F.	Mooney, W. D.	Thurston, D.	59.3sec.	
880 Yards.	Leach, J. A.	Ward, T.	Cannell, B. H.	2min. 19.7sec.	
(l) One Mile.	Humphries, C. E.	Banks, R. L.	Kirk, K. R.	5min. 9.6sec.	5min. 8sec., M. F. Craig, 1945.
(m) 120 Yards Hurdles.	Webster, B.	Tuck, B. N.	Alison R. J.	19.6sec.	
UNDER 14—					
Championships					
75 Yards.	Morley, A. H.	Ramsay, P. D. K.	Robertson, J. D.	9.6sec.	8.2sec., N. H. Street, 1941.
100 Yards.	Richards, G.	Mancer, M. L.	Wallis, D. A.	12.1sec.	11.6sec., A. R. Bothamley, 1916.
220 Yards.	Richards, G.	Wallis, D. A.	Ramsay, P. D. K.	28.4sec.	26.4sec., M. P. Tamati, 1934.
Long Jump.	Powell, B. S.	Funnell, B. H.	Walter, D. E.	15ft. 8½in.	15ft. 8½in., B. S. Powell, 1953.
High Jump.	Funnell, B. H.	Roberts, K. B.	Foreman, I. M.	4ft. 4in.	4ft. 4in., B. H. Funnell, 1953.
Handicaps					
75 Yards.	Mancer, M. L.	Terris, J. J.	Dravitzki, P. V.	9.5sec.	
100 Yards.	Bygrave, W.	Terris, J. J.	Woodcock, P.	12.5sec.	
220 Yards.	Bygrave, W.	Lobb, I. D.	Mayhead, D. C.	29sec.	
Other Events.					
75 Yards, Under 12.	Mackay, P. E.	Perham, J. W.	Randall, L. T. R.	10.5sec.	
75 Yards, Under 13.	Robertson, J. D.	Wilson, A. L.	Hills, A. J. W.	9.8sec.	
100 Yards, Under 13	Tizzard, M. H.	Kirk, K. R.	Rumball, W.	12.7sec.	
100 Yards, Under 15.	Jonas, N. G.	Bourne, H.	Harper, W. J.	11.7sec.	
220 Yards, Under 13.	Fookes, T. F.	Carryer, S. J.	Wellington, M. L.	29.8sec.	
Old Boys' Race, 100 Yards.	Keig, C.	Mitchell, W. J. P.	Shrimpton, L. B.	11sec.	

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- (a) Old Boys' Cup.
- (b) Herbert Smith Cup.
- (c) Old Boys' Shield.
- (d) Mason Memorial Cup.
- (e) Dr. E. F. Fookes' Cup.

- (f) Mr. E. Beckbessenger's Cup.
- (g) Mrs. Bothamley's Cup.
- (h) Mr. Gilmour's Cup.
- (i) Mr. W. A. Cartwright's Cup.
- (j) Mr. P. M. Moran's Cup.

- (k) Mr. Harman's Cup.
- (l) Mr. B. W. Grieves' Cup.
- (m) Mr. J. J. Marsh's Cup.
- (n) Mr. Noakes' Cup.

ATHLETIC NOTES

This year the inter-house Hansard Cup Sports were run on the Top Ground on March 12th. Pridham House won by a clear margin from Carrington.

The Athletic Championships were held on March 14th, this year, on the Top Ground, except for the discus and the javelin throw. These two events were held on the Lower Ground as they were not affected by the track and spectators obtained a clear view.

Three records were broken this year, all in the Junior Championship. D. G. Lloyd reduced the 440 yard record to 55.2sec.; T. D. S. Smith set a new record of 2min. 16.2sec. for the 880 yards, and J. K. Lay brought the 120 yard hurdles down to 16.7sec.

Four new events were introduced: A senior javelin throw, a junior hop, step and jump, and an under 14 long and high jump.

The thanks of the Athletic Committee are extended to Mr. E. A. Gilliver, Mr. G. Sullivan, and Mr. S. P. Lay, who acted as officials, to the New Plymouth Athletic Club who have encouraged us to run in their weekly sports, and to the Dining Room Staff who served afternoon tea on Sports Day.

INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS

This year for the first time a provincial athletic meeting was held on March 21st on Rugby Park. A School team competed with seven other Taranaki Secondary Schools.

The basic aims of the meeting were to impress the competitors with the fact that the greatest pleasure in athletics is obtainable from friendly competition, and the opportunity for meeting and mixing with their fellows. Thus emphasis was placed on the social opportunities of the occasion.

The parade of athletes was a colourful spectacle and commenced the afternoon's programme. Mr. H. L. Towers, the secretary of the Auckland Secondary Schools' Athletic Association, gave an impressive opening address. He reminded us that the preparation, which demands concentration, persistence, self-restraint and self-discipline is of the greatest value to the competitor. He also told us that success in this sport should be defined as a commendable, or an improved performance.

Our team had an obvious advantage in the Senior, and to some extent in the Intermediate events, through the size and nature of our School. Keen competition was provided, however, in the Intermediate events, and in the Junior events, the honours went to other schools.

Winners from our team were: G. G. Julian, the Senior 100 and 220 yards; P. G. Maxwell, the Senior 440 and 880 yards; D. M. Foggin, the Senior mile; B. C. Beetham, the Senior long jump; F. P. Hutchings, the Senior hop, step and jump and the shot put; P. J. Lloyd, the Intermediate 100 yards; D. G. Lloyd, the Intermediate 220 yards; T. D. S. Smith, the Intermediate 880 yards; J. K. Lay, the Intermediate high jump and hop, step and jump; and R. S. Croxson, won the Intermediate long jump.

STEEPLECHASE NOTES

Outstanding improvements in performance compared with Sports Day were those of P. G. Maxwell, T. D. S. Smith and R. S. Croxson.

The day was a memorable one and we are looking forward to meeting the other schools again next year. We sincerely hope that this meeting will become an annual fixture and that next year all Taranaki schools will be represented.

G. K. SIGLEY.

STEEPLECHASE

The Steeplechase was held on Friday, October 16th, and was run over the School Farm. The courses were the same as last year, except that the Lower Ground was used for the start and finish because the Top Ground is temporarily out of use. The distances were approximately one and a half miles for the Under 14, two miles for the Junior, and just over three miles for the Senior. Weather conditions were favourable, but the track was soft in places and there were a few muddy patches which affected times to some extent.

The Senior Steeplechase was won by T. W. Verney off 50 seconds. N. D. Leuthart, off 90 seconds followed closely to finish second and C. S. Horrill, off scratch, took third place and fastest time.

Congratulations go to M. Sexton who gained first place and fastest time in the Junior Steeplechase; to W. H. Brett who also gained first place and fastest time in the Under 14, to R. J. Quail who won the Cunningham Cup by returning the fastest time for the Preparatory School in the Under 14 event.

G. K. SIGLEY.

SENIOR

T. W. Verney (50sec.), 21min. 3sec.	1
N. D. Leuthart (90sec.), 21min. 47sec.	2
C. S. Horrill (scr.), 20min. 42sec.	3
K. D. Gudopp (30sec.), 21min. 22sec.	4
P. G. Maxwell (scr.) 21min. 23sec.	5
R. K. Ward (60sec.), 21min. 32sec.	6
B. J. Wood (40sec.), 22min. 14sec.	7
I. A. Brackebush (50sec.), 22min. 30sec.	8
B. Law (50sec.), 22min. 40sec.	9
P. Lees (scr.), 22min. 8sec.	10

Then followed: R. J. Harvey, I. D. Tait, F. Brewer, W. Purvis, B. Beggs, C. J. Wright, G. G. Julian, D. Kinsella, B. S. Alvis, C. Colson.

Fastest times:

C. S. Horrill, 20min. 42sec.	1
T. W. Verney, 21min. 3sec.	2
K. D. Gudopp, 21min. 22sec.	3
P. G. Maxwell, 21min. 23sec.	4
N. D. Leuthart, 21min. 47sec.	5
P. Lees, 22min. 8sec.	6
B. J. Wood, 22min. 14sec.	7
I. A. Brackebush, 22min. 30sec.	8
R. K. Ward, 22min. 32sec.	9
B. Beggs, 22min. 38sec.	10

STEEPLECHASE

JUNIOR

M. Sexton (60sec.), 14min. 11sec.	1
B. Mace (60sec.), 14min. 13sec.	2
I. Sargeant (120sec.), 15min. 53sec.	3
M. Honeyfield (90sec.), 15min. 40sec.	4
G. E. W. Miller (60sec.), 15min. 17sec.	5
M. D. Clegg (40sec.), 14min. 59sec.	6
D. B. Beets (80sec.), 15min. 41sec.	7
C. Humphries (10sec.), 14min. 32sec.	8
L. E. Mercer (80sec.), 15min. 43sec.	9
D. G. Medway (90sec.), 15min. 57sec.	10

Then followed: V. L. Knowles, I. J. Honnor, J. Taylor, A. J. Askew, R. Parker, J. M. Daly, D. J. Foster, A. P. Stubbs, P. V. Dravitzki, V. L. Bransgrove.

Fastest times:

M. Sexton, 14min. 11sec.	1
B. Mace, 14min. 13sec.	2
C. Humphries, 14min. 32sec.	3*
I. J. Honnor, 14min. 32sec.	3*
J. Taylor, 14min. 43sec.	5
M. D. Clegg, 14min. 59sec.	6
P. Dravitzki, 15min. 3sec.	7
D. Putt, 15min. 13sec.	8
D. Burrows, 15min. 14sec.	9
R. Parker, 15min. 15sec.	10

*Equal.

UNDER 14

W. H. Brett (70sec.), 9min. 40sec.	1
I. Hedley (70sec.), 9min. 41sec.	2
L. R. Vowless (60sec.), 9min. 45sec.	3
R. M. Clegg (50sec.), 9min. 43sec.	4
P. R. Mackay (70sec.), 10min. 8sec.	5
S. L. Dickson (90sec.) 10min. 39sec.	6
P. Woodcock (60sec.), 10min. 13sec.	7
W. E. White (60sec.), 10min. 13sec.	8
N. C. T. Roebuck (50sec.), 10min. 8sec.	9
A. J. W. Hills (40sec.), 10min.	10

Then followed: R. J. Quail, B. K. Maine, B. McNeill, K. Hanover, D. W. Hinch, M. Tizzard, R. P. Mahy, R. Saxton, G. B. Miller, T. Dravitzki.

Fastest times:

W. H. Brett, 9min. 40sec.	1
J. Hedley, 9min. 41sec.	2
R. M. Clegg, 9min. 43sec.	3
L. R. Vowless, 9min. 45sec.	4
T. Dravitzki, 9min. 50sec.	5
M. Mancer, 9min. 59sec.	6
A. J. W. Hills, 10min.	7
R. J. Quail, 10min. 6sec.	8
P. R. Mackay, 10min. 8sec.	9*
W. C. T. Roebuck, 10min. 8sec.	9*

*Equal.

PREPARATORY NOTES

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Gardiner, our new teacher, and Mrs. Gardiner to our School. They have already made themselves part of the life of Niger House and have done much to make our stay at School more comfortable. We hope that their stay here will be long and pleasant.

The year 1953 opened with 33 boys on the roll, 26 of whom were boarders. By the third term the total in the class was 35 and the House total 29. Two third formers left in the second term.

Sports.

B. Bossley won the Prep. swimming championship with little difficulty. His very energetic style gave him an easy victory over G. Williamson and A. Burgess who was third.

In football, the Prep. entered a senior, under 8st. 7lb. team in the Primary School's competition. Considering the small numbers of boys to choose from compared with other schools, we did very well to come third. Two boys, A. Shirtcliffe and G. Williams were picked to play for Taranaki in the Quadrangular Tournament at Taihape.

A ninth grade team was entered in the Saturday morning competition to give the smaller boys the opportunity of playing for the Prep. Although not as successful as the Primary School team it showed improvement as the season progressed. We congratulate B. Capper, A. Wendt, and M. Collins who were picked as the most improved players.

Two teams were entered in the inter-house cricket competition. These were a D grade A and B, the A team being the more successful. In the third term we entered two teams, a senior and a junior, in the Primary Schools' competition.

The boxing this year showed considerable improvement over the standard of last year. It also showed up some of the more belligerent members of the Prep. The Cunningham Cup went this year to the Prep. heavyweight champion A. Shirtcliffe, who defeated B. Bossley in the finals.

The steeplechase this year was most successful and it also brought to light many promising runners. Our congratulations go to R. Quail, P. Mackay, and B. McNeil for gaining places in the under 14 race. R. Quail won the Osborne Cup for the fastest time in the Prep.

The athletic sports drew entries from every boy in the Prep. Many boys were amongst the finalists for their events. We congratulate P. Mackay, K. Roberts, A. Wilson and J. Perham, for gaining places in their events.

A. Wilson. J. Hughes. J. Perham.

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CHAPEL NOTES

This year our High School services which have been held regularly throughout the year began with an unpopular change in routine. The service was combined with the 11 a.m. and Matins are now at the new hour of 10.30 a.m. In spite of the combining of the two services along with the combining of the Church and High School choirs, the service still retains the form of the former High School service. It has been found that there is an ever increasing number of parishioners attending the service. This cross-section of the community made up of all ages creates a spirit that preserves the tradition of public worship. The services have continued to be held in St. Mary's Church throughout the year. They have been conducted by the Rev. Canon W. E. W. Hurst and the Rev. G. A. Butt. During the year Mr. Hatherly preached once each term.

During the third term the Rev. E. O. E. Hill resigned from the ministry and the School expresses its appreciation for the keen interest he has shown in the spiritual life of the School. The School congratulates him on his election to the office of Mayor of New Plymouth and wishes him success in his important task.

Every alternate Friday night the boarders have a hymn practice. Bible classes have been conducted by Canon W. E. W. Hurst, the Revs. G. A. Butt and E. O. E. Hill till he retired from the ministry. The boys in the church choir attend choir practice, conducted by Mr. J. H. Spencer, organist of St. Mary's Church, at the Girls' High School each Friday night.

Confirmation classes were held each Friday afternoon at the School, during the second term. The Confirmation Service was held at St. Mary's on Saturday evening, 26th September, when the following boys were confirmed by the Bishop of Waikato:— D. R. Albrechtsen, R. L. Banks, B. C. Bargh, A. Batten, G. Beckett, F. P. Bennett, M. D. Blackwell, E. G. Boon, W. T. Bussell, S. J. Carryer, B. W. Clarke, R. J. Cleaver, M. D. Clegg, R. M. Clegg, E. Corkill, N. E. Dawson, R. C. Derritt, D. R. Denham, J. M. Dennison, G. R. Fookes, T. F. Fookes, I. M. Foreman, H. G. Frost, B. H. Funnell, A. Fullerton-Smith, G. F. Gable, M. J. Gardiner, M. V. Geary, O. B. Gernhoefer, I. M. Medley, D. W. Hinch, G. W. Howse, G. E. Irving, H. T. Jensen, W. N. Johnson, J. C. Johnston, J. H. Little, D. S. Lucas, B. F. Klein, G. R. Maunsell, K. A. Martin, L. E. Mercer, J. D. Moore, H. P. Morgan, I. G. McNickle, P. J. Newson, P. O. Patterson, I. B. Pryke, G. L. Roberts, P. G. Robertson, B. Rumball, W. B. Sanderson, D. B. Sarten, B. W. Smith, R. B. Smith, D. Snell, A. P. Stubbs, W. I. Taylor, A. A. Tompkins, D. A. Tuckett, G. G. Voyce, H. A. Vosper, R. K. Ward, E. T. Ward, P. J. Woodcock, W. D. Woodward.

On the first Sunday of every month Choral Communion has been conducted in St. Mary's Church; and on the third Sunday of each month, Holy Communion has been celebrated in the School Library at 7.30 a.m. The services have been conducted by Canon Hurst, Canon Mortimer-Jones and Archdeacon Gavin.

A Diocesan Youth Rally, attended by young people from the St. Mary's Church and also from the surrounding districts, was held on the 26th July at 2.30 p.m. Banners of the various parishes in attendance were presented at the altar. The service was conducted

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by the Bishop of Waikato. After the service, afternoon tea was served in the Parish Hall where all enjoyed the atmosphere of Christian fellowship.

The vicar of St. Mary's Church, Canon W. E. W. Hurst, has sent this message: "My association with the High Schools, through being vicar of St. Mary's, continues to be a real joy. The fortnightly class at the Boys' High School and the Confirmation classes are a great help to get to know this vast population during their few years in the city. The Junior Club and Bible Classes form a valuable link with the day boys and girls. The reading of the lessons by the senior boys has been of an exceptionally high standard this year.

"It is my fervent hope and prayer that the spirit of the Christian atmosphere of St. Mary's and our relationship during your school years, will be carried into whatever community you find yourselves sharing in the years ahead."

Tere Mataio.

THE CRUSADER UNION

The Crusader Movement is now firmly established as a School Institution. The Rev. E. P. Boyd who so ably led our studies last year unfortunately had to leave New Plymouth. His messages and services were greatly appreciated, but Mr. E. A. Donovan readily offered his services, and he has been both an inspiration and an example to the boys. Under him the membership has increased, and his clear, straightforward talks and his personal sincerity have deeply impressed the boys. We are also very grateful to Mr. E. Dewar, who has put his untiring energy into the movement since its inception at the School.

Our meetings continue to be held during the lunch hour on Thursdays in the music room. The Union has continued to grow and this year the increase in membership has been most notable. Most of the senior boys have applied for Crusader Badges. Some of the boys went on an interesting bike-hike to Lake Taupo during the May holidays. We have held one successful tea and evening this year.

The North Island Crusader Secretary, Dr. V. Martin, has visited us twice this year and we enjoyed an address by Mr. Mackintosh of the China Inland Mission. The institution has had a successful year and continues to grow. New members are assured of a welcome.

B. C. Beetham.

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

1st Violins: P. J. Komlos (leader), M. W. Birch, J. S. Barrett.
2nd Violin: P. C. Nicholls.
3rd Violins: G. Keenan, B. D. Allerby, R. N. Dodd, D. A. Butler.
'Cello: A. C. Howell.
Bass: G. Cleland.
Flutes: R. S. Watts, G. R. Fookes.
Clarinet: P. B. Strombom.
Cornets: I. Boese, J. S. Orams.
Horn: K. S. D. Austin.
Baritones: R. Holmes, A. W. Hall.
Percussion: G. A. E. Neve.
Piano: B. C. Smeaton.

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The twenty players in the School Orchestra have had a very full and interesting year. As in the past we have been able to draw on the band for the brass section, which adds considerable depth to the music, but we have been prevented from playing more ambitious works by our unfortunate lack of first and second violins.

In view of this it is hoped that a violin class will be started in the near future. The aim of this class would be to train young players for the orchestra.

Practices were held on Friday mornings as usual and attendance was good.

In conjunction with the Girls' High School Orchestra we practiced for and played at the Music Festival, under the direction of Mr. Komlos. In the second term, assisted by a string section from the Girls' High School Orchestra we played incidental music for the School play, and to conclude the year's activities we played at the break-up ceremony.

We would like to congratulate David Venables, a former member of the School Orchestra, on his selection to play in the percussion section of the New Zealand Band which has recently been on tour in England.

A. C. Howell.

THE MUSIC FESTIVAL

The third Combined High Schools' Music Festival was held on the 5th and 6th of May with a matinee performance for the remainder of the High Schools on the 6th. All presentations were before a full Opera House.

There is no doubt now that the Music Festival has become well established as a School Institution on the cultural side, both for the pupils and for the people of New Plymouth. The Festival, like the School play, gives the public a sample of the cultural life inside the schools.

A total of 94 boys participated in the Festival which occupied most of the boys' spare time in the first term. The production received a temporary check when the School moved into Linton Camp for barracks week, but this was soon rectified by the concentrated nature of the practices following the camp.

Day boys met in the dinner hour and boarders after tea. These practices were interestingly varied by the combined practices at the Girls' School twice a week.

Each year some advance has been made in the type of programme presented and this year a true "festival" was presented. The types of music ranged from instrumental trios and quartettes, vocal trios, piano duets and orchestral items, to a choral fantasia from the opera "Maritana," and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" in six parts, thus providing a well-balanced, and to a certain extent, a popular programme.

This more ambitious programme was well received by an audience which is becoming more appreciative of good music as a result of visits of the National Orchestra and the activities of local societies.

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The "Fantasia" and "Hallelujah Chorus" demanded the most time to reach a high standard in choral technique. The successful presentation of these works depended on the concentration and timing of each group with their individual parts and the performance on both nights justified the time devoted to practice.

Others numbers were: "Laus Deo," the "23rd Psalm," "Annie Laurie" and "Loch Lomond."

The combined orchestras played Handel's "March From Scipio," "Peasant Dance" by Woodhouse, "Melodies From Faust" by Gounod, and provided the accompaniment for "God Defend New Zealand," the "23rd Psalm" and the National Anthem.

The performance of both the choir and the orchestra was equal in standard to both the previous Festivals.

The instrumental groups, vocal trios and piano duets also deserve the highest praise.

The combining of the two Schools for this annual Festival is undoubtedly beneficial both to the relationship between the schools and to the cultural life of us all.

All those girls and boys who took part in the Festival would like to thank the members of the staff of both schools who gave up their leisure to prepare us for a performance that was a pleasant and instructive experience for all who took part.

J. N. Elmes.

BAND NOTES

The Band Roll for 1953 is:—

Drum Major: B. C. Smeaton.

Bass Drum: G. A. E. Neve.

Side Drums: J. V. Parkinson, G. Williamson, H. Barr, P. Lightfoot, J. Brackebush, G. Taylor, A. Duncan, M. Dennison.

Cornets: J. Orams, J. Boese, A. Hill, R. Miller, N. Koorey.

Tenor Horns: K. S. D. Austin, D. Clarkson.

Baritones: A. W. Hall, R. Holmes, R. W. Beets.

Euphoniums: N. Taylor, J. Pryke, D. B. Beets.

Trombones: R. S. R. Greensill, D. Schouller, S. Smith, L. Martin.

The School Band has this year completed a successful year's playing. In addition to playing for battalion parades throughout the year we have played for some other fixtures. In March we played for the parade of athletes at the inter-secondary school sports on Rugby Park. Had it not rained we would have also played for the Governor-General's reception at Pukekura Park.

In March we went to camp at Linton with the School battalion. There we learned some new marching and counter-marching. We only wish that Mr. Hall could have come with us to improve our playing while we were there.

A quartette of band members played two numbers in the Music Festival. They were Boese, Orams, Hall and Pryke.

On Anzac Day the School Band did not play in the parade. Those in the band who are members of the City Band played, however, and the rest marched as a platoon.



SCHOOL BAND, 1953.

Back Row: D. B. Beets, R. L. Holmes, K. S. D. Austin, B. C. Smeaton, A. W. Hall, N. Taylor.
Middle Row: J. V. Parkinson, G. W. Williamson, N. H. Preston, G. A. E. Neve, R. W. Beets, I. A. Brackebush, Mr. L. Hall.
Front Row: P. A. Lightfoot, R. Miller, H. R. Barr, J. S. Orams, I. A. Boese, G. S. Taylor, A. Hill, S. M. Smith.



SCHOOL ORCHESTRA, 1953.

Back Row: G. R. Fookes, K. S. D. Austin, G. Cleland, R. L. Holmes, R. S. Watts.
Middle Row: J. S. Orams, A. C. Howell, M. W. Birch, B. C. Smeaton, P. J. Komlos, A. W. Hall, I. A. Boese.
Front Row: G. A. E. Neve, B. D. Allerby, R. N. Dodd, G. S. Keenan, J. S. Barrett, P. B. Strombom.

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We are again indebted to the City Band for the use of the band room for practises. Although they could have been better attended they were all fully enjoyed. The change of time from 8 o'clock on Wednesday mornings to 6.30 in the evening made a great improvement in the attendance. At the end of this year the band will be fairly depleted with many of the boys leaving school. We hope, however, to get some new third formers to fill the ranks

A. W. Hall.

DRAMA CLUB NOTES

The School Play was presented in the Opera House on the 5th and 6th of August. Shakespeare's comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing" was chosen and owing to the large cast and the difficulty of playing Shakespeare, rehearsals were commenced at the end of the first term. The play was produced by Mr. Harris and members of the Girls' High School filled the female parts. The cast was:—

Don Pedro, Prince of Aragon	Graeme Sigley
Don John, his brother	Richard Watts
Claudio, a young lord of Florence	Alan Hall
Benedick, a young lord of Padua	Richard Croxson
Leonato, governor of Messina	Michael Connell
Antonio, his brother	Stephen King
Conrade	Allan Kirk
Borachio	Digby Foggin
Friar Francis	Bruce Beetham
Dogberry, a constable	David Boland
Verges	John Tannahill
A Sexton	Peter Boon
A Messenger	Peter Maxwell
A Boy	Roger Dodd
The Watch	Michael Dillon, Richard Alexander Terry Boon, Peter Maxwell
Hero, daughter to Leonato	Ann Fookes
Beatrice, niece to Leonato	Janet Stevens
Margaret	Constance Kirk
Ursula	Pauline Dickson
Attendant Ladies	Wendy Hickling, Patricia McKeon Claire Carmichael, Elaine Corden

Prompts: J. N. Elmes, D. H. Lee.

The incidental music was provided by the combined orchestra which was conducted by Mr. Forrest. It was much appreciated and considerably helped in giving a smoothness to the evening's performance.

Our thanks are due to many for the valuable assistance they gave us, especially Mrs. Church who, with the girl members of the cast, arranged the costuming, and Mr. Gardiner and some senior members of the Little Theatre Society who assisted in the make-up.

The play was the only activity of the club this year but throughout the rehearsals the cast were highly enthusiastic, while certain other senior members of the School showed a welcome interest in the play and frequently attended rehearsals.

R. S. Croxson.

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A CRITICISM OF THE SCHOOL PLAY

This year the School Play, Shakespeare's comedy "Much Ado About Nothing" was presented in the Opera House on the 5th and 6th of August to moderate audiences on both nights.

The choice of Shakespeare for a school production is considered by some people to be too ambitious but there was general agreement that the standard of production achieved this year was worthy of the material. This standard was achieved only after three months' of concentrated rehearsals.

On the opening night as was to be expected some members of the cast showed a lack of confidence but this was only evident in the smaller parts filled by those who had little previous acting experience.

On the opening night, too, the volume was poor and consequently some characters were hard to hear. Both of these faults were remedied on the second night and an altogether enjoyable performance was provided.

The outstanding performance was probably that of Janet Stevens who as Beatrice gave a lively interpretation of her very important part.

Michael Connell quickened the interest of the audience at his every appearance and conveyed the changing moods of Leonato with considerable skill.

The part of Hero, strangely insignificant considering her importance in the plot, was taken by Ann Pookes whose performance was pleasing and well timed, although difficult to hear on the first night.

Richard Croxson in the key part of Benedick gave a very efficient and capable performance but it lacked light and shade.

The part of Don John, difficult to perform because of its repulsiveness to the audience was very convincingly interpreted by Richard Watts and well sustained.

Alan Hall in the part of Claudio spoke well and clearly but failed to fully communicate the maturity of the part.

The minor parts all exhibited a high standard of polish perhaps the gem being the performance of B. Beetham as the friar.

Typical Shakespearean low comedy was provided by the members of the watch who were similarly well-drilled. Of these David Boland as Dogberry gave a competent and popular performance.

The vivid frocking of the attendant ladies and the plain though striking set added colour to the production and made possible some interesting and colourful grouping.

One fault of some of the supporting players was a tendency to over-act and so draw attention from the principals.

D. H. Lee.

LIBRARY NOTES

This year three changes have been made in the library and its organisation. The first is a new issuing system in which the name of each boy is entered in the book which he is borrowing, together with the initials of the master or library prefect in charge. In this

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way a closer check is kept on the books, and lost books can be easily returned to the correct owners.

The second change is the appointment of library prefects, whose duty it is to supervise the library, and to issue books during the lunch hour and after school. The boarding prefects are on duty after tea and in the week-ends.

The third and perhaps the most welcome change was the installation of several heaters on both sides of the library. The library now attracts many more boys with free periods.

From an outward appearance the library shelves look well stocked, but many books are very old and out of date. This is particularly noticeable in the reference sections, which should be well stocked in order to provide a useful source of accurate information. The main reason for this is the lack of grants which are necessary for the purchase of new books. However, the year has been a successful one, and book losses have been fewer than in previous years.

B. Chong.

THE CLASS SET LIBRARY.

This year a great deal of work has been done in the class set library. There is an extensive range of material at present in the library. There are over 9500 pamphlets concerned with Literature, History and Geography. In addition there are numerous maps, atlases, films and photographs.

Recent additions to the collection have been: "Three Time Plays" by J. B. Priestley, Ibsen's, "The Doll's House," and "Selected Prose" of T. S. Eliot. To the pamphlet section there has been added: Six volumes of "Writing in New Zealand," "Play Production," "Coronation" and a geographical set on areas of New Zealand.

During the year a new set of World outline maps have been acquired. These are of special use as they can be written on in chalk.

Because of the rapidly growing number of books another room has been occupied.

Boys are reminded that books are available at any time apart from sets taken out by masters for use in class. The class-set librarian will issue books to your form representative.

P. J. O'Shaughnessy.

CADET NOTES

The new boys this year were introduced to High School life by three days of barracks during which uniforms were issued and companies organised. For the first time "New Plymouth" shoulder flashes and cadet corps cap-badges were issued.

In April the Battalion held its annual barracks week at Linton Camp. After a week of fine weather the camp ended with a march past, the salute being taken by the Headmaster who was accompanied by Mr. Parkinson, a member of the Board of Governors.

This year, after the traditional service at the School Memorial Gates, the Battalion took part in the Anzac Day parade. At the

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School service wreaths were laid by Mr. J. S. Hatherly, president of the Old Boys' Association, W.O.II R. H. Graham, W.O.I R. S. Croxson and W.O.I D. M. Calder. Two companies represented the School in the parade which was held in June to commemorate the Queen's Coronation.

We were unfortunate at the end of the first term in losing the services of Captain Brenstrum who, up till the time he left and also in 1952, was commander of D Company.

Because of unusually wet weather the normal routine of a half day of barracks each month was slightly upset. However, the lost time was made up in the latter part of the second and in the third term.

During the second term Captain Seccombe, from Area 8 H.Q., addressed the battalion on "The Army as a Career." Later at the end of the term he spoke to the sixth forms on the same topic with emphasis on Duntroon.

Lieutenant R. G. Launder, an old boy of the School, addressed the 3rd, 4th and 5th forms on the Army as a career when he visited the School in the third term.

This year only 33 junior N.C.O.'s compared with the 42 of last year sat the Sergeant's Promotion Examination and reached a moderately high standard.

The Sole Cup, awarded to the School's best N.C.O., was won this year by W.O.I D. M. Calder, W.O.I R. S. Croxson was second, and W.O.II G. G. Julian was third. We would like to thank Captain Seccombe and his staff and Captain Calman for providing the examiners. In October Brigadier R. C. Queree, C.B.E., D.S.O., examined W.O.I D. M. Calder who was the Area 8 nominee for the William Robert Friar Memorial Prize, awarded to the best N.C.O. in the Central Military District.

During the 1952-53 Christmas holidays a senior N.C.O. course at Linton was attended by W.O.II I. G. Turner, W.O.I R. S. Croxson, and W.O.I D. M. Calder. Sergeant M. C. Wynyard attended a weapon training course at the same time.

Twelve cadets attended a pre-N.C.O. course held at Linton, prior to the senior N.C.O. course. In August another pre-N.C.O. course was attended by 13 cadets from the N.C.O. Platoon and Sergeant C. Lealand was the instructor.

When in the second term the top ground was ploughed, the Battalion lost the use of its main parade ground, with the result that it had to be dispersed to less central training grounds.
A.T.C.

The unit this year was made up of three flights totalling 80 cadets. Their standard of marching was as high as previous years but still required a further polishing. This is explained by the fact that the unit is unable to cover its extensive syllabus, which includes Morse, Principles of Flight, Engines and Instruments, and concentrate on foot and rifle drill at the same time.

While the Battalion was at Linton, the A.T.C. unit visited Ohakea and were conducted on a most interesting and instructive tour of the station.

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In the Christmas holidays three cadets attended an N.C.O. camp at Ohakea.

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

SIGNALS

The Signals unit successfully put its training to the test at Linton, where they linked up and maintained telephone communication between Company and Battalion headquarters. As well as the practical experience gained by the use of the telephone system, the unit also covered a lot of other signals work and the time was well spent.

Army technicians from Wellington have completely overhauled the equipment and it is now in good working order. The Signals hut has also received a coat of paint.

As usual the steeplechase and sports day were successfully covered on "ZCI" and "48" sets.

We are again indebted to Staff-Sergeant Mills for his help and instruction throughout the year. Two cadets attended a specialist's course at Linton during the Christmas holidays.

D. M. Calder.

BOXING NOTES

The championships were held on the 12th August after three days of preliminaries. Entries were very good but the number of day boys interested was disappointing. The School is again indebted to the Taranaki Boxing Association for the use of their ring and to the referee, Mr. Sheridan, and the judges, Messrs. Clarke, Robertson and Morris.

The Scientific Cup went to R. Brimblecombe for the second time. In making the presentation, Mr. Clarke commented favourably on the standard of boxing and the manner in which the bouts were fought.

It was with much regret that we heard that Mr. I. (Blue) Wallace, who has coached at the School for many years, would be unable to continue next year. To him we express our deepest appreciation and goodwill.

The house competition was again won by Pridham who had 13 finalists on the night and scored 51 points. Carrington were second with 41 and Moyes were third.

Preparatory School—

Atomweight.—P. Mackay v. B. McNeil. This bout began with both boys leading straight lefts. Both used their right hands effectively but McNeil landed more punches and won on points.

Fleaweight.—A. Wendt v. A. Wilson. Wendt appeared to have the better of the first two rounds, moving around the ring well. Wilson had the advantage in the third round but failed to take the decision from the more aggressive Wendt.

Bantamweight.—I. Green v. K. Roberts. In the first two rounds it appeared that Green would win by a t.k.o., however, Roberts retaliated in the third round and scored well. Green won on points.

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Heavyweight.—B. Bossley v. A. Shirtcliffe. With an advantage in weight and reach Bossley landed several heavy blows in the first round. Both boys fought hard in the second round, Shirtcliffe landing many fine punches to the body and head. In the third round Shirtcliffe landed clever blows and took a well earned decision.

Upper School—

Under 6st.—R. Cleaver v. R. McGee. This was an interesting bout won by Cleaver by a t.k.o.

Under 7st.—P. Boddie v. G. Roberts. In the first two rounds both boys swung wildly with their rights, doing little damage. Each landed occasional straight punches but found it hard to penetrate good defence. Roberts moved better than Boddie, however, and landed more straight punches which won him the bout.

Under 7st. 7lb.—E. Macrae v. W. Bygrave. Macrae, the bigger competitor, moved in over Bygrave's punches and perhaps had the better of a slow first round. In the last two rounds Bygrave, the more experienced boxer, concentrated on Macrae's stomach and took the points decision.

Under 8st.—B. Smith v. W. Penney. With an advantage in reach, Penney was able to land several hard punches. Smith moved out of trouble with clever footwork and balance. He was always able to retaliate though, and catching Penney off balance, landed blows which won him an even match.

Under 8st. 7lb.—Div. I: J. Wood v. P. Ramsay. This bout produced two sound boxers who showed experience in all departments. Ramsay leading lefts and following with a right cross, found difficulty in keeping Wood from landing hard blows to his body. Ramsay took the bout with scientific and accurate punches.

Under 8st 7lb.—Div. II: M. Johnson v. R. Franklin. Johnson defeated his more vigorous opponent in a match which showed the art of boxing was not lost to the school. Although this was not the most exciting bout, we saw footwork and ringcraft enable Johnson to take a popular decision.

Under 8st. 7lb.—Div. III: F. Barrett v. K. Kirk. This bout brought two proficient boxers together and it was evident that they had been well coached in the fundamentals. Kirk, having more experience, took the decision fairly easily, but Barrett landed several hard blows and showed determination.

Under 9st.—R. Alison v. C. Flight. Early in the bout Flight threw many wild punches which seldom connected as Alison evaded them with clever footwork and defence. Alison, last year's winner of the Scientific Cup, again showed boxing ability. He moved well and punched accurately. Flight, showing strength, fire and attacking ability, landed several severe blows to Alison's head and took the points decision.

Under 9st. 7lb.—R. Thompson v. A. Fookes. Both boys led orthodox punches and guarded well. Fookes earned a points decision by moving away from the heavier blows of Thompson, at the same time landing a few hard punches himself.

Under 10st.—R. Brimblecombe v. R. Davies. Early in the fight Brimblecombe appeared to hang back and Davies landed several

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solid punches. Later Brimblecombe moved around the ring leading hard lefts following up with right crosses to the head. His defence was not good, however, and Davies was able to land heavy, accurate blows. In the final round both boys exchanged hard punches and Brimblecombe's caused Davies a lot of trouble and put him down for the count of eight though he fought back with courage and determination. Brimblecombe won on points.

Under 11st.—T. Smith v. G. Peterson. In this bout Smith outclassed Peterson and won on a t.k.o. Peterson, although beaten from the start fought gamely until the referee, Mr. Sheridan, wisely stopped the fight.

Under 11st. 7lb.—J. Bennet v. M. Denton. This was "the fight" of the evening with both boys starting well and only stopping for the gongs. The bout was of a high standard but many unorthodox punches were exchanged. Denton emerged the winner by more accurate punching.

Heavyweight.—D. Thurston v. K. Martin. On the gong both boys moved swiftly into the attack. After the first blows were struck, however, caution prevailed on both sides and few really effective punches were exchanged. In the second and third rounds Martin attempted to force the fight but his opponent's longer reach and greater experience prevented him from doing real damage. At the same time Thurston was able to score the odd points which gave him the decision.

G. G. Julian.

GYMNASTICS

This year for the first time a competition was held in the School gymnasium between teams from Hawera, Waitara, New Plymouth Y.M.C.A. and the School. There were three grades, junior, intermediate and senior. The juniors were unsuccessful, but the intermediates won the horizontal event and came second in the horse and tumbling. The night was very successful and it is hoped that the competition will become an annual fixture.

In the School championships a good standard was set. Results as follows:—

Third Form: M. V. Geary 1, E. M. Cursons and R. D. Pearce equal 2. The Competition was very close, Geary winning by a narrow margin. The standard was high and all competitors had good finish.

Fourth Form: R. Amor 1 (97), N. N. Saxton 2 (95), B. Tuck 3 (84). The standard was fair with the more experienced Amor having a slight lead.

Fifth Forms: A. W. Smith 1 (109), R. Burgess 2 (92), G. L. Bailey 3 (91). The marks after these were very close and a good standard was reached.

Open: A. W. Smith 1 (103), G. L. Bailey 2 (95), D. M. Foggin 3 (88). A good standard was set, especially on the horse, where high marks were scored.

A. W. Smith.

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SOCCER NOTES

Taranaki schoolboy Soccer has this year completed one of its best seasons with no less than 120 boys regularly attending Saturday morning matches. School fielded four teams in the under 16 and one team in the under 14 grades. School East won the under 16 grade competition as well as the six-a-side tournament for that grade.

After winning the Acheson cup for the first two rounds of the senior B competition, the 1st XI went on to Wellington where they drew with Wellington College in a scoreless, closely contested, match on the Basin Reserve. Then came the eagerly awaited Mount Albert Grammar match which was played under ideal conditions on Western Park. Mount Albert, unbeaten by us for over ten years, added to their long list of wins by beating us 3-1.

We congratulate Parkinson (captain), Barclay, Burgess, Woodd, Wray and Hall who were picked for the Junior National Cup side; Barclay and Hall on being picked for the senior B; and C. Wray, N. Wray, Ham, Healton, Neve, Bailley, Parkinson, Barclay (captain), Burgess and Hall on their inclusion in the under 16 representative side.

In the inter-house competition East beat Carrington 4-1, West beat Central 6-1 and Moyes beat Pridham 4-3. The second round resulted in a win for East over Moyes 6-1 and in the final East were again successful against West to win 2-1 in a thrilling match. We congratulate East on winning the Holden Cup.

A. W. Hall.

HOCKEY NOTES

The senior team had a full programme of inter-club matches in the Junior Taranaki Competition. They travelled to Hawera, Eltham, and three times to Stratford. Although not successful the team gained much experience which proved useful in our inter-school matches.

The match against Stratford Technical High School was won by Stratford 3-2; and against Hawera Technical High, won by Hawera 3-1.

We unfortunately missed several home games during the term holidays and consequently played more games away than at home.

Third Grade

The local third grade competition which was introduced last year, again proved popular this year. This competition enables the juniors to become familiar with play under match conditions and provides a nursery for future senior teams. We hope that there will be even more keenness shown next year.

We congratulate D. J. Conway who received the presentation hockey stick for the most improved player of the season.

D. Fookes.

SWIMMING NOTES

The standard was again as high as previous years. Styles are improving throughout, particularly in the breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. Many more boys enter for these races and performances illustrate much more proficiency than in former years.



FIRST HOCKEY ELEVEN, 1953.

Back Row: I. G. McNickle, J. C. Hill, D. W. Burton, G. D. Belfield, R. L. Holmes, H. A. Vosper.
Front Row: G. F. Hazard, D. B. Fookes (Captain), B. S. Alvis, G. A. Horsborough.



FIRST SOCCER ELEVEN, 1953.

Back Row: D. M. McNickle, A. W. Hall, J. L. Ham.
Middle Row: V. J. Healton, B. J. Wood, R. M. Burgess, G. L. Bailey, K. R. Wright.
Front Row: C. E. Wray, N. F. Wray, C. W. Barclay (Captain), J. V. Parkinson, G. A. E. Neve.

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The house-points system, introduced as an experiment this year, vitalised interest in the sports by resolving itself into a giant struggle between Fridham and Carrington from which Fridham emerged victorious.

The outstanding performance of the sports was D. Swan's record-breaking 50 yards breaststroke.

In the Taranaki Championships held on the night before the School sports, Swan equalled the 100 yards junior breaststroke record and won the 220 yards title; J. Jensen took the 50 yards and R. Routley, the 100 yards junior boys' freestyle.

The New Plymouth Harbour Swim, a competition open to all local swimmers, was also won by Routley.

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Senior.—J. D. Raines (11 points), 1; F. R. Routley (8), 2; G. M. O'Halloran (5), 3.

Junior.—K. J. Rowe (10), 1; N. N. Saxton (8), 2.

Under 14.—I. M. Foreman (11), 1; P. B. Strombom (9), 2.

Preparatory.—B. Bossley (10), 1; G. Williams (4), and A. Burgess (4), 2.

House Points.—Fridham, 38; Carrington, 35; Central, 26; East, 18; West, 16; Moyes 14.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Senior—

50 Yards: G. O'Halloran 1, J. Raines 2, J. Jensen 3. Time, 29.7sec.

100 Yards: J. Raines 1, R. Routley 2, J. Jensen 3. Time, 69.3sec.

220 Yards: R. Routley 1, J. Raines 2, J. Jensen 3. Time, 3min. 1sec.

Junior—

33 1-3 Yards: H. Rowe 1, K. Martin 2, J. Simcock 3. Time, 19.3sec.

50 Yards: H. Rowe 1, N. Saxton 2, S. Cottier 3. Time, 30.4sec.

100 Yards: N. Saxton 1, J. Neal 2, T. Boon 3. Time, 70.8sec.

Under 14—

33 1-3 Yards: P. Strombom 1, I. Foreman 2, F. Bennett 3. Time, 21.7sec.

50 Yards: I. Foreman 1, P. Strombom 2, F. Bennett 3. Time, 33.4sec.

66 2-3 Yards: D. Byers 1, I. Foreman 2, P. Strombom 3. Time, 47.2sec.

Preparatory—

33 1-3 Yards: B. Bossley 1, A. Burgess 2, G. Williams 3. Time, 20.8sec.

66 2-3 Yards: B. Bossley 1, G. Williams 2, A. Burgess 3. Time, 48.9sec.

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Diving Championships:

Senior: D. Foggin 1, P. Boon 2, F. Stevenson 3.

Junior: A. Smith 1, B. Angland 2, N. Saxton 3.

Under 14: I. Foreman 1, H. G. Frost 2, L. E. Mercer 3.

Senior Handicaps—

33 1-3 Yards: F. Stevenson 1, M. Black 2, W. Moore 3. Time, 21.2sec.

50 Yards: F. Stevenson 1, W. Moore 2, M. Sullivan 3. Time, 32.1sec.

50 Yards Breaststroke: D. Swan 1, N. Saxton 2, G. O'Halloran 3. Time, 36.3sec.

50 Yards Backstroke: R. Routley 1, R. Christie 2, J. Hill 3. Time, 37.2sec.

33 1-3 Yards Butterfly: G. O'Halloran 1, D. Swan 2, M. Rangi 3. Time, 23.5sec.

Relays—

Inter-House: Carrington 1, Central 2, West 3. Time, 1min. 17sec.

Inter-Form: 3P1 1, 3Ag. 2, 5G3 and Ag. 3. Time, 1min. 35.6sec.

Day Boys v. Boarders: Boarders.

LIFE SAVING

The number of passes gained in the bronze medallion examination was greater than last year. In the other sections, however, numbers remain approximately the same.

All third formers were taught the Holger-Nielson method of resuscitation.

The bronze and intermediate classes were held in the first term.

Awards gained are as follows.—Unigrip Certificate, 11; Resuscitation Certificate, 167; Intermediate Certificate, 4; Bronze Medallion, 16; 1st Bar to Bronze Medallion, 2; Bronze Cross, 2; Award to Merit, 1. Total 203.

SHOOTING NOTES

The standard of shooting this year has varied considerably, being either very good or very poor. It is recommended that these poorer shots pay more attention to the essentials with an emphasis on the correct grip and lying position.

At Linton Fourth Form boys were given a .303 shoot, while senior boys had a L.M.G. shoot.

.303 SHOOTING CUPS.

The Long Range Championship (200 yards) for the Kelly Cup was won by J. D. Davies with 52 out of a possible 65.

The Searle Cup for the short range championship (25 yards) was won by J. P. Simcock.

The School Championship and McDiarmid Belt for the highest aggregate score in these two shoots resulted in a tie between J. P. Simcock and D. A. W. Aldworth with 132 out of a possible 165.

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Results were:—

1= Simcock, J. P., 132.

1= Aldworth, D. A. W., 132.

3 Miller, T. E., 131.

4 Davies, J. D., 125.

The Senior Lady Godley Cup for the highest score in the classification shoot was won by J. D. Davies with 106 out of 115.

.22 SHOOTING CUPS.

The Hamblyn Cup for boys under 17 with a possible score of 65 resulted in a win for D. A. Elliot with 59 followed by A. K. Elliot with 58.

The Loveday Cup for boys between 14 and 15 was won by M. D. Blackwell with 64 out of 65. R. B. Kemp was runner-up with 62.

The McLeod and Slade Cup for boys under 14 also out of 65 resulted: 1, R. M. Webber, 58; 2, S. J. Carryer, 57.

The Junior Lady Godley Cup has still to be decided.

J. D. Hanning.

DEBATING NOTES

The debating activities for 1953 began in October when the preliminaries of the Senior Inter-House debate, were held. The teams were:—

Pridham: P. J. Lloyd, R. H. Graham.

Central: R. S. Watts, D. M. Calder.

East: D. H. Lee, A. W. Hall.

Carrington: R. J. Harvey, J. P. Simcock.

Moyes: J. N. Elmes, F. R. Routley.

West: R. B. Hosking, B. C. Beetham.

The subject for the first two rounds was "That World Peace is practicable within the present century." In the first round Pridham (Affirmative) defeated Central, East (Negative) defeated Carrington, Moyes defeated Country by default, and West had the bye. In the semi-finals, West (Negative) and East (Negative) were successful against Pridham and Moyes respectively.

Meanwhile, the preliminaries of the Junior Oratory Contest were held among the third and fourth forms. The finalists selected and their subjects were:—

A. M. MacKenzie: "The U47."

R. G. Teariki: "The Copra Industry in the Cook Islands."

J. J. Terriss: "The Battle of the River Plate."

R. M. Dodd: "The Pacific Islands."

M. R. J. Ford: "Courage and Conviction."

J. R. Clarke: "Martin Donnelly."

The finals of the oratory and debate were held on November 11th in the School Gymnasium. Mr. L. M. Moss was the judge. In awarding the Moss Cup for the Junior Oratory to Terriss, Mr. Moss said that he delivered a vigorous, well-phrased speech, and was

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easily heard. He placed MacKenzie, who was very close to Terris, second and Clarke third. The subject for the debating final was "That the United Nations Organization ought to be disbanded." West House were declared the winners of the trophy presented by the Wellington Old Boys. Mr. Moss said that the arguments of the West House speakers contained good material which was thoughtfully grouped and delivered vigorously yet with sincerity and conviction. Beetham's speech was one of the best he had heard for some time. The East House speakers, although they handled their difficult task well, referred too often to their notes. Both the Junior Oratory and the Debating was of a high standard.

We are very grateful for the interest taken by many masters and to Mr. Moss who has judged the finals for many years.

R. B. Hosking.

TENNIS NOTES

This year's tennis season was relatively successful, despite the continued lack of courts in the School. Again the School entered in the North Taranaki inter-club competition, in conjunction with the Girls' High School.

The results of last year's School championships which were not compiled in time for inclusion in the 1952 "Taranakian" are as follows:—

Intermediate Singles.—R. Croxson defeated J. Raines 6-2, 6-4.

Intermediate Doubles.—R. Croxson and J. Simcock defeated J. Raines and G. Williamson 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

Junior Singles.—B. Tuck defeated G. Jensen 9-5.

Junior Doubles.—B. Tuck and G. Jensen defeated I. Webster and P. Trehey 9-3.

This year's Inter-House competition:—

First Round.—Central defeated West 4 sets to 2; Carrington drew with East 3 sets, 35 games each; Pridham defeated Moyes 3 sets 46 games to 3 sets 40 games.

Second Round.—Central defeated East 5 sets to 1; Pridham defeated Carrington 3 sets 48 games to 3 sets 36 games.

Final.—Central defeated Pridham 3 sets 40 games to 3 sets 37 games.

Central names first: Croxson v. Graham 9-7, Jensen v. Wood 9-6, Tuck v. Hutchings 5-9, King v. Black 1-9; Croxson and Tuck v. Graham and Wood 9-3, Jensen and King v. Hutchings and Black 7-9.

This year's School championships have not been held in time for inclusion in the magazine.

J. D. Raines.

TABLE TENNIS NOTES

The membership this year stood at 106. Table tennis is proving a very popular sport especially amongst the boarders who play frequently in the week-end. There was little difference in the standard of play of the first twelve on the ladder and all these were capable of beating each other at various times during the season. A notable improvement was shown by several of the younger members, so the club should not lack good players in the four teams next year.

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This year a team was entered in each grade of the North Taranaki club competitions, namely A, B, C, D. Performances by all teams were good. The A grade team, however, found it hard to win as most of their opponents had had far more experience. The C grade team won the North Taranaki C grade championship and went through the season undefeated. This is the fourth time a School team has won the C grade championship in the club's existence of seven years.

The highlight of the season was the visit of the Rowe twins to New Plymouth. Most of the club members went to see the exhibition particularly of extreme mobility provided by these two world class players and from it many good points were picked up.

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

R. Crean 1, T. Takai 2, R. Brown 3, D. Foggin 4, G. Julian 5, D. Wood 6, W. Shortt 7, C. Maingay 8, Fa'aitu 9, Pata 10, Harvey 11, Fa'asalafa 12, Hutchings 13, R. Graham 14, Black 15, D. Walter 16, J. Wood 17.

Inter-House Competition

This was held at the end of the second term and Pridham provided an upset when they beat a strong Carrington team. The Carrington team contained three A grade players but this did not deter the Pridham team. The results were:—

First Round: West d. Moyes 9-3, Pridham d. East 11-1, Carrington d. Central 9-3.

Second Round: Pridham d. West 12-0.

Final: Pridham d. Carrington 7-3.

The club's annual championships were held in August and the number of entries was high. The results were as follows:—

Under 14 Singles: D. Walter d. M. Geary 21-8, 21-12.

Intermediate Singles: C. Maingay d. G. Gaston 24-26, 21-16, 21-13.

Intermediate Doubles: C. Maingay and D. Wood d. D. Walter and B. Tuck 21-17, 21-17.

Senior Singles: R. Crean d. T. Takai 21-15, 22-20.

Senior Doubles: J. Raines and Pata Emani d. M. Fa'aitu and T. Takai 8-21, 21-19, 21-19.

W. F. Shortt.

ROWING NOTES

In November, 1952, a small group of boys met at the New Plymouth Rowing Club's headquarters and began taking an active interest in a sport, which it is hoped, will soon have a strong following in the school.

This is not the first time that rowing has featured as a School activity, for in 1941 the School had as many as five crews being trained and it is the aim of the School's present enthusiasts to reform a crew so that we can compete on equal terms with Wanganui Collegiate, Waitara District High School and other schools. The New Zealand High Schools' Rowing Regatta is to be held at Wanganui this season, and since the venue is so close to New Plymouth it would

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be a golden opportunity for the School crew to gain some valuable racing experience against crews of much the same standard.

After preliminary training in a dry boat in the rowing shed, the boys went out in a training dinghy, which is fitted up with the same apparatus as the conventional rowing skiff. Here the theory and basic actions were carefully explained and emphasised.

When the required amount of experience had been gained in the dinghy the boys began operations using a skiff. Numerous "crabs" were caught and the crew narrowly escaped a ducking on several occasions when the delicate balance of the skiff was upset.

The crew rowed in races at New Plymouth on New Year's Day and later at Waitara, but were unsuccessful. A trip was made to Wellington early in March and there a crew composed mainly of High School boys finished their race in far better style than on previous occasions.

So far very few new boys have attended practises in this 1953-54 season but we hope that before long there will be enough boys to form and train at least one crew in preparation for the Wanganui Regatta.

Our thanks go to the New Plymouth Rowing Club for the use of its equipment and to Mr. T. McKeon and Mr. A. Paul for their coaching.

D. M. Calder.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—

The absence of a School Roll in the back of the "Taranakian" is, I think, a fault when compared with other leading secondary school magazines. Many colleges, such as Wellington College, King's College and our sister school across the Te Henui, have school rolls in their magazines.

This addition would be of great interest to Old Boys when they study a magazine of the period that they were at school. Some of the Old Boys are hardly mentioned in the earlier pages of the "Taranakian," and would appreciate their names being printed in a magazine roll. Another considerable advantage would be to each of the present boys who would be able at any time in after years to recall the members of the school who had been in their own forms.

I am, etc.,

"Fils De," 5G1.

[This list has been included in the Magazine in the past and its virtues have been realised. It is only a question of cost. Something else would have to go.—Ed.]

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BEYOND THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW

Death, then passage immediate
Of good and evil
Into spiritual state intermediate . . .
He descended into Hebrew Sheol.
Great fixed gulf.
At the site of the skull
Words to the thirsty thief
Perfect pervading peace
In Persian park and Latin Elysium
Beggard Lazarus—
Departed, conscious
Disembodied souls in sensuous sleep;
The Physician's creation, sumptuous glutton, second Tantalus
Stuck, in squeezing an imagined carnal carcass
Into the eye of the camel's needle—ululant
Darnel in Assyrian atro-Aralu and tarred Tartarus.
This state, continuous wait
Though conscious, yet perhaps
An unconscious moment a thousand years
Is but an evening gone
Ends in the event
To which the whole creation creaking crawls.
Then Grecian Hades' disembodied spirits
Are clothed with resurrection bodies . . . the third day he rose.
Then transformation of the living
Mortal into immortal.
Body resurrected
Not flesh resuscitated.
Individual before tribunal
The Men of Nineveh, of Babylon
Sidon and Sodom
Shall stand with this generation
And condemn it.
Tares and wheat,
The Valley of Hinnom
And the New Jerusalem.

B. C. Beetham, 6A.

4 AGony.

Lessons of course we simply adore;
We only regret they don't give us more;
Football and cricket are not so bad,
But chasing bees—well, that makes us mad.

It's all right for the master, he's under a veil
So thick we can't see if he looks pale;
He issues commands, he's awfully brave
"Boys get those bees, don't be afraid!"

They get in your hair, they creep down your shirt,
They sting you wherever they think it will hurt;
If studying Ag includes chasing bees
I am changing next year to something else, please.

D. S. Jensen, 4Ag.

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THE REASON.

It is my torment
I will want.
No rod, no staff,
No comfort yet.

Sweating successions of ideas
Herd through the shambles of the mind.
The fittest alone, surviving
The bludgeons of the brain.

These final solutions
Dying, over-exposed
To the searchlight of doubt
Which, cold in its clearness,
Accentuates, only
The haze of unknowledge.

Sometimes the answer,
Razors the intellect,
Leaving no scar.

J. R. Brimblecombe, 6Sc.

AN ANNIVERSARY

You wonder why a single man
This first of March should celebrate,
With flowers and caskets incense full
And charcoal burnt in earthen grate.

Though taught the tongues of Greece and Rome?
When once near-crushed by falling pine,
I vowed this day in every year
On goat's meat white and lavish feast we'd dine.

And when each year that festal day returns,
From wine jars stored in Tullius' consulship
The corks, kept fast with pitch, shall be removed,
And then, Maecenas, we must take a sip.

A hundred draughts O my Maecenas
Drink for thy rescued friend,
And burn the watchful lamps till dawn,
All angry shouts and wrath afar shall end.

Dismiss your civic worries over Rome,
The Dacian columns fallen lie,
And now the Medes, once hostile to our land
Among themselves their luckless weapons ply.

Tamed at last by chairs, our ancient foe,
Cantabria, is in bondage on the Spanish shore,
The Seythians now have come to leave their camps
With bows unstrung not raiding as before.

And if in any way the people are oppressed,
You, without a public office should not fret,
But happy and careless seize this moment's joy
And leave harsh cares with which you are beset.
Horace, Odes III., No. VIII.

J. D. Hanning, 6B.

Right: THE WATCH.

Below: CLAUDIO DENIES HERO.



SCHOOL PLAY—MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

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TO POETRY.

When the world freezes, gripped by a War
That those who know call cold, men
Panic for a time, then growing tired of this
Cease all arguing conjecture and turn once more
To peaceful things. Sometimes, I too,
Troubled by external matters, small and
Inconsequential bits of trouble, lose myself
And panic. Then coming home to another world
Find tiresome troubles smaller, higher hopes
Fuller, and bitterest things, I vow, the sweeter.
In this other world, I pray that there shall always be
Not material things alone, but things that live
In vigour through the soul, that
Elevated mind of Man. Things that
Live through all age, all stress, all thought.
Oh one can rise to heights unknown,
Travel to lands unheard,
In Prose. But when the thoughtless action
Is cruel, when the word can hurt and bruise,
Then let the purest streams flow.
In Poetry, the thoughts that suffuse
One man with joy, transmit to me.
I cannot see with the eyes of God,
But let me feel in the life around,
In the depth of the Life He made,
Some portion of the thoughts that entered Him.
Lift me up! Lift me up!
You that feel.
Poetry, restore me!
Oh, put me back in life
Afresh!

R. B. Hosking, 6B.

THE ROYAL VISIT

I hope
The councillors and mayor
Will clean their teeth and brush their hair,
And light a little coloured light
The night
The Queen of Britain comes in sight
Of this fair city.

I hope.
That when they point out Gill Street trim
With rusty railings, gas works grim;
They will not say with misplaced glee,
"O see
The zeal with which we worked for thee
In this fair city."

I hope
That with their usual civic pride
All blots with bunting bright they'll hide,
And she will then be moved to say,
"O may
I come again to stay
In this fair city."

J. D. Hanning, 6B.

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IT'S GETTIN' ON FOR SEVEN

They dawdle over tea,
And they talk about the weather
The price of fish, the Mayor-elect
And who will win the cricket,
'Till it's gettin' on for seven.

Then it's—"wash your face
And clean your teeth
And scrub your dirty knees,
Then take yourself off up to bed
And quit that dreadful row."

Then "Get my coat,
And find my scarf,
And get on with those dishes;
Tidy up the kitchen please"
It's gettin' on for seven.

"Come on Dad
Get out the car"
And "Where's that wretched girl.
Now Mike you turn that music off
And get on with your swot."

Then Father goes
Then Mother goes
Then sister leaves me too
They're off to see the "Country Girl"
As now it's after seven.

M. J. Connell, VCI.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

(With apologies to examiners.)
How the fatal days go by
Nearer, nearer. Why, O why!
Didn't I start to swot three months ago,
But now it is too late.
To-morrow I go against the foe,
Those crafty men who set dark traps
For innocent youth, and laugh with glee
As I trip over "hoc modo" and "prae dapes."
And in maths puzzle my puny brain
With, "If it takes three hundred and seven men
Two years and six days to dig a drain,
How many years will have been
Before one hundred and ten
Have begun to decide when to start?"
And so I pray to the powers that be
That they'll miss the "Battle of Trafalgar 1893"
And many other small mistakes,
And give me a sixty per cent pass
And thereby kick me to a higher class.

B. Neilson, 5Cl.

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BATS IN THE BELFRY

An eccentric old sexton named Snell,
Said "I promised that I wouldn't tell.
Now is my vow broken?
For though I've not spoken,
I fear I have just tolled the bell."

D. Byers, 4P1.

BACK TER SCEEAL.

(North Riding of Yorkshire Dialect.)

Ah've gean back ta sceal
An ah'm stuck thear till fower
Yer have to be brave
When't holidays awer.

Cooped up in't class room
Wi' spellin an sums
Ah just might as well
Sit an twiddle me thumbs.

If there'd be nobbut questions
About corn else grass
Or reapers an binders
Ah'd be top o' t' class.

Ah's ne'er settle down
A'll be gladder still
When scealdays are awer.

D. Clarkson, 3G2.

IN A THEATRE QUEUE.

The rain was beginning to dribble down my neck. Brr! Two hours gone and still no sign of movement in the queue. The fog was depressing; it pushed its clammy fingers into every nook and cranny. All day it had lain on London, bowing men's shoulders. Even the buildings looked as if they could no longer support the dreary weight which the fog seemed to bring. Now, after two hours in the queue, it had begun to snow, fitfully at first, not the white brisk scene which one usually associates with snow, but a depressing sludge with penetrating fingers which chilled the touch and set the teeth on edge. Even the popcorn man had retired to the shelter of a doorway where he regarded with evident displeasure the long line of people who huddled together in an attempt to gain warmth from numbers. Here and there a tiny red light glimmered where somebody was trying to derive some pleasure from a cigarette or pipe. Even the poster figures of Harlequin and Columbine seemed depressed at the general feeling of despair. The paint of the Clown's traditional red poker had run and he seemed to be regarding it with no kind thoughts. Now that the snow had ceased, a few street-side performers had appeared. A lean ascetic Indian unrolled a mat and began to tie himself into knots. At the welcome sight of the piecart, the fog seemed to lift, driven back by the appetising smells which radiated from the oven. With the entrance upon the scene of the uniformed attendant gaiety spread its smile over the scene and, as the queue began to move, laughter could be heard.

A. Cruzzwell, 5G1.

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THE MONASTERY.

Every night the mules would thread their way up the track across the basin and up to our positions on the East face of the hill, a bare 100 yards from the nearest Hun in the Monastery on Mounte Cassino itself. The boys were always glad when they arrived, and so were us officers, for they brought the only hot food of the day, letters, clean clothing and a relief from the hellish front-line tension.

Funny thing happened with those mules one night; they never arrived. I'll tell you about it.

The boys down in the valley told me the only reason that those mules ever got through was due to their driver, a bloke called Miles from Te Kuiti. He was a regular mild coot; looked as though he'd never hurt a fly and had never seen a mule in his life until we moved into Cassino. Anyrate he got put on to mules and he turned out to be a proper wonder with them. They reckon with Miles and his pet mule in the lead he could take supplies to the top of Mt. Cook. And his pet mule! They said he used to sleep with the ruddy thing lice and all!

Anyrate the night that it happened he set out as usual, pet mule in the lead, big Yank Colt strapped to his side, and packet of orders from Div. H.Q. stuck in his backside pocket. Just as he was moving out of sight in the dusk down came a Hun arty barrage and news came through by field telephone that he was putting out patrols. We only hoped Miles didn't run into one cause we were sure he couldn't even lift his automatic, let alone use it.

That night Miles didn't arrive. Five of his mules were found straying on the track just above the basin. Some of the "Baker" Company boys went out to see if they could find Miles and the rest of the mules. They found him on the alternative truck to B.H.Q. Yeh, they sure found him! His pet mule was dead, its entrails all ripped up with machine gun fire and Miles was lying dead across a Spandau with an empty colt in his hand. The whole b—— Hun patrol was dead!

J. N. Elmes, 6A.

THE DISMISSAL

There was a feeling of tension in the air as the last man, Watson, walked through the gate and as it closed behind him, began his journey to the wicket. There were nine runs needed to avoid the follow on, and the captain, sitting tensely on the verandah in front of the pavilion turned to his fast bowler Tom Smith, who had just sat down in the chair beside him.

"Reckon we'll make it?"

"I don't know, but I suppose the best we can do is keep our fingers crossed."

The applause which heralded the approach of Watson to the wicket broke off the conversation and turned the attentions of both men to the pitch. He received centre, looked around the field and took his stance. The bowler began his run and pounded up to

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the crease. Watson went forward to an easy ball. The captain turned and looked at Tom, and seeing him still intent on the game, again turned his attention to the centre. Up to the crease came the bowler and Watson went forward, drove the ball deep into the covers and they ran three. The other batsman hit the next ball to leg for two runs, and the umpire called 'over.'

Four runs to get. Tom stretched and turned to his captain.

"Looks a bit brighter, eh."

"Mmmm, he's got to face the spinner from the northern end yet."

"He should be alright with him, he's easy enough."

"He got you."

"I know, but it was a lousy ball."

Watson had taken centre again and all eyes were on the pitch as the bowler took a short run up to the crease. Watson danced out to meet the ball. The wicket-keeper took it nicely and there was a sharp click.

"Out," said the umpire.

"Damn," said the captain.

D. P. Foley, 5Cl.

CHILDHOOD RECOLLECTIONS.

I awoke to hear the wind whistling past the windows and the clickety-click of the wheels on the rails. Since the express had left New Plymouth at seven o'clock the previous night, heavy smoke-laden air had accumulated in the carriage along with bottles, cups and saucers which were kicked every time anyone moved.

Bored with sleep and sleeping adults, I pulled up the blind and pressed my nose against the misty glass. Beyond the flickering outline of the window made by carriage lights hung a vast expanse of murky darkness dotted occasionally with small patches of icy light marking farmhouses and cowsheds. From the horizon far in front of the train a soft, pink, sky slowly expanded towards us, bringing with it the start of an exciting holiday in Auckland. And then I must have slipped into sleep; and I dreamed of my next two weeks in the city—its lights at night, the traffic noise, the zoo, the Farmers' store—it all had the vivid quality of a dream.

I awoke as the weary train was crawling across a vast wilderness of railway yards into the large station with platforms extending towards us like the tentacles of an octopus. As the train eased alongside the platform I collected my luggage and was catapulted out of the train by anxious parents. Although porters bustled here and there with loaded trolleys and reunited friends hugged and beamed at each other, the platform still had the cold, crisp atmosphere of a summer morning and I was glad to be bundled into one of a row of sleek taxis lined upon the opposite side of the platform. Once out of the continual stream of taxis, private cars and trams around the station, we sped to our destination at Herne Bay. My holiday had begun.

I. Robertson, 5Cl.

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THE OLD HOUSE.

The wind swung the wooden gate on its rusty hinges, for the catch had long been broken. Weeds and tall grass had taken control of the garden and had grown up over the concrete path, giving it the appearance of a row of unmarked graves lying end to end. At the far end of the path the old house stood frowning, its old pointless woodwork forming abstract shadows in the dying twilight. It had once been a fine mansion, but since its last occupants, several generations ago, it had fallen slowly into decay and was now little more than a huge rotting log. Somewhere in the semi-darkness a shutter banged, sending a crowd of birds into the air, crying nervously. A heavy mat of creeper almost hid one side of the house while on the other sides spiders had formed a network of white lace. The window panes were broken and on the western side the jagged edges of glass turned the last rays of the sun and made bright spots of light mingle with the shadows. With the darkness came a deathly silence, the wind died down and the old house was left to slumber.

D. M. McConachie, 6B.

THE SEA.

If one wants to feel and see the power and fury of the seas, there is no need to venture out on to a precarious reef, or to take the trouble of going out in a boat in a storm, but just take a short walk around the base of Mikotahi at New Plymouth port and feel it in safety. In a narrow, high and steep-butressed channel exposed to the sea, mountainous waves roll and surge in, only to be stopped abruptly and fall back in a welter of turmoil and foam and to be hurled forward again by an oncoming wave. In the cave under Mikotahi can be heard the muffled booms as the enclosed waves hurl themselves at the unwearing rock prison. One can sense here the strong and unrelenting force of the sea, the bringer of death and destruction, the eternal sea.

I. G. Lander, 3P2.

GOING TO THE FOOTBALL.

We weaved our way through the traffic and at last slid thankfully into a gap in the long line of cars which stretched ad infinitum.

At the ticket box a great crowd jostled and pushed, and attaching ourselves to the queue we slowly shuffled forward. I became tightly wedged between Jim and a character who was wearing a coat spotted with green paint and who smelled faintly of boiled cabbage. He gave me a jolt in the chest and mumbled, "Sorry, mate!" without even turning his head.

The long snake shook itself and we all surged forward a few paces. The character gave me another elbow-jolt. He only grunted this time and produced from his pocket a Sherlock Holmeser, filled it laboriously and lit it. The wind drifted huge volumes of foul smoke across my face.

The gusty wind whipped up the street juggling paper and leaves in its gritty path and rattled a loose piece of iron on the ticket box. I received a parting jolt and found the ticket box right in front.

"Two adults" I said, passing through my money. "Right, here-y-wah" said the dim recesses of the box and the tickets and

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change were pushed forward. "Thanks" and we burst into the park just as the whistle shrilled for the start of the game.

C. Lealand, 5CL.

ENGAGEMENT WITH THE HEAD.

Morning prayers had just been concluded. The usual buzz of chatter had arisen in spite of the headmaster's daily remonstrances in regard to this. I had taken up my customary position leaning against the pillar, gazing into space, my brain a turmoil of thought, as I contemplated some algebraical equations, an uncompleted portion of the previous night's homework. This had the displeasing habit of becoming confused with how I was to employ myself during the approaching week-end. So when the Head turned his attention to reading the names of certain characters he wished to see, it was only with casual interest that I looked up. This verb "see," when used in this way, has a particularly ominous meaning, and is often associated with certain individuals who have built up a reputation for their nefarious deeds. As the "regulars" had apparently ceased activities at that time, I began to lose interest, until suddenly, the voice of authority seemed to assume huge proportions in volume, as I cringed at the realisation that my name had just boomed out. My mind hastily reeled through the list of my possible errors against good conduct. Throwing chalk? Brutal treatment of a prefect? Abuse of masters?

It seemed an interminable length of time before assembly concluded, but eventually I stood before THAT door. I knocked, was bidden to enter, and quietly informed of my appointment as captain of the First XV.

M. Waite, VCL.

HOW TO PILLOW-FIGHT.

A good hard pillow is the first essential for this exciting sport. Having procured this type of pillow shake the kapok well down into one end and grip the case firmly at the other end with the right hand (vice versa for left handers). There is no special grip so use the grip which feels most comfortable.

Having accomplished these two steps the next one is the actual fighting. The fault which occurs most in dormitory fights (where it is necessary to be as quiet as possible) is that fighters do not make every blow count and waste many blows by hitting the opponent's pillow. The hitting of the pillows together with all the combatants' force behind them can be very dangerous for both fighters as it makes the kind of noise which attracts masters and prefects.

I have not so far mentioned the spare arm. This can be used as a weapon of defence by holding it crooked in the manner of a sword fighter holding a shield. However this method of defence is not the best as it also leads to noise. The best method of defence is ducking and weaving, as by doing this your opponent will probably overbalance and leave himself open to a good hard hit.

A piece of advice that I must not overlook is for the beginner to watch and study the method of veterans such as those found in the fifth form dorm in Moyes House who have had years of experience at the art.

I am sure that the beginner having learnt the art of this dangerous and thrilling sport will enjoy hours of pleasure from it.

B. A. Kohn, 5CL.

CONTEMPORARIES

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

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

Australia: "The Jargon," "The Melburnian," "The Unicorn," "The Record," "Journal of the Royal Military College of Australia."

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

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

Wales: "The Swansea Grammar School Magazine."

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

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

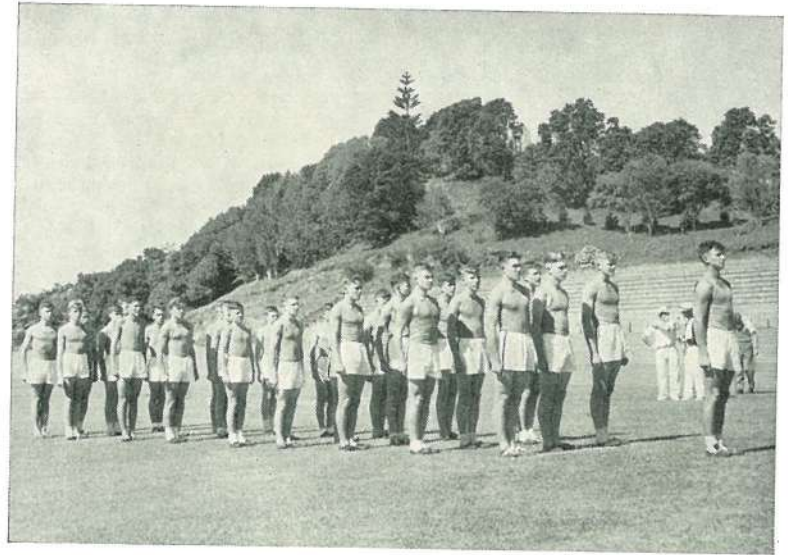
Sir,—

In the past ten months at school here, I have heard several complaints about the Anglican Church. One of the main points of issue has been why the Anglican boys should have a page devoted to their services and functions in the Magazine. When one of those who had made this complaint was asked whether he had inquired as to whether he could write notes for his own particular church, the answer was that he had not. That is the reason why I am writing this letter. I am sure that if any enthusiastic member of his respective church whether Roman Catholic, Presbyterian or Seventh Day Adventist, was really interested and wanted to write notes about his church's activities he would receive a sympathetic hearing.

I am, etc.,

J. R. Maclean, 6B.

[Yes, provided it was a School activity.—Ed.]



SCHOOL TEAM: INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS, 1953.



STEEPLECHASE WINNERS, 1953.

Back Row: H. J. Mace, C. S. Horrill, K. B. Gudopp, T. W. Verney.
Front Row: W. H. Brett, N. D. Leuthart, M. Sexton, I. Hedley.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

We are pleased to be able to report that the revival of interest in the Association, recorded in last year's "Taranakian," has been maintained. The Executive of the Parent Association was unfortunate to lose its President, Mr. W. I. H. Kerr, who was transferred to a school in Auckland at the end of last year. We wish him success in his new post and thank him for the good work he did during his two years' presidency. He has been succeeded by Mr. J. S. Hatherly, so that for the third time in the Association's history the President is also a member of the School Staff.

There has been a change in the arrangements for the Annual General Meeting. In accordance with an amendment of the Constitution this meeting is held in the School Lounge at the end of the morning events of the School Sports, now arranged near the middle of March. This year there was a much better attendance and the presence of several Old Boys from the Branches acted as a real tonic. We would point out that all Old Boys are welcome at this meeting, not just those belonging to the Parent Association in New Plymouth. After the meeting each year, those present are invited to the Dining Hall to be guests of the School at lunch. It is hoped that this happy arrangement for filling the lunch-time period on Sports Day will come to be more and more appreciated by Old Boys and that eventually it will be regarded as a kind of reunion as well as the Annual General Meeting.

The Secretary has continued to send circulars to all Branch Secretaries. These have been appreciated and in one case cyclostyled and sent out to the members of the branch. There has been a remarkable revival of the Auckland Branch, the result of some excellent work done by a small group of Old Boys who left School only last year. A new Branch will shortly be established in Fiji. Elsewhere in this issue appears for the first time a section devoted to news of Old Boys in Fiji.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of A. C. (Bill) Jensen after a long illness. Although he was at School for only one year, 1941, he was one of the keenest of our Old Boys. He did splendid work for several years as the Secretary of the South Taranaki Branch.

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

A special reminder is given to all Old Boys regarding the Triennial Reunion Dinner which will be held in the School Dining Hall next Easter Saturday evening. We hope to have a record attendance, as at this function Old Boys will make a farewell presentation to Mr. Papps, who will be retiring a month later. There is no need to mention here how much the School owes to Mr. Papps' thirty-three years' work as a member of the Staff. He has won the respect and affection of two generations of Old Boys and many will wish to be present when this official farewell is given by the Association.

There was a response to our appeal last year for the May and September, 1912 issues of the "Taranakian." The September issue came from an Old Boy in England. We require now only the May 1912 issue to complete the School set.

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The Editor of the "Taranakian" 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.

The Executive is still negotiating regarding the new Old Boys' tie and blazer badge. Both should be available early next year at a cost of 10/6 and 30/- respectively.

Preparations will begin next year for School Jubilee in 1957. The Committee will probably arrange a Shilling Donation Scheme and raise £1000 as was done in 1948. If this course is decided on, we hope that all Branches will give their fullest support.

As the ranks of our older Old Boys are beginning now to thin out we invite Old Boys to write out their reminiscences of the School as they knew it. These will be kept in a strong box and will be of great value when eventually a history of the School is written. They should be sent to the Secretary, Mr. R. W. Baunton, at the School.

We are pleased to report that the construction of the Moyes' Memorial Pavilion has almost been completed. The opening, however, cannot be arranged until the Spring of 1954. The top ground is at present ploughed up and will not be resown until the Autumn. It therefore cannot be used again for cricket until the third term of next year. Old Boys will be advised in plenty of time regarding the official opening. A large clock for the pavilion has been given by the Taranaki Rugby Union.

Very little progress can be reported regarding the Old Boys' War Memorial. The application for a Government subsidy was turned down on the grounds that the building, a projection room downstairs and a general purposes room on the second storey, was not urgently necessary. Old Boys may rest assured that everything is being done to bring the negotiations to a successful end as soon as possible. We have made a re-application for the subsidy through the Secretary of the High Schools Board and this is now under consideration.

It is hoped that next year a tennis match will be arranged between Old Boys and the School. Now that the Annual General Meeting is held at the School we look forward to a period of closer contact between the Old Boys and the School.

The present Secretaries of the Association are as follows:—

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

South Taranaki: M. R. B. McKenzie, c/o T. F. McKenzie, Public Accountant, Princes Street, Hawera.

Waikato: E. Grant, Box 206, Hamilton.

Manawatu: O. W. Adams, P.O. Box 314, Palmerston North.

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

Wanganui: B. Rountree, Gonville School, Gonville.

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

Auckland: R. E. Still, Box 524, Auckland.

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 and Co., 126 Sussex Street, Sydney.

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PARENT ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting was held in the School Lounge on Saturday, March 14th, at 12.15 p.m. There was an attendance of over 50 Old Boys, some of whom had come from a distance to attend the School Sports. There was a keen discussion on several matters in the agenda list. The action of the Executive in agreeing to the award of the Old Boys' Cup to the winner of the 100 Yards Senior was confirmed. Full power to act on behalf of the Association was given the Executive in its negotiations with the Government regarding the Old Boys' War Memorial.

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

ANNUAL REPORT

The President then read the Annual Report as follows:—

Gentlemen,—Your Committee has much pleasure in presenting the 34th Annual Report of the Association.

The period to be covered by this report is a short one of five months. Pursuant to a resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting, this and future Annual General Meetings are being held at the School on the day arranged for the School Sports. It is hoped that this change of tradition will prove a success and that increasing numbers of Old Boys from New Plymouth and from the Branches will visit the School and attend the meeting. We believe that the change will strengthen the link between the School and its Old Boys and may well lead to arrangements for Old Boys to come here on other occasions during the year.

The resignation of the President, Mr. Ian Kerr, who has been appointed to a position in Auckland, has been received with regret. During the period under review your Executive has continued to meet regularly and has done much steady although unspectacular work. The Secretary has kept in constant touch with the Branches by means of circulars which now include a section written by the Headmaster. It is disappointing that the Auckland Branch, at one time so active, appears to be in recess. Steps have already been taken by the Executive to revive the Branch so that a lead will be given to the dozens of young Old Boys who go to Auckland every year or leaving School.

We are pleased to report that a tender was recently accepted for the erection of the Moyes Memorial Pavilion. When tenders were first called, the lowest was £700 in excess of the £3100 available. In view of this the Executive reluctantly agreed to a modification of the plans. The terrace, front seats, lockers and internal painting will not now be provided. However, the basic design is unchanged and it is hoped that work deleted from the specifications will be undertaken at a later date. Provision has been made for a bronze tablet to bear a suitable inscription. Any suggestions for the wording of this would be welcomed. We wish to acknowledge the great help we have received from Mr. O. H. Burford, Secretary of the High Schools' Board. He has handled the long negotiations in connection

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with the Memorial with great tact and patience and has brought them to a satisfactory conclusion. The site for the building has already been cleared and work will begin almost at once.

It is regretted that we cannot report similar progress with regard to the Old Boys' War Memorial. The Education Department has turned down the request for a subsidy of £6000 on the grounds that the building is not urgently necessary. A suggestion has now been made that the present boarders' lounge be used for relieving congestion in the Boarding Houses by turning it into dormitories and that the Board build a new lounge on top of the projection room, thus providing the second storey to the War Memorial. The Board would have to consider the cost of such a scheme in relation to that of other proposals. The £8000 we have in hand would, of course, provide a single-storey building to seat about 250 boys, but it is very doubtful whether such a building would suit the site that has been chosen.

Your Committee is continuing its efforts to secure a cheaper cloth blazer badge in place of the tinsel one which has become prohibitive in price. The new badge should be available very shortly. The selection of a new tie design will be made at the next Executive meeting and the tie should be ready at the end of the year.

As members probably know, there is no official representative of the Association on the Board of Governors. We therefore congratulate Mr. Claude Strombom, a past President of the Association, and Mr. J. R. Miller, on their appointment to the Board. With Messrs. Billing, Lovell, Strombom and Miller as Board members, we should not worry about official representation.

There have been two recent staff changes of particular interest to Old Boys. At the end of last year, Mr. A. H. Blundell resigned after twenty-five years in charge of the Preparatory Department. Old Boys of the "Prep" from all parts of New Zealand and from the Pacific Islands contributed towards a farewell presentation. There is no doubt that through the high standards attained by his "Prep" boys Mr. Blundell exercised a strong and healthy influence on the spirit and reputation of the School. At the beginning of this year Mr. J. Clouston, an Old Boy of the School, was appointed head of the Engineering Department. He is one of eight Old Boys at present on the staff. We congratulate him and wish him every success in the responsibilities he has assumed. Other Old Boys we would congratulate at this time are Messrs. L. Miller and E. Meuli on their recent selection for the New Zealand XI., Mr. Justice Sinclair on his appointment as Chief Justice of Nyasaland, Colonel A. H. Andrews on his appointment as O.C., Waiouru Military Camp, and Wing-Commander C. Turner on his promotion to the rank of Group-Captain in the R.N.Z.A.F. Seventeen Old Boys are serving in Korea. To these the School recently sent a food parcel and a copy of the 1952 "Taranakian."

We wish to acknowledge our indebtedness to the Headmaster for the help and encouragement he has consistently given the Association during the past ten years. The happy arrangements made for to-day's meeting and for lunch afterwards is an example of this. All those present must have already noticed the excellent order of the School buildings and grounds. They have never looked better. But, more important than that, the School itself is in very

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good heart. Old Boys, who share a deep concern for its highest interests, would assure the Headmaster that his wise administration of School affairs, during the holidays as well as during term time, is recognised and appreciated.

At the end of last year a member of the Executive spoke about the Association to the boys leaving School. They were all given a sheet of essential information.

In conclusion, your Executive wishes to admit that the Parent Body of the Association could obviously be more vital than it has been since the war. To those Old Boys who are perhaps rather disappointed and critical of the lead we are giving we would say, "Think of what the Association may become and should become in the future rather than what it is now. By our enthusiastic interest and support let us all pull our weight and make it the strong, active body it should be, thereby helping one another as well as the Old School itself."

BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS

SOUTH TARANAKI

Although the total membership measured against the number of Old Boys who reside in the South Taranaki Area is still small the Branch itself is comparatively strong. This strength lies in the fact that those who show their interest are enthusiasts and are always ready to support any function or activity associated with the School or Old Boys' Association.

This year has been an interesting one in that after a poor start much has been achieved by marshalling our forces and planning definite objectives.

At the Annual Meeting held in June 1953 the following officers were elected:—Patron: Mr. G. J. McNaught; President, M. M. Strawbridge; Senior Vice-President, A. Moss; Junior Vice-President, A. Hastie; Secretary-Treasurer, M. R. B. McKenzie; Committee, N. Rennie, C. Robb, D. Ekdahl, I. Barnes, E. W. and J. D. McCallum; Auditor: J. Booker.

ST. PAT'S GAME

Despite the defeat inflicted upon School by the St. Pat's XV this match was again the venue for many happy reunions among Old Boys who were able to be present.

Following the game Mrs. Gray and her staff entertained the members of both teams and their friends at a very pleasant afternoon tea gathering in her Carlton Dining Room.

Both Mr. McNaught and Mr. Stewart of the School and the Rev. Father Durning made brief comment on the game and congratulated the boys on the manner in which it had been played.

As a result of discussions between Old Boys' representatives and Mr. G. Thompson, Principal of Hawera Technical High School, members of both teams, instead of being guests at the usual Old Boys' Dance, were this year entertained at a School dance organised by the Hawera Technical High School. Our grateful thanks are extended to both the Principal and Staff of that school for providing such an enjoyable evening for the teams.

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On the Sunday the two teams travelled to the mountain where a very pleasant day was spent prior to farewells. A pleasing feature of the trip was the number of Old Boys who were able to attend.

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This traditionally followed the St. Pat's-School game and provided a large representative gathering of Old Boys. It was particularly notable for the fact that for once there was no great financial loss.

The Branch President, Max Strawbridge, presided and the following toast list was honoured. The Queen, M. M. Strawbridge; School, M. Strawbridge—W. E. Alexander, J. Stewart; St. Pat's, Mr. J. Paterson—Rev. Father Durning; T.R. Union, Andrew Hastie—Mr. H. Butchart; Kindred Associations, J. Boon—Mr. G. A. Thompson; Parent Body, Alan Moss—J. S. Hatherly; Hostess and Artist, Doug. Hughson—Mrs. Gray, Mr. B. Smeaton.

John Hatherly brought us up to date in regard to the activities of the Parent Body and showed samples of the new Old Boys ties and blazer badges.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

The committee has held numerous meetings this year with the idea of furthering Old Boys activities in the district and arousing interest among the many who have at some time or other attended N.P.B.H.S.

Projected activities include:

1. The organisation of an Old Boys Golf Tournament in early 1954. Invitations, of course, will be extended to other Branches.
2. The formation of an Old Boys' Swimming Relay team to participate in the local Inter-House competition, throughout the summer months.
3. Social and Dance evenings during winter 1954.
4. The possible formation of an Old Boys' Table Tennis team which may enter in the South Taranaki Competition.

It is the hope of the committee that all Old Boys will co-operate with them in their endeavour.

PERSONAL

Many Old Boys will have heard with deep regret of the death of our late secretary A. C. "Bill" Jensen. He was a stalwart in Old Boys activities and did much towards holding his Branch together during a difficult period. He was one who considered that having attended N.P.B.H.S. was a privilege. On behalf of all Old Boys we extend our very deepest sympathy to his young wife and family.

John Elliot, Doug. Crofsky, Chris. Bottrill and Ian Barnes are all teaching in the Hawera district.

Jeff Marsh is farming at Tokaora.

Terry Coulton is working for J. B. McEwan, Ltd., Hawera.

Colin Miller is in business as a refrigeration specialist.

Our congratulations to Peter Dickson who represented Taranaki at Rugby in all games this season and additionally received recognition in All Black Trial games.

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The headmaster of the Hawera Main School is Henry Sinclair, one of our older Old Boys.

Jim Poynter is a produce traveller for Newton King, Hawera.

Two Old Boys, J. Mortlock and F. Basset, were nominees for the recent Local Body election. The latter was successful.

Max Strawbridge, centred at Hawera, is organiser of Physical Education for South Taranaki.

Marcus McKenzie is working with his father and is studying Accountancy.

Derek Barclay is with Ford Motors, Hawera.

Rex Simpson, now farming in Auroa, is playing good cricket.

Doug. Hughson has a men's outfitters business in Hawera.

Jim Boon is with Laurenson and Associates, architects.

Alan Moss, Don Evans and Craig Henderson, are working at the Farmers' Co-op., Hawera.

Owen Henry, farming at Matapu, has recently announced his engagement.

Roy Beach is with Farm Machinery Services, South Taranaki Branch for International Harvester.

Peter Walker is in the family business of T. H. Walker and Sons, Ltd.

Barry Scott is with the National Dairy Association.

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Ian Leith, recently married, is working on his father's farm up the Waitotara Valley.

Vaughan Caseley and Peter Scott are farming in the Makirikiri Valley.

H. S. Dyke is travelling for a motor firm.

D. M. Brown has been doing well at ski-ing. He has returned from Palmerston to his father's business.

D. R. Dallison and Baden Rountree are both teaching at the Gonville School.

David Blair is with Walpole and Paterson. He has had a good season playing Rugby for Pirates.

WELLINGTON BRANCH

At the Annual General Meeting, the following officers were elected: President, P. Power; Vice-Presidents, L. M. Papps, W. Groombridge, R. Pope and C. Whittington; Secretary, D. Smith; Treasurer, P. M. McCaw; Committee, R. Bate, B. R. Boon, D. Brown, N. Carter.

HAWKE'S BAY BRANCH

The bi-ennial general meeting was held in the Pasadena Tea Rooms on Saturday, August 1st, at 6 p.m. Those present were: J. Grant, in the chair, Mr. McNaught, Mr. Stewart, coach, Mr. R. G. Webb, principal of Te Aute College, Mr. Robertson, Te Aute coach, and thirty Old Boys.

The following committee was elected: Patron, Mr. G. J. McNaught; President, J. Grant; Vice-Presidents, F. V. Ayling, Scott

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Henry; Auditor, S. Murley; Secretary-Treasurer, C. R. Campbell; Committee, C. Kirkpatrick, L. Grant, D. Murley, W. Duncan, C. Kyngdon.

A very interesting talk about the School was given by the Headmaster. Afterwards Mr. Stewart spoke about the First Fifteen and the newly-established Taranaki Inter-Schools Sports.

Personal

Lou Greer is in charge of Stewart Greer Motors, Waipukurau.

Bruce Cummings is the proud father of two children.

Ron Smart is the Assistant Secretary of the Hawke's Bay Catchment Board.

Garth and Clive Cassidy are employed in their father's carrying business, Waipukurau.

Jack Grant is a partner in a firm of Accountants, and is President of Hastings Jaycee.

Alan Grant is in practice as an Optician.

David Bathgate is employed by Williams and Kettle, Waipawa, as a stock agent.

AUCKLAND BRANCH

The association this year is very pleased to be able to write a few notes for the "Taranakian." To a certain extent, interest has been revived among the Old Boys in Auckland. We have located 230 addresses to which letters can be sent without coming back through the Dead Letter Office. The committee is disappointed that only 105 Old Boys have paid their annual subscription, but it is hoped that next year the association will have at least 200 members.

On June 9th a special General Meeting was held at the Transport Board rooms. An attendance of 55 Old Boys elected the following officers: President, A. D. Crew; Vice-President, R. L. Thompson; Secretary, R. E. Still; Committee, M. B. Francis, C. K. Lee, C. J. Osborn, J. S. Rawson, D. J. Graham. The remainder of the evening took the form of an informal smoko.

Owing to the fact that there was no School-Grammar game in Auckland this year, the usual reunion was held on September 18th instead of the middle of August. The dinner was held in the Plaza Tea Rooms, and was attended by Mr. Bottrill (1914-50), Mr. Hatherly ('26-'33, '40-'53), Mr. Baunton ('36-'39, '48-'53), Mr. Dobson ('20-'41) and 78 Old Boys. These were: A. B. Allan ('29-'33), B. C. Arthur ('47-'51), T. K. Barnett ('48-'50), A. S. Batger ('23-'26), G. S. Bayly ('17-'25), D. W. Bayly ('14-'17), J. D. Beddingfield ('35-'37), V. H. Bedford ('47-'51), B. L. Bews ('41-'45), E. Boulton ('15-'18), G. A. Brackebush ('49-'52), A. D. Brownlie ('45-'50), L. J. Bourke ('44-'49), R. R. Burtenshaw ('47-'49), H. L. Calder ('15-'18), A. F. Campbell ('50-'52), E. E. Cole ('17-'20), G. W. Cole ('43-'45), I. Corkhill ('44-'48), A. D. Crew ('39-'42), B. Dickinson ('42-'45), P. Field ('42-'43), B. C. Flight ('49-'51), M. B. Francis ('48-'52), P. E. Fraser ('40-'42), P. J. Gallaher ('36-'41), W. D. Gardiner ('45-'49), Dr. B. Grieve ('26-'29), M. Hall ('43-'46), A. P. Healy ('29-'33), C. T. Henderson ('51-'52), M. R. Hooker ('40-'45), K. K. Jones ('36-'38), L. A. Kyle ('04-'05), A. Kirkby ('12-'15), B. J. Law ('47-'49), S. Lealand ('20), C. K. Lee ('47-'49), J. C. Lovell ('46-'50),



2nd XV. TEAM, 1953. (Winners North Taranaki 4th Grade Championship.)
Back Row: M. G. Denton, J. M. Carter, E. L. Fraser, F. M. Stevenson, D. W. Marsden, E. A. Batten, T. D. S. Smith.
Middle Row: T. Fa'asalafa, W. D. Mooney, R. B. Palmer, R. D. E. Alexander, B. C. Beetham, G. K. Sigley, G. K. Hight, W. E. Jonas.
Front Row: B. A. Kohn, T. Takai, J. N. Elmes, K. B. Aiken (Captain), P. J. O'Shaughnessy, P. J. Lloyd, J. D. Raines.



5th GRADE A TEAM, 1953. (Winners North Taranaki Championship.)
Back Row: S. B. Cottier, B. S. Farquhar, B. I. O'Dowda, R. E. Patten, T. W. Boon.
Middle Row: J. I. Honnor, G. K. Hight, B. S. Wellwood, K. B. Gudopp, I. A. Brackbush, M. S. Black.
Front Row: H. J. Mace, D. R. Wood, J. D. Hanning, R. S. Croxson (Captain), E. W. Moore, M. J. Sullivan

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P. G. Lovell ('45-'50), D. G. Lysnar ('43-'46), C. F. McDonald ('42-'51), J. W. McKenzie ('40-'44), I. L. Manby ('47-'50), P. F. Martin ('47-'53), W. E. Massey ('50-'51), K. B. Meade ('42-'44), J. R. Michaels ('44-'48), J. B. Montgomerie ('46-'50), R. M. Montgomerie ('48-'52), H. R. Morey ('17-'20), S. L. Morrison ('41-'43), B. C. Murphy ('47-'48), G. W. Nicholson ('41-'42), R. B. Niven ('40-'44), D. C. O'Halloran ('21-'24), C. J. Osborn ('49-'52), C. J. Ross ('46-'49), J. D. Saunders ('45-'49), K. G. Slocombe ('48-'49), A. L. Stanton ('42-'44), B. McN. Steele ('39-'41), M. W. Steer ('40-'43), R. J. Stevenson ('47-'51), R. E. Still ('48-'52), Lyn Thompson ('43-'46), R. L. Thompson ('39-'43), Q. A. Thompson ('35-'39), R. Torrens ('43-'45), M. K. Twomey ('39-'42), D. Valentine ('39-'40), L. J. Wild ('46-'48), D. H. M. Wilson ('43-'46), M. G. A. Wilson ('47-'49), J. W. Wood ('41-'45), G. A. Wright ('48-'52), T. B. Wynyard ('44-'47), R. H. C. Wynyard ('39-'42).

The President opened the reunion with a short speech, during which he read apologies from our Headmaster, Mr. McNaught, and 27 Old Boys, and read a telegram received from the School, wishing the reunion every success. He was followed by an interesting speech by Mr. Baunton on current School affairs. This speech was of particular interest to the older Old Boys who had not seen the School for some time. Mr. Baunton mentioned the new additions to the School block, the staff, and sport and School activities in general. Mr. Hatherly spoke about the activities of the Parent Association and the Old Boys' Branch Associations. He entertained the boys with the many amusing incidents that he could recall so well from his long association with the School. Mr. Bottrill spoke with his usual gusto and humour about his School reminiscences.

The reunion ended on a high note of good fellowship. All present left their tables and talked in groups until a late hour.

Much of the credit for this revival of the Branch must go to the President, A. D. Crew, and the Secretary, R. Still. The Association and Committee are also debtors to John McKenzie. It was he who set the ball rolling and gave such invaluable support to the younger members of a provisional committee that was set up earlier in the year.

We hope next year to obtain a really big membership, and to turn on a grand show in August when our First XV. meets Grammar.

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH

The following Old Boys are students at Canterbury College:—

W. G. Thomson, **Neville Beach**, next year's President of the Students' Association, **Wynn Croll**, a prominent tramp and mountaineer, **Ian McKenzie**, **John Bargh**, **Roger Wilkinson**, **Doug Ritchie**, **Bob Mander**, **Bruce Henderson**, **D. J. Hughson**, **Jim Ross**, lecturing in the Geography Department, **Alan Turner**, who was married recently and is going to farm in the Waikato, **Manning Reeves**, **Brian Utting**, **Roland Freaan**, **Maurice McDonald**, who is doing honours in Physics, and **R. K. Pearce**.

G. Hansard is works manager at J. J. Niven Ltd.

M. A. Mills is teaching at the Cathedral Grammar School.

Peter Richardson is working at Kingleith.

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DUNEDIN BRANCH

At the Annual General Meeting held in September J. C. Barrett was elected President and P. Lay Secretary-Treasurer.

Gavin Crowley is working on research in the Physiology Department at the Medical School.

Rex Finch is doing his final year at Dentistry.

John Veale is in his fifth year Medicine and is prominent in music as a member of the University Trio.

S. Lay, Roland Pool and J. C. Barrett are doing third year Medical. Peter Lay is keeping up his cricket and gained a place in the Tournament team.

Colin Crawford, Ailao and R. McGiven are second year Medicals.

R. Calder, Bill Thomas, D. McClellan, Graham Lawson and Laurence Croxson are doing their Dental Intermediate.

I. McPherson and M. Simcock are doing Medical Intermediate, the latter obtaining excellent examination results.

J. B. McGeachen is doing second year Dentistry and Kim Bathgate a Divinity course.

FIJI LETTER

An Old Boys' Reunion Dinner was held at the Garrick Hotel, Suva, on August 28th, 1953. The following, with addresses, were present:

R. F. Parkes, Pearce & Co., Suva; Henry Major, Bank of N.Z. Suva; Allen O. Wallis, Opunake D.H.S., Opunake, N.Z.; R. Rutherford, R.S.M. Fiji Artillery; B. Wallis, Bank of N.Z., Suva; C. S. Boulton, Flight-Lieut. R.N.Z.A.F.; D. Peters, O/C. Dental Unit, Fiji; Ernie Mosen, Corporal R.N.Z.A.F.; T. Williams, Custom's Officer, Fiji; W. I. Scott, Captain in Dental Corps; W. Hughes, F/Officer R.N.Z.A.F.; N. Proctor, Staff, Suva Grammar School.

Those attending gave reports of other Old Boys: N. Brown, Accountant, Hayman Island Hotel; B. D. G. Lawlor, Pearce & Co., Fiji; T. Kea, Atiu Island, Chief in Charge of Native Affairs; Maurice Abrahams, Overseer in Colonial Sugar Company; Fred. Smith, Copra Station Manager, Lancela Island; Stanley Smith, Secretary, Nadarivatu Timber Company; Basil Hooper, Deputy-Commander Fiji Police; D. Major, Fiji Military Forces, Malaya; L. S. Kempthorn, Anglican Bishop of Polynesia; W. A. Monk, Controller of Exports Prices and Foreign Exchange; W. W. Bentley, Pearce & Co.; John Wisdom, Manager Tasman Airways, Suva; Terry Fenton, Public Works Dept., Suva; H. B. Gibson, Solicitor, Labasa, Fiji; Gerald Barrack, Survey Dept., Suva; Herbert Smith, Maurice Hedstrom's Ltd., Levuka, Fiji; L. Paterson, pupil at Suva Grammar School; B. M. Cook, Captain in Fiji Airways.

In Memoriam

FRANCIS JOHN EGGLETON.

The passing of Francis John Eggleton (known to so many of us as plain "Eggie") will be read with regret by all those masters and boys who were at School with him during those wonderful years of 1920 to 1936. As a colleague of his almost the whole of that period I would say that no other master has so held the affection

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of all as "Eggie." But when I try to state the reason for this, I find it rather puzzling. In class he took only junior forms, but on the playing fields and in the gymnasium he was truly a mighty man. By his interest and participation in all manly sports and pastimes he endeared himself to all. I would say that the School's remarkable rise to fame in this sphere was due considerably to his knowledge and enthusiasm. But we loved him too for his qualities as a man—he was so loyal to the School, so helpful to his colleagues on the staff, so kind and good-natured to the boys. In all the years I knew him I never heard him utter an unkind word. He was indeed a true friend to us all.

After he left the School he maintained the very closest connection with it, and was the rallying point for Old Boys in Wellington for many years. His presence made the Wellington Old Boys' Association the strong body that it is to-day. The School indeed has lost one of its greatest men; but his name will still live on in the minds of all those who thought so much of him.

A.J.P.

GENERAL NEWS

Many Old Boys have visited the School during the year. Among them were: I. Launder, Group-Captain C. A. Turner, J. Weston, J. B. Mooney, L. W. Lovell, L. Herdman, G. Ingram, S. Purvis, V. Grut, C. Keig, M. N. Alsweiler, T. C. Fookes, S. F. Fookes, A. Wyld-Brown, C. Strombom, L. D. Cartwright, D. H. P. Richardson, K. Willcox, Dr. A. M. O. Veale, Dr. I. D. Auld, A. C. Fookes, J. H. Elliott, Rex Whyteross, Barrie Moss, M. Gray, R. Syme, V. Stace, D. W. T. Mason, J. I. Chambers, R. W. Bell, K. Grant, I. Bayly, G. Vogtherr, B. R. Dill, L. Eggleton, L. M. Papps, K. Wetere, R. S. V. Simpson, N. A. Worker, H. P. Webster, G. C. P. Hine, G. L. Sutherland, I. Scott.

P. M. McCaw was recently awarded a travelling scholarship of the N.Z. Soc. of Accountants entitling him to two years study overseas. He has had a successful university career and is at present President of the Victoria College Students' Association.

F/Lieut. T. S. Knapman who has been with the B.O.A.C. since 1946 is now flying Comet aircraft.

We regret to record the death of Albert W. Moverley at Birmingham, England, on October 27th. He was Head Prefect of the School in 1927 and had a successful career both here and as an Old Boy. While in the sixth form he completed his B.A. degree, a unique achievement in the School's history. He graduated M.A. with honours at Otago University College and later gained a Diploma in Education. While teaching at Wanganui College in 1948 he accepted a contract with the British Colonial Service to establish a school on Pitcairn Island. He set about this work with enthusiasm and outstanding success and two special postage stamps were issued to commemorate his work. He was awarded a research scholarship in philology at Birmingham University and was studying for another degree at the time of his death.

Wing Commander J. R. Bloxam, R.A.F., has been seconded for duty at the Staff College, Virginia, U.S.A., for a year, and will then spend two years as liaison officer attached to one of the United States fleets.

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L. Pruden recently wrote the incidental music for Noel Coward's play, "Still Life." The composition has attracted considerable interest among music critics in London.

J. W. Wright visited the School while on furlough at the end of last year. When interviewed he said: "There is virtually no colour problem in Nigeria. Nigerians had a full share in the shaping of Government policy and the majority of Ministers were Africans. Europeans in the territory actually had no permanent right to be there and he considered the time would come when the people would be able to control the country themselves. As to how far distant that time would be he could not even hazard a guess. One great need in the territory was for trained teachers. At present a mass education system was being carried out, the chief object of which was to eliminate illiteracy."

Dr. R. E. Tingey has left New Zealand for London to continue his studies in eye, ear, nose and throat.

O. M. Pritchard has graduated L.L.M. with honours at Auckland University College.

Wilfred G. A. Taylor died suddenly on November 19th. He had been in the Health Department for thirty years. He leaves a wife and six children.

R. O. Sinclair has been appointed Chief Justice of Nyasaland. Old Boys join in congratulating him on his selection for this high office.

We regret to record the death of **Jack Cowan Bayly**, who was killed in a motor accident last April. He was 40 years of age.

Lieut.-Colonel A. H. Andrews has been appointed Commandant of Waiouru Military Camp.

W. Debney has been riding in brilliant form in Melbourne amateur cycling events. He has won many coveted trophies.

Dr. C. A. C. Wiggins has been granted a commission in the R.N.Z.A.F.

J. H. Percy, after graduating B.E. and B.Sc. at Auckland University College, has been awarded a two years' travelling scholarship by the Shell Company of New Zealand.

We congratulate **F. T. Bellringer**, **Captain T. M. Fenton**, **L. F. W. Lovell**, **D. F. C. Saxton** and **A. B. Scanlan** on their award of Coronation Medals.

D. Venables and **B. Scrivener** were members of the New Zealand Band which toured Britain this year.

A letter was received recently from **S. A. Gilhooly**. He is a Staff Sergeant stationed in Malaya.

L. Jillett has joined the staff of the Sydney Morning Herald. He has written a book entitled "Wings Across the Tasman."

N. H. W. Amon was this year's winner of the Hawke's Bay Amateur Golf Championship.

Ernest Oxenham died at Te Puke as a result of a shooting accident on July 17th. We extend our sympathy to his wife and children, two of whom were boarders attending the School.

F. R. Hatherly is studying Physical Education in Denmark.

B. V. Dee has been appointed assistant Town Clerk at Taramarunui.

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M. F. Petheram has had an outstanding career at Cambridge. He gained 1st Class Honours in Modern Languages, won the Tasker Prize for the best scholar in Modern Languages and was made Honorary Scholar of St. Catherine's, the highest award of his College.

R. B. Horner has settled in Wellington after 25 years' service with the Colonial Service in Malaya. In the New Year's Honours he was made an officer of the Order of the British Empire. The Citation states: "For outstanding professional services during the past 25 years and for successful and positive action in connection with the Malayan Emergency against militant Communism." He has since been appointed to the staff of the Technical Correspondence Civil Engineering.

Another O.B.E. award, in the Coronation Honours list, was made to **H. Temple White** for his long and valuable contribution to the musical life of Wellington. He was at School from 1893-95.

Senior Under Officer R. L. Launders have achieved a rare distinction among New Zealand graduates of the Royal Military College, Duntroon. At a graduation ceremony with seven other New Zealanders, he was presented with the sword of honour for exemplary conduct and performance of duty during the last four years.

J. B. Mooney has been studying farming in America for the past year.

J. H. Boon has returned from a tour of Britain, Europe and America. He was recently elected to the New Plymouth Harbour Board.

The death occurred recently of one of the School's oldest Old Boys, **Sydney Mason Cottier**. For fifty years he played a prominent part in the musical and sporting life of New Plymouth.

Mr. C. G. Bottrill paid his annual visit to the School in May. Old Boys who have visited him at Leigh include **Grevis Gotz**, **Nigel MacLeod**, **Derek Laws**, **Alan Stormont**, **Owen Henry**, **Harold Service**, **Bob Wynyard**, **Bob Taylor**, with his bride, and **D. Jillett**.

Sub-Lieut. D. A. Christoffel has returned to England to take a special research course.

H. M. Purser was manager of the N.Z. Badminton team which recently toured Australia. Only one match was lost on the tour.

R. Matthews has returned from an extensive tour of Britain, Europe and America.

In America he was taken to a 400-acre arboretum in Washington and was puzzled by the absence of any visitors. He was told the public were not allowed into the park except on an occasional Sunday. Even then, they had to keep their cars moving and had no chance to inspect the plants at close quarters. The reason for the exclusion of the public was the damage they might do to the gardens. This ruling was in striking contrast to Britain where the public could visit Kew Gardens and Wisley without any restrictions.

His impressions of three of the countries he toured were:—

France: A "sick country" where many of the villages looked dirty and neglected.

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Spain: A delightful place to visit, with its sunshine, churches, window-boxes and wrought-iron gates. The Spaniards had a great love of beauty, shown in many of the things they made like the elaborately painted thimbles and knives he brought home.

Germany: A country of amazing industry where factories were working 48 hours a week; where the rebuilding of industry had taken priority over the rebuilding of houses.

But of all the places he saw on his trip, during which he flew more than 30,000 miles, he liked England, with Forest ponies and birds, and its memorable gardens, the most. It was impossible to describe the beauty of the countryside; he could convey it only by showing the thousands of feet of film he recorded in colour during his trip, the fourth he has made to Britain and the United States.

Pilot-Officers R. S. Ford and I. H. Oliver have qualified as service pilots at Wigram and are training as flying instructors.

We regret to record the death of **Pilot-Officer Ronald M. Bent** who was reported missing in England on October 14th. His body was later recovered from the sea near the estuary of the River Parrot, north of Bridgwater. A distress signal had been received at base stating that he was abandoning his aircraft. He was at School from 1943 to 1945. He showed good ability both in class work and in outside activities. On leaving he trained as a Primary School teacher and later taught at Urenui. At the time of his death he was 24 years of age.

Many Old Boys will have learned with deep regret of the death of **Keith Gladstone Russell** and **Andrew Lornie** in the Mt. Egmont tragedy on July 26th. Keith Russell was at School from 1941-45. At the end of last year he returned from a trip overseas during which he climbed the Matterhorn. He was an excellent mountaineer, always cheerful and enthusiastic, and he had been selected for the Himalayan expedition next year. He had a wide Primary School teaching experience and was on the staff of the Central School at the time of his death. **Andrew Lornie**, who left School last year, was only 17 years of age. He also had shown considerable promise in the career he had chosen. Old Boys join in assuring relatives of our sympathy in the shock and bereavement they have suffered.

Captain C. Griffiths, chief pilot of Tasman Airways, will be Assistant Commander of the Solent flying-boat which will carry the Queen on her visit to Lautoka and Nukualofa. Captain Griffiths has crossed the Tasman more than 1000 times and holds the record for the highest number of Tasman crossings. He is a mileage millionaire, having flown more than two million miles. To date his flying hours exceed 11,000.

Ian Aylward, who has lived in Durban, South Africa, for the past fifteen years, is spending six months' furlough in New Zealand. Speaking of Durban, he said: "Life can be very pleasant in the winter, when the climate of the Union's busiest port is at its best. There is less home life than in New Zealand. The hotels open at 10 a.m. and do not close until 11.30 p.m. Cricket, of course, along with Rugby, are the two most popular sports, but becoming more popular every year is bowls. I belong to one of about two dozen

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clubs in Durban which between them have 3000 members. Golf is played a great deal, too, but at week-ends the courses are so crowded that it is difficult to enjoy the game."

The death occurred in Auckland recently of **John B. Skinner**. He was in Carrington House from 1943 to 1946.

G. R. Paul, serving on the H.M.S. "Vanguard" in England, sends the following account of the training ship, "Foudroyant," which is the oldest ship remaining afloat in the world to-day.

To all loyal citizens of the Empire, Portsmouth holds great interest with its many historical associations, but to all who have an interest in the Royal Naval history which is associated with Portsmouth, there are two ships of supreme importance there.

The "Victory," Lord Nelson's flagship at Trafalgar, October 21st, 1805, is one of them, and she lies to-day, in all her majestic glory, in the dry dock inside the Royal Naval Dockyard. The other ship which I am writing about to-day is the frigate "Foudroyant," which lies at anchor off H.M.S. "Dolphin," the Royal Navy's submarine training establishment at the entrance to Portsmouth Harbour. She is used now as a training ship for Sea Scouts, Rangers and youth organisations from all over Britain.

"Foudroyant" was built in Bombay, India, in 1817 by a Parsee Master-Shipbuilder, Jamssetji Wadia, who constructed 15 vessels for the Royal Navy about this time. The lines were taken from the French frigate "Hebe," captured in 1782. As Naval Architecture was a more highly developed science in France than in England at the time, "Foudroyant" became the fastest vessel afloat in the Royal Navy. She was very heavily sparred and carried an enormous area of canvas for her size and she was capable of being driven at 14 knots with the wind on the quarter. She carried a complement of 280 officers and men and her armament consisted of 40 guns giving a broadside weight of 850 pounds.

During the years of peace which followed her launching, she was laid up in reserve, but in 1847 was recommissioned, and under the command of Captain R. L. Warren saw service in the North American and West Indies Station. She paid off in Devonport in 1851, but the following year was brought back, and under Captain Wallace Houston, rounded Cape Horn and took her share of patrolling the trade routes during the Russian War.

After paying off at Chatham in 1858, she was used as a training ship for the Royal Naval Reserve at various ports at home until 1893, when she was taken to be scrapped.

She was found, however, to be still perfectly sound and was bought by Mr. G. Wheatly Cobb, who renovated her at his own expense and used her as nautical training ship. At Mr. Cobb's death she was presented to the "Implacable" Committee by his widow, and the two vessels performed valuable service as training ships until the outbreak of hostilities in 1939, when the establishments closed down. They were used as store ships during the war, and when they were paid off in 1945, "Implacable" had deteriorated beyond repair and was towed out to sea and sunk.

"Foudroyant," built of teak from the forests of Malabar, is still, to-day, 136 years after being built, as sound as a bell, and

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she alone, of the old sailing navy of Nelson's time remains afloat—a monument to the skill of her builders and to the lasting qualities of teak for marine construction.

To-day, she is fulfilling an extremely important and fitting task, as a holiday training ship for Sea Scouts, Rangers and other youth organisations. Classes of up to 80 are taken for 7-day to 14-day courses throughout the summer months, and instruction is given in elementary seamanship, boat handling under sail, oars and power,—cordage and wire as used in the Service, knots, splices, bends and hitches and signalling, swimming, life-saving and perhaps most of all, the sense of comradeship which comes of living together as a ship's company in a man-of-war. As a result of their first experiences of sea life obtained on board "Foudroyant," many later join the Service as Boy-Seamen and Wrens.

One of the proudest moments in the ship's long history was on June 16th of this year, when Her Majesty the Queen passed closely on board H.M.S. "Surprise" to review the fleet at Spithead.

The immaculate dress and bearing of the Rangers who made up her ship's company on that memorable day, earned the praise and admiration of all who saw them. They were inspected by Admiral Edelston, Admiral Commanding Portsmouth, who flew his flag on board "Foudroyant."

This proud and noble ship, which has contributed so much in service to the Nation, can look forward to a future no less active nor important than her past. By fostering the nautical interest of our youth, she is fulfilling a very important task, and the efficient and seamanlike manner in which the ship is run, and the routine carried out, is an example to the rest of the Service, and a credit to her Captain, Commander M. S. Spalding, D.S.O., R.N. (Retired) and his staff of instructors.

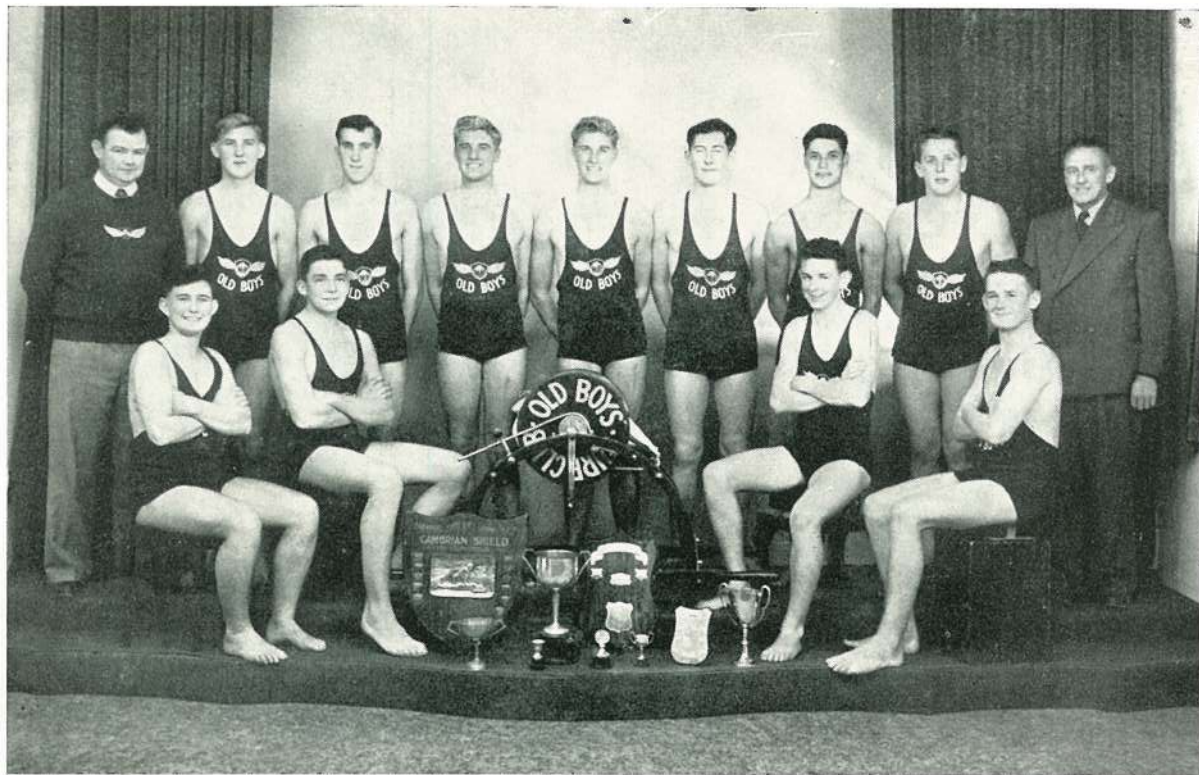
OLD BOYS IN KOREA

The most recent list of Old Boys in Korea includes these names: Sig. T. W. Rewiti, Gnr. P. J. Allen, Gnr. S. W. Softe, Gnr. I. McLeod, Gnr. Petty, Bdr. J. Mellsop, Sig. R. Waters, 2nd Lieutenant T. W. Thompson, 2nd Lieutenant C. E. Hatherly, Captain M. Munro.

Captain Maurice Munro wrote from Korea at the beginning of September:—

"Christmas came and went fairly quietly for the Regiment. The Chows as usual called off the shooting war almost entirely, which was decent of them. One thing they did not do was call off their loudspeakers which used to give over a constant tirade at night. There would be some music, fairly old tunes mostly, followed by some character telling us to go home and stop fighting for the Wall Street capitalists or Imperialist Americans. Sitting in an O.P. at 1 or 2 a.m. and listening to this coming across the snow was rather eerie, because my O.P. was about 900 to 1000 yards from the probable place where the speaker was. It got on the Aussies' nerves a bit because they were in the forward company. They'd scream abuse at Chow with no apparent avail.

"Then in December, the Regiment fired its half millionth round since its arrival in Korea. There was a short bit of natter by the C.O. and one or two others and then a special gun crew of sergeants with the R.S.M. as the W.O.I, came 'crashing' into action in front of the official stand. The four battalion commanders then each



N.P. OLD BOYS' SURF TEAMS—1953 ;

Winners of Taranaki Six-man Championship; Taranaki Four-man Championship; 5th N.Z. Final Six-man Championship; Taranaki Junior Beltman; McAlpine Silver Medal for Half-mile Open Surf Race.

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fired a mike (or regimental) target to bring the number of rounds fired to 499,000. Then the gun was given a special target and set of orders, loaded and reported ready. The C.R.A. pulled the lever to send the shell on its way. A few of us more bloody-minded than others were hoping for a misfire and we thought we had our hopes realised because the C.R.A. didn't pull the lever hard enough first time.

"Since May 12th, I have been Battery Captain of No. 2 Battery. It's a 'base job,' although of course that can never be admitted to anyone in the Regiment when they start talking about bludger's jobs. By 'base' I mean that you are in the battery area always, not at an O.P. except for relieving possibly, and you don't get night duties."

CRICKET HONOURS FOR OLD BOYS

From the School's point of view, cricket history was made during the last cricket season when two Old Boys, E. M. (Ted) Meuli and L. S. M. (Laurie) Miller were selected for the first test against South Africa. Previously the School had produced only one New Zealand cricketer, M. P. Donnelly, who certainly brought honour to the School by appearing in 59 first-class games, including seven tests, and holding a personal record of the highest score by a New Zealander in a test, 206 against England at Lords in 1949.

The three were almost contemporary at School. Martin Donnelly was in the First XI, from 1931 to 1936, Laurie Miller from 1938 to 1940 and Ted Meuli from 1940-44. All Old Boys will wish to congratulate Meuli and Miller for this new honour they have brought on the School. The records of both are impressive.

Ted Meuli entered the School in 1939 and immediately attracted attention as one already in possession of style and strokes. He was



placed in a special coaching group and after a year in the Third XI, was elevated to the First XI, although he was still small. Always sound, he developed slowly and by 1942 was making good scores. He topped the School batting averages in the 1942-43 and 1943-44 seasons and made a very good century against Nelson College in 1944.

In the 1945-46 season he was selected in the Auckland Plunket Shield side and scored an aggregate of 109 in three matches. He then returned to Taranaki and since the establishment of the Central Districts Plunket Shield area he has been a regular member of the side. The 1952-53 season was easily

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his best. In addition to his selection for New Zealand he finished the season fifth in the New Zealand first class batting averages with an average of 52 which included a century against Otago. We shall watch his future with interest.

Laurie Miller came to School in 1938 already an accomplished cricketer and went almost straight into the First XI. He remained only three years but during that time he topped the School batting averages in the seasons 1939-40 and 1940-41. He made no very big scores at School but was usually amongst the runs. He developed a very solid defence and his chief scoring shots were a very correctly played but most forceful cover drive and a left-hander's leg hit. While still at School Laurie was selected for Taranaki in 1940, played in Hawke Cup games and made a courageous unbeaten half century against an Auckland Plunket Shield side. He was also selected in the Minor Association's team to play Wellington that year.

After the war Laurie was undecided whether to continue with cricket or to succumb to the fascination of fishing. Fortunately the formation of the Central District's Association gave him a fresh opportunity.

During the 1951-52 season and our 1952 winter Laurie deliberately sought experience overseas. He played first grade cricket in Sydney and then in Ireland where he had such success that his selection for the international game against Scotland was almost assured when he had to leave for home. His performance in the 1952-53 season is well known. Playing for Central Districts he scored 103 not out, 128 not out, 89 not out and 77 in consecutive innings, giving him a total of 397, which is a New Zealand record. His selection for the two tests against South Africa was automatic and although, as expected, he was less successful, he scored 74 runs in three innings. At the end of the season his Plunket Shield average was 157 and his first class average 90.83, the top for New Zealand. For this performance he was awarded the Redpath Shield.

Laurie has added further to his impressive record by winning selection in the team to tour South Africa, where we shall watch his performance with tremendous interest.



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MEMORIAL HALL FUND

Since the last issue of the Taranakian the following donations have been received:

Total November 1953	£8115	11	6
Otago Old Boys	1	1	0
Mrs. M. Crawford	25	0	0
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Total (less accrued interest)	£8141	12	6

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CROAD—FRANCIS.—Leedom Pearl, youngest daughter of Mrs. D. Francis, New Plymouth, to Colin Edward, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Croad, Wellington.

OKEY—BOTTRILL.—Dorothy Margaret, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bottrill, Leigh, to Edwin David, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Okey, New Plymouth.

SNELLING—GILMOUR.—Judith Katherine, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gilmour, Invercargill, to Desmond Lazelle, second son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Snelling, New Plymouth.

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- SHAW—BLYDE.—Frances Susan, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Blyde, "Hollington," Lepperton, to Stanley Wakefield, third son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Shaw, New Plymouth.
- AYSON—KEMP.—Marie Aileen, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Kemp, Eltham, to John Faulkner, elder son of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Ayson, New Plymouth.
- HOOKE—BETHELL.—Nancye, daughter of Mrs. G. C. Bethell, "Te Hensa," Waitakere, Auckland, to Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hooker, New Plymouth.
- GRAYLING—MAINLAND.—Mary Wyllie, daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. R. F. Mainland, New Plymouth, to Malcolm Campbell, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Grayling, New Plymouth.
- BARNES—LESTER.—Yvonne Mavis, only daughter of Mrs. D. V. Lester and the late Mr. H. V. Lester, to Alan Merrich, second son of Mr. V. J. Barnes and the late Mrs. M. M. Barnes, New Plymouth.
- BURLING—MCGREGOR.—Rachel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Burling, Dannevirke, to Barclay, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. McGregor, Dannevirke.

MARRIAGES

- DALGLEISH—FRETHEY.—At St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth on June 1st, 1953, Lillian May (Betty), second daughter of Mrs. F. A. 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.
- MILN—FLAVELL.—At St. Luke's Church, Te Kuiti, 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.
- COLLINGS—HEBDEN.—At St. Peter's Anglican Church, Paekakariki, on April 4th, 1953, Thelma Betty, only daughter of Mrs. Hebdon and the late Mr. W. H. Hebdon, Paekakariki, to Edward William, only son of Mrs. Collings and the late Mr. E. Collings, New Plymouth.
- WILSON—CRAMER-ROBERTS.—At St. George's Church, Papatoetoe, on December 3rd, 1953, Joan Beatrice, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cramer-Roberts, Papatoetoe, to David Henry Morrison Wilson.
- WORTH—WINDSOR.—At the Baptist Tabernacle, Auckland, on September 6th, 1952, Natalie Jeanette, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Windsor, to Peter Anderson, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Worth.
- SCHOU—RAMSAY.—At St. Aubyn Street Methodist Church, New Plymouth, Pamela Rose, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Schou, New Plymouth, to William James, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ramsay, New Plymouth.
- CAMPBELL—SOWMAN.—On October 3rd, 1953, Hale Emily, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Sowman, Hastings, to Brian Douglas, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. R. F. Campbell, Hastings.

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- GRANT—McCORMICK.—On May 9th, 1953, Barbara, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McCormick, Waipukurau, to Leslie Ogilvie, eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Grant, Waipukurau.
- MOODY—HANSARD.—On May 17th, 1952, at St. John's Church, Wellington, Ruth Prudence Moody to Selwyn Alevander Hansard.

BIRTHS

- HATHERLY.—To Second-Lieut. and Mrs. C. R. Hatherly; a son.
- BURN.—To Mr. and Mrs. Max Burn; a son.
- PROCTOR.—To Mr. and Mrs. N. Proctor, Suva, Fiji; a daughter.
- HINE.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Hine; a daughter.
- JUDD.—To Mr. and Mrs. E. W. B. Judd; a son.
- HALL.—To Mr. and Mrs. Don Hall; a daughter.
- WOOD.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wood, Auckland; a daughter.
- WHITE.—To Mr. and Mrs. Francis White; a son.
- QUAY.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Quay; a daughter.
- LOBB.—To Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Lobb; a daughter.
- SCANLAN.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Scanlan; a daughter.
- SHEAT.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sheat; a son.
- HUGHSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. Ian Hughson; a daughter.
- LANDER.—To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lander; a son.
- HONNOR.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Honnor; a son.
- GEDEN.—To Mr. and Mrs. L. Geden; a son.
- BERTRAND.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Bertrand; a daughter.
- BRIGGS.—To Mr. and Mrs. T. Briggs; a son.
- LEPPER.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Lepper; a son.
- FLEMING.—To Mr. and Mrs. S. Fleming; a son.
- ELMES.—To Mr. and Mrs. N. Elmes; a son.
- VEALE.—To Dr. and Mrs. A. M. O. Veale; a son.
- MURLEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. Stan Murley; a daughter.
- AYLING.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Ayling, Hawke's Bay; a son.
- PEACH.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Peach; a son.
- THOMSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomson; a son.
- ARCHIBALD.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Archibald; a son.
- RIELLY.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. H. A. Rielly; a son.
- TINGEY.—To Dr. and Mrs. N. Tingey; a son.
- EVERY.—To Mr. and Mrs. Rashleigh Avery; a son.
- SNOWDON.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. Snowdon; a daughter.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

ESTABLISHED 1882

FEES (per term)—

Board: £44, reducible to £41 if paid within 30 days.

Preparatory: £6, reducible to £5/10/-.

Dinner for Day Boys: £4/4/-.

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 1954 are as follows:—

First Term	..	February 2nd to May 7th.
Second Term	..	May 25th to August 20th.
Third Term	..	September 14th to December 15th.

