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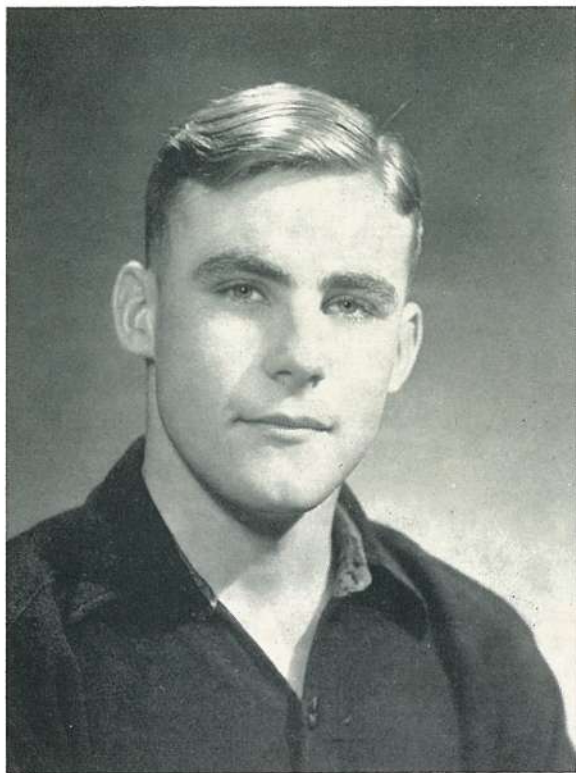
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EDITORIAL

THE DAY BOY AND HIS POSITION IN THE SCHOOL

IN addition to its function of training for a vocation the aim of education should be to help each child to understand himself as a person and in relation to society. Since the most crucial period of self-discovery is from 13-18 it follows that the secondary school has the important task of preparing the pupil for his place as a citizen in society, together with the development of character. These then, should be the criteria of the effect of the school on the Day Boy.

In the development of the School over the next few years the Day Boy will become increasingly important as the school is predicted to reach a roll of approximately 1000. It is unlikely that the Boarding establishment will expand to any great extent and so the Day Boy roll could become around 700-800. This large number of Day Boys constitutes a definite problem in the degree to which the school should enter into their lives and to which they are to influence the school.

There is at present a feeling among some Day Boys that the school is organised for the Boarders and while they give the school unity, solidity and much of its driving force, the Day Boys by sheer numbers, can be potentially a much greater force in the life of the school. The same feeling is prevalent among the group who form the early leavers, although it is directed against the rest of the school as a whole. This is probably due to an attitude among seniors that these boys form only a minority group and as such have little influence on the school.

This group of early leavers is made up of those who leave at the statutory age and those interested in short term secondary education as a necessary qualification for many apprenticeships. For

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those who leave at 15 the school cannot do more than round off their education and give them some idea of the fields of endeavour that still lie open to them, but for the others the school can and should encourage them to enter into school functions and activities. It is true that their interests, friends and ambitions may lie outside school life but it must be realised that the character of the school depends on a contribution by all from which all benefit by wider interests and broader experience. This problem of interesting them in the school should be fully appreciated by masters and boys alike and a greater effort made to imbue in them the "school spirit."

A difficulty common to all secondary schools is the assimilation of the new boy into the way of life of the school. From general experience it seems that it is only in his second or third year that the school comes to mean anything to the Day Boy and have any real effect on the development of his character. For a Boarder this period is naturally shorter for he is in direct contact with the school all the time—for nine months of the year and for up to four years in his life it is his major environment. Most third form Day Boys enter high school with a spirit of keenness because of the vivid tales they have heard during their primary school days of the broader life of the secondary school but, unless they are exceptional at sport and so enter a school sport's team, they have little chance to satisfy this enthusiasm and may even become disappointed. Here we see the importance of Rugby and Cricket to school life. For this type of boy school begins at 8.30 and finishes at 3.30—nothing more; and only in his second, or more usually his third year, is he interested by the school and all that it has to offer. He has missed the greatest influence that the school can have on his whole personality through no fault of his own. His education is incomplete, consisting of the mere assimilation of technical detail in the classroom and the few contributions that the relatively unnatural atmosphere of the classroom can make. This period before the pupil really means anything to the school or school to pupil accounts for part of the difficulty involved with early leavers. The remedy, as in their case, is to interest the boy in the school, encouraged by the helpful comradeship of senior boys and an energetic House System.

The change from primary to secondary school in atmosphere, school work and sport is very great and the new pupil needs a little control and direction. Whether he becomes a useful member of the school appears to be left to himself and not enough effort seems to be made to integrate him with the school.

Tradition plays a great part in any school and to the Boarder and Day Boy alike is the most potent influence on his life at school. Tradition can be defined as those unwritten laws or codes influencing a group and held to be of supreme authority, but in its effect it goes much deeper. It sets the standards for present boys and forever there are comparisons with the individuals and teams of the past. Here we can see the influence of the school's first sports teams especially Rugby and Cricket. The St. Pat.'s match in this respect is one of the most important events of the year, for it unites the school completely in one bond of enthusiasm and "school spirit."

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Closely connected with tradition is loyalty to one's House. The Boarders place this on a very high level since the House represents to them for much of their adolescence their "home." Naturally we would expect loyalty to House to have greater emphasis placed on it than in Day-Boy Houses, but should the difference be as great as it is at present? The Day-Boy House system was instituted in 1939 and this has been the most important step taken to try to reduce the very diffuse nature of a single Day-Boy system. Unfortunately, apart from competition in sport this system has little, or is having little effect on the life of many Day Boys. It should have a much greater effect, for it alone appears to be able to induce a spirit of enthusiasm among Day Boys. The general apathy and lack of interest shown by many would be reduced if the Day-Boy House system could be given an emphasis approaching that of the Boarders and carried out in a similar manner. It is important that Day Boys should realise that there is no lack of ability among them—their continued failure in inter-house fixtures is due to their inability to create the unity which is the strength of the Boarders.

Possibly the greatest difficulty with the Day Boys is the extent to which boys should be disciplined. During school hours and school activities the discipline effected by a flexible set of rules is adequate but it is out of school hours where the main problem lies. The whole idea of uniforms and wearing one's cap merely scratches at the surfaces of a problem which is basic and fundamental.

Any authority prefects have over boys outside normal school hours depends in a large measure on the individual boy himself. If the school has meant anything to him and if it has influenced his character then it will be reflected in his response to discipline. Likewise his family life and the attitude of his parents will determine his reaction to such authority.

The whole idea of House systems and discipline leads up to the vital question—how great a part should the school play in the life of the Day Boys. Most people would agree that it should be greater than it is at present for together with the family the school forms the complete environment—his surrounding conditions influencing growth and development, in which his character grows and expands. This is in agreement with the aim of modern education which states that the assimilation of knowledge about specific and often purely academic subjects is only part of a boy's education. The important factor is that this character development cannot be completed in the classroom but must be amplified to a great degree outside normal school hours. It is the association with other boys and the formation of friendships made in outside activities that are so important. The encouragement of these pursuits is the responsibility of boys and masters alike and under a vigorous and energetic house system such activities flourish.

The influence of the family and the school in the development of character cannot be divorced—both are complementary. Where, however, parents and the school are in disharmony or where parents do not carry out their full responsibility a strain is placed on the child who may then enter society unprepared and unbalanced.

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It would seem then, that in the case of the Day Boy the school is carrying out successfully its function to prepare boys for a vocation. In respect to that portion of his character which may be called the moral and social it is doubtful whether the school is having the influence it could on the boy in the first two years and certainly it is having little effect on the early leavers. Even after the initial period of assimilation it is not influencing as many as it could and this problem requires an immediate solution if the Day Boy is to derive the utmost benefit from his presence in a secondary school.

R. S. Crosson.

Breaking-Up Ceremony

A large gathering filled the Assembly Hall on the afternoon of December the 10th for the Annual Break-up and Prize-giving Ceremony. Those present on the platform were the Mayor, Mr. E. O. E. Hill, and Mrs. Hill, Mr. E. P. Aderman, M.P., and Mrs. Aderman, the Chairman of the Board, Mr. H. R. Billing, and Board Members. The guest speaker, Mr. F. W. Gilligan, presented the academic and special prizes, and Mrs. Aderman presented the Special Sports Awards.

The Headmaster, welcoming Mr. Gilligan, commented on the friendly rivalry which had existed since 1918 between the New Plymouth Boys' High School and Wanganui Collegiate. Mr. Gilligan's views on sport were similar to his and the success of Wanganui Collegiate both on and off the sports field had been due largely to his fine work. After wishing Wanganui Collegiate prosperity, and Mr. Gilligan a long and active retirement, the Headmaster made a few comments on the school's year.

The year had been one of increasing rolls and staff shortages but despite this the School had won two national scholarships and had obtained good results in accountancy.

The headmaster thanked the Governors, the teaching and boarding staffs, the head boy and his prefects, the Ministers of Religion and the Old Boys, for their help and support throughout the year.

As Mr. Gilligan rose to speak he received a tremendous ovation from the school. This was a fitting tribute to a man who for many years had been so closely associated with the School. His hospitality at the Wanganui Collegiate had been unequalled and the encouragement he had given our visiting teams had been greatly appreciated.

After saying how pleased he was to be present, Mr. Gilligan discussed the accusation that the boys of today were decadent. The statement was all poppycock and moonshine, he said and he told the boys to forget it. Today's boys were exposed to more temptations than previously, he continued, but with a good home and school they successfully met life's ills.

Mr. Gilligan laughingly commented that his only grumble was that he had not seen Mt. Egmont up to that time, although he was confident he would see it on his journey home.

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After congratulating the Headmaster, the staff and pupils on the School's excellent year, Mr. Gilligan left his best wishes for the future.

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Drawing Prize: B. Chong.
Music Prizes (presented by Mr. H. C. Collier): R. G. W. Leversha, (presented by Mrs. J. Davie), J. S. Orams.
Reading Prizes: In Chapel (presented by an Old Boy): T. Mataio.
In Assembly: G. K. Sigley. Senior (Mr. Hewson's Prize): B. C. Beetham. Junior: J. J. Terris.
Tabor Scholarships: English, P. J. Lloyd. Science: D. J. Barnes. Engineering: B. A. Tinsley.
Bendall Memorial Essay Prize: B. S. Bellringer.
White Memorial Prize: R. S. Crosson.
Senior Latin Prize (presented by Mr. Ron Syme): F. R. Routley.
Heurtley Memorial Prize: B. C. Beetham.
General Excellence Prize (Cup presented by the late Dr. Fookes): R. H. Graham.
Head Boy's Prize (Cup presented by Mrs. Brookman): R. H. Graham.
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Old Boys' Challenge Cup (100 Yards Senior Championship): G. G. Julian.
Challenge Cup (220 Yards Junior Championship): P. J. Lloyd.
Bennett Cup (100 Yards Under 14 Championship): G. Richards.
1911 Cup (Senior Steeplechase): T. W. Verney.
Bryce Cup (Senior Steeplechase Fastest Time): C. S. Horrill.
H. Smith Cup (Junior Steeplechase): M. J. Sexton.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

Easton Memorial Cup (Junior Steeplechase Fastest Time): M. J. Sexton.

Noakes Cup (Under 14 Steeplechase): W. H. Brett.

Hansard Cup (Inter-House): Pridham (D. G. Lloyd).

"Old Boys" Cup (Old Boys Race): C. Kelg.

SWIMMING—

Sykes Memorial Cup (Senior Championship): J. D. Raines.

Challenge Cup (Junior Championship): H. J. Rowe.

Fox Cup (Under 14 Championship): I. M. Foreman.

Wilson Shield (Preparatory Championship): B. B. Bosley.

BOXING—

Lepper Cup (Senior Championship): D. E. Thurston.

Kidd Cup (Under 11st.): T. D. S. Smith.

Chivers Cup (under 10st.): J. A. Brimblecombe.

H. Smith Cup (under 9½st.): A. N. Fookes.

Cunningham Cup (Preparatory Lightweight): A. W. Shirtcliffe.

Wallace Shield (Inter-House): Pridham.

TENNIS—

Candy Cup (Senior Singles Championship): B. C. Beetham.

H. Smith Cup (Junior Singles Championship): B. N. C. Tuck.

SHOOTING—

Searle Cup (.303 Short Range Championship): J. P. Simcock.

Kelly Cup (.303 Long Range Championship): J. D. Davies.

McDiarmid Belt (School Championship): J. P. Simcock and D. W. W. Aldworth.

CADETS—

Sole Cup (Best N.C.O.): D. M. Calder.

GYMNASIUM—

Hosking Cup (School Championship): A. W. Smith.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

In my opinion the twelve to one o'clock lunch hour for the High School should be altered to twelve-fifteen to one-fifteen. My reason for the alteration is the avoidance of the congested twelve o'clock and one o'clock rush hour created by the city times for lunch. For ten minutes after twelve and ten minutes before one the streets are very congested with everyone in a hurry. By avoiding this rush of traffic, a major risk of accidents could be avoided.

I am, etc.,

John Carter, 4EB2.

School Notes

School resumed on the 2nd of February with a roll of 826, of whom 286 were boarders. An unusual feature was the great number of 113 boys who entered the Sixth Forms, necessitating the formation of an additional Science form for the Lower Sixth. There is an increase in 94 in the roll from last year.

The annual cricket match against Wanganui was postponed owing to an influenza epidemic, which confined half their number to bed. The match will be played at the end of this term.

On April 30th, Mr. D. Kendrick, an Old Boy, visited the School. He has special distinction since he is the only Old Boy to own a shipping line. As Japan is a terminal of his line, he gave us a very entertaining talk on Japan and Japanese customs.

It was disappointing that the weather treated the outside major sporting attractions so badly. This prevented the School from seeing both the Fijian Cricket match and the Maori All Blacks.

The School saw some excellent films this year, the most notable being the American interpretation of "Julius Caesar." The performances by actors well known in other types of drama, such as John Gielgud as Cassius, and Marlon Brando as Anthony, surprised many who had not expected Hollywood to handle a Shakespearian production so competently. "The Queen's Journey" was a disappointment to many, but this was compensated for by the excellent documentary "The Conquest of Everest."

April Fools' Day again had its host of tricks at the expense of the masters. Pridham House boys awoke on the morning to observe a green Hillman parked in "Herbie's Garden." Later that day the owner was seen industriously supervising the removal of his car by a highly delighted mob of juniors.

May 30th was Commonwealth Youth Sunday and both the Girls' and Boys' High Schools assembled in the Opera House to be addressed by the Mayor, Mr. Hill, whose subject was the movement's motto: "First unto God, then to the Queen."

A distinguished visitor this year was Major Ney, founder of the Commonwealth Youth Movement. As a result, four boys were sent to British Columbia to represent the School at the first conference of this Movement. A fund of £2000 was raised by novel methods. The most popular was the penny raffle and nearly all forms devised some form of it, and types ranged from sweepstakes on the Charles-Marciano fight to Guessing-beans-in-a-bottle and football pools. 4Ag collected many used articles from surrounding farms and the proceeds from the sale of these articles gave them the highest individual form contribution; over £45. The final effort, the street collection, raised the total to the objective.

Two dances, one in the Girls' Gym. and one in the Hall, as well as the annual Boarders' and Prefects' dances, were held. All proved to be excellent functions, and the first two, held in an effort to raise money for the Canadian fund, realised a nett profit of over £25 each.

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This year's performance by the School Choir proved to be the most popular since its inception four years ago. The size and the enthusiasm of the audiences was the reward of three months of diligent practice. From the profit £300 was donated to the funds for the Canadian Youth Movement rally.

Billiards continued to be a popular pastime among the Boarding Prefects this year. On a smooth surface draughts hit by a curtain rod served as balls, and draught boards as cushions. The standard is reported to be high and at one stage "money" flowed freely.

When all known methods including forced labour had been tried to eradicate the kikuyu grass from the top ground, it was resown early in April with high hopes that the encroacher had been removed. Before any growth could begin a strong wind, lasting nearly a week, blew most of the top soil containing the seed down the hill towards the city. The gale is estimated to have caused £100 worth of damage, necessitating a re-sowing, although as a result of it a neighbouring science master's lawn is reported to be thriving on the seed and supporting an even more luxuriant growth than the top ground. After eighteen months' idleness it will be used again for the first time in the middle of November.

At the same time work continued on the Moyes Memorial Cricket Pavilion, which will be opened on the 2nd of December. We have grown accustomed to the controversial design of the clock tower, now commonly referred to as a "meat safe."

The School was visited, early in the second term, by the Rev. E. G. Jansen, recently returned from behind the "bamboo curtain." He gave a most interesting address on conditions in China today, showing both the good and bad effects of Communism on the social and political life of the Chinese people. Frustrated sixth forms tried desperately to recall his remarks on the four freedoms during the mid-term examinations.

The recent statement by a doctor that boys under 18 should not be whacked will doubtless earn him the disapproval of the sterner disciplinarians on the staff.

The construction of seating on the terraces has begun and so far three terraces have been completed, while the material is on hand for work on the remainder.

The School was visited early in the second term by the cornet virtuoso, Ken Smith, who was accompanied on the piano by Brian Barrett, of Hawera. In a quiet, informal manner, he gave a very entertaining hour of cornet music. We were amazed at the tonal quality and the effective rendering of music originally composed for strings, such as Rimsky-Korsokof's "The Flight of the Bumble Bee." We equally enjoyed Brian Barrett's solo, "Mr. Taptoe," but several masters were shown registering disapproval.

The new Rugby rules, introduced this season, were competently explained by Mr. Wallace, and demonstrated by the First Group under his guidance on the bottom ground before a large number



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Back Row: J. D. Raines, G. K. Sigley, J. R. Maclean, C. W. Barclay, P. N. Webb, K. E. Denham, B. W. Moorhead, W. E. Jonas.

Front Row: R. M. Patchett, A. W. Hall, D. G. Lloyd, R. S. Crosson (Head Boy), E. I. Rumball, P. J. Lloyd, J. D. Hanning. Absent: J. R. Brimblecombe.

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of junior players. Some local experts were heard airing their newly acquired knowledge, and one or two attempted to trap Mr. Wallace, but his answers were infallible.

This year must have been the worst for injuries the First XV has ever experienced. During the first game, against Hawera and Stratford Technical High Schools Combined, two players sustained broken limbs, and another received concussion, and after that, no week passed without someone being injured and unable to play on the following Saturday.

School spirit remained as strong as ever after the St. Pats. game, despite our defeat. Inglewood residents remarked that they could hear the noise three minutes before the arrival of the train and were deafened by the volume of the hakas on the station.

At Wanganui this year the First XV broke a hoodoo when they defeated Collegiate on their own ground for the first time since 1948.

This year the bicycle sheds in the quadrangle between Pridham House and the South Block were dismantled. They were re-erected along the walls of the surrounding buildings, and for many weeks the noise of sheets of iron, hammers and voices, mingled inharmoniously with the obviously strained voices of masters. Weeks later the torment (only to the masters) was continued as a new pre-fabricated lab. was erected. This is being built as a result of the increased roll and will be used by junior forms.

The return of the New Zealand Players was greeted enthusiastically, and large numbers of boys attended the evening performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," as well as the matinee.

Arbor Day was observed in the middle of the second term and a kauri, a golden totara and a scarlet oak were planted by the President of the Old Boys' Association, the Head Boy and the Head Boarder. The trees are also intended to commemorate the visit of the Queen to New Plymouth.

The School extends a welcome to the following new masters:—

Mr. Allen, who joined the Staff this year and teaches Mathematics, Latin, English and Woodwork.

Mr. Mendes, who has taken up the position of Physical Instructor left vacant by Mr. Bowden.

Mr. Meuli, an Old Boy and New Zealand Cricket Representative, who came to us from Waitara High School. He is teaching English and Social Studies.

Mr. Mills, also from Waitara, is teaching General Science, Biology and Mathematics.

We learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Gatland. His valuable service to the School will be remembered by all whom he taught. To his wife and sons we extend our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

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The School regrets the retirement of Mr. Papps this year, after his long and faithful service to the School. At his farewell, instead of making the usual formal speech, he seated himself at the top of the steps leading to the stage and spoke to some length on the great heritage which has been passed down to us from the distinguished Old Boys of the School, and urged us always to maintain and surpass the high standards which have been set in the past, particularly on the Rugby field.

Included in Mr. Papps's reminiscences were two amusing instances in which he was the victim of practical jokes. On one occasion he was compelled to give his form an imposition for being "absent without leave" at a school cricket match. The subject was to be "the life story of a dog." The first imposition he read began: "I am the ugliest little bulldog in the world. My name is Podgy." The other incident also involved a bulldog. When he demanded an explanation for the disappearance of his chalk one morning, Mr. Papps was asked to look inside the master's desk. On lifting the lid he was confronted, to his amazement, by a small bulldog placidly awaiting release. He kindly agreed not to give away the class secret so that the joke could be repeated on the next master. For the remainder of the day, to the delight of the form, the accommodating bulldog made his dramatic appearance from the recesses of the desk at the beginning of each period. The dog seemed entirely unaffected by the somewhat disconcerting experience of being confronted by a different master after each incarceration.

Finally Mr. Papps was presented with a number of electrical appliances by the Head Boy as a mark of the esteem in which he is held.

Pridham House was given an overdue face lift early this year. At one stage the house resembled a Canadian log cabin.

In its nation-wide effort to combat the increasing accident rate on the roads, the Traffic Department returned to the School to give lectures and show films. A somewhat naive film portraying a fearsome-looking character named "Mr. Axi-dent," depicted the chief causes of road accidents, and showed how they could be prevented.

After their return from Canada, Graham Sigley, John Raines, Ian Rumball and John Hanning gave very amusing and competent talks on different aspects of their visit. Taking the itinerary, John Raines gave a brief summary of the major events. He was followed by Graham Sigley, who spoke of the geography of British Columbia, and Ian Rumball, who talked about the Canadian people. As he finished, Ian presented Mr. McNaught with an outside cigar about twelve inches long, in appreciation of the work which he had put into the organising of the trip. John Hanning concluded with a summary of the Conference. It appeared that the boys had had some wonderful experiences and we congratulate them on being chosen to represent the School in Canada.

Early in the third term the corvette "Tui" visited New Plymouth, and in two trips took seventy boys to sea for an hour and a-half. Both trips were made in fine weather and proved very interesting

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to those fortunate enough to go. The highlight of the trips was the dropping of depth charges, an operation which most of us had seen previously only on the screen. As well as being shown the mechanism of the artillery, most boys visited the bridge and a few had the opportunity of steering. The erratic course of the ship, observed by less fortunate boys at the school, would have led anyone ignorant of the circumstances to entertain suspicions of piracy and other nefarious practices.

The afternoon after she berthed a team from the "Tui" played the 2nd XI on the lower ground and an enjoyable match ended without any clear result. A member of the School team expressed the hope that he would not be "clapped into irons" for disrespectfully hitting the captain of the "Tui" for a six.

The following morning the School again had contact with the "Tui" when Lieut.-Commander McDowell spoke to us on Trafalgar Day. He gave an entertaining talk on the history and significance of this day, showing his deep interest in his subject. He later presented the School with a photograph of the "Tui" "in appreciation of an afternoon's cricket."

This year the Old Boys' Association ran a raffle in an effort to raise £2000 as a jubilee fund. Half of this will be donated to the School as a present from the Association in Jubilee Year, 1957, while the other half will be used to improve the finances of the Association. We all wish the raffle the best of luck, and at the time of writing the boys have almost reached their target of £600.

Congratulations to H. Wellington on winning the Waikato Winter Show Essay. This is the fourth year the School has entered for, and won, the prize.

Congratulations to West House for again organising a very successful dance. The most attractive feature was the coloured lighting, while another noticeable feature was the prominence of the "Tigers" (the West House 8th Grade team), who were said to be present solely to see that their jerseys did not disappear from the stage, where they were artistically hung for decoration.

Frequent changes have been made to the ground staff and we were all pleased to see Jack Negus back after three years' absence. Few of the new additions have remained long enough to be promoted to riding on the tractor-waggon.

The confusion resulting from these frequent changes was the cause of acute embarrassment to a certain English master during the visit of the inspectors to the School, who approached a gentleman of unfamiliar appearance with the inquiry: "Have you swept the library yet?" The inspector politely identified himself to the embarrassment of the master.

Congratulations to R. Amor for running the Steeplechase with two broken wrists. His enthusiasm is a great example to some non-competitors.

Pridham House, for the first time in many years, held a fire drill one evening in the third term. To those ignorant of the circumstances it appeared so genuine that one person inquired into

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the whereabouts of the fire. The prefects noticed the skill and versatility with which senior members clambered down the fire escape. A sharper watch will be kept in future.

The boarders have been amazed at the recent influx of cars into the boarding establishment. The latest are a second-hand Consul, still in good condition, and a new Humber. The boarders feel that these may well be reinforcements in the battle against "duckshoving" and the outcome is being keenly awaited.

The year, being election year, produced a varying amount of interest in the School, and political theories were freely expounded. Various political pamphlets circulated the School, annotated with "bright" suggestions and decorated with various symbols, the most popular being the hammer and sickle.

The facility with which some masters quote from literature has constantly amazed 6A this year. One boy, eager to impart his knowledge to the remainder of the form, was described by a master, obviously struck by his resemblance to a certain famous literary character, as being "pregnant with celestial fire." A Science master also illustrated his intimate acquaintance with literature when a Chemistry paper moved him to the following "Proverb":

"Mary had a little lamb
Eating her Christmas pie,
And all the king's horses and all the king's men
Made no more sense of this than I."

Another master, concerned over the revelations of the recent public inquiry, introduced a new literature topic with the "witticism": "Ode on the Intimations of Immorality."

School breaks up on the 9th of December. Best of luck to boys leaving school, and to those returning we wish a pleasant continuation of their school life.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—

Once the exams. are over for the lower Sixths in the third term, I think it would be a good idea if short courses in subjects not included in the School syllabus were introduced, such as shorthand and typing, and other such useful subjects which would be of use after leaving school, whether the boys concerned are going on to University or beginning in an office. I believe this is arranged in many other schools, and I am sure boys, particularly those in their last year at school, would welcome the opportunity to learn such useful subjects. This would keep the boys interested in their work right up to the last week, for those leaving at the end of the year are often reluctant to continue their school work and lose interest, with the result that masters often have difficulty in keeping their forms together towards the end of the year.

I am, etc.,

B. Walter.

Examination Results

University National Scholarship.—J. P. Simcock.

Taranaki Scholarship.—B. S. Bellringer, R. S. Crosson, F. R. Routley.

Higher Leaving Certificate.—B. C. Beetham, B. S. Bellringer, D. M. Calder, R. S. Crosson, J. N. Elmes, D. M. Foggin, R. J. Harvey, A. H. Kirk, D. H. Lee, M. D. Maingay, T. Mataio, B. G. Quin, F. R. Routley, J. P. Simcock, I. G. Turner, R. S. Watts, E. A. Batten, R. R. Brown, R. H. Graham, R. J. Grey, B. W. Kerr, S. T. King, W. F. Shortt.

B. Com. Passes.—E. A. Batten, R. R. Brown, R. H. Graham, R. J. Grey, B. W. Kerr, S. T. King, W. F. Shortt, G. J. Julian.

University Entrance (by Accrediting).—R. D. E. Alexander, D. J. Barnes, D. Boland, P. A. Boon, J. R. Brimblecombe, N. Burdes, D. W. Burton, B. Chong, I. B. Darney, K. E. Denham, R. F. Elliott, B. Farquhar, P. F. Fookes, D. L. Gill, A. W. Hall, J. D. Hanning, M. L. Hay, G. K. Hight, R. B. Hosking, W. E. Jonas, P. J. Little, D. G. Lloyd, P. J. Lloyd, G. M. Lloyd, J. E. A. Lys, D. M. McConachie, J. R. Maclean, D. W. Marsden, T. E. Miller, B. W. Moorhead, G. M. O'Halloran, P. J. O'Shaughnessy, R. M. Patchett, C. R. Potter, E. I. Rumball, J. M. Smale, B. A. Tinsley, P. N. Webb.

School Certificate.—B. S. Alvis, K. S. D. Austin, G. L. Bailey, C. W. Barclay, B. C. Bargh, B. J. Bennett, M. S. Black, T. W. Boon, M. W. Brough, R. N. Burgess, F. L. Bygrave, J. McC. Carter, G. Cleland, W. C. Colson, C. P. Cooney, E. Corkill, J. D. Davies, R. O. Davies, M. C. Denton, M. E. A. Dillon, D. A. Elliott, C. T. Flight, D. P. Foley, A. N. Fookes, J. V. Franklin, E. L. Fraser, A. W. Guzzwell, W. J. Harper, G. F. Haszard, V. J. Healion, B. E. Herbert, R. W. Hewson, B. D. Jacobs, S. H. Joe, C. B. Johnson, V. E. Jury, D. A. Kinsella, J. A. Leach, C. A. Lealand, P. M. Leas, R. C. W. Leversha, R. A. Lewis, R. D. J. McCaw, C. T. Maingay, P. G. Maxwell, P. J. Miller, E. W. Moore, R. B. Neilson, P. C. F. Nicholls, E. Pata, R. C. C. Pearce, J. B. Pryke, W. D. T. Purvis, J. H. Robertson, B. F. Sampson, D. C. Saxtöf, R. T. Schinckel, J. S. D. Shallard, J. R. Shepherd, J. A. Simmons, N. E. Skinner, B. C. Smeaton, A. W. Smith, B. O. Smith, T. G. Somerville, D. G. C. Swan, J. A. Tannahill, M. D. Waite, E. T. Ward, R. K. Ward, B. Walter, A. H. Watkins, B. S. Wellwood, D. L. F. Wheller, B. J. Woodd, J. R. Wood, C. J. Wright, D. F. Wright, M. C. Wynyard, K. B. Aitken, E. Corkill, D. R. Wood, K. B. Gudopp.

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If you've up-to-date bathing apparel,
You bathe on our beach at your peril.
For those daring new togs,
(And for that matter, dogs)
Are under a ban that is mayoral.

K. S.-D. Austin, 6B.

Football

The 1954 Rugby season at School was a good one. Although it brought its difficulties of administration and its disappointments in play, it was satisfactory from most angles.

The policy of entering as many teams as practicable in the Rugby Union's Saturday competition, was continued. School teams were entered in the top grades, and house teams in the lower grades. Each team was given its mid-week practices and Saturday game. The number of teams entered in these competitions provides every boy offering with a regular game, but it only requires sickness, or injury, to strain the system somewhat, leaving teams short of players. This happened critically in one or two instances this year. This policy means, too, that often quite good boys are carrying others with little experience or knowledge of the game. This is not a bad thing in itself, but in the lower grades especially, these inexperienced boys might receive greater benefit from more play and less specialised coaching. Many of the smaller boys do not need coaching, so much as instruction in the general idea of the game. This could better be gained in a well-refereed match than at a practice where the specialised duties of particular players and positions are taught.

Members of the First Fifteen must have found 1954 a frustrating and disappointing season. Injuries struck continually at all positions in the team. Twenty-one players were used, twelve of whom suffered injury severe enough to cost them weeks out of training and games missed. Particularly critical were the injuries suffered by the backs, and in not one college game was there any margin of back selection—it was always a matter of playing the set available, and at times they were only just available. The back line fielded against St. Pat's had not played together beforehand, while against Auckland Grammar one boy was fielded who had broken a collar-bone during the current season, and another had had an appendix operation during the season. It was unfortunate that the team should suffer these misfortunes, for it was a particularly entertaining one. Powerful in the forwards and quick-passing and fast-running in the backs, it played some delightful games. On no occasion did the team play purely defensive football or "close the game up." No "number eight" forwards were used and the backs stood deep to attack. Despite its adversities the team was a happy one, enjoyed all its games and trips, with the contacts with Old Boys they offer. The team spirit was excellent, due entirely to the quality of the boys.

The second fifteen and two second group teams were entered in the fourth grade competition. The second fifteen was stronger than the others who nevertheless were the best second group teams fielded for some years. The second fifteen contains a handful of players who should do well in the first fifteen next year.

School fielded three fifth grade teams and although short of really good players the A team won the competition.

One or two attractive sides were produced among the lower grades, but as already mentioned, too many boys do not understand the game. West House joined Moyes, Pridham and Carrington by appearing in a distinctive jersey this year and looked the part in

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scarlet and white hoops. During 1954 too, a return was made to the traditional white shorts for all school teams except the first fifteen. The improved supply of clothing materials has made this possible, so the first fifteen are the only team wearing the distinctive black. This has not been the case for many years.

School is still seriously short of coaches, and use is made in the lower grades, of senior boys. Unfortunately they lack the experience and ability in man-management to be really satisfactory substitutes for masters. Nevertheless some senior boys did a really remarkable job of work among their junior fellows this year. They spent unlimited time and energy at their tasks and did the School a very real service. This year's group of senior boy coaches and referees were the best for a long time.

The annual game between School and Wanganui Collegiate fifth grade teams was played for the second time this year at New Plymouth. Wanganui won an excellent game by a narrow margin. School teams at various levels played teams from Waitara H.S., Okato D.H.S. and Stratford T.H.S. Unfortunately the annual fixtures with Opunake D.H.S. were cancelled owing to bad weather.

The New Plymouth racecourse still stands up in admirable fashion to the terrific use to which it is put almost daily. School interest must see that the racecourse does not shift from its present position.

The School, as always, is deeply indebted to those people whose organisation and voluntary efforts make our football possible.

They are:

- The Taranaki Rugby Union.
- The Northern Taranaki Management Committee.
- The Referees' Association—particularly those members who controlled college games and mid-week matches.
- The St. John's Ambulance

and all those people who billeted our Te Aute visitors and our own team at Hawera, Wanganui and Auckland. To Mr. R. C. Christensen, secretary of the Northern Junior Management Committee, we again express our special thanks.

COLLEGE GAMES.

v. HAWERA-STRATFORD T.H.S.

(Played at Hawera, June 5). Won 12-6.

School defeated the Hawera-Stratford T.H.S. Combined team by 12 points (two tries and two penalty goals) to 6 (one try and one penalty goal) with both teams playing attractive, open football which appealed to the good crowd present. This was the first game played under the new rules and, because of the number of penalties, it was evident that both teams had much to learn.

The teams were:—

Hawera-Stratford:—T. Martin, R. Adams, M. Walden, M. Bigham, D. D. Ellison, S. Pine, J. Christie (capt.), B. Bigham, N. Burr, J. Young, M. Barker, B. Oliver, J. Ure, N. Watts, B. Radich.

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School.—B. Moorhead (capt.), I. Rumball, R. Croxson, D. Lloyd, T. Takai, J. Lay, J. Raines, R. Raumati, D. Wood, M. Rangī, D. Thurston, I. Komene, D. Marsden, M. Fa'aitu, G. Hight.

THE PLAY

School won the toss and play began at a fast pace. Both teams were attempting to open up the play but good tackling kept play near the half-way mark. After fifteen minutes of play, School were penalised and Martin kicked a goal from forty-five yards out. The Combined forwards took the ball to the School line, and, from the scrum, Christie threw a long pass to Adams who scored in the corner, making the score School 0, Hawera-Stratford 6. Two penalties were awarded to School and one to Combined but all the kicks failed. Finally School were awarded a penalty which Lay kicked from right in front to make the half-time score School 3, Hawera-Stratford 6.

Lay and Takai changed positions after half-time and School began with a burst which was broken by off-side play. Takai cut through but a forward pass spoilt a good chance. However, the next time, he went through on his own and scored a fine try. Moorhead missed the kick. Lay and Rumball were injured and were replaced by P. Webb and P. Lloyd.

Takai followed a kick through, scored again, and though Wood missed the conversion, he kicked a penalty soon after. P. Lloyd was injured and replaced by W. Jonas. The full time score was School 12, Hawera-Stratford 6.

v. ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE (Silverstream).

(Played at Hawera, July 3). Lost 6-10.

With the weather fair and the ground in good condition a large crowd watched a rather orthodox game. Silverstream played brilliant, open Rugby, for the first fifteen minutes in which they ran up ten points (two converted tries) but after this burst the game became mediocre. School fought back, but were unable to score more than six points (one try and a penalty goal), because of the strong St. Pat's defence. School's back-line was lined up in deep attacking formation at all line-outs and set scrums. The St. Pat's kicker, W. Hikaka pleased the crowd with his goal kicking and line kicks.

The teams were:—

St. Patrick's.—J. Kebbell, G. Mahoney, S. Crowley, P. Menzies, W. Hikaka, J. Taitoka (capt.), M. Mahoney, P. Cowan, J. Ngalu, G. Fepuleai, G. Jurie, G. Gleeson, B. Brown, D. Horan, P. Cleary.

School.—B. Moorhead (capt.), D. Lloyd, R. Croxson, P. Webb, J. Lay, T. Takai, J. Raines, R. Raumati, G. McGlashan, M. Rangī, D. Thurston, D. Wood, D. Marsden, M. Fa'aitu, G. Hight.

THE PLAY

School kicked off into the sun and followed the ball into the Silverstream half. They were soon pushed back on defence and a scrum went down inside the School twenty-five. Silverstream hooked cleanly, the ball was swung along the back line to full back Kebbell



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Back Row: A. R. Hill, J. D. Raines, T. Takai, D. G. Lloyd, P. J. Loyd, I. Komene.

Middle Row: W. E. Jonas, M. Fa'aitu, R. S. Croxson, P. N. Webb, G. K. Hight, R. Raumati, D. R. Wood.

Front Row: H. Wellington, M. Rangitukua, J. K. Lay, E. I. Rumball, B. W. Moorhead (Captain), D. E. Thurston, D. Marsden, G. G. McGlashan.

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who came in outside the centre, and he ran a few yards to score. Hikaka converted from well out.

School attacked and missed a penalty before being pushed back again. From the loose, Crowley picked up the ball and, as he drew a defending man, passed to Menzies who scored. Hikaka converted. Hikaka startled the crowd by taking a sixty-yard penalty kick which just fell short. School broke away when Lloyd took the ball round and kicked. St. Pat's mis-kicked and School took the ball over to score. Lay failed to convert and the half-time score was St. Pat's 10, School 3.

School began the second half with Lay putting over an easy penalty to make the score, St. Pat's 10, School 6. School kept attacking but were held back by line kicks. While close to the Silverstream line, School tried three times to score but failed. The game ended with the score still St. Pat's 10, School 6.

v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

(Played at Wanganui on July 21). Won 9-0.

Although it rained consistently before the match, the Collegiate ground was in excellent condition. The game was fast and a fairly big crowd, huddled under umbrellas, saw good football. The School backs handled the greasy ball brilliantly and spun it along the back line with no effort. Both sets of forwards played hard, rugged football with the School pack dominating the rucks and line-outs. However they were matched in the scrums by the much heavier Collegiate forwards. School's points came from two tries and a penalty. The Collegiate inside backs lacked the speed, thrust and quick handling that the School possessed. School's cover defence was of a high standard.

The teams were:—

Wanganui Collegiate.—P. Nitz, G. Hughes, A. Short, D. Usher, J. Rose, K. Leupolu, M. Pulusila, E. Parsons, J. Chadwick, J. Richmond, B. Duffy, E. Earle (capt.), J. Zohrab, G. Byres, J. Speedy.

School.—B. Moorhead (capt.), W. Jonas, J. Lay, D. Lloyd, R. Croxson, T. Takai, A. Hill, R. Raumatī, G. McGlashan, M. Rangi, D. Thurston, D. Wood, D. Marsden, M. Fa'aitu, H. Wellington.

THE PLAY

School attacked from a scrum in the first minute of the game, and Moorhead, coming into the back line to make the overlap, sliced through the Wanganui back-line, ran forty yards to draw the full back, and sent D. Lloyd over. Lay missed the kick and School led 3-0. School kept up the pressure and staged several attacks, but were held by consistent Wanganui defence. Half way through the first spell, School forwards took the ball from their own twenty-five and were stopped a yard from the line. However, they were rewarded with a penalty in front of the posts. Lay kicked the penalty to put School further ahead by 6-0.

After half-time Wanganui staged many attacks but School's strong defence kept them from the line. Brilliant runs were made by

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the Wanganui right winger, but it was the crafty P. Nitz who took all the honours at full back.

Another quick passing attack by School, resulted in W. Jonas crossing in the corner to give School a 9-0 lead. The game surged up and down and the final whistle saw School in front by 9 points to nil.

v. TE AUTE COLLEGE

(Played at New Plymouth, August 7). Won 9-5.

Despite a tricky southerly wind the crowd at Rugby Park saw fast, open football of a high standard. School lost their full-back captain towards the end of the first half when he was carried off with concussion, and one of the forwards was injured later in the game. School got all the ball and maintained territorial advantage throughout the first half. In the second half, Te Aute, with the wind behind them, were more dangerous, but at least two certain tries were lost through mishandling. School's inside backs showed initiative, the outside backs showed determination and pace, and the forwards dominated the rucks, scrums and line-outs.

The teams were:—

Te Aute.—R. Wairau, C. Hynes, R. Glenn, E. Hill, M. Renata, M. Maeke, E. Niania, J. Manuni, G. Walker, R. Wirepa, N. Williams, L. Ranapia (capt.), P. Stainton, A. Clark, R. Henare.

School.—B. Moorhead (capt.), D. Lloyd, J. Lay, W. Jonas, R. Croxson, T. Takai, A. Hill, A. Raumati, D. Wood, M. Rangi, D. Thurston, G. McGlashan, D. Marsden, M. Fa'aitu, G. Hight.

THE PLAY

School made an early attack when Takai kicked ahead, Lay gathered in the bounce, and sent Jonas for the corner. Jonas was forced out, but from the line-out, Takai put a short kick over the line, followed it over, and scored to put School ahead 3-0.

School continued to attack and were rewarded after fifteen minutes with a score by Lay who missed an easy kick. B. Moorhead suffered concussion and was replaced by forward D. Wood whose handling and kicking showed ability. I. Komene went into the forwards and the half-time score was 6-0.

The second half began with Te Aute attacking strongly but School worried their way clear. Raumati was injured and replaced by H. Wellington. The ball was kicked high and gathered by R. Glenn who scored for Te Aute. Wairau converted making the score 6-5. Takai swung the School attack and found touch near the Te Aute corner flag. School won the resulting scrum, and with two minutes to go, Croxson settled the issue with a fine field goal. The game ended with the score 9-5 to School.

v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL

(Played at Eden Park, August 21st). Lost 11-21.

The game was played in perfect conditions on a very hard ground, and the sun was so hot that it noticeably affected the players, but in spite of this, a good, fast game, full of incident,

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resulted. The most commendable feature of the game was fitness. School won most of the lineouts and held their own in the scrums and rucks. Both packs made every effort to feed their backs who made full use of the ball at every opportunity. Seven tries were scored—five by Grammar and two by School. Although one man short in the second half, School maintained its solidity and balance and went down attacking. Grammar once again lived up to its good record and fine reputation.

The teams were:—

Auckland Grammar.—G. Carter, T. Pittman, E. Matthews, E. W. Morrow, J. Sibun, J. Sparling, D. Vercoe, B. Atkins, B. McGrevey (captain), A. Fotau, K. Tremain, M. McLellan, P. Stein, R. Latch, D. Hill.

School.—B. Moorhead (captain), P. Lloyd, J. Lay, D. Lloyd, R. Croxson, T. Takai, A. Hill, D. Wood, G. McGlashan, M. Rangi, D. Thurston, I. Komene, D. Marsden, M. Fa'aitu, G. Hight.

THE PLAY

School were at once on the defence and a miss-kick by D. Wood landed in front of the speedy Pittman who scooped it up and crossed the line in the corner—the kick missed and Grammar led 3-0.

School retaliated by taking play to the Grammar twenty-five, where they won a quick ruck, and a deceiving reverse pass by Takai and D. Lloyd ended in D. Wood diving between the posts. Croxson converted to put School ahead 5-3.

A fine break by J. Sparling from inside Grammar's half saw E. Matthews cross near the posts. McGrevey converted to give Grammar the lead 8-5. School kept attacking and rushed Grammar back to their line by long, accurate kicking. Grammar forwards relieved the pressure and kicked the ball over their own twenty-five line only to have it snatched up by B. Moorhead, who steadied himself and potted a brilliant goal from Grammar's ten-yard mark to equalise 8-8.

From a loose ruck the ball was kicked over the School line. McGrevey fell on the ball after Moorhead failed to touch down. The kick went over and the half-time score was Grammar 13, School 8.

Continuing with fourteen men in the second half School were hard pressed, and Grammar was quick to capitalise on this advantage by snapping up two quick tries.

Pittman was the first to score after following up a kick and McGrevey converted. The second try came when winger E. Morrow dashed through a gap near the School line to score. The kick missed and the score was Grammar 21, School 8.

The last ten minutes were dominated by School who launched attack after attack and a last effort saw Takai racing after the ball and scoring a well-deserved try. The kick went wide and the final score was Grammar 21, School 11.

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CLUB COMPETITIONS

First Round:		Second Round:	
v. Okato	Won 9-6	v. Okato	Drew 5-5
v. Tukapa	Lost 11-12	v. Marist	Won 21-0
v. Old Boys	Won 12-0	v. Inglewood (non-competition)	Drew 0-0
v. Uruti	Lost 3-11		
v. Urenui	Won 19-3		
v. Marist	Won 28-11	Played	14
v. Clifton	Lost 0-8	Won	9
v. Kaitake	Won 12-11	Drew	2
v. Rahotu	Won 14-0	Lost	3
v. Tarurutangi	Won 49-6		
v. Star	Won 9-3		

2ND XV

Because of numerous injuries in the 1st XV, the 2nd XV suffered accordingly, losing members to the higher team. In spite of this we all enjoyed the season and finished fourth in the competition though we felt we could have done much better.

The chief criticism of the season's Rugby was the lack of cohesion among the team members and the lack of thrust both in the backs and forwards. This could be attributed to the fact that we seldom had the opportunity to play together for a spell, long enough to develop the necessary degree of understanding. In the forwards, there was too much loose play though this was sometimes forced on us by the tactics of our opponents. In the backs there was a tendency to run across instead of straight up the field.

We had the satisfaction of beating all three teams above us in the competition, and the annual game against Waitara proved to be the highlight of the season. Waitara scored eight points in the first eight minutes but School equalised by half-time. Good back movements resulted in two converted tries for School and the final score was School 18, Waitara 11.

J. Carter, R. McCaw, B. O'Dowda, B. Farquhar, K. Denham, P. Cooney and D. Mooney were chosen for the Fourth Grade Rep. Group but only J. Carter, B. O'Dowda and K. Denham were available to play.

The team was: B. Walter, T. Fa'asalafa, H. Bourn, J. Carter, R. McCaw, B. O'Dowda, B. Kohn, F. Farquhar, K. Denham, T. Boon, M. Denton, E. Frazer, P. Cooney (capt.), D. Mooney, G. Sigley, P. Fookes, J. Hanning.

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS (PEASE CUP)

(Played on the School Gully, September 16th.)

Despite having thirteen 1st XV members to Day Boys' five, Boarders went down 17-6 in a fast, open game, played in brilliant sunshine. A feature of the game was the display by the "ubiquitous" J. Lay, who was the real danger of the Day Boys' back line. Besides scoring a try, he kicked two penalties and a conversion.

The teams were:—

Day Boys.—B. O'Dowda, P. Webb, J. Lay, G. Jensen, R. Croxson, B. Moorhead (captain), A. Hill, P. Fookes, I. Tait, K. Denham, T. Boon, E. Frazer, D. Marsden, P. Cooney, P. Dravitzki.

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Boarders.—R. McCaw, D. Lloyd (captain), W. Jonas, I. Rumball, P. Lloyd, T. Takai, J. Raines, D. Wood, G. McGlashan, M. Rangi, D. Thurston, B. Farquhar, G. Hight, M. Fa'aitu, H. Wellington.

THE PLAY

The game opened at a fast pace with Boarders gaining the majority of the ball, but their backs, apart from several sparkling runs by Takai, could not penetrate the tight Day Boy defence. After eight minutes of play, Takai shot through a gap for D. Lloyd to score a try which was not converted. Day Boys went back to the attack and after twenty minutes Lay kicked a fine penalty, followed soon after by another, to make the score 6-3. Day Boys scored again when Webb lay over in the corner after several players had handled the ball. Lay could not convert, and the half-time score was: Day Boys 9, Boarders 3.

Boarders opened the scoring in the second half when Raines scored after a run from the scrum. After a period of indecisive play in which the Boarders' backs could not penetrate the opposing defence, Day Boys returned to the attack and Lay scored and converted. Moorhead dropped a goal from outside the twenty-five and the game finished with the score Day Boys 17, Boarders 6.

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Pridham House returned to Rugby supremacy after a brief eclipse last year. The final against Central provided pleasing Rugby with tight forward play and with both sets of backs passing well, handling cleanly and tackling hard. In the second half the forwards dominated the game as neither set of backs could penetrate the other.

Results:—

First round: Carrington 16 v. West 0; Central 6 v. East 3.

Semi-final: Central 22 v. Moyes 0; Pridham 16 v. Carrington 6.

Final: Pridham 6 v. Central 0.

Pridham House Team: T. Fa'asalafa, W. Jonas, D. Lloyd (capt.), P. Lloyd, R. McCaw, C. Maingay, D. Christie, D. Wood, E. Ward, D. Thurston, C. Colson, J. Bennett, D. Mooney, M. Fa'aitu, M. Denton. -
T. Takai, P. Foley and R. McCaw.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

For some considerable time it has not been compulsory for pupils to wear a school badge. In my opinion this is a matter to regret, as a cap looks unfinished and bare without a badge. Our school badge is a symbol recognised throughout New Zealand and possibly is the only article of sentimental value that a boy keeps on leaving school. Cloth badges may replace them, but they could never give the satisfaction that is derived from the metal ones. A badge can be cherished in the years to come, and will always bring back memories of the "good old days." The cost of a metal badge is not much compared with a text book and I regret that the badge has been abolished from the school uniform.

I am, etc.,

D. J. Robinson, 5E.

Cricket

Cricket in the School this year has been generally successful and the First XI has proved it is a strong one, especially in its bowling strength. Its batting strength has been more subject to fluctuations. The lower groups, while not producing any outstanding performances, have been reasonably strong and on occasions have performed most creditably, especially in games against other schools.

It is a good thing once a year to review the position of a sport in the school. Cricket this year has been generally strong, but there are some features which require attention. The age of boys in groups is high and this is not a good omen for school cricket, generally. While the high standard of the senior teams may be maintained for a year or two, eventually the standard must fall because there are not the experienced replacements from below. There are some ways in which this position can be remedied. Next season, it is hoped to expand the scope of coaching in lower groups. A new group would broaden the basis from which the senior teams could be selected. As well a nursery group for more promising players could be formed, and these would receive more intensive coaching. Another promising scheme is the one proposed by the Northern Division of the Taranaki Cricket Association, whereby schoolboy cricket will be played for two hours on Saturday mornings, thus providing games for the keen young cricketers in the school.

This season has seen changes in the organisation of the coaching of school teams. Mr. Sweeney, after ten years of solid coaching of the First XI, has relinquished his post, but will continue to coach junior teams where his experience will be most valuable. In his ten years he has been most successful, as the First XI during that period has lost only one college fixture. The school is grateful for his efforts. The school is also fortunate in that Mr. Meuli has joined the staff and his coaching of the Third Form XI should be most useful to school cricket. Mr. Walker unfortunately leaves the School this year after coaching the Second XI for two years. Mr. Mills has joined Mr. Stewart in coaching the lower elevens, while Mr. Baunton coaches the First XI.

All school cricketers will be pleased to see the top ground looking like its old self after a year of rejuvenation. It will be fit for some games this year, although it will not be fully available until next season. The lower groups at least will be pleased to be spared the use of mats on the Lower Ground.

With the opening of Moyes Memorial Pavilion on December 2nd this year, the top ground with its new turf and the fine pavilion will become one of the best cricket grounds in the country.

Only one college game has been played so far this year, against Wellington College. Wanganui Collegiate were unable to play because of an influenza epidemic, but we hope this can be played as an extra after the annual fixture against Nelson College, which is played in the beginning of the Christmas holidays.

A new and welcome fixture was introduced into secondary school cricket this year, namely a game between Central District Secondary Schools and a New South Wales Colts team. This game was played in

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Palmerston in the first term and the School was represented by C. Barclay (who was captain) and C. Maingay. C. Barclay scored 47 in the first innings.

We would like to congratulate L. Miller on his successes in South Africa. He has now left New Plymouth and is playing for Karori in Wellington.

Five old caps returned to School this year and five new caps were awarded for performances during the season.

Old caps: C. Barclay, C. Maingay, T. Takai, D. Jensen, M. Rangi.

New caps: B. Moorhead, R. Alison, D. Wood, J. Lay, T. Fa'asalafa.

COLLEGE GAMES:

v. NELSON COLLEGE

(Played at New Plymouth, on December 14th and 15th, 1953.
Result: Drawn.)

Nelson won the toss and decided to bat on a near-perfect wicket, but began slowly and at lunch had lost two wickets for 50. Gilbert with 27 not out was playing a slow but solid innings. With the entry of Leggat the scoring rate quickened and it looked as though Nelson College had laid the foundations for a very respectable score. However, the school bowlers thought otherwise, and an intelligent use of Barclay, Fookes and Darney, saw the promising Nelson innings collapse, for a total of 135.

School also began slowly against the medium paced bowling of Park and T. Newman, and after the adjournment, in an attempt to force the pace, School lost wickets quickly, first Graham for 17, then Barclay and Darney. Only a fighting innings by Julian saved School. Moorhead attempted to partner Julian but was bowled by Park for 10. At stumps School were nine for 102.

On the second day rain unfortunately prevented play until 4 p.m., but the wicket rolled out well and Nelson began their second innings with a promising opening partnership of 72 by Gilbert and McLeod. In an attempt to get runs quickly after afternoon tea, Nelson allowed the School bowlers to get on top. They were assisted by particularly good fielding, with Julian a splendid example, and Barclay, Darney and Maingay taking good catches. Rangi and Fa'asalafa, both steady and hard to get away, bore the brunt of the bowling attack.

Nelson declared with their score at 133 for seven wickets, leaving school to make 167 in 90 minutes. Not unnaturally considering the circumstances, School declined to accept the challenge. School began badly and with only 7 runs on the board had lost Graham and Darney, but Julian again played a sparkling innings for 67 not out scored in 67 minutes, with support from Lay, and from Maingay who with Julian was not out when the match finished. School were then 106 for four wickets requiring a further 61 runs for victory.

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NELSON

First Innings—				Second Innings—			
D. Gilbert, c. Graham, b. Fookes ..	41			c. Lay, b. Fa'asalafa	40		
D. McLeod, c. Barclay, b. Fookes ..	3			c. Alison, b. Barclay	35		
W. Roberts, b. Barclay	9			c. Darney, b. Fa'asalafa	8		
J. Park, c. Moorhead, b. Barclay ..	4			.. ..	8		
G. Leggat, c. Lay, b. Fookes ..	27			not out	13		
W. Haskell, b. Darney	15			c. Maingay, b. Rangī	9		
I. Langbein, l.b.w., b. Darney ..	1			b. Fa'asalafa	8		
P. Newman, c. Graham, b. Darney	9			c. Barclay, b. Rangī	1		
M. Dormer, b. Barclay	11			not out	1		
D. Hawes, not out	0			l.b.w., b. Rangī ..	10		
T. Newman, b. Barclay	0			Extras	10		
Extras	15						
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Total	135			Total for 7 dec.	133		

Bowling for School

First Innings—					Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
C. Barclay ..	21.4	6	34	4	12	4	14	1	
M. Rangī ..	17	7	27	-	20	5	34	3	
D. Fookes ..	19	7	31	3	10	3	16	-	
T. Fa'asalafa ..	13	7	10	-	21	3	43	3	
B. Darney ..	10	4	18	3	5	1	16	-	

NEW PLYMOUTH

First Innings—				Second Innings—			
R. Graham, l.b.w., b. T. Newman	17			c. Park, b. T. Newman	9		
B. Darney, l.b.w., b. T. Newman	8			.. ..	1		
C. Barclay, c. Park, b. Leggat ..	6			c. Leggat, b. Park ..	4		
G. Julian, c. Gilbert, b. Park ..	31			b. Park	4		
J. Lay, l.b.w., b. Leggat	6			not out	67		
C. Maingay, l.b.w., b. T. Newman	2			b. McLeod	5		
B. Moorhead, b. Park	10			not out	16		
D. Fookes, b. Park	0			Extras	4		
T. Fa'asalafa, c. P. Newman, b. T. Newman	0						
.. ..	0						
R. Alison, not out	0						
M. Rangī, not out	1						
Extras	21						
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Total (for nine wickets) ..	102			Total (4 wkts.)	106		

Bowling for Nelson

First Innings—					Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
J. Park ..	17	12	14	3	13	4	29	2	
T. Newman ..	27	11	47	4	9	3	27	1	
G. Leggat ..	10	3	20	2	3	-	14	-	
D. McLeod ..	—	—	—	-	8	1	32	1	



FIRST ELEVEN, 1953.

Back Row: T. E. Miller, D. B. Fookes, C. W. Barclay, J. K. Lay, B. W. Moorhead, T. Fa'asalafa.

Front Row: R. J. Allison, T. Takai, I. B. Darney, R. H. Graham (Captain), M. Rangitukua, C. T. Maingay,
J. A. Hancock.

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v. WELLINGTON COLLEGE

(Played at New Plymouth on March 29th and 30th, 1954. Result: Drawn.)

Wellington opened their innings in pleasant weather which unfortunately was not to continue for all the match.

Apart from Taylor, who played a solid and valuable innings for 38, the Wellington batsmen could not master School's bowling and as a result were all out for 79. Barclay bowled with considerable hostility to take four wickets, while slow left-hander Jensen took three.

School's innings commenced ten minutes before lunch and after lunch continued confidently until the dismissal of Takai, with School seven wickets down for 110. Six batsmen reached double figures with Takai top scoring with 28. During the afternoon, play was interrupted several times by rain, but the School batsmen failed to take any advantage of the wet ball, and were finally all out for a total of 119. Jones bowled particularly well for Wellington, taking six wickets for 35, his swingers always troubling the School batsmen.

Hastings and Taylor opened Wellington's second innings and at stumps were both not out in a total of 20. On the second day, because of the water-sodden pitch, play was delayed until almost two o'clock. The openers continued confidently, Taylor making 56 and Hastings 24, but upon the dismissal of these two the rest of the team collapsed and Wellington were all out for 117, mainly owing to the fine spin bowling of Wood who took seven for 25.

School tried desperately to attain its target of 78 runs in 55 minutes in order to win but failed by eight runs. School took every run possible but apart from Barclay lacked batsmen capable of punching the ball through to the fence with the frequency which the occasion demanded.

WELLINGTON

First Innings—		Second Innings—	
I. Taylor, c. Lay, b. Barclay ..	38	l.b.w., b. Wood ..	56
B. Hastings, l.b.w., b. Barclay ..	3	l.b.w., b. Wood ..	24
J. Pope, b. Barclay	12	c. Wood, b. Jensen ..	2
A. McRae, c. and b. Barclay ..	0	c. Alison, b. Barclay ..	6
A. Ward, l.b.w., b. Fa'asalafa ..	0	c. Barclay, b. Wood ..	3
J. Grocott, b. Jensen	11	b. Wood	0
N. Phillips, c. Maingay, b. Jensen	0	c. Fa'asalafa, b.	
		Rangi	6
S. Tser, l.b.w., b. Jensen	2	l.b.w., b. Wood ..	2
D. Egley, b. Rangi	6	b. Wood	2
N. Breingan, run out	1	l.b.w., b. Wood ..	2
N. Jones, not out	1	not out	0
Extras	5	Extras	10
Total	79	Total	113

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Bowling for School

First Innings—					Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Barclay ..	12	2	26	4	21	9	29	1	
Rangi ..	5.4	2	9	1	14	4	22	1	
Fa'asalafa ..	8	1	20	1	7	3	11	0	
Jensen ..	7	0	10	3	11	2	16	1	
Wood ..	5	0	9	0	20	8	25	7	

SCHOOL

First Innings—					Second Innings—				
P. Cooney, run out ..	..	..	..	15	run out ..	..	..	0
D. Wood, b. Jones ..	..	..	..	15	not out ..	..	..	3
C. Barclay, l.b.w., b. Jones ..	..	..	..	1	c. Breingan, b. Ward	..	..	21
J. Lay, c. Breingan, b. Jones ..	..	..	..	13	c. Grocott, b. Ward	..	..	15
C. Maingay, b. Ward ..	..	..	..	17	b. Tser ..	..	..	9
B. Moorhead, l.b.w., b. Pope ..	..	..	..	14	c. McRae, b. Breingan ..	..	..	12
T. Takai, c. and b. Jones ..	..	..	..	28	run out ..	..	..	4
R. Alison, b. Jones ..	..	..	..	5	not out ..	..	..	0
T. Fa'asalafa, b. Jones ..	..	..	..	0	Extras ..	..	..	6
D. Jensen, b. Ward ..	..	..	..	2	Total (6 wkts.)	..	..	70
M. Rangi, not out ..	..	..	..	4				
Extras ..	..	..	..	5				
Total ..	..	..	..	119				

Bowling for Wellington

First Innings—					Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Breingan ..	5	3	2	0	6	0	22	1	
Tser ..	5	0	10	0	7	0	17	1	
Egley ..	6	1	15	0					
Jones ..	22.1	6	35	6	2	0	11	0	
Pope ..	15	4	35	1	3	0	11	2	
Ward ..	7	2	17	2					

HOUSE CRICKET

As usual much interest was centred on these games, one of the highlights of the cricket season.

West defeated Central in the elimination round and met Pridham in the final. In the final Pridham retained the Bates Cup by defeating West outright in a most interesting and eventful game.

Result: Pridham: First innings, 66 (C. Maingay 21, D. Wood 11); bowling for West, B. O'Dowda four for 21, C. Barclay three for 15.

Second innings: 77 (C. Maingay 30, R. Brimblecombe 11); bowling for West, D. Jensen five for 40, C. Barclay five for 16.

West: First innings, 19 for seven declared (Samson 12); bowling for Pridham, M. Fa'aitu three for eight, T. Fa'asalafa three for 10.

Second innings: 46 (C. Barclay 17, E. Corkill 10); bowling for Pridham, T. Fa'asalafa three for six, D. Wood two for four.

Pridham Team: C. Maingay (captain), D. Wood, R. McCaw, R. Alison, R. Brimblecombe, J. Wood, M. Fa'aitu, T. Fa'asalafa, E. Ward, D. Mooney, P. Foley.

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Day Boys v. Boarders

This was a particularly exciting match resulting in a tie, the Day Boys retaining the Birch Cup.

Boarders: 127 (D. Wood 45, T. Takai 16, R. Graham 13); bowling for Day Boys, J. Lay four for 38, C. Barclay two for nine, D. Fookes two for 40.

Day Boys: 127 (C. Barclay 33, B. Moorhead 29, J. Lay 24); bowling for Boarders, T. Fa'asalafa five for 30, Foley two for 52.

Second XI

We were lucky that so few Saturdays this season were wet, and consequently we enjoyed a pleasant season. In our annual game against Stratford we held them to a draw by playing out time, and were nine wickets down at the end of the day. We congratulate D. Page on his century for Stratford.

We lost several members to the First XI but the team settled down though we felt the loss for a few games.

We had a very enjoyable game against H.M.N.Z.S. Tui in the third term. We would like to thank them for the fine game and also for the signed photograph of their ship.

This year's team was: J. Parkinson (captain), P. Foley, M. Wynyard, J. Wood, B. Alvis, R. Raumatu, W. Hamilton, R. Burgess, K. Comber, J. Lys, B. O'Dowda.

Third XI

As usual the Third XI spent a most enjoyable season, and we recall with pleasure two wins over our rivals, the Fourth XI, and of a draw in a game with the Waitara District High School Second XI.

We were again close to winning the competition and if it were not for the usual holiday lapse perhaps we would have bettered our third placing.

Among the batsmen L. Paton and P. Dravitski were most successful, while left-hander B. Walter returned some very credible bowling performances.

The team: E. Corkill (captain), B. Bennett, B. Sampson, B. Walter, G. Lloyd, F. Worn, A. Quin, L. Paton, M. Wellington, P. Dravitski, T. Puke, J. Ham.

Fourth XI

The Fourth XI has once again had a very enjoyable, if not successful season.

We started with two good opening bowlers in O'Dowda and Tubman, but lost O'Dowda to the First XI. We congratulate him on his promotion and hope that he has every success there. Lewis batted well and we hope he can keep it up. Tubman and Penney bowled well, with Tubman performing the hat trick once and taking three wickets with four balls in another game.

The team: R. Lewis (captain), B. Kohn, A. Tubman, P. Miller, D. Penney, A. Webby, T. Fookes, D. Walter, J. Irvine, L. Calvert, J. Lobb, D. Medway, J. Chapman.

BLAZER AWARDS

Third Form XI

The annual match between the Third Form XI and the North Taranaki Primary Schools was, as is usual in this fixture, a close and enlightening game, as it is in this team of third formers that the strength for the future First Elevens lie.

Primary School batted first and made 93 (Davey 36, Jeffery 14, Sullivan 10; Puke three for 11, Wellington three for 17). School did not bat confidently and were all out for 52, with Paton (13) and Puke (11) top scoring, and Ruru taking five for 24 and Bridge three for nine.

Davey and Sharrock opened Primary School's second innings, and with the score at 36 for no wickets, Primary Schools declared but could not dismiss School, who at stumps had made 28 for the loss of four wickets.

The Third Form XI this year has shown considerable promise and has won two fixtures against town primary schools. Mr. Meull is now their coach.

C. T. Maingay.

Blazer Awards

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

R. S. Croxson, Head Boy, Football, Athletics.
D. G. Lloyd, Prefect, Football, Athletics.
B. W. Moorhead, Football, Cricket, Prefect.
C. W. Barclay, Prefect, Cricket, Soccer.
J. K. Lay, Cricket, Football, Athletics.
P. J. Lloyd, Prefect, Football, Athletics.
P. N. Webb, Prefect, Football.
J. D. Raines, Prefect, Football.
M. Rangitukua, Football, Cricket.
T. Takai, Football, Cricket.
A. W. Hall, Prefect, Soccer.
W. E. Jonas, Prefect, Football.
J. R. Brimblecombe, Prefect, Boxing.
E. I. Rumball, Prefect, Football.
D. R. Wood, Football, Cricket

Prefects—

G. K. Sigley
J. R. MacLean
R. M. Patchett
J. D. Hanning
K. E. Denham

Cricket—

C. T. Maingay
D. C. S. Jensen
C. P. Cooney
R. J. Alison
T. Fa'asalafa

Football—

I. Komene
D. W. Marsden
M. Fa'aitu
G. L. McGlashan
D. E. Thurston
G. K. Hight
R. Raumatī
H. V. Wellington
A. R. Hill

Boxing—

R. Mence

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Athletics—

T. W. Verney
F. P. Hutchings

Hockey—

B. S. Alvis
G. F. Haszard

Soccer—

R. N. Burgess
J. V. Parkinson

Swimming—

K. A. Martin
N. Saxton
D. Swan

Shooting—

D. A. W. Aldworth.

Gymnastics—

A. W. Smith

Canadian Diary

20th July—

Whenuapai the jumping off place, two days and 8000 miles to Canada and adventure. Met three Australian representatives; the first realisation of the serious nature of trip. Our thoughts flew home and then out over the sea.

First stop—Fiji, but dark and no sight-seeing. Off again and across the Date Line. Two Tuesdays and Honolulu the second Tuesday evening—Supper at the Moana Hotel and exploration in the streets, bright late at night to catch the tourist trade.

21st July—

All day in the air. Canadian landfall and a noisy welcome by pipe band. John Hanning retaliated with Maori tunes on his pipes.

22nd-23rd July—

By train most comfortably to Banff, awed by magnificent beauty of these mountains.

23rd-27th July—

Five days as guests of Alberta University at their summer school of fine arts catering for Canadian and American students of all ages. Banff, small tourist town surrounded by mountains—a game reserve and bear, moose, elk and deer often surprise suburbia. Excursions included chair-lift view of impressive Bow Valley, the luxury Banff Springs Hotel and a swim in its private pool.

27th July—

Calgary.—A unique zoo, containing life-size replicas of prehistoric monsters and a fine collection of fossils. Met Major Ney and the United Kingdom group and made friends during 24-hour return trip to Vancouver.

30th July-9th August—

Vancouver for ten days. Billeted in private houses for the first real taste of generous hospitality of Canadians. Vancouver an attractive modern city, a galaxy of Neon signs at night.

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Days of luxury with two millionaires—with the first a cruise on a pleasure yacht and the second a party in his modern mansion and a swim in his pool.

Next to a fish cannery where we marvelled at the speed of the mechanical processes. A period of luncheons with Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs. (Kiwanis—service clubs to provide recreation for youth, and to cement Canadian-American relationships). At some we performed with talks on New Zealand.

Then highlight of the trip to date. Four days at the Empire Games where we thrilled to the "Mile of the Century" and encouraged the New Zealand representatives. When our own Yvette won her third gold medal (the long jump) our joy took us over the barrier and into a "haka" of triumph.

10th-16th August—

At Victoria—a quiet dignified "English" city—and a much-needed rest. Here the main purpose of our visit was fulfilled at the conference of Commonwealth representatives in the Parliament Buildings. Plans and proposals for constitution and rules and for the future development of the movement discussed with representatives from the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Jamaica and Kenya. Our party took a full part, two members speaking at the final session which was broadcast and televised. Impressed by the opportunity to exchange opinions and ideas and with the potentialities of the movement with its high ideals and objectives to become an important Commonwealth link by promoting understanding among the youth.

17th-20th August—

Nanaimo—an old coal mining town, famous for its eerie and dilapidated "Chinatown." Evening at a "Lacrosse" game. Amazed at wild excitement of crowd and the vicious tactics of players. Three men carried off and police protection for opposition. Exclusive day at Yellowpoint Lodge with swimming, water-skiing, yachting and a "wiener roast" (similar to our sausage party).

20th August-3rd September—

Haney, a Frazer Valley town. Extra fortnight for which thanks to the New Plymouth Rotary Club. Typical community life and small logging camp and chance to meet more Canadians. We found them friendly, easy-going and generous; Americanized in dress, speech and architecture. They have "drive in" cafes and theatres. Schools are co-educational, have no uniforms and school activities are organised by senior pupils. Most Canadians very Commonwealth-minded and interested in New Zealand. A strong national pride and community spirit.

3rd September—

Departure day! 'Plane at Vancouver and thoughts of deep affection for our Canadian friends and appreciation of rare and generous hospitality.

Brief touchdown at Seattle, America's largest airport.

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4th September—

A day at Honolulu. Gay holiday atmosphere and agreeable climate. A scenic drive in tropical surroundings and a swim at Waikiki.

September 5th—

Canton Island.—Gas for the 'plane and pineapple juice for us.

6th September—

Fiji from the air. A brief stay in overpowering heat. An inspection of native thatched huts and brief contact with the friendly natives and then five hours to Whenuapai and home! Urgent thoughts of exams. within four weeks but feeling of great satisfaction and gratitude to the Headmaster, to the city and to the school whose enthusiastic and co-ordinated efforts made this possible for us, and a determination to work most strenuously for the future success of the movement of which we had just been a part.

G. K. Sigley, J. D. Raines, J. Hanning and I. Rumball.

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The Retirement of Mr. A. J. Papps

The whole school was shocked at the beginning of this year by the news that the state of Mr. Papps's health would not allow him to take any further active part in the life of the school. We knew that it was his intention to retire at the end of the first term of this year and we regret that anxiety about his health should dim the glory of the final phase of a great career of service to the school and community.

We all share his anxiety, and hope that his decision to retire in June was the beginning of a complete recovery of health, and of the enjoyment of a well-earned retirement.

Mr. Papps comes from a well-known and respected family of Richmond, Nelson, and as a pupil of Nelson College, soon distinguished himself, particularly at games. He played football for the College for three years and cricket for four years. He captained both the 1st XV and 1st XI, played representative cricket for Nelson while still at school, and was Head Boy of Nelson College in 1908.

From Nelson he went to Victoria University College and Wellington Training College, where he played half-back for V.U.C. for two years.

He commenced his teaching at Dannevirke High School in 1911 where he taught mostly English, Latin, and History and coached both the 1st XV and 1st XI. In 1913 he moved to King's College where he remained for eight years and coached the 1st XV. His period at King's was interrupted by three years' war service, during which he served in Northern France and Belgium as a Platoon Commander, Battalion Intelligence Officer, and as a Company Commander.

He came to us in 1921 at the invitation of the late Mr. Moyes who had taught him at Nelson College. Here he took over the Senior Latin from the late Mr. R. H. Rockel and taught English, History, Geography and Mathematics to junior forms. Senior Latin in those days included the preparation of boys for sections of B.A. and LL.B. Mr. Papps had great success as a senior classics master, both in public examinations and with his best students who have gone on to win all the coveted honours in Latin at the University Colleges.

Mr. Papps's interests in and out of school activities were varied and extended over a long period. He was in charge of the organisation of football for 25 years and during that time coached the 1st XV for 15 years. His interest in cricket was hardly less sustained. He coached the 2nd XI, captained the Old Boys senior team, and represented North Taranaki. He was in charge of the Cadets for some years and showed his interest in athletics, swimming and boxing by acting in one or other official capacity for a long period. He also founded the School Debating Club and directed its activities for 15 years.



A. J. PAPPS, B.A., 1921-1954.

THE RETIREMENT OF MR. A. J. PAPPS

These many interests brought with them further responsibilities in the community beyond the school. Mr. Papps has been an active senior and representative Rugby referee, has served on the Management Committee of the Taranaki Rugby Union, and on the committee of the Pukekura Park Sports Ground. He was one of the founders of amateur athletics in the city and was secretary of the first association formed. He is still a member of the Taranaki Jockey Club where he has regarded as his main duty the protection of School interests in the racecourse playing area.

His interest in the sport of bowls brought him many championship successes and the office of President of the New Plymouth Bowling Club.

No member of the staff has associated himself more closely with the Old Boys of the School, and Mr. Papps's services in this direction were recognised by his election to the office of President of the Association, a unique honour for one who is not an Old Boy of the School.

Of all these multifarious activities, the one for which he will no doubt be remembered most is his period as coach of the First XV. The deeds of his great teams are legendary and his name is a household word in Secondary School Rugby. He achieved his great success by an appreciation of the fundamentals of the game and a rigid insistence on them, by the ability to take pains and to inspire his teams with the desire to do their best.

It is sufficient to record here that his teams brought renown to the School, establishing both an enthusiasm for the game which is, fortunately, still with us, and the tradition of a type of Rugby which is the envy of all who play the game.

Few teachers can have enjoyed greater success in the classroom than Mr. Papps. Here again he had the ability to induce a keenness and to ensure a response from those he was teaching. His pupils were always confident of his sympathy and understanding and felt the warmth and essential humanity of his personality. This was more remarkable in a generation of teachers whose custom it was to hold themselves more aloof than is the practice today. Boys felt that in Mr. Papps they had not only a wise and thoroughly efficient teacher, but also a friend.

This personal bond was achieved without any loss of dignity or of discipline because the boys were aware all the time of the basic high standards of conduct which he set for them and for himself. And these standards he communicated no less surely and no less vociferously than he did the conjugations of irregular verbs. They can perhaps be best described as a combination of the Roman "virtus," the spirit of which he no doubt absorbed from his own Latin reading, and the personal qualities of the man whom he readily confessed to be his modern hero, Sir Winston Churchill.

His appointment as First Assistant was welcomed by the whole school as a fitting reward for years of service and in that position

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he continued to influence the whole school with a spirit of friendliness and trust, and by word and deed inspired in us all, loyalty to all that was best in our long tradition and particularly to those traditions established by the two generations of boys with whom he had striven so strenuously and so well.

We extend to both Mr. and Mrs. Papps our best wishes for a well-earned retirement and to Mr. Papps particularly our wish that he may enjoy complete recovery of health so that his association with the school may continue unbroken.

Athletic Notes

As the Top Ground was temporarily out of use, the inter-house Hansard Cup sports were run on the Lower Ground on March 13th. This year the points system was changed so that the first five places gained points. This distributed the points more evenly. Pridham House won clearly from Moyes, with Central coming a close third. The highlight of the day was the Junior 880 yards in which H. Bourn and R. McCaw tied to break the record. This record was later reduced to 2 min. 13.5 secs. by C. Humphries on Sports Day.

The Annual Athletic Sports on the 20th March were held on the Lower Ground also. The track was in very good condition, two records being broken, and one equalled. Our congratulations to C. Humphries for the Junior Mile in addition to breaking the Junior 880 yards record, and to D. Lloyd who equalled the Senior 220 yards record of 24 secs.

This year the Under 14 age group was altered to Under 14½ to comply with the Inter-Secondary School Sports rules, and also to even the size of the three age groups. Thus a new set of records will have to be started for this group.

Four new events were introduced this year; a junior discus throw and shot put, and the Under 14½ 75 yards events were replaced by an 880 yards championship and handicap.

The Athletic Committee are grateful for the services rendered by Messrs. C. Keig, A. Hodder, A. Gilliver, S. Lay, R. Mells and J. Aburn who acted as officials at our sports. Our thanks are also extended to the Dining Room Staff for serving afternoon tea on Sports Day, and to the New Plymouth Athletic Club who have run special events for us in their weekly sports.

Our School again participated in the Inter-Secondary School Sports, held this year at Pukekura Park owing to weather conditions.

Winners from our team were: R. S. Croxson, the Senior 100 yards and long jump; D. G. Lloyd, the Senior 220 and 440 yards; T. W. Verney, the Senior 880 yards and mile; J. K. Lay, the Senior 120 yards hurdles; F. P. Hutchings, the Senior shot put; R. D. McCaw, the Intermediate 440 yards; R. G. Teariki, the Intermediate shot put; A. R. Hill, the Junior 100 yards; W. H. Brett, the

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Junior 880 yards; G. J. Patten, the Junior long jump; and G. J. McCabe, the Junior high jump.

Particularly commendable was R. Croxson's time of 10.5 sec. for the Senior 100 yards.

F. L. Bygrave and G. K. Sigley.

Steeplechase

The Steeplechase was held on October 15th and was again run over the School farm. The courses were the same as last year, the Under 14½ being about 1½ miles, the Junior 2 miles, and the Senior 3 miles. Good conditions favoured the times.

J. Foster off 160 sec., won the Senior Steeplechase, and was followed by T. W. Verney off scratch. Verney's time of 17 min. 21 sec. was a fine performance, and well ahead of the next fastest time.

Congratulations go to R. W. Humphries who won the Junior Steeplechase, and to C. E. Humphries who took fastest time; to T. L. Sweetman who won the Under 14½, and to R. J. Quail, who gained fastest time; and to P. R. Mackay who won the Osborne Cup by returning fastest time for the Preparatory School in the Under 14½ event.

F. L. Bygrave and G. K. Sigley.

SENIOR

J. Foster (160sec.), 16min. 34sec.	1
T. W. Verney (scr.), 17min. 21sec.	2
D. Boland (150sec.), 17min. 29sec.	3
N. N. Saxton (90sec.), 17min. 35sec.	4
K. R. Kirk (120sec.), 17min. 40sec.	5
B. Law (80sec.), 17min. 46sec.	6
R. B. Hodgson (120sec.), 17min. 51sec.	7
L. Bransgrove (120sec.), 18min. 17sec.	8
F. W. Brewer (90sec.), 18min. 24sec.	9
R. L. Banks (70sec.), 18min. 25sec.	10

Then followed: G. Milham, G. Neve, B. George, B. J. Woodd, C. J. Wright, D. S. Bryant, M. L. Cooper, J. H. Little, M. S. Hutchings, P. N. Goodsell.

Fastest times:

T. W. Verney, 17min. 21sec.	1
N. N. Saxton, 19min. 5sec.	2
B. Law, 19min. 6sec.	3
J. Foster, 19min. 17sec.	4
R. L. Banks, 19min. 35sec.	5
K. R. Kirk, 19min. 40sec.	6
R. B. Hodgson, 19min. 51sec.	7
F. W. Brewer, 19min. 54sec.	8
D. S. Bryant, 19min. 56sec.	9
D. Boland, 19min. 59sec.	10

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JUNIOR

R. W. Humphries (80sec.), 10min. 6sec.	1
G. B. Rayward (100sec.), 10min. 12sec.	2
G. King (120sec.), 10min. 20sec.	3
R. O. Rackley (100sec.), 10min. 25sec.	4
V. R. Christiansen (150sec.), 10min. 27sec.	5
R. K. Voss (100sec.), 10min. 29sec.	6
W. M. Lander (200sec.), 10min. 29sec.	7
E. F. Des Forges (90sec.), 10min. 35sec.	8
G. L. Roberts (140sec.), 10min. 37sec.	9
I. R. Sampson (120sec.), 10min. 42sec.	10

Then followed: G. E. Irving, A. Foggin, M. L. Honeyfield, K. Lamb, M. J. Sexton, R. Maskery, C. Gibbs, G. R. Pelham, C. E. Humphries, W. Brett.

Fastest times:

C. E. Humphries, 10min. 59sec.	1
M. J. Sexton, 11min. 14sec.	2
R. W. Humphries, 11min. 26sec.	3
G. B. Rayward, 11min. 52sec.	4
W. H. Brett, 12min. 3sec.	5
R. O. Rackley, 12min. 5sec.	6
E. F. Des Forges, 12min. 5sec.	6
R. K. Voss, 12min. 9sec.	8
G. R. Pelham, 12min. 17sec.	9
G. King, 12min. 20sec.	10

UNDER 14½ YEARS

T. L. Sweetman (120sec.), 8min. 38sec.	1
B. I. Bretherton (60sec.), 8min. 49sec.	2
P. L. Moorhead (70sec.), 8min. 57sec.	3
C. Harvey (60sec.), 9min. 7sec.	4
J. Treweek (60sec.), 9min. 8sec.	5
J. A. Webby (80sec.), 9min. 14sec.	6
J. L. Bithell (30sec.), 9min. 16sec.	7
B. K. Maine (40sec.), 9min. 16sec.	8
J. N. Moorhead (60sec.), 9min. 17sec.	9
R. Silson (80sec.), 9min. 19sec.	10

Then followed: C. W. Lees, J. Phillips, W. S. Wakelin, K. L. Meredith, B. G. Sowry, I. A. Barry, R. J. Quail, G. T. Stubbs, V. Snowden, J. Viver.

Fastest times:

R. J. Quail, 9min. 37sec.	1
J. L. Bithell, 9min. 46sec.	2
B. J. Bretherton, 9min. 49sec.	3
J. Viver, 9min. 49sec.	3
T. McCracken, 9min. 51sec.	5
B. R. Maine, 9min. 56sec.	6
P. L. Moorhead, 10min. 7sec.	7
C. Harvey, 10min. 7sec.	7
J. Treweek, 10min. 8sec.	9
J. N. Moorhead, 10min. 17sec.	10

Preparatory Notes

We are sorry to say goodbye to the Preparatory Department after its many years of usefulness, but we bring to your attention with a certain amount of pride the activities, in this, its last year.

At the beginning of the year there were 16 boarders, and three day boys. This number was reduced by one boarder when A. Shirtcliffe left at the end of the first term.

Sports:

The boys who entered for the Prep. Swimming Championship were as follows: B. Badham, R. Fa'alelei, M. Lecher, A. Shirtcliffe and A. Mackay. Fa'alelei had no trouble in winning this. He also scored three wins at the New Plymouth Primary Schools' Swimming Sports. Shirtcliffe, Badham, Lecher and A. Mackay also got places.

In football we entered an intermediate Rugby team and did very well, finishing among the top three. We congratulate G. Peterson, L. Wicksteed and P. Mackay on being picked to play in the New Plymouth under 6st. 7lb. representative trials. All boys managed to get into the rep. team. We also congratulate N. Lester on being chosen the most improved player of the year, and H. Hunt, the captain.

The Prep. cricket team has done very well in not losing a game during the first term. In the third term it has won a game and lost a game. The loss was probably due to the leaving of Shirtcliffe who had the highest batting average and who also bowled well. The most wickets have been gained by Fa'alelei. He, with J. Jamieson, were chosen to play in a New Plymouth Primary Schools XI against the High School Third Form XI in the first term.

In athletics, at the School sports, winners were J. Murdoch, 75 yards, 100 yards and 220 yards under 14½ years, and P. Mackay, 880 yards under 14½ years. In the New Plymouth Primary Schools Athletic Sports, for its size, the Prep. did very well. R. Fa'alelei and J. Murdoch both won the races for their age group, and J. Murdoch and M. Lecher won novelty events.

In the Steeplechase eight boys entered from the Prep. The first boy to finish was G. Shewry, and the Osborne Cup for the fastest time went to P. Mackay.

In the boxing the Cunningham Cup for the Prep. Championship went to P. Mackay, and J. Jamieson was credited with being the best loser. In the two bouts on the final night, R. Wylde-Brown defeated J. Hughes, while the bout between G. Peterson and P. Mackay proved to be one of the best in the evening.

As we approach the end of the year and of the existence of the Boys' High School Preparatory Department, we are looking forward to the production of a three-act play to serve as a reminder of our preparatory days.

J. Hughes, A. Butler.

School Institutions

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After a second year of High School services combined with what used to be 11 a.m. Matins, the arrangement has met with fairly universal popularity. The form is that of the independent original service but is now attended by a more general cross section of the worshipping public. It also gives an opportunity for more time for Bible Class, for Young People's Church and fits in with Sunday School so we readily accept this arrangement which helps the whole parish and also gives the pupils a wider appreciation of public worship.

We regret that the girls are no longer in the Choir owing to difficulty in arranging a practice time, but their singing in the congregation is greatly appreciated.

On the first Sunday in the month we have Choral Communion and on the third Sunday Holy Communion in the Library.

Services have been conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. Sadlier and Archdeacon Gavin. Mr. J. Hatherly has preached once each term.

On alternate Friday nights Canon Hurst, Rev. G. A. Butt and Rev. T. H. Sadlier have taken classes at the Boys' High School. On the other Fridays, hymn practices have been held.

Again the Diocesan Youth Rally was held on the fourth Sunday in July. The preacher was Canon Hurst. We all enjoyed afternoon tea after the service.

Confirmation classes were conducted by the clergy during the second term and on Saturday, 25th September, the Bishop of Waikato administered Confirmation in St. Mary's Church. The following were confirmed:

P. Adlam, B. D. Allerby, W. P. Awarua, J. S. Barnett, R. J. Beveridge, R. A. Bower, B. P. Boyle, C. J. Bright, E. W. Broughton, T. R. Burgess, D. S. Bryant, P. A. Cattle, N. P. Davidson, E. F. Des Forges, M. E. A. Dillon, C. N. Gardiner, I. M. Green, K. Elliot, J. Erwin, A. M. Foggin, R. R. Ellet, A. K. M. Elliott, R. G. Gunn, R. I. Harding, G. D. Hayes, M. L. Honeyfield, R. A. Jackson, L. C. Jury, J. D. Lacey, W. K. Larsen, I. D. Lobb, A. R. Logan, P. A. Luckstedt, R. P. Mahy, R. K. McGee, D. G. Medway, R. D. Milne, I. G. Papps, G. J. Patten, R. S. Pease, L. P. Penn, R. J. Quail, E. D. Read, M. J. Riddle, G. W. Ritchie, K. B. Roberts, W. Rumball, A. M. Smale, G. T. Stubbs, S. A. Stubbs, P. B. Strombom, B. J. Tait, T. D. Walker, A. T. H. Wall.

Sixth Form Forum

On October 8th a forum was held at St. Andrew's Hall. It was organised by the New Zealand Council of Christian Education, and attended by sixth form pupils from the Stratford, Waitara, and New Plymouth High Schools.

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The meeting was opened with an interesting talk by Archdeacon Gavin on the "Necessity of a Spiritual Basis For Life." After this the meeting broke up into small groups which then discussed the propositions presented by Archdeacon Gavin. After a pleasant tea the meeting was resumed, and a panel discussed questions brought forward. The panel consisted of the Mayoress of New Plymouth, Mrs. E. O. E. Hill, the headmistress of St. Mary's School, Stratford, Miss E. Robertson, the minister of the Stratford Presbyterian Church, the Rev. W. G. Comber, and the headmaster of the Opunake District High School, Mr. R. Burton. Major-General Morley of the Salvation Army presided.

We are sorry to say goodbye to the Rev. G. A. Butt, who has left us during the third term. We appreciate the interest he has taken in our spiritual welfare and wish him every success in his new appointment at Putaruru.

The Vicar's message: "It is a continued joy to have the High Schools so closely associated with St. Mary's and to have the boys and girls aware that they are a very real part of the parish during their years at school. It is my earnest hope that the atmosphere of our beautiful Church, together with what is heard and learnt there will be a factor for good in the future lives and careers of the pupils. While it is the task of the schools to fit people to make a living and to live in a community, it is the function of the Church to declare the purpose of life and to teach the principles and practices by which Christians can fulfil God's purpose for them. There is naturally an overlap, and it is this overlap that witnesses to the importance of both in the training of the leaders of the future. May those who are leaving school this term carry into their new environments both the spirit of the Church and of all that is best in the school." Walter Hurst, Vicar.

M. G. Denton.

THE CRUSADER MOVEMENT

The Crusader Movement, under the leadership of Mr. E. A. Donovan, has continued to be a source of inspiration and help to all boys who have attended this year. Mr. Donovan has based his messages on the Scripture Union portions, and from them much benefit has been gained. Although the roll has remained very steady, some boys have not been as regular in attendance as they might. Several older boys have gained their Crusader Badges. Our meetings continue to be held during the lunch hour on Thursdays in the music rooms and all boys are welcome.

Earlier in the year we had a very successful evening combining with the Girls' High School Union and Stratford Technical High School. Snow camps were also held during the August holidays.

The North Island Crusader Secretary, Dr. V. Martin, has visited us twice this year, on one occasion showing some films. We have also been addressed by two Missionaries, Mr. N. McIntosh of the China Inland Mission and Mr. D. Thomson of the Egypt General Mission. Mr. E. Dewar and Bruce Beetham have also taken meetings this year.

C. P. Cooney.

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THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

1st Violins: P. J. Komlos (leader), M. W. Birch, J. S. Barrett.

2nd Violins: P. C. Nicholls, D. A. Butler.

3rd Violins: B. D. Allerby, R. N. Dodd.

'Cello: A. C. Howell.

Bass: G. Cleland.

Flute: G. R. Fookes.

Clarinets: P. B. Strombom, J. V. Parkinson.

Cornets: I. Boese, J. S. Orams.

Horn: K. S. D. Austin.

Trombone: A. W. Hall.

Percussion: G. A. E. Neve.

Piano: M. J. Connell.

The school orchestra has completed another year's interesting playing. The practices were held, as usual, on Friday mornings and were well attended. During the first term the orchestra combined with the Girls' High School orchestra to play for the Music Festival.

Although we made no other public appearances apart from the breaking-up ceremony, our practices were made very interesting by the choice, amongst other works, of the "Finale" from Beethoven's 5th Symphony, which, in spite of its difficulty, we managed to play quite well.

Three members of the orchestra, P. Komlos, M. Birch and G. Cleland, are also members of the New Plymouth orchestra.

It is noticeable that no third formers now play in the orchestra. Unless an improvement is made in this position in the coming year the future of the orchestra will remain rather uncertain.

G. Cleland.

THE MUSIC FESTIVAL

The fourth Annual Music Festival was held on the 5th and 6th of May. Four performances were given, two of which were matinees for the primary and high schools. With a choir of 290 voices and an orchestra of 45, the Festival took up most of the participants' leisure hours during the first term. Practices were held in the lunch hour for day boys, and after tea for boarders, with twice-weekly combined practices at the Girls' High School in the latter part of the term.

Perhaps the most difficult work this year was Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer" which called for some concentration on the timing of individual parts and hence took up more practice time. But the final presentation amply justified this extra time.

The group of songs sung by the boys' choir proved to be popular, especially the Negro Spirituals and "The Donkey," in which a number of boy-sopranos took part. The presentation of Somervill's songs-cycle "Windflowers" and songs from "The Mikado" by the girls was also very well received.

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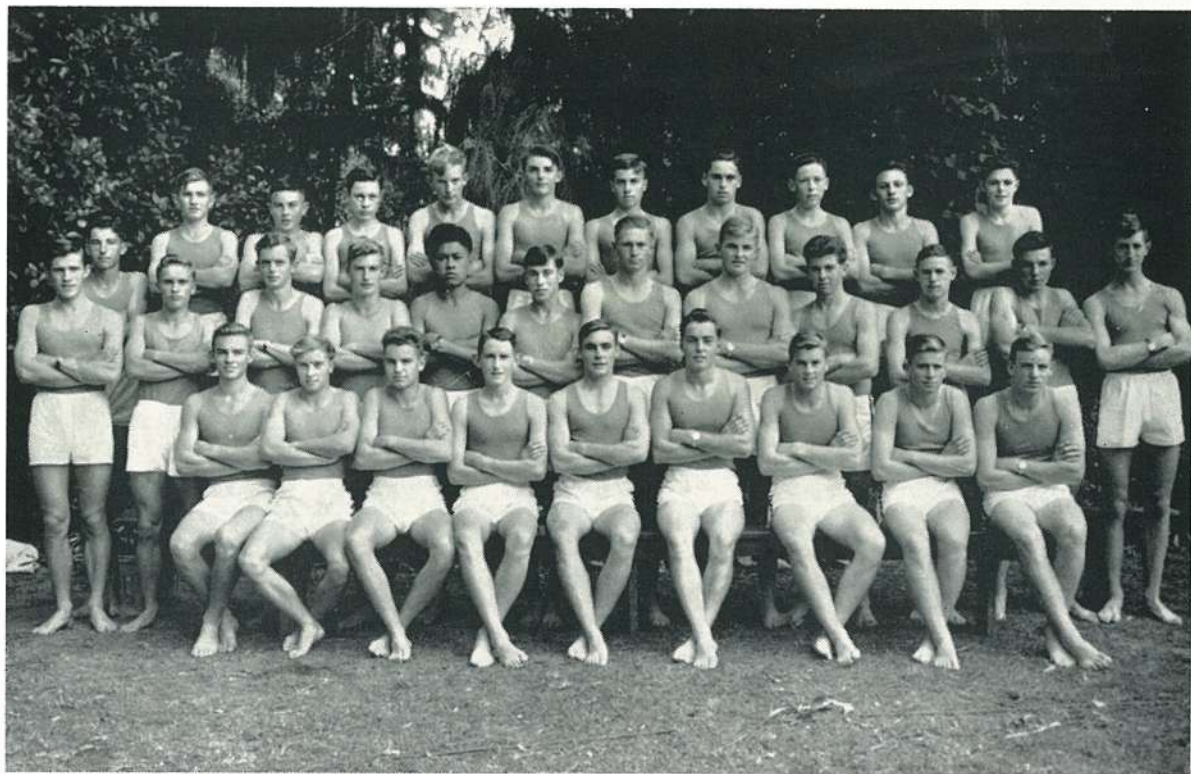
EVENT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	TIME, HEIGHT, DISTANCE	SCHOOL RECORD
SENIOR—					
Championships					
(a) 100 Yards.	Lloyd, P. J.	Croxson, R. S.	Sigley, G. K.	10.8sec.	10.4sec. R. Watson, 1927. W. P. Revell, 1943.
(b) 220 Yards.	Lloyd, D. G.	Lloyd, P. J.	Croxson, R. S.	24sec.	24sec. { L. B. Shrimpton, 1948. D. G. Lloyd, 1954.
(c) 440 Yards.	Lloyd, D. G.	Burgess, R. N.	Morton, M. J.	54.5sec.	52.6sec. J. A. Ross, 1948.
(d) 880 Yards.	Verney, T. W.	Horrill, C. S.	McGlashan, G. G.	2min. 8.1sec.	2min. 3.8sec. C. Keig, 1948.
(d) One Mile.	Verney, T. W.	Horrill, C. S.	Leuthart, N. D.	4min. 50.1sec.	4min. 42.6sec. C. Keig, 1948
(f) 120 Yards Hurdles.	Lay, J. K.	Saxton, D. C.	Southorn, A. R.	16.3sec.	15.6sec. M. O. Ekdahl, 1935.
Long Jump.	Croxson, R. S.	Hutchings, F. P.	Jonas, N. G.	18ft. 8¾in.	21ft. 8in. A. G. McIntyre, 1937.
High Jump.	Lay, J. K.	Warren, D. A.	Lawn, R. C.	5ft.	5ft. 6¾in. J. C. Gordon, 1929.
Hop, Step and Jump.	Hutchings, F. P.	Takai, T.	Carter, J. McC.	40ft. 2¾in.	43ft. 6in. L. J. Croxson, 1952.
Throwing the Discus.	Lay, J. K.	Hutchings, F. P.	Raumati, R. S.	119ft. 11½in.	128ft., 8in. A. B. Hooper, 1949.
Putting the Shot.	Rangi, M.	Hutchings, F. P.	Lay, J. K.	38ft. 6in.	43ft., A. B. Hooper, 1949.
Throwing the Javelin	Carter, J. McC.	Lay, J. K.	Southorn, A. R.	153ft. 7½in.	163ft. 3in., J. K. Lay, 1953
Handicaps					
100 Yards.	Foley, D. P.	Wood, D. R.	Raines, J. D.	10.7sec.	
220 Yards.	Wood, D. R.	Raines, J. D.	Moorhead, B. W.	25sec.	
440 Yards.	Brewer, F. W.	Mooney, W. D.	Frazer, E. L.	57.3sec.	
880 Yards.	Ham, J. L.	Law, B.	Smillie, T. W.	2min. 11.2sec.	
(e) One Mile.	Davies, R. O.	Ham, J. L.	Harper, W. J.	5min. 5.7sec.	
120 Yards Hurdles.	Wood, D. R.	Smith, A. W.	Lawn, R. C.	19.3sec.	
JUNIOR—					
Championships					
(g) 100 Yards.	Cannell, B. M. P.	Geary, D. W.	Herbert, B. E.	11.2sec.	10.6sec. { C. C. Kjestrup, 1937. W. J. P. Mitchell, 1946
220 Yards.	Cannell, B. M. P.	Wright, D. F.	Jensen, G. R.	25.2sec.	24.2sec. O. A. M. Greensill, 1948.
(h) 440 Yards.	McCaw, R. D. J.	Bourn, H.	Humphries, C. E.	56.9sec.	55.2sec. D. G. Lloyd, 1953
(i) 880 Yards.	Humphries, C. E.	Sexton, M. J.	Hutchings, M. S.	2min. 13.5sec.	2m. 13.5s. C. E. Humphries, 1954.
120 Yards Hurdles.	Webster, B.	Ramsay, P. D. K.	McCallum, B. M.	19.8sec.	16.7sec. J. K. Lay, 1953.
(j) Long Jump.	McCaw, R. D. J.	Trehey, P. M.	Richards, G.	17ft. 9½in.	20ft. 8½in. C. C. Kjestrup, 1937.
(k) High Jump.	Trehey, P. M.	Clarke, J. R.	Tuck, B. N. C.	4ft. 11in.	5ft. 2½in. A. A. Keller, 1932.
Hop, Step and Jump.	Teariki, R. G.	McCaw, R. D. J.	Wright, D. F.	37ft. 7¾in.	40ft. 2in., J. K. Lay, 1953.
Throwing the Discus.	Teariki, R. G.	Cannell, B. M. P.	Bourn, H.	95ft. 1in.	95ft. 1in., R. G. Teariki, 1954
Putting the Shot.	Teariki, R. G.	McCaw, R. D. J.	Tait, B.	34ft. 10in.	34ft. 10in., R. G. Teariki, 1954.
Handicaps					
100 Yards.	Penney, E. D.	Bourn, H.	Clemow, D. C.	11.3sec.	
220 Yards.	Smith, R. B.	Woodward, W. D.	Bryant, D. S.	26.3sec.	
(l) 440 Yards.	Kohn, B. A.	Hutchings, M. S.	Foreman, I. M.	57.6sec.	
880 Yards.	Dravitzki, P. V.	Whitehead, D. S.	Oxenham, G. K.	2min. 18.8sec.	
(m) One Mile.	Humphries, C. E.	Sexton, M. J.	Kirk, K. R.	5min. 4.5sec.	5m. 4.5s., C. E. Humphries, 1954.
(n) 120 Yards Hurdles.	Sullivan, B. J.	Tuck, B. N. C.	Clarke, J. R.	20.2sec.	
UNDER 14½—					
Championships					
100 Yards.	Hill, A. R.	Patten, G. J.	Luckstedt, P. A.	11.4sec.	11.4sec., A. R. Hill, 1954.
220 Yards.	Hill, A. R.	Patten, G. J.	Myers, N.	25.8sec.	25.8sec., A. R. Hill, 1954.
880 Yards.	Brett, W. H.	Tizard, M. H.	Luckstedt, P. A.	2min. 29.8sec.	2min. 29.8sec., W. H. Brett, 1954.
Long Jump.	Patten, G. J.	Chapman, B. J.	Carrier, S. J.	16ft. 7in.	16ft. 7in., G. J. Patten, 1954.
High Jump.	McCabe, G. J.	Jackson, R. A.	Burton, J.	4ft. 8in.	4ft. 8in., G. J. McCabe, 1954.
Handicaps					
100 Yards.	Myers, N.	Cattle, P. A.	Hills, A. J. W.	11.8sec.	
220 Yards.	Lobb, I. D.	Petersen, G. L.	Woodhouse, A. J.	27.1sec.	
880 Yards.	Mackay, P. R.	Simcock, T. D.	Viver, J.	2min. 29.7sec.	
Other Events					
75 Yards, Under 13.	Murdoch, J. C. G.	Clarke, G. R. G.	Murtagh, J.	9.9sec.	
100 Yards, Under 13.	Murdoch, J. C. G.	Clarke, G. R. G.	Murtagh, J.	13sec.	
220 Yards, Under 13.	Murdoch, J. C. G.	Murtagh, J.	Mackay, P. R.	29.4sec.	
Day Boys v. Boarders Relay.	Boarders				
Old Boys' Race, 100 Yards.	Still, R. E.			13.7sec.	

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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. Noakes' Cup.
- (g) Mr. E. Beckbessenger's Cup.
- (h) Mrs. Bothamley's Cup.
- (i) Mr. Gilmour's Cup.

- (j) Mr. W. A. Cartwright's Cup.
- (k) Mr. P. M. Moran's Cup.
- (l) Mr. Harman's Cup.
- (m) Mr. B. W. Grieves' Cup.
- (n) Mr. J. J. Marsh's Cup.



SCHOOL TEAM: INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS, 1954.

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The combined orchestras played "Ave Verum Corpus" by Mozart and "Minuet and Trio" from Haydn's Surprise Symphony. They also accompanied the choir in "Land of Hope and Glory" and the National Anthem.

The standard of both choir and orchestra was, if anything, better than that of previous performances, and the items by the band were a pleasant addition to the programme. Another praiseworthy feature this year was the high standard displayed by the instrumental and vocal groups which provided contrast to the music of choir and orchestra.

The Festival is now eagerly looked forward to by a large number of people in New Plymouth, as was shown by the full houses on both nights, and it was gratifying to the participants to have such enthusiasm displayed for this type of music.

Since the first Festival in 1951, noticeably more interest in music has been evident in the school and it is hoped that in the future, music will continue to play a more important part in our school lives.

Our thanks go to the members of the staff who trained us, especially to Mrs. Veale for her accompaniments upon which the success of the performance depended, and to Mr. Komlos who so ably trained and conducted the orchestra.

A. C. Howell.

THE SCHOOL BAND

Drum Major: A. W. Hall.

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

Bass Drum: G. A. E. Neve.

Cornets: J. S. Orams, I. Boese, A. Hill, I. Morley, R. Miller, B. Smith.

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

Baritones: R. Holmes, N. Preston, R. W. Beets.

Euphoniums: I. Pryke, D. B. Beets.

Trombones: S. Smith, A. W. Hall.

Bass: K. Beets.

The School Band has completed a successful and interesting year's playing. We have played for battalion parades throughout the year as well as fulfilling some other engagements. In March we played for the parade of athletes in the inter-school sports. Again on Commonwealth Youth Sunday the School Band led the parade down Devon Street and played for the singing in the Opera House.

The Band did not parade on Anzac Day. It did, however, play on the preceding Friday for the New Plymouth Schools' Anzac Service and there we played hymns and the Last Post.

This year the whole of the School Band played in the Music Festival, instead of the customary quartette. We played a selection

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from the "Pirates of Penzance" by Sullivan and an arrangement by Mr. Hall of N. M. Brewster's "Lovely Egmont." The intensive practise for this was well rewarded by the performance.

Again we are indebted to the City Band for the use of the Bandroom for practices as well as music and equipment. We wish to thank Mr. Hall for his time devoted to our practices which were fully enjoyed by all.

A. W. Hall.

LIBRARY NOTES

A new method of obtaining books for the library this year has been successful. Boys who are leaving were asked to donate to the library any books they had outgrown. The donor's name was inscribed in any books given in this way. This system will be continued next year.

As the result of increased reading, many books have become well worn and dog-eared. Good accurate reference books on some subjects are lacking but owing to the shortage of funds it is impossible to purchase them.

Welcome additions to the library this year are electric heaters, linoleum on the floor, and the use of plastic covers on new books. The library is now almost warm, when it is cold outside, and the linoleum has reduced noise by deadening the sound of feet on the floor. The plastic covers on the books, make them last much longer and keeps the dust covers clean and attractive.

The library prefects have worked well again this year keeping order and issuing books during the lunch hour, after school, and during the week-ends.

B. Gilliver.

CADET NOTES

The 1954 Cadet year began with six days' Barracks, during which the Cadet Corps uniform was issued together with the shoulder flashes and cap badges from last year. We were unfortunate in having two rainy days, but generally good progress was made by all Companies.

The Battalion as usual was formed of four Companies. A.T.C. and Signals formed "A" Company and received specialised instruction. "B" Company consisted of three platoons of senior boys, who covered an extensive syllabus—basic training, fieldcraft, L.M.S. and infantry training being included. The N.C.O. Platoon set a very high standard in foot and rifle drill, while the remainder of "C" Company (second year boys) has been instructed in drill and weapon training with a greater emphasis placed on fieldcraft than usual. "D" Company consisted of first year boys and has made a steady development, the most instruction being in foot and rifle drill.

Barracks week ended with a march past on the Lower Ground, which many parents attended. Mr. Billing, Chairman of the Board, took the salute.

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This year, after the traditional service at the School Memorial Gates, the Battalion took part in the Anzac Day parade. At the School Service wreaths were laid by Dr. I. H. Auld (Old Boys' Association), W.O.I R. S. Croxson, W.O.II D. G. Lloyd and W.O.II G. K. Sigley.

Thirty-six junior N.C.O.'s sat the Sergeant's promotion examination, compared with the thirty-three who sat last year. A moderately high standard of foot drill was reached.

Results:—

Those qualifying for promotion to Sergeant: J. R. Wood, H. V. Wellington, N. G. Jonas, B. P. Baxter, D. J. Christie, T. Fa'asalafa, P. J. Trehey, A. Poletti, W. Hamilton, A. McKenzie, B. Rumball, D. G. C. Swan, D. Tuckett, G. Fookes.

The Sole Cup, awarded to the School's best N.C.O., was won this year by Staff-Sergeant C. Lealand. Captain Seccombe commented on the very high standard of the four candidates and we wish to thank him and his staff, together with Major Costelli, 2 I.C., Taranaki West Coast Regiment, for providing the examiners.

Our congratulations also go to Staff-Sergeant Lealand on his acceptance for Duntroon.

Ten cadets attended a junior N.C.O. course in the 1953-54 Christmas holidays at Linton, while three cadets from Signals attended a special N.C.O. (Signals) course at the same time.

The Battalion has missed the use of the top ground for Company and Battalion parades this year. Unfortunately, during the winter term, the Gully Ground became too wet for parades, resulting in a fewer number of main parades this year.

Generally the Battalion has made steady progress over the year, although the standard of marching has probably been lower than that of former years.

A.T.C. NOTES

The Unit this year consisted of three flights with a total of seventy cadets. Lectures during the year have been on Morse, principles of flight, engines and instruments. At an N.C.O. camp, three of the Unit represented the School.

In the annual Central Reserve Wing competition for the Waterhouse Trophy our shooting team did not do as well as in recent years.

Group Captain Turner visited the School on two occasions with general and particular information on Air Force Training and careers.

A large number of the School Unit cadets also attend the town squadron of the A.T.C. on Wednesday nights for further training.

SIGNALS

An unusually large number of applicants for the Unit this year caused considerable difficulty in choosing the stipulated quota. This did, however, result in a definite keenness for barracks week and this enthusiasm continued throughout the year.

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For our annual exercise we combined with C Company and were able to establish a successful net. Unfortunately, this year as for other years, we have had trouble with the equipment, owing no doubt to inexperienced handling, and so operating was inclined to be erratic.

The coverage of the Steeplechase this year by "48" sets was distinctly better than in other years, although we experienced some trouble from a faulty amplifier.

On the whole the year has been very successful and we are again indebted to Staff-Sergeant Mills, from the Army Department, for his help throughout the year.

R. S. Croxson.

BOXING NOTES

The championships were held on Thursday, August 12th after three days of preliminaries. Nearly 100 contestants entered but the number of day boys interested was again disappointing. The School is indebted to the Taranaki Boxing Association for the use of their ring and to the referee, Mr. T. Ryan and the judges Messrs. V. J. Barnes, P. J. Morris and R. Robinson.

The scientific cup went to J. R. Brimblecombe for the third time. In making the presentation, Mr. V. J. Barnes commented favourably on the standard of boxing and manner in which the bouts were fought.

Since the retirement of Mr. I. (Blue) Wallace, Mr. J. M. P. Mendes has been coaching boxing at School.

The house competition was won by Moyes who had eight finalists on the night and scored 58 points. Pridham were second with 42 and Carrington third with 26.

Preparatory School:

Atomweight.—R. Wylde-Browne v. J. Hughes. R. Wylde-Browne made use of his weight and kept carrying the fight to Hughes who was forced to back move. Wylde-Browne won on points.

Championship.—P. Mackay v. G. Peterson. P. Mackay and Peterson were well matched but Mackay proved more scientific in his guarding and punching. A very good aggressive bout ended in a win for Mackay.

Upper School:

6 stone and under.—T. Sweetman v. J. Perham. Perham, using his advantage in reach and weight, took the lead and Sweetman was kept on guard. Perham gained a points decision.

7 stone and under.—S. Collett v. P. Phillips. The more experienced Phillips took the lead in the first round but tired later and the fitter Collett took the advantage. Collett won on points.

7st. 7lb. and under.—W. Davies v. W. Bygrave. Davies was rather open to the more stylish and experienced Bygrave but was faster and frequently got through Bygrave's guard thus winning a points decision.

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8 stone and under.—K. Ward v. I. Ross. Ward's ringcraft was very good and he appeared to be a more accomplished boxer. His style, however, left him wide open for counter punches. Although there were not very many clean blows struck in the fight, Ward used a vicious right jab to the body after leading with his left swing. Ward was the winner on points.

8st. 7lb. and under.—R. Franklin v. N. Johnson. This contest provided one of the slugging matches of the night. Although there was not a great deal in the first round, Johnson seemed to get the better of the in-fighting. Franklin started well in the second round but Johnson soon had him sagging on the ropes. After he had been down twice and had taken a great deal of punishment, the referee awarded the bout to Johnson.

9st. and under.—R. Smith v. R. Andrew. In the early stages of the bout Smith appeared to be more experienced but Andrew was a tough opponent. Andrew took a lot of punishment throughout the bout which ended in a win for Smith.

9st. 7lb. and under.—A. Batten v. J. Wood. Batten had an advantage of reach and height but his opponent met his tactics calmly. Wood got under Batten's punches and gave him some solid blows to the head and body. The fight was stopped in the second round when the referee awarded the fight to Wood.

10st. and under.—R. Thompson v. T. D. Simcock. This was a good close fight between the more experienced Thompson who led good hard punches to the head and body, and Simcock, who retaliated with good body punches but was unable to take the points decision from Thompson.

10st. 7lb. and under.—G. Hyde v. J. R. Brimblecombe. The first round opened sensationally when Brimblecombe, one of the firm favourites of the evening, was sent to the canvas twice in quick succession, the second time for the compulsory eight count. Brimblecombe then took over the offensive and scored often with both hands to the head and body. Hyde was subject to a battering of lefts and rights to the head in the second round. However, though groggy, he tried to take the offensive. Brimblecombe was still scoring easily when the referee stopped the fight, awarding him the decision.

11st. and under.—D. Bryant v. R. Simpson. This bout was short but exciting. Simpson landed more blows than Bryant but Bryant had more power behind his. At the end of the first round Bryant landed some heavy blows to the head, when the referee stopped the fight, awarding it to Bryant.

11st. 7lb. and under.—H. Bourn v. L. Peterson. This was a fight which saw both boxers almost out on their feet, and, at one stage, both on the canvas. The fight was a good one, Bourn appearing to prefer defensive boxing. Near the end of the final round Peterson was sent through the ropes by Bourn, who himself fell inside the ring. Peterson was the winner.

Heavyweight championship.—R. U. Mence v. M. G. Denton. In a good opening round Mence scored frequently with hard lefts to

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the chin and body. Denton, however, had him in trouble against the ropes in the closing stages of the round. In the second round Mence began to use his right hand to advantage and Denton was troubled by Mence's heavy body punches and right crosses to the head. During the final round Mence used the ring to advantage and his tactics in evading Denton's punches were highly successful. Mence won the fight on points.

J. R. Wood and M. G. Denton.

GYMNASTICS

Early in the third term a competition was held in our gymnasium between various clubs and schools of Taranaki. This competition was similar to the one held last year and consisted of three age groups, junior, intermediate and senior.

The School entered two teams in both the junior and intermediate. Although the junior team was not so successful, the intermediates performed well.

The School was successful with the following:—

School Junior A: Third equal on cross-horse with School Junior B.

School Intermediate: First on cross-horse and horizontal bar, and second on long-horse and mats.

Senior teams from Y.M.C.A. and St. Johns all gave good displays, especially on the horizontal bar and parallels, and they were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The afternoon was very successful and keenness, especially in the junior teams, makes us hope this competition will become an annual fixture.

School Championships

This year saw the introduction of the horizontal bar, which gave some spectacular exercises for a difficult piece of apparatus. The results of the finals were as follows:—

Third Form: R. G. Shepherd 1 (98), G. B. Capper 2 (95½), B. V. Ovendon 3 (91½). This was a close competition, most of the points being scored on the horse. Shepherd had final finish to his work which the others lacked and this gained him the slight lead. The standard was high and competitive margin was not great.

Fourth Form: J. Chapman 1 (109), M. Geary 2 (108), A. Webby 3 (107½). This was undoubtedly the most interesting of the competitions. The standard was very high and competition keen and consequently results were separated by a narrow margin. Geary gained an early lead but Chapman overtook him with some good work on the horizontal bar and parallels.

Fifth Form: R. Amor 1 (103½), R. Mence 2 (96), B. Morris 3 (83). The standard in general was lower compared with the other groups, the work lacking polish and, although the competitors improved on the horizontal bar the degree of originality could have been higher.

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Open: A. W. Smith 1 (112), R. Amor 2 (98½), J. Shepherd 3 (96). The standard was generally higher than that of last year and the horizontal bar and parallels showed the originality of the competitors. The more experienced Smith soon took the lead and kept increasing his margin.

J. McC. Carter.

SOCCER NOTES

This year there were seven school teams competing in North Taranaki soccer competitions. School West won the under 16 grade and School B the under 14. The 1st XI was runner-up in the senior B competition for the Acheson Cup.

The first inter-college match against Wellington College, was won 2-1 in a very closely fought match, on Western Park, in ideal conditions. The winning goal was scored by Barclay from a well placed free kick by Parkinson. This is the first match of the series of three played against Wellington College, which we have won. Of the other two one was lost and one drawn.

Against Mount Albert Grammar, on Blandford Park, Auckland, later in July, the first XI lost 5-1 to a stronger side. The conditions were very muddy and although the School team held Mount Albert to 2-1 for most of the match, the defence gave way near the finish.

In the match against Wanganui Tech., we won 4-1 on Western Park.

We congratulate Barclay (captain), Parkinson, Burgess, Amor, Ham, Mence and Hall, who were selected for the Taranaki under 18 Junior National Cup team and Barclay and Parkinson on being included in the representative Senior B side.

The inter-house competition for the Holden Cup was won this year by West. In the first round they defeated East 4-3 after extra time and Central beat Carrington 3-1. In the second round West defeated Moyes 1-0 and Central won 2-0 against Pridham. In the final West defeated Central 3-1 in an excellent match. We congratulate West on winning the Holden Cup.

A. W. Hall.

HOCKEY NOTES

This year one team was entered in the Junior Grade Northern Division Competition and there were sufficient players to enter two teams in the Third Grade competition.

The Third Grade "A" team was successful in winning the Northern Division competition and was beaten by Te Kiri in the final of the Taranaki championship. Two players, Derek Andrews and John Clarke, were picked to represent Taranaki in a Third Grade match against the King Country at Taumarunui at the end of the season, and the former won the stick presented by Mr. R. O. R. Clarke for the most improved player. There was much promise shown in the Third Grade players this year.

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This year's senior team acquitted itself very well and, although it won few games in the competition against much more experienced opponents, it derived much benefit from these matches. Three inter-college matches were played, all at New Plymouth, against Hawera T.H.S., Stratford T.H.S., and for the first time a match was arranged between the first eleven and Wanganui Technical. The results were:

v. Stratford Tech. Lost, 2-1.

v. Hawera Tech. Won, 3-1.

v. Wanganui Tech. Lost, 4-0.

This year, too, a team was entered in the seven-a-side tournament at Hawera, winning two games and losing three.

In the annual match against the Girls' High School the 1st XI won 6-1.

B. Alvis was picked to represent Taranaki in a Junior team in a game against Wanganui.

It is apparent that the game is steadily growing in popularity each year as its merits as a school game are being more widely recognised by the boys. As the majority of the players are Day Boys, hockey in Taranaki should also benefit from the increasing strength of the game in the school. B. Alvis.

SWIMMING NOTES

Although the standard in the Senior Championship was not quite so high as in past years, the competition was extremely keen and well contested.

In the Junior and under 14 events the standard was as high, and perhaps higher, than previous years. There are some very good Junior Swimmers who should improve and develop into fine champions.

Again the House point system, which was introduced last year as an experiment, provided great interest for the spectators as well as the swimmers. Three houses, Pridham, Carrington and Central, fought out a tremendous battle to gain a lead in points, which Pridham again won by the narrow margin of 2 points from Carrington and Central who were second equal.

D. Swan once more showed that he was well above the rest of his opponents in the Senior Breaststroke event, and gained a narrow victory in the Senior Butterfly. This race was perhaps the most exciting of the day, as both Swan and Rangī, broke the existing record.

Our congratulations must go to N. Saxton on being placed second in the Flannagan Cup Harbour Race.

Championship Winners

Senior.—K. A. Martin (9 points) 1; J. D. Raines (7 points)
2. L. N. Saxton (6 points) 3.



BOARDING HOUSE PREFECTS, 1954.

Top Row: T. Takai, R. O. Davies, R. D. J. McCaw, A. M. Fookes,
D. R. Wood, J. E. A. Lys.
Middle Row: M. G. Denton, B. Walter, F. P. Hutchings, J. McC.
Carter, C. T. Maingay.
Front Row: G. K. Hight, G. G. McGlashan, B. S. Farquhar, G. M.
Lloyd, D. M. McConachie, A. C. Howell.



DAY BOY HOUSE PREFECTS, 1954.

Back Row: D. L. Wheller, J. S. Shallard, C. S. Horrill, C. P. Cooney,
R. W. Hewson.
Middle Row: B. E. Gilliver, B. J. Woodd, R. G. W. Leversha, D. W.
Burton, J. K. Lay, M. C. Wynyard.
Front Row: P. F. Fookes, D. J. Barnes, D. L. Gill, P. J. Little, D. W.
Marsden. Inset: J. A. Leach.

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Junior.—D. Byers and R. Christie, 1st equal (6 points); B. Tait and I. M. Foreman, 3rd equal (5 points).

Under 14.—T. D. Simcock (15 points) 1; R. Johns (7 points) 2; R. Fa'alelei (3 points) 3.

Preparatory.—R. Fa'alelei (10 points) 1; M. Lecher (9 points) 2; B. Badham (5 points) 3.

House Points.—Pridham 42; Carrington and Central 40; East 30; Moyes 13; West 12.

Championship Events

Senior—

50 yards: T. W. Boon 1; K. A. Martin 2; J. D. Raines 3. Time, 29.2sec.

100 yards: J. D. Raines 1; K. A. Martin 2; L. N. Saxton 3. Time, 1min. 7.3sec.

220 yards: L. N. Saxton 1; K. A. Martin 2; J. D. Raines 3. Time, 2min. 46.2sec.

Junior—

33 1-3 yards: I. M. Foreman 1; D. Byers 2; R. Christie 3. Time, 18.7sec.

50 yards: B. Tait 1; D. Byers 2; D. Jensen 3. Time, 30.5sec.

100 yards: R. Christie 1; G. Doeg 2; D. Jensen 3. Time, 1min 12.2sec.

Under 14—

33 1-3 yards: T. D. Simcock 1; R. Johns 2; P. Woodcock 3. Time, 19.7sec.

50 yards: T. D. Simcock 1; Fa'alelei 2; R. Johns 3. Time, 31.5sec.

66 2-3 yards: T. D. Simcock 1; R. Johns 2; D. Harvey 3. Time, 44.6sec.

Preparatory—

33 1-3 yards: R. Fa'alelei 1; M. Lecher 2; A. MacKay 3. Time, 22.5sec.

50 yards: R. Fa'alelei 1; M. Lecher 2; A. MacKay 3. Time, 32.4sec.

Diving Championships

Senior: B. Pepperell 1; J. Orams 2; A. W. Smith 3.

Junior: R. Banks 1; T. Tompkins 2; M. Gardiner 3.

Under 15: G. B. Capper 1; T. D. Simcock 2; W. Sanderson 3.

Preparatory: B. Badham 1; M. Lecher 2; R. Coombridge 3.

Senior Handicaps

33 1-3 yards: J. M. Bennett 1; R. S. Croxson 2; M. E. Dillon 3. Time, 21.0sec.

50 yards: R. S. Croxson and J. M. Smale 1st equal; M. C. Wynyard 3. Time, 32.5sec.

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50 yards breaststroke: D. G. Swan 1; J. Orams 2; T. G. Somerville 3. Time, 36.5sec.

50 yards backstroke: L. N. Saxton 1, P. Lightfoot 2; M. Rang 3. Time 36.3sec. (Record.)

33 1-3 yards butterfly: D. G. Swan 1, M. Rang 2; L. N. Saxton 3. Time, 21.8sec. (Record.)

Relays

Inter-house: Pridham 1; Carrington 2; Central 3. Time, 1min. 16.2sec.

Inter-form: 5P2, 1; 4P2, 2; 4AG, 3.

Bay Boys v. Boarders: Boarders.

J. D. Raines.

SHOOTING NOTES

The standard of shooting, which this year has been generally high, has resulted in some keen competition, particularly in the senior cups. For the first time in many years the three senior championship events were won by one boy. In the 303 classification shoot, J. R. Brimblecombe returned an excellent score of 113 out of a possible 115.

Results were:—

.303 CUPS

Searle Cup (25 yards), possible 100: D. A. W. Aldworth (94), 1; D. A. Bartrum (89), 2; D. Snell, M. L. Smith, B. S. Alvis (87), 3 equal.

Kelly Cup (200 yards), possible 65: D. A. W. Aldworth (56) (won on count back from Snell), 1; D. Snell (56), 2; D. A. Bartrum (54), 3.

McDiarmid Belt, School Championship (aggregate of Searle and Kelly Cups), possible 165: D. A. W. Aldworth (150), 1; D. Snell and D. A. Bartrum (143), 2 equal.

Senior Lady Godley Cup and Shellcase (highest aggregate in classification shoot), possible 115: J. R. Brimblecombe (113), 1; D. A. W. Aldworth and Glass (109), 2 equal; B. Morris (108), 4.

.22 CUPS (Possible 65)

Hamblyn Cup (under 17): D. F. Wright (58), 1; A. A. Tompkins (56), 2; R. B. Kemp (55), 3.

Loveday Cup (under 15): W. Bourn (59), 1; R. M. Webber (58), 2; R. M. Gardiner (56), 3.

McLeod and Slade Cup (under 14): W. S. Wakelin (60), 1; G. D. Fulton (59), 2; R. M. Gardiner (56), 3.

The Junior Lady Godley Cup and Shellcase has still to be decided.

B. Walter.

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DEBATING NOTES

Debating activities for 1954 began in October with the first round of the senior Inter-House debate. The subject was, "That the proposed new school in New Plymouth should be a co-educational technical high school." The teams were:—

Pridham: R. D. J. McCaw, C. T. Maingay.

Carrington: R. O. Davies, D. Snell.

Moyes: A. C. Howell, J. E. A. Lys.

Central: R. S. Crosson, D. W. Burton.

West: C. A. Lealand, F. B. Sampson.

East: A. W. Hall, P. F. Fookes.

In this round West (Negative) defeated Pridham, Moyes (Negative) defeated Carrington and Central (Affirmative) were beaten by East. Because each of the three winners had taken the same side it was decided to change the subject for the semi-final. In debating "That a benevolent dictatorship is the only sensible form of government," East (Negative) defeated Moyes and West had the bye.

In the meantime the Junior Oratory Contest preliminaries were held amongst the third and fourth forms. The fourteen speakers were: Dickson, Dodd and Thompson 4P1; Denham and Pearce 4P2; Boyle and Giltrap 4G1; Hill and Funnell 4EB1; Slater 4Ag.; Dravitsky 3P1; Quail 3P2; McNeil 3G1; and Mace 3EB. From these Dickson, Dodd, Thompson and Slater were chosen to speak on "Karl Marx," "Wilberforce," "The Battle of Britain," and "Winston Churchill" respectively, in the finals.

The finals of the oratory and debate were held on November 12th in the School gymnasium. Mr. J. D. Quirke was the judge. In awarding the Moss Cup for the Junior Oratory to R. M. Dodd, Mr. Quirke commented on the excellent opening to Dodd's speech. This, he said, had given him a narrow lead over Thompson who was placed second.

The subject for the debating final remained unchanged. East (Negative) were declared the winners of the cup presented by the Wellington Old Boys. Mr. Quirke, in commenting, said that although West had the more difficult task, they did not handle their material as competently as the East speakers. He added that particularly in the oratory, but also in the debate, the speakers had tended to speak a little too quickly. Both the oratory and debating were of a high standard.

We are very grateful to all masters who have taken an interest in debating this year and particularly to Mr. Quirke for judging the finals.

A. W. Hall.

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TENNIS NOTES

Although the School, in conjunction with the Girls' High School, entered teams in the inter-club competitions, the results were rather disappointing. But throughout last season a number of School players performed well in outside championships. R. Crosson was perhaps one of our most successful players, representing the School at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships for players under 18, and was a semi-finalist in both singles and doubles at the New Zealand Under 17 Championships. Other players from School who competed in the New Zealand Junior Championships held at Hutt Valley, were: B. Beetham, J. Raines, T. Jenkins and G. Jensen.

The School players, R. Crosson, J. Raines, T. Jenkins and G. Jensen represented Taranaki in the Taranaki Junior Tennis team which visited Wanganui and Palmerston North to play their respective Junior teams.

Congratulations must also go to G. Neve, who won the North Taranaki Championships from another School player, T. Jenkins.

Special mention must be made of the completion of the five grass courts at Rotokare, which are now ready for the use of the School. Work was begun by the boys three years ago, on what seemed a hopeless task, but owing to the perseverance and patience of Mr. McKeon the courts are now successfully completed. These extra courts should revive the interest and improve the standard of the School tennis.

Results of last year's School championships:—

Senior Singles: B. Beetham d. T. Jenkins 6-0, 7-5.

Senior Doubles: R. Graham and G. Julian d. D. Elliot and D. Paterson, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.

Intermediate Singles: B. Tuck d. I. Webster 5-7, 6-3, 6-1.

Intermediate Doubles: B. Tuck and R. Cave d. D. Walter and R. Wallis 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.

Junior Singles: B. Thompson d. J. Barrett 6-0.

Junior Doubles: J. Barrett and P. Strombom d. B. Thompson and F. Hill 7-4.

Inter-House Competition

First Round: East d. Moyes 4-2, Central d. Carrington 6-0, Pridham d. West 4-2.

Second Round: Central d. East 4-2, Pridham a bye.

Final: Singles (Central names mentioned first): R. Crosson d. F. Hutchings 9-4, B. Tuck lost to D. Wood 7-9, G. Jensen d. N. Jonas 9-5, C. Saxton lost to Fa'asalafa 2-9. **Doubles:** R. Crosson and B. Tuck d. F. Hutchings and D. Wood 9-7, G. Jensen and C. Saxton d. Fa'asalafa and N. Jonas 9-5. Central defeated Pridham four matches to two.

J. Raines.

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TABLE TENNIS

The Table Tennis Club has again enjoyed a very successful season. A large increase in club members shows that this winter, indoor sport is becoming increasingly popular. The increase from 106 members last year to 140 this season has been mostly amongst the boarders, who play frequently during the week-ends.

Now that the club has been firmly established, there have been necessary improvements made in the playing facilities in the gym. The notable one has been the installing of new lights.

Besides being able to play on the usual club afternoons after school once a week club members were also able to play on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons.

Places on the ladder were keenly contested for during the season, particularly amongst the top eight players.

As usual, the School entered a team in each of the four North Taranaki competitions. Although the teams were not as successful as in past years, all put up creditable performances, especially the B team, who were runners-up in their competition.

Positions on the ladder at the end of the season were as follows:

T. Takai 1, D. Wood 2, C. Maingay 3, J. Raines 4, M. Fa'aitu 5, D. Walter 6, T. Fa'asalafa 7, J. Wood 8, R. Wallis 9, E. Ward 10, P. Baxter 11, L. Calvert 12, D. McMonachie 13, B. Kohn 14, B. Walter 15, M. Geary 16, M. Rangi 17.

The annual club championships were held in August, and although the entries were numerous, the standard of play was disappointing. The results were:—

Under 14 Singles: R. Ruru d. I. Lambourne 21-19, 17-21, 21-16.

Under 14 Doubles: I. Lambourne and M. Wellington d. R. Cathie and R. Gardiner 21-15, 21-16.

Intermediate Singles: D. Walter d. J. Wood 23-21, 21-17.

Intermediate Doubles: D. Walter and R. Wallis d. J. Wood and B. Kohn 21-17, 21-18.

Senior Singles: B. Tuck d. D. Wood 18-21, 21-15, 21-18, 21-18.

Senior Doubles: D. Wood and C. Maingay d. B. Tuck and P. Trehey 11-21, 21-23, 21-15, 21-19, 21-9.

This year, unfortunately, it was not possible to arrange an inter-house competition.

D. Wood.

ROWING NOTES

Only one boy remained from last season's crews and it was decided to recruit boys from the 4th and 5th Forms.

In September, 25 boys volunteered to take up rowing and were welcomed by Mr. H. C. Collier, President of the New Plymouth Rowing Club, on the opening day, October 16th. Since then they have had dry boat instruction, and at the time of going to press, are beginning to row in the skiffs.

It is hoped to get at least two crews of high enough standard to take part in the New Plymouth and Waitara regattas early next year.

Original Contributions

THE SCHOOL

No symbol of antiquity
In ivy-clustered walls,
No English yews disport themselves,
No hallowed Gothic halls.

Yet throned above the city's strife,
Beside the rhythmed sea,
This alma mater, Egmont-proud,
E'er holds our fealty.

Traditions in the making now,
The standards set are high,
Accept the challenge of the past,
Dont' let tradition die.

J. D. Hanning, 6A.

AWAKE

Whirlpool of Hades,
Mire of memory,
Like whirling horses,
At the Fun Fair.

The veil of time
Blown by breezes
From place unknown,
Rises as an overture.

Unfathomed depths deep
In the grey cells
Stir; wind whipped
Nerves tremble.

Rise, rise, rise,
Grapple with sense,
Rise from dark to light
As a sea bubble.

Eyes awake, break
The seal of sleep;
Deep sleep, that from
Life doth us keep.

V. Jury, 6B.

CARPE DIEM (Horace)

Do not inquire, for it is wrong to know
When death will come to you and me,
Accept what comes! The horoscope won't show
If winters worn out by the Tuscan sea
Against the shore, will many be or few.
Be wise, rejoice, your hopes forget,
As we speak insistant time flies from you,
Seize the day and trust not to the next.

J. D. Hanning, 6A.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

SEAS OF SPACE

The sky is like a dark blue dome above,
The distant stars look calmly down on me
They shine in ageless scattered clusters down
A moment of their time encloses all our history.

My mind is filled with wonder as I gaze,
I cannot fully comprehend the seas
Of space that flow in endless waves to me,
And drown my sense of everyday realities.

Is there another boy who stands on Mars,
And gazes at the darkening arch of sky?
He sees my earth a distant point of light,
Do his winged thoughts, to me, across the wide space fly?

M. Tizard, 4P1.

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

Silent sentinel she stands,
Guardian of the plains,
Her shoulders clad in native bush,
Her head among the rains.

In summer-time her mantel white,
Gives place to a stole of lace,
While down her rocky mountain sides
Life-giving streamlets race.

Lonely on our rocky shore,
Proud Taranaki stands,
Mecca of ten thousand eyes,
Above the dark green lands.

A. J. W. Hills, 4P1.

T.V. OR NOT T.V.

Twiddle the dials that I may see
An operation for tonsilectomy,
And when I'm thoroughly bored with that
Then I can watch Australia bat.

And when the impulse clock announces nine
I'll munch a hasty benzadrine
Then leap aboard my private jet
To see if the tropics are really wet.

Yes those bad old days that used to be
With their horror comics and delinquency
Never knew a discomfort they couldn't forsee
The sting of a radio-active bee.

J. D. Hanning, 6A.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

DESCARTES—A Biographical Note.

This Descartes was a lazy chap,
And went to bed to have a nap.
While he upon his bed did lie,
On the ceiling saw a fly.
"I plot its pozzie on my roof
With cartesian co-ordinates—forsooth.
As it wanders to and fro
Its path by numbers I can show!
Now function (x) as well I draw
Straight lines, parabolas and more."
So Euclid was soon made more simple
His problems solved within a twinkle,
But the syllabus grows even larger,
Graph work, calculus and harder.
And Descartes' discovery
Only means more work for me.

D. Boland, 6A.

ON HIS CYCLE (with grave apologies to Milton)

When I consider how my bike is bent,
'Ere half its days on these rough roads I ride,
And that one brake, by which from death I glide,
Lodged with me useless, though my soul more bent
To stop therewith, for Traffic cops' consent
To cross the road, lest he returning chide.
Doth he expect my stoppage, brake denied,
I fondly ask; but Patience to prevent
That murmur, soon replies, "Cops do not stop
Either man's friends or his own wife, who best
Deserve it. Cops try to, but cannot catch
The erring. Thousands at their bidding stop
And crash o'er street and pavement without rest:
They're also hurt who only stand and watch.

G. Brown, 6Sc.

THE STORY ON MOUNT EGMONT

Once upon a time
It was long, long ago
Egmont had an affection
For Miss Ngaurahō
Yes, once upon a time
They lived near each other
They would have eloped
But for her mother;
For Ma Ruapehu
Was strong and stern,
"If you do elope
Your heart will always yearn
For Ruapehu, your mother
And Tongariro, your brother."



SCHOOL BAND, 1954.

Back Row: D. K. Beets, K. S. D. Austin, S. M. Smith.
Middle Row: J. V. Parkinson, I. B. Pryke, G. W. Williamson, J. M. Dennison, H. R. Barr, G. A. E. Neve, D. Clarkson.
Front Row: I. A. Boese, A. Hill, B. R. Smith, A. W. Hall, J. H. Morley, N. H. Preston, J. S. Orams.



SCHOOL ORCHESTRA, 1954.

Back Row: A. W. Hall, K. S. D. Austin, J. S. Orams, G. R. Fookes, M. J. Connell, P. B. Strombom, I. A. Boese, G. Cleland.
Middle Row: P. C. Nicholls, M. W. Birch, J. S. Barrett, G. A. E. Neve, M. D. J. Butler.
Front Row: R. N. Dodd, B. D. Allerby, P. J. Komlos.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

But heedless of her words
They met at dead of night,
But Ruapehu awoke
Giving them a fright;
For when mountains move,
They're not very quiet,
It sounded to Ruapehu
As if there'd been a riot.
"O, my daughter,
So wicked and uncouth,
And you Mr. Egmont,
Get out disgraceful youth!"
And old Ruapehu,
Having had her say
Kicked Egmont in his side,
You can see the dent today.
So young Mr. Egmont
Without turning round,
Ran for his life,
Shaking the ground;
And as he ran,
His feet scooped the earth
Flinging it to the sides,
And that was the birth
Of the Patea River,
As we know it today;
And the tears from his eyes,
As they flowed away,
Formed the water of the river
So murky and so grey.
But soon Mt. Egmont
Had to sit down to rest,
And as he soon discovered,
That the place was the best
For a mountain
To live forever
Even though the area
Has frightful weather.
So when you see Egmont
In all his glory
Remember the ancient Maori story.

R. W. Thompson, 4P1.

RICOCHET

An old truck rolled to a stop outside Jones's farm. The engine gasped asthmatically twice and then died. From inside the truck came sounds of argument. A head appeared, then a hand. The left door was skilfully dislodged and three young gentlemen of about 17, slid out, still arguing. All three were dressed in khaki shirts, faded, and trousers, puttees, and muddy boots. Two carried shot-guns, the third a light sporting rifle. The argument stopped abruptly and one of the participants dragged his feet towards the gate, and after a few verbal thrusts at his companions was lost to view.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Jack Gordon was slow-moving and slow-witted, but whether this gave him the nickname of "Flash," or whether it was because he possessed the same name as that famed character of comicology, I do not know. As Flash walked up the path, he scowled, and anger burnt in his eyes, anger directed against his two friends John and Graham who, he knew, would be waiting impatiently for him to return. He thought of how many times he had done this very same thing, asking permission to shoot, on this farm and that property every time they went shooting.

And it was always him; never the others. In his slow brain Flash groped for a means of revenge on his bullying friends.

From his chair by the kitchen stove, Bill Jones watched the tall, thin youth walking up the path. Jones was a man of extremes; his abrupt and pugnacious manner had frightened many a well-wisher and likely client. But then he had "farmed the place proper" and didn't "need any interfering pests around." Nevertheless, his generosity to friend or anybody he liked was overwhelming. He watched Flash approach the door, and was ready when the uncertain knock came.

"Well?" he questioned, with knife-edged displeasure.

"Aw—Mister Jones," gasped Flash, considerably taken aback by the sudden appearance of Jones.

"Well, what is it?" said the angry voice again.

"I—I've come to ask if we can shoot here, sir," stammered Flash. With this, the knotted, bellicose face of Farmer Jones, angry, faded into the red, rotund face of Farmer Jones, pleased.

"Why, yes, yes of course, m'lad," he beamed.

"Gee, thanks, sir," said the amazed Flash.

"Used to do a bit of shooting m'self, y'know. Better than you young fellers, but I've give it up now—me back, y'know, not me eye. Me eye's still plumb as ever," said Jones. Then as an afterthought he added.

"Do us a favour while yer over the back, will yer, and shoot the old white mare in the fourth paddock over. The missus won't let me kill 'er, but if you do it quiet, I'll bury her and the missus will never know. You can't miss 'er, she's more dead 'n alive," and Farmer Jones slammed the door.

"Might bring you something too," said Flash to the door.

On the way over the farm, Flash was strangely silent. For the first hour they shot no game, but on entering the fourth paddock Flash began to act very strangely. First he ran along by the hedge with his rifle at the ready. Then he dropped to the ground and took aim at an old white horse, dejectedly swishing its tail at the flies. Two shots rang out, the white horse ran a few steps, fell to the ground, gave a few half-hearted kicks, and was obviously quite dead.

Flash turned to meet his amazed companions, who were now running up.

"What did you do that for?"

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

"You silly fool, do you know what you've done?"

But Flash ignored them. "I've done it," he said, enjoying himself immensely. "I've killed a horse. Some day," he added, and he looked straight at them, "I may kill a man."

I. B. Pryke, 6Sc.2.

THE FISH

Strike! The line, taut and straining, leapt from the reel. With incredible speed, the kawai bit deeply and rose in a flash of silver and spray as it crested a wave top. The reel screamed as a beserk machine intent on flinging its parts to eternity. Bent in a graceful arc, the lithe rod strained to check the silver javelin. Slowly co-ordinated rod, reel and fisherman exhausted the spirited fish and it lay, weakly splashing, easy prey for the jag.

T. S. Schinckel, 6B.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Russell was just an ordinary small boy wearing torn khaki trousers and a faded blue shirt. He padded down the squat wharf in the hard sunlight and stepped on to a long, narrow board beside the base of the old-fashioned steam crane. His arms swung for a few minutes and then he began to sway unsteadily along to the other end, with short quick steps. The sun blazed on the empty berths and the thin brown cat stalking from behind the sea-wall, on the tangled hawsers and the white specks that were seagulls floating on the slapping waves; and the sun blazed on the boy.

He reached the end of the board and jumped down on to the sulphur-sprinkled jetty boards. Then dragging his toes along a dust-filled gap, he came to the end of the wharf. Russell flopped on to his stomach and stared into the warm clear water where glassy herrings wriggled past his reflection. He flicked back the tangled, bleached hair from his eyes as he raised his head to look at a small yacht way out past the yellow cape. The yacht bobbed and folded the wavelets under its bows, as the thin brown cat purred up to Russell's shoulder; he stretched out his tanned arm without turning and scratched a leg.

It was two o'clock and Russell felt hungry. He rolled over and jumped upright beside a box; he licked the salt from the box off his fingers and carefully chewed a finger-nail while he padded gently back along the jetty. He came to the narrow board and stepped up. For a few moments his arms whirled and then he pattered along by the railway trucks.

Russell was just an ordinary small boy on a Saturday afternoon.

B. D. Smith, 6Sc.II.

CONSCIENCE

What a day it had been at the office. Fred's only thoughts now were of home and a good meal. In this small daydream he got into his car, started up, and pulled straight from the kerb without the slightest vestige of a signal. Suddenly, a sharp blaring of a car-horn blew the lid off his dreams and down to earth came

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Fred. Gosh! He hadn't made a signal before pulling away from the kerb. Oh well, only one mistake in all these years of driving—surely his conscience would let him off!

As he made the usual precise right-hand turn into a street he had been turning into for years, he saw it; a forbidding black monster with a Government number-plate and a vision of a five pound fine tacked on to it. He turned into another street and the black car followed. He could see the loudspeaker system, the two-way radio aerial swaying in a devilish dance of its own, and worst of all, the black-coated figure of a traffic officer behind the wheel, doubtlessly gloating over his latest victim.

Fred broke into a cold sweat. His collar felt as if it was choking him and his feet became hot and clammy in their prisons of shoes and socks. He glanced back again. Yes, the car was certainly following him. Now, years of driving had left its mark on Fred and he was an excellent driver, so that even the horrifying thought of the traffic officer behind him did not make his driving in the least erratic.

He made another turn. The patrol car followed. Then to his horror it began to overtake him. With a crackle the loudspeaker blared out and ordered him to stop. "This is it," he thought. "I hope the magistrate is kind." He opened the door as the officer approached but did not get out because he thought the officer had triumphed enough, without seeing his knees knocking.

Without any ceremony whatsoever, the officer stuck a blue ticket on his windscreen, commended him on his driving and left. Fred just sat and promised himself a good, stiff whisky as soon as possible.

J. M. Dennison, 4G1.

PUKEITI

For relaxation from the busy city traffic one needs only to spend an afternoon in the surroundings of the "Rhododendron Trust Reserve" which borders Carrington Road as it winds its way through the ranges.

Here Nature runs riot. Huge gnarled trees rise grotesquely above the smaller growth. Beneath these giants the smaller trees grow and the variety of the species is unlimited. Creepers, fungi and lichen abound beneath and on this growth, and the beautiful, star-eyed clematis grows in profusion. Seldom is the bush broken by clearings. The forest is entirely in its virgin state and many trees are sown by its inhabitants, the birds.

Here, in this reserve, live many rare native birds which cannot be seen elsewhere. Of the rarer birds, the bellbird, pied tit and shining cuckoo are present, flying from tree to tree in the everlasting search for food. Loud, uncertain wing beats announce the wood pigeon and the bell-like calls from afar betray the presence of a tui.

Snow-capped Mt. Egmont, towering over these bush-clad slopes adds another touch of beauty to the scene, making it even more pleasant and peaceful.

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This reserve is a paradise for the nature lover who, as well as many others, will derive countless hours of pleasure from wandering tranquilly in the bush and listening to the continual calls of the native birds.

D. Medway, 4P1.

THE CHASE

The wind whistles down the street. Mr. Miles, his head down, shoulders hunched, his heavy coat pulled up round his ears, and one hand on his hat, battles slowly forward like a tank. Pieces of paper like playful kittens dance around his feet. Above him the wires crack like the ringmaster's whip. He is muttering unintelligibly to himself when, like cannon balls, two dogs shoot from around the corner straight into Mr. Miles. He is fighting gamely as he goes down.

His hand leaves his hat. A playful puff of wind swoops down. His hat leaves his head. Dazed, Mr. Miles rises from his throne on the footpath. With a blank expression on his face he regards the hovering hat. His hand instinctively goes to his bald head.

"My hat!" he cries, and with a lunge that would put a fencer to shame, he dashes after it. Down the busy street the pair go—that hat hotly pursued by Mr. Miles.

"Stop it! Stop it!" he cries. Several valiant but vain attempts are made by passers-by, but the wind seems to be laughing at them as it causes the hat to elude them. Down the path, across the wind-swept road, through the running gutters, the hat goes. Twice Mr. Miles gets his fingers to it but a mightier force wrenches it away. By now many people are swarming after the runaway hat. Eventually, like a tired child, the hat comes to rest in the centre of the footpath. A victorious shout arises from the crowd. They hurtle towards it. The leading boy makes a dive. His arms stretch out. His hands clutch—at nothing. The hat is bowling on its merry way.

The crowd's blood is up. The human wave surges forward once more with Mr. Miles at the rear. They streak round a corner, then stop like a well disciplined platoon of soldiers. Before their dumb-founded eyes the hat, like a sailing ship of old, is sailing majestically down the raging gutter, while a young lad of about seven years of age is playing helmsman with a long stick. The runaway is quickly captured by the now triumphant crowd. It is handed back to Mr. Miles. With a melancholy air he looks at it.

What had once been a fine new hat was now nothing more than a dilapidated piece of felt.

D. Hinch, 4P1.

Strayed from the advertisements section—

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If you want a car in the worst possible condition, write or call on us at our car lot. We have a car that will have you back on your feet in no time. Just listen to these features:

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- Everything makes a noise but the horn.
- No rough ride—the tires are worn perfectly smooth.
- Easy shift into low to go over pebbles or slight incline.
- We provide three sets of tools.
- Speedometer shows 16 miles—guaranteed not to have been set back more than three times.
- Will do 90 miles per hour—or more over a cliff.
- Not a convertible—but hood is very loose.
- Seat covers with your name imprinted thereon (provided your name is Dunlopillo).
- Uses no oil—except when engine is running.
- Has brand new wicks in headlights.
- When you ride in this car you will never have to shake the ash from your cigarette.

If it is necessary to borrow finance, don't borrow from your friends—you will lose your friends. Borrow from us—you will never lose us. Save salesman's commission by buying directly from us. Visiting hours 2 to 4 p.m.

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Australia: "The Jargon," "The Melburian," "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 Fettesian," "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."

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The past year has been one of considerable activity for both the parent body and the branches of the Association. In addition much work has been done by liaison officers in areas where there are no branches established. It is hoped that this idea will be developed next year as an efficient method of getting in touch with all Old Boys will be needed in 1957, the School's Jubilee year.

The only disappointment this year has been the Old Boys' Ball. A very ambitious scheme of decorating was adopted, a tall pine-tree being placed in the middle of the hall with its branches reaching almost to the roof. Coloured lights were hung in it and others radiated out to the walls. Again an excellent supper was provided and the Dining Hall was beautifully decorated by the Ladies' Committee. The attendance, however, was the smallest for many years and a considerable loss was sustained. It seems clear that more people are travelling nowadays at Easter time. The Executive has agreed to hold the Ball again next year on Easter Monday but if the attendance is small a new date will be decided on in 1956.

Results of the Willing Shilling Raffle are published elsewhere in this issue. Although the target of £2000 was not reached, the nett proceeds of £1230 must be regarded as satisfactory. The money will earn interest until the Jubilee year, when half will be given to the School to provide some major improvement to the buildings or grounds. It will possibly be used for levelling the gully behind the Gymnasium. We congratulate all the branch secretaries and liaison officers on the success of their efforts.

We should like to congratulate the Auckland branch committee on the fine work they are doing. The reunion they arranged on the night of the Grammar match was probably the best they have ever had. The branch also topped the list of the Jubilee Raffle amounts with a contribution of £148/19/-. It is hard to believe that three years ago this branch was in recess. At present arrangements are being made to establish a new branch on the North Shore.

We congratulate the Wanganui Collegiate School Old Boys' Association on the occasion of the School's Centenary last Easter. Their centenary celebrations were a masterpiece of organisation and we are grateful to them for several ideas we hope to use in 1957.

We are pleased to be able to report that last August the Government decided to grant a £12,000 subsidy for the War Memorial building. Our own fund now amounts to £8,500. The architect, Mr. M. G. Harvey, has been appointed, and the site, the North-Western slope by the road heading from the library to the woodwork rooms, has been approved. It is hoped that the building will be ready for use at the beginning of 1956. If not, there will be a serious shortage of class-rooms. Now that this stage has been reached, we would again like to acknowledge the great help and encouragement given by Mr. R. J. Horrill and Mr. T. H. Harris. They have both spent many hours working out suggested designs.

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A fresh supply of 50 blazers badges has just come to hand. These are now 36/-. Three silver buttons are included free of charge. They are obtainable from Mr. J. S. Hatherly, Boys' High School. The cast for the old crested blazer buttons was destroyed in London during the war. Arrangements are at present being made to get a new crested button manufactured. These will be available in New Plymouth next August.

The new Old Boys' ties, designed to match the blazer, are available at White's Ltd., H.B., The "Kash," and the "Economic." The price is 9/9. The new design has been well received by Old Boys although inevitably a few are disappointed.

Our good wishes go to Mr. A. J. Papps for his retirement. We are pleased that his health has recently improved. He has undertaken to write a history of the School for publication in the Jubilee year. We would again appeal to Old Boys to write their reminiscences of their School days and to send them either to the Secretary or to Mr. Papps. Perhaps he will include in his history the story he told against himself at the Old Boys' reunion dinner. He had set his form an imposition, their task being the autobiography of a dog. One of the boys, the son of another member of the Staff, began his essay with these words: "I am a little pug dog. I am the ugliest little dog in the world. My name is Podgy."

Old Boy farmers are reminded of the Agricultural Extension course held each year at the School during the May holidays. The numbers attending are steadily increasing.

An excellent photograph of the School appears elsewhere in this issue. Old Boys wishing to buy a large mounted print, suitable for framing, should write to Charters and Guthrie, Photographers, Devon Street, New Plymouth.

The Association recently contributed to the Canadian Visit fund. We were proud to have the School represented by four boys out of a total party of twenty.

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

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

The present secretaries of the Association are as follows:

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



FIRST SOCCER ELEVEN, 1954.

Back Row: D. C. Saxton, R. N. Burgess, A. W. Hall, B. J. Woodd, J. A. Leach.

Front Row: R. W. Amor, G. Pelham, D. C. Mayhead, C. W. Barclay (Captain), J. V. Parkinson, J. G. Ham, R. V. Mence.



FIRST HOCKEY ELEVEN, 1954.

Back Row: R. D. Franklin, D. J. Conway, D. W. Burton, M. Wallen, M. R. Ford, G. F. Brown.

Front Row: I. G. McNickle, G. F. Hazard, B. S. Alvis (Captain), S. J. Lovell, D. F. Beaurepaire.

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

Waikato: E. Grant, Box 206, Hamilton.

Manawatu: R. Carson (acting Secretary), Watson Bros Ltd., Palmerston North.

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

Wanganui: T. Crone, Accountant, Ridgway Street, Wanganui.

Wellington: B. R. Boon, Weir House, Wellington, W.I.

Auckland: C. Osborn, Box 1961, Auckland.

Dunedin: L. Croxson, Knox College, Dunedin.

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

Parent Association

The Annual General Meeting was held in the School Lounge on Saturday, March 20th, at noon. There was an attendance of over 60 Old Boys, many of whom had come from the Branches to attend the Sports. There was a keen discussion of several matters on the agenda list. It was resolved that the Board of Governors should be asked to reconsider its decision to close the Preparatory Department. The meeting unanimously supported a recommendation to the Executive to explore the possibility of getting a Parent-Teacher Association established at the School.

The officers elected for the year were: Patron, Mr. G. J. McNaught; president, Mr. J. S. Hatherly; senior vice-president, Dr. I. Auld; junior vice-president, Mr. D. Hay; secretary, Mr. R. Baunton; treasurer, Mr. B. O'Meagher; delegates to the Executive, Messrs. B. Sykes, D. Schultz, L. G. Geden (Wellington Branch) and K. Grant (Auckland). The Wellington and Auckland delegates were to be confirmed by their branch committees.

ANNUAL REPORT

The President then read the Annual Report as follows:—

Gentlemen,—Your Committee has much pleasure in presenting the 35th annual report of the Association:

The year under review may be regarded as a successful one. The interest shown by a record attendance of Old Boys at our last Annual General Meeting has been maintained and there are at present considerably more financial members than ever before. The executive has continued to meet regularly and has worked steadily to further the interests of the Association and the School.

The secretary has kept in constant touch with all the branch secretaries by means of branch circulars which now contain a section contributed by the Headmaster. In addition, probably for the third time in the Association's history, an attempt has been made to send a circular to all Old Boys whose addresses are known.

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Your Executive has been negotiating for some months with a firm in Auckland and the new tie should be available at the end of April. It will cost 9/9 and will be sold by several local retailers. The tie is to be made of crease-resistant woollen material and will have stripes in the official Old Boys' colours of red, white and blue. There is, of course, a wide range of tastes with regard to ties and we cannot hope to please everyone. We can only assure Old Boys that every effort has been made to obtain a really good tie at a reasonable price. Our thanks are due to Mr. Tett for the help and advice he has given regarding the design. May we urge all Old Boys to show their loyalty to the School by buying the tie and by wearing it with pride on all suitable occasions.

We are pleased to be able to report that the building of the Moyes Memorial Cricket Pavilion has almost been completed. Only some interior decorating remains to be done. The clock, a gift from the Taranaki Rugby Union, has been installed. The inscription has been decided upon. It is unfortunate that the official opening cannot be arranged until next season, about December, 1954. This is on account of the resowing of the top ground.

Old Boys have learnt with regret of the retirement of the First Assistant, Mr. A. J. Papps. During the thirty-three years he has been on the School staff he has done much, both by precept and example, to preserve that enthusiastic, loyal spirit which was naturally a feature of the School during the early years of its growth. He has also given his support to the Old Boys' Association and was its president in 1922. Your Executive has planned an official farewell next Easter Saturday evening. Donations have been invited and the subscription list will close on April 10.

At the beginning of this year, Mr. E. M. Meuli was appointed to the staff. With his outstanding cricket ability he will undoubtedly contribute much to the life of the School. There are now nine Old Boys on the Staff.

Last May, the School conducted its first Agricultural Extension Course for Old Boys. The course was of three days' duration and those attending were addressed by some of the leading figures in N.Z. agriculture. The School made available its boarding facilities and a number of Old Boys lived in. The course will be held again this year during the second week in May.

In three years' time, the School will celebrate its 75th anniversary. Your committee is therefore anxious to establish a Jubilee fund to cope with the expenses of the various functions which will be held. It has therefore decided to repeat the shilling donation scheme adopted so successfully in 1947 and 1948. Half of the £1000 thus raised will be applied to the special Jubilee Fund and the other half presented to the School as a Jubilee gift.

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We regret to record the deaths of several Old Boys during the past year. Among them were Albert Moverley, Alan Jensen, Wilfred Taylor, Jack Cowan Bayly, Ernest Oxenham, Sydney Mason Cottier, Keith Russell, Andrew Lornie, John Skinner, Ronald Bent and Brian Reynolds. Special reference should be made to "Bill" Jensen who was for many years a keen and efficient secretary of the South Taranaki Branch.

In conclusion your Executive wishes to express its appreciation of the consistent support given to it by the Headmaster. In all our arrangements, for committee meetings, for the Annual General Meeting, the Reunion Dinner and the Easter Ball we find ourselves indebted to the help we receive from him and from the Board of Governors. May the link between the Old Boys' Association and the School grow even stronger in the future, especially when, in 1957, we shall both join in celebrating a great occasion, the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the New Plymouth High School.

Branch Associations

SOUTH TARANAKI BRANCH

The year's programme for South Taranaki, although small, has been carried out by the Old Boys' Association with efficiency and zeal. It is still a source of wonderment to many of us that the membership of this Branch should remain so low. In this area there are hundreds of Old Boys with whom we have no contact but we hope, in the near future to regain touch by an all-out effort and thus increase the membership to its proper level.

At the Annual Meeting held in May, 1954 the following officers were elected: Patron, Mr. J. G. McNaught; President, Mr. A. M. Moss; Senior Vice-President, Mr. A. Hastie; Junior Vice-President, Mr. G. Boon; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. M. R. B. McKenzie; Committee, Messrs. D. Ekdahl, C. Robb, N. Rennie, M. Strawbridge, F. E. Clarke, F. Buckenham, E. W. McCallum, J. McCallum, R. Henderson.

District Representatives: P. Clarke (Patea); P. Dickson (Ohangai-Mere Mere); Ken Honeyfield (Waverley); Bill Bottrill (Normanby); Jack Paterson (Manaia); A. Wallis (Opunake); Marcus Good (Stratford); Malcom Linn (Eltham); Graham Adam (Kaponga); Auditor, J. B. Booker.

In order to assist with the running of the Association, District Representatives were elected as above and these Old Boys will prove invaluable in toning up the general efficiency of the Association itself.

ST. PAT'S GAME

This day always presents an exciting prospect whether it be the Rugby match or the many happy reunions which take place during the day and night. There was as usual a good muster of Old Boys present at the game and we all thoroughly enjoyed the

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fine Rugby played. After the game Mrs. Gray and her staff once again entertained members of both teams and their friends at afternoon tea in her Carlton Dining Room.

The Rev. Father Durning and Mr. Stewart both made comments upon the game and the two captains were also called upon to speak. In the evening the same procedure as last year was followed and both teams were invited to the Hawera Technical High School where a dance, mainly organised by the Old Boys, was held. We extend our thanks to the Principal and his staff of the Hawera Technical High School for their assistance in helping to run this evening for the boys. On the Sunday morning both teams went to Dawson Falls and the majority of those present climbed up to Kapuni Hut. Two exceptions were Mr. Stewart and Rev. Father Durning who, I understand, spent the day discussing the tactics, etc., of Rugby.

ANNUAL REUNION

As usual this followed the Rugby match and there was a good attendance. We were especially pleased to welcome the contingent from the Parent Association, which was represented by Mr. J. G. McNaught, John Hatherly, Dr. Ian Auld, Dick Baunton and Derek Hay. Also to Mr. A. J. Papps a special welcome was tendered. The Branch President, Alan Moss, presided and the following toast list was honoured: The Queen, A. M. Moss; School, A. M. Moss—G. J. McNaught; St. Pat's, C. S. Robb—Rev. Father Durning; Taranaki Rugby Union, H. Snowden—H. Butchart; Kindred Associations, M. McKenzie; Parent Body, P. Clarke—J. S. Hatherly; A. J. Papps, E. McCallum—A. J. Papps; Hostess and Pianist, J. McCallum—Mrs. Gray.

To Mr. Papps or "Podgy" as he is better known to most of us, the Old Boys of South Taranaki presented a wristlet watch as a token of their gratitude for his services to the School.

DUNEDIN BRANCH

The Annual Reunion, attended by twenty Old Boys, took the form of a dinner, followed by an informal chat, with Gary Julian, Don Calder, and John Simcock giving a resume of School news. J. C. Barrett was elected President and Laurence Croxson, Secretary. Old Boys have featured well in University life this year.

Campbell Barrett and Peter Lay are fourth year meds. Both were at the Easter Tournament, representing O.U.C. in athletics and cricket. Cam. also played the Otago second grade Rugby Reps.

"Oss" Ailao, Roy McGiven, Michael Simcock and Ian McPherson are second year meds. Oss has played excellent football for the Varsity A's this year.

At the Dental School are Terence Lealand and John McGeachan, third years. Bob Calder and Laurence Croxson are second years. Terence's motor bike is still functional. Bob and Lawrence represented O.U. in athletics this year at the Easter Tournament, and the latter played Rugby for Varsity B's.

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at a cost of 36/-. An increasing number of Old Boys are wearing the official blazer which is of plain black material with the badge on the pocket.

Your Executive has been negotiating for some months with a firm in Auckland and the new tie should be available at the end of April. It will cost 9/9 and will be sold by several local retailers. The tie is to be made of crease-resistant woollen material and will have stripes in the official Old Boys' colours of red, white and blue. There is, of course, a wide range of tastes with regard to ties and we cannot hope to please everyone. We can only assure Old Boys that every effort has been made to obtain a really good tie at a reasonable price. Our thanks are due to Mr. Tett for the help and advice he has given regarding the design. May we urge all Old Boys to show their loyalty to the School by buying the tie and by wearing it with pride on all suitable occasions.

We are pleased to be able to report that the building of the Moyes Memorial Cricket Pavilion has almost been completed. Only some interior decorating remains to be done. The clock, a gift from the Taranaki Rugby Union, has been installed. The inscription has been decided upon. It is unfortunate that the official opening cannot be arranged until next season, about December, 1954. This is on account of the resowing of the top ground.

Old Boys have learnt with regret of the retirement of the First Assistant, Mr. A. J. Papps. During the thirty-three years he has been on the School staff he has done much, both by precept and example, to preserve that enthusiastic, loyal spirit which was naturally a feature of the School during the early years of its growth. He has also given his support to the Old Boys' Association and was its president in 1922. Your Executive has planned an official farewell next Easter Saturday evening. Donations have been invited and the subscription list will close on April 10.

At the beginning of this year, Mr. E. M. Meuli was appointed to the staff. With his outstanding cricket ability he will undoubtedly contribute much to the life of the School. There are now nine Old Boys on the Staff.

Last May, the School conducted its first Agricultural Extension Course for Old Boys. The course was of three days' duration and those attending were addressed by some of the leading figures in N.Z. agriculture. The School made available its boarding facilities and a number of Old Boys lived in. The course will be held again this year during the second week in May.

In three years' time, the School will celebrate its 75th anniversary. Your committee is therefore anxious to establish a Jubilee fund to cope with the expenses of the various functions which will be held. It has therefore decided to repeat the shilling donation scheme adopted so successfully in 1947 and 1948. Half of the £1000 thus raised will be applied to the special Jubilee Fund and the other half presented to the School as a Jubilee gift.

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We regret to record the deaths of several Old Boys during the past year. Among them were Albert Moverley, Alan Jensen, Wilfred Taylor, Jack Cowan Bayly, Ernest Oxenham, Sydney Mason Cottier, Keith Russell, Andrew Lornie, John Skinner, Ronald Bent and Brian Reynolds. Special reference should be made to "Bill" Jensen who was for many years a keen and efficient secretary of the South Taranaki Branch.

In conclusion your Executive wishes to express its appreciation of the consistent support given to it by the Headmaster. In all our arrangements, for committee meetings, for the Annual General Meeting, the Reunion Dinner and the Easter Ball we find ourselves indebted to the help we receive from him and from the Board of Governors. May the link between the Old Boys' Association and the School grow even stronger in the future, especially when, in 1957, we shall both join in celebrating a great occasion, the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the New Plymouth High School.

Branch Associations

SOUTH TARANAKI BRANCH

The year's programme for South Taranaki, although small, has been carried out by the Old Boys' Association with efficiency and zeal. It is still a source of wonderment to many of us that the membership of this Branch should remain so low. In this area there are hundreds of Old Boys with whom we have no contact but we hope, in the near future to regain touch by an all-out effort and thus increase the membership to its proper level.

At the Annual Meeting held in May, 1954 the following officers were elected: Patron, Mr. J. G. McNaught; President, Mr. A. M. Moss; Senior Vice-President, Mr. A. Hastie; Junior Vice-President, Mr. G. Boon; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. M. R. B. McKenzie; Committee, Messrs. D. Ekdahl, C. Robb, N. Rennie, M. Strawbridge, F. E. Clarke, F. Buckenham, E. W. McCallum, J. McCallum, R. Henderson.

District Representatives: P. Clarke (Patea); P. Dickson (Ohangai-Mere Mere); Ken Honeyfield (Waverley); Bill Bottrill (Normanby); Jack Paterson (Manaia); A. Wallis (Opunake); Marcus Good (Stratford); Malcom Linn (Eltham); Graham Adam (Kaponga); Auditor, J. B. Booker.

In order to assist with the running of the Association, District Representatives were elected as above and these Old Boys will prove invaluable in toning up the general efficiency of the Association itself.

ST. PAT'S GAME

This day always presents an exciting prospect whether it be the Rugby match or the many happy reunions which take place during the day and night. There was as usual a good muster of Old Boys present at the game and we all thoroughly enjoyed the

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fine Rugby played. After the game Mrs. Gray and her staff once again entertained members of both teams and their friends at afternoon tea in her Carlton Dining Room.

The Rev. Father Durning and Mr. Stewart both made comments upon the game and the two captains were also called upon to speak. In the evening the same procedure as last year was followed and both teams were invited to the Hawera Technical High School where a dance, mainly organised by the Old Boys, was held. We extend our thanks to the Principal and his staff of the Hawera Technical High School for their assistance in helping to run this evening for the boys. On the Sunday morning both teams went to Dawson Falls and the majority of those present climbed up to Kapuni Hut. Two exceptions were Mr. Stewart and Rev. Father Durning who, I understand, spent the day discussing the tactics, etc., of Rugby.

ANNUAL REUNION

As usual this followed the Rugby match and there was a good attendance. We were especially pleased to welcome the contingent from the Parent Association, which was represented by Mr. J. G. McNaught, John Hatherly, Dr. Ian Auld, Dick Baunton and Derek Hay. Also to Mr. A. J. Papps a special welcome was tendered. The Branch President, Alan Moss, presided and the following toast list was honoured: The Queen, A. M. Moss; School, A. M. Moss—G. J. McNaught; St. Pat's, C. S. Robb—Rev. Father Durning; Taranaki Rugby Union, H. Snowden—H. Butchart; Kindred Associations, M. McKenzie; Parent Body, P. Clarke—J. S. Hatherly; A. J. Papps, E. McCallum—A. J. Papps; Hostess and Pianist, J. McCallum—Mrs. Gray.

To Mr. Papps or "Podgy" as he is better known to most of us, the Old Boys of South Taranaki presented a wristlet watch as a token of their gratitude for his services to the School.

DUNEDIN BRANCH

The Annual Reunion, attended by twenty Old Boys, took the form of a dinner, followed by an informal chat, with Gary Julian, Don Calder, and John Simcock giving a resume of School news. J. C. Barrett was elected President and Laurence Croxson, Secretary. Old Boys have featured well in University life this year.

Campbell Barrett and Peter Lay are fourth year meds. Both were at the Easter Tournament, representing O.U.C. in athletics and cricket. Cam. also played the Otago second grade Rugby Reps.

"Oss" Ailao, Roy McGiven, Michael Simcock and Ian McPherson are second year meds. Oss has played excellent football for the Varsity A's this year.

At the Dental School are Terence Lealand and John McGeachan, third years. Bob Calder and Laurence Croxson are second years. Terence's motor bike is still functional. Bob and Lawrence represented O.U. in athletics this year at the Easter Tournament, and the latter played Rugby for Varsity B's.

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Don Calder, Graham Lawson, John Simcock, Dick McClennan and Bill Thomas are doing Intermediate. Don played for Otago 3rd Grade Rugby reps. and Graham rowed for O.U. at Easter.

Kim Bathgate is studying Arts with a view to entering the Church.

Hugh Paterson, John Gould, Owen Oats, and B. Crowley are well into their science courses. Owen was in the O.U. shooting team again this year. Hugh is on the staff of the 'Varsity newspaper.

Gary Julian is doing a Physical Education course and is playing good Rugby.

Gavin Crowley is doing research in Bio-chemistry.

CANTERBURY COLLEGE LETTER

The following is a list of Old Boys seen down here and the work they are doing:

Wyn Croll ('47-'50) has this year been taking the 2nd Professional Exam. for B.E. (Mech.).

Doug Ritchie ('45-'48) is taking 3rd Professional Exam for B.E. (Elect.).

Stewart Astwood ('45-'48) is taking Section B exams. for A.M.I. E.E.

R. G. Frean ('44-'48) has completed B.A. and B.Sc. He is doing Hons. and intends lecturing next year.

Bill Thomson ('44-'48) is taking 2nd Professional exams. for B.E. (Civil). He was married during the year.

Roger Wilkinson ('46-'49) is taking 3rd Professional Exams for B.E. (Elect.).

Verne Andrews ('45-'49) is taking Section A for A.M.I.E.E.

Neville Beach ('46-'49) is taking B.E. Hons. He served as President of the Students' Association this year.

Dick Pearce ('46-'50) is doing 3rd Professional Exams for B.E. (Civil).

Ian MacKenzie ('46-'50) is taking 3rd Professional Exams for B.E. (Civil).

John Bargh ('47-'50) is taking 3rd Professional Exams for B.E. (Elect.).

Bruce Henderson ('46-'50) is taking 2nd Professional Exams. for B.E. (Civil).

Bob Manders ('47-'51) is taking 1st Professional Exams.

Manning Reeves ('47-'52) is studying for a degree in Law.

Gordon Turner ('49-'53) is taking Engineering Intermediate.

Richard Watts ('49-'53) is studying for a degree in Fine Arts.

W. K. Fyson graduated M.Sc. last year. He has married and gone to Canada.

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WELLINGTON BRANCH

This year's activities began on 4th May with the Annual General Meeting. Business was quickly disposed of and the thirty odd present settled down to an enjoyable and convivial evening. A number of new members were welcomed.

The following officers of the Branch were elected:—Patron: Mr. G. J. McNaught; President: Mr. R. S. V. Simpson; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. W. A. Nicholson, P. J. Power, L. M. Papps, R. Whittington; Secretary: Mr. B. R. Boon; Treasurer: Mr. B. A. Waite; Committee: Messrs. J. D. Bathgate, D. H. Brown, A. B. McDougall, R. C. Schroder, L. E. Smith; Auditor: Mr. Phil Taylor.

We again met on 14th July and approximately forty-five members enjoyed the first official "Smoko" of the year. A good supply of refreshments ensured that everyone had something to do with his hands and a continuous flow of conversation did not cease until after 11 p.m.

The highlight of the year's calendar was however the annual dinner for which a cosy corner of the Midland Hotel was requisitioned. We were honoured by the presence of Mr. G. J. McNaught, Mr. R. Baunton and Mr. A. Lucas who entertained and at times amazed us with an up-to-date report of the changes wrought in the School and the progress made. We were very pleased that Mr. Brenstrum was there with us and to know that he is enjoying his position on the inspectorate, a privilege accorded only to the most competent.

One of the most distinctive features of the gathering was the number of Old Boys' ties worn by the members. Although only a limited number were available in Wellington, every second person seemed to be wearing the red, blue and navy. The new tie is popular here judging by the number which may be seen in the Lambton Quay end of town any day of the week.

Last but not least on this year's agenda is a Christmas function called for December 1st from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Although a number of full-time University students will have returned to their homes at this time, a good attendance is expected.

The support which the Branch has received this year has been very pleasing and interest in the activities has been high. We feel that this is a sign of better things and look forward to a bright and full year of association activities in 1955.

PERSONAL

Malcolm McCaw left this year for England, the recipient of an Accountancy Scholarship. Malcolm's achievements in Wellington were of a high standard. He represented Victoria University College at cricket for a number of years and was awarded a New Zealand University "blue" for his performances. He gave his services freely to the University and was elected President of the Students' Association for 1953-54. A Wellington Plunket Shield player, Malcolm achieved the distinction of delivering the first hat-trick in the history

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of the London New Zealand Cricket Club shortly after his arrival in England. His departure from Wellington is a great loss to the Association for he has done a lot of work as Secretary and Treasurer.

John Eddowes, who has been studying Accountancy in Wellington, has recently left to go farming. We understand that he is going to attend Massey College and expect to hear his laugh down this way on the odd week-end.

Laurie Barclay has been present at a number of our functions this year and is making his presence felt in the local cricket world.

Tere Mataio, John Elmes and **Richard Routley** are three new members of the Wellington branch who are studying law at Victoria.

Albert Brownlie is now in Wellington finishing his Accountancy degree.

Barry Waite, Dereck Quickfall, Peter Wahlstrom are all working for the same firm of accountants in which **Bob Bradshaw** is a partner.

Ted Pope, Dick Simpson and **Lyn Papps** are notable members of the Branch's legal fraternity. **Bill Sheat** and **Paul Treadwell** are now practising in the Courts. Noticeable about the haunts of law clerks are **Barry Boon, Stuart Comber, Jim Wiltshire** and **Dennis Brown**. **John Bathgate** and **Harold Nash** will be two more joining their ranks next year.

R. B. Horner is now resident in Wellington and, in proposing the toast to the School at the Annual Dinner, revealed an amazing fund of humour and good anecdotes.

Brian Gray and **Gordon Collier** are at Massey College and although outside our jurisdiction still keep in touch with the Branch.

Bill Groombridge, seen regularly at the Branch functions, is doing good work with the Lands and Survey Department.

Roger Bate has returned to his homeland, Hawke's Bay, and is completing his Law Degree extra-murally while employed by a legal firm in Napier.

Bruce Brown, who has a high secretarial position in Parliament Buildings, achieved the distinction of being selected as a member of a New Zealand University Debating Team to tour Australia. He and his companion won the test and eight out of ten of their debates.

Frazer Stevenson is working with the State Advances Corporation and **Bruce Ellis** with British Office Supplies Limited.

Barry Boon is justifying the high praise accorded him by the sporting world. He is a finalist in the Hutt Senior Golf Championship and has been doing very well in Wellington's "A" Grade Tennis.

Lewis Eggleton was recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Police Force and is engaged in editing the Police Gazette.

Laurie Smith is Vice-President of the Wellington Junior Chamber of Commerce this year.



TOP GROUND AND MAIN BLOCK. DECEMBER, 1954.

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W. A. Nicholson, one of our oldest Old Boys, is as ever a keen supporter of our functions and is a life member of the Branch.

Phil Power is mine host of "Barrett's" which enjoys an ever increasing popularity. It is hoped in the near future to hold our functions at "Barrett's," which have been extensively renovated.

AUCKLAND BRANCH

The Branch has had a most successful year and has almost completed the rejuvenation begun last year. We are now well off both financially and from the point of view of the number of active members. The Branch has two hundred and fifty Old Boys on its roll, and well over half of these have participated in this year's functions. We hope next year to obtain the interest of all Auckland Old Boys.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Power Board Buildings early in the year. The response to this meeting was disappointingly small, only thirty-five Old Boys attending. A new committee was elected comprising Ron Niven, President; Newton Rath, Vice-President; Colin Osborn, Secretary, and the following members: Murray Francis, Dick Still, Peter Worth, Bob Graham, Selwyn Rawson and John Graham. Appreciation of the work done by the previous committee was expressed, and the formal business gave way to reminiscences over a light supper and the proverbial handle. The function ended on a high note, with all joining in a sing-song which drowned a not too tuneful piano.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the year was the annual reunion held in conjunction with the School-Grammar football game. A large number of Old Boys turned up to see School play a really good game at Eden Park, and they were all in fine fettle for the reunion that night. The function was held at the Plaza Dining Rooms, and over one hundred of our Old Boys attended the dinner. There were a great number present who had been at School in the 'thirties and early 'forties. This is important, as it reflects the continued interest that Old Boys of all ages have in our School.

Several masters from School were present. Mr. McKeon put us up to date on the latest School activities in a wonderfully informal, witty, and yet informative speech. A toast was proposed to our School and Rugby team, to which Mr. Stewart replied. He achieved the undoubted distinction of getting all present to agree that our present team, which represents the School as a whole, was just as good as those teams of the "good old days." Mr. Hatherly spoke of the Parent Association's activities and of the coming Jubilee celebrations and finished his speech with some much appreciated reminiscences about our old favourites, Mr. Papps and Mr. Bottrill. The younger Old Boys were all delighted to see Mr. Baunton, who seems to be having great success in his search for the School's cricketering talent.

In between the speeches the "School Song" and "Forty Years On" were sung with great gusto, to the still skilful playing of our own "Dobbie." The reunion continued into the small hours of the morning, during which many a delightful incident of our own

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school days was recalled. All in all, it was a very successful and enjoyable evening.

The Association contributed well towards the effort to raise money for the Jubilee celebrations. Over one hundred and sixty pounds was contributed by the Branch towards this worth-while cause. The committee greatly appreciated the efforts made by the majority of our members towards raising our quota.

The Branch, then, has had a very successful year. This is due in no small measure to our energetic President, Ron Niven, and our efficient Secretary, Colin Osborn. They have both done splendid work and they must have derived a good deal of satisfaction from the successful activities of the Branch.

The Association would like to wish Mr. Papps ("Podgy" to us all), very many happy years in his retirement.

GENERAL NEWS

Many Old Boys have visited the School during the year. Among them were: Group-Captain C. A. Turner, G. Derby, J. D. McNaught, B. V. Kerr, J. W. Johnson, Fraser Stevenson, Bruce Ellis, H. S. Dyke, C. Williamson, Noel Brookman, R. Annabell, I. Aylward, D. McCallum, Trevor Betts, Barry Kerr, P. G. Maxwell, J. D. Wellington, P. O'Shaughnessy, G. Collier, R. Still, K. Grant, N. Skinner, M. Black, R. Snowdon, T. O'Meagher, B. O'Meagher, C. Keig, F. Lys, C. Strombom, C. Green, L. Honeyfield, B. Wellwood, I. D. Auld, J. Davies, D. F. W. Elliott, S. Cottier, R. Greensill, R. O. D. Henderson, T. Sullivan, G. Monaghan, David Kusabs, T. H. Logan, B. Wisneski, J. N. Elmes, R. Alexander, R. Watts, B. G. Quin, J. P. Simcock, M. Simcock, G. Julian, A. Flight.

B. M. Brown recently won the Plunket Medal oratory list at Victoria College, Wellington.

We congratulate Colonel A. H. Andrews on his recent appointment to take command of the Central Military District.

L. I. Day has been appointed Headmaster of the Hamilton Technical College, where he has served as First Assistant since 1938.

The Old Boys' Surf Club received special mention in this year's report of the New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association for topping the list of surf rescues.

We regret to record the death of Francis William Bethell, who was accidentally drowned in a motor accident at Rotorua on October 16th.

Old Boys in New Plymouth were pleased to welcome back L. S. Miller after his tour of South Africa with the New Zealand Eleven. He came back with several souvenirs of the trip. These included a miniature bat inscribed by the first South African test team, Lindsay Hassett's blazer and Don Bradman's signature. On his arrival in Christchurch he was presented with his miniature of the Redpath Cup awarded for the best batsman of the 1952-53 season. He has the honour of being the first Taranaki cricketer to win this cup.

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The death occurred in Wellington of William Joseph Mountjoy. He was 46 years of age. He had earned a high reputation in dramatic, theatrical and broadcasting circles. He was one of a debating team of three which toured the U.S.A. and Canada in 1929.

B. Darney has been playing excellent Rugby in New Plymouth and scored the highest number of points during the past season.

Group-Captain W. V. Crawford-Compton, D.S.O. and Bar, D.F.C. and Bar, is now commanding an important North Atlantic Treaty Organisation air field in Bruggen, Germany. A journalist recently wrote of him: "He has assuredly gone a long way since he arrived in England in 1938 to join the Royal Air Force. Sergeant-Pilot to Group Captain is quite a success story in any air force and those around him say it has been built on drive, on an insistency for having things just right. Now he has 2000 odd men under his command on the station and that same insistence on drive and efficiency is apparent. His station has worked hard to be considered second to none in the Second Tactical Air Force, and he is a happy man to have squadrons of Canadian-built Sabre F4's operating from the airfield."

One of the first pupils of the Preparatory Department, Kenneth Noonan Neal died suddenly in Palmerston North on June 22nd. On leaving School he became dispenser at the Auckland Hospital. He later established a successful photographic studio in Palmerston North.

W. Debney has this year continued his remarkable series of cycling successes in Melbourne.

We were pleased to have a visit recently from D. M. Kendrick, who is now a large shipowner with headquarters in Japan. One of his ships, the "Ken Waihi," was in port at the time. He gave the School an interesting talk on Japan.

W. B. Johnston has been appointed lecturer in Geography at Canterbury College.

B. Dearnley has been awarded a diploma from the Ministry of Public Education in Guatemala for his work in translating Maori folk songs into Esperanto.

E. G. Smith, now teaching in the Hutt Valley, is this year's President of the New Zealand Educational Institute.

We sympathise with Mr. and Mrs. R. Poletti, Bell Block, in the loss of their son, Terence. He left School only two years ago and died suddenly at Auckland on June 13th.

We were pleased to welcome back last June Mark F. Petheram, who had been overseas ever since he left School in 1945. He studied philosophy at the Gregorian University in Rome for four years and then went on to Cambridge where he studied Russian and Italian. In an interview he said that Italy was an interesting country with strong traditions in the arts. This tradition and the consciousness of it was present even down to the poorest Italians with little education. The people he found easy-going and happy, bearing no resentment against the Allies for defeat in the Second World War. They were a curious people, intensely interested in foreigners. He was often questioned on himself and where he came from. He had

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acquired strong impressions of the strength of Communism in Italy. He was in the country in 1948 when the Communists appeared to be at their strongest. Since then he thought their power had waned, but, he warned, they could easily, with the necessary opportunities, get back into a stronger position. He recalled seeing riots and disturbances during his time spent in Rome and Italy. Most of them were in 1948, when there was an imminent possibility of the Communists taking over the reins of Government. His mind went back to one particular riot, when Italian police were endeavouring to break up a Communist-inspired disturbance. Off from the scene of the riot rode a man on a bicycle, presumably a Communist, trying to escape the police. A policeman dropped to one knee and fired, killing the cyclist.

Many Old Boys are looking forward to the return of **John Brodie**. He is at present on his way home. He has been in England fifteen years.

P. F. L. Stephenson has been transferred to the Bank of New Zealand in Hamilton. He has been one of our keenest local Old Boys and we hope he will make the Waikato Branch more active.

In a recently published book, "Cricket Musketeers," Fred Brown, former English captain, included **Martin Donnelly** in his world Eleven. "Donnelly," he writes, "always gave me particular delight. My first experience of him was in the Manchester test of 1937, when he hit me for a six to square leg, which nearly went through the committee-room window. Blessed with great speed of footwork and an eye which gave him very early sight of the ball, he was a very fine driver on either side of the wicket and, in fact, was truly equipped with all strokes. But the three things which most impressed me were the timing and power of his shots off his legs, his evident intention to call the tune wherever possible, and the fact that he scored most of his runs in front of the wicket. He was a very fine outfielder anywhere, with a throw like a bullet."

Robin Dumbell has been selected as one of two New Zealanders to join the Australian National Opera Company.

We regret to record the sudden death on January 24th of **Raymond Arthur Adlam**. He was 39 years of age.

A letter has been received from **Donald Nielson**, who has been in Sydney for many years. He mentioned **Chris Carter** and **Peter Dent**, who are also in Sydney.

The School was shocked to learn, last March, of the death of **Brian Reynolds**, who left at the end of last year. Both he and his father were drowned when their fishing boat capsized in Lake Taupo.

Rex McGowan has taken up an appointment as Advertising Manager of Woolworth's Australian chain of stores.

The Rev. Donald MacDiarmid is this year's Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

Ross Alexander had an amazing experience when he recently found a bottle on the beach of his farm near Waverley. He saw it contained a piece of paper, so uncorked it. He found that it was a bottle he had thrown overboard from the troopship "Wahine," when she went aground on a reef 200 miles north of Darwin, in August 1951.

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A cablegram was received recently telling of the accidental death of **Frederick John Lawn**. He had been drowned while returning to his ship at Lubeck, Germany. He trained at a Naval College in England and then joined the British Merchant Navy, in which he served during the war years.

W. A. Lowrie has graduated B.E. and is now training with British-Thomson-Houston Ltd., England.

Many Old Boys will regret to hear of the death of **Mr. A. C. Webb**, who was Music Master at the School from 1942-49. He returned to the School after his retirement to act in a relieving capacity. We shall always remember his friendly and genial personality.

REUNION DINNER

The Reunion Dinner was held in the School Dining Hall on Easter Saturday night. The guest of honour was **Mr. A. J. Papps**, the School's First Assistant, who was retiring after 33 years on the staff. There were 140 Old Boys present, including many of the members of **Mr. Papps's** football teams of the past and five ex-captains of the First XV.

Before making the presentation of a substantial cheque on behalf of 160 Old Boys, the President said: "We are assembled together in larger numbers than usual tonight in order to make an official farewell to **Mr. Papps**."

After reviewing **Mr. Papps's** successful career at Nelson College, where in 1908 he was captain of the First Fifteen and First Eleven, and Head Boy, the President mentioned his impressive record in World War I. "Then at last," he continued, "he came to join the staff, as **Mr. Moyes** had always hoped, in 1921. As a teacher he has taken many subjects successfully, but he will be remembered most for his lucid teaching of Latin. Outside his classroom he will be remembered most for his brilliant coaching of the First XV. During the 1920's, that golden age of Secondary School Rugby, his First XV in '39 inter-school matches lost three games and drew one. He inspired his teams with a will to win, always of course by fair means. He had a hatred of mediocrity. He also excelled as a cricket coach and for a period kept the School Cadet Corps at a very high standard.

"Now as we review this varied and interesting career, two things stand out. First, his influence, which has always been strong and healthy in this place. He has always exerted a conscious influence by exhorting boys to 'pull their weight' in the School. But more important than that, there has been the unconscious influence that has daily distilled from a life lived with such consistent dignity, kindness, gentleness and refinement of spirit.

"Secondly, his all-round ability. Everything he has done here—and he has tried his hand at nearly everything—he has done well. In the words of an old Latin tribute 'Nihil tetigit quod non ornavit,' 'He has touched nothing which he has not adorned.'

"We are pleased to know that **Mr. Papps** will now live on in New Plymouth close to the School geographically, but also close in spirit as he has always been.

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And now, Sir, on behalf of Old Boys all over New Zealand and also a few abroad, I ask you to accept this cheque. We thank you for all you have done for us during your time here. We thank you for the remarkable contribution you have made to the growth and reputation of the School. May you enjoy every blessing during your retirement."

In reply Mr. Papps referred to the great number of Old Boys present and said: "Never in my wildest dreams did I think it would be a gathering like this. I don't deserve all this. I have been one of a team; others have done just as much as I have."

He mentioned two of the things he would do with the money. Firstly, he would buy a silver plate and have it inscribed with the School monogram, and the fact that it had been presented by the Old Boys; and secondly he would buy an armchair in which he would settle back with a good book in his retirement.

"Yes," he continued, "I have been here a long time—33 years. They have been very happy years indeed."

Commenting on the Latin he had taught, he said the subject gave him very great pleasure, especially in the sixth forms. "In this town alone there are eight doctors I taught Latin and as many lawyers. Once a week at least I pick up a paper and see that some great success has been achieved by some Old Boys some where—and that is one of the greatest satisfactions a teacher can have."

From the achievements of the present, he turned to the achievements of the past in recalling the "tragic but proud days" of the war. Old Boys had come to see them at the School, proudly dressed in their uniforms before sailing overseas for service. "This School alone won over 70 decorations. They were proud days—but they were tragic days when the casualty lists came through."

Returning to the present, he said that the boys of today were as honest as they had ever been. "The youngsters of today are all right—they have plenty of go and kick about them."

Discipline was as good as ever it had been, but it was of a different nature. The old discipline was based on fear but that of today was a discipline of self-respect.

As a final comment, Mr. Papps appealed to the Old Boys to "stick to your School. The School needs you. No School can remain great unless it has the Old Boys behind it."

Mr. Papps sat down to a rousing ovation.

Mr. Crowley Weston proposed the toast to the School, likening it to a Company, with its directors, shareholders, capital, dividends and premises. In replying Mr. McNaught said that the retirement of Mr. Papps had saddened the year for him and now only one-third of the masters remained who had been on the staff when he took up his headmastership in 1942.

Mr. W. E. Alexander proposed a toast to "Kindred Associations" and replies were made by Archdeacon G. H. Gavin (Wanganui Collegiate), Mr. A. Waters (Nelson College), Mr. R. C. Wilson (Auckland Grammar), Mr. T. Sweeney (Wellington College), and Mr. G. F. Bertrand (Te Aute College).

OLD BOYS' SECTION

OLD BOYS' RAFFLE

During the past three months a "Willing Shilling" raffle has been conducted by the Association to raise funds for the School's 75th Jubilee in 1957. Half the proceeds will be given to the School in that year to mark the occasion. The organiser wishes to thank all who helped by selling tickets, or by distributing and returning books. A special word of appreciation must go to the boys of the School for their splendid effort in raising over £600. We are pleased to be able to include a report of the proceeds. As some expenses have not yet been determined, the figures are not final.

We wish to thank the following Old Boys who, with contributions varying from £1 to £5, enabled us to buy the first two prizes: Messrs. F. E. Clarke, L. Christie, C. W. Green, Clifford Johnson, A. E. Gracie, H. W. Brown, E. G. Beckbessinger, D. H. M. Wilson, Dr. B. W. Grieve, Dr. P. Loten, Dr. I. D. Auld, Messrs. G. C. Weston, L. M. Papps, R. S. V. Simpson, D. H. Rawson, J. H. Boon, R. A. Boon, J. D. Willis, M. J. Outred, E. W. McCallum, E. G. Harman, J. D. Anderson, D. W. T. Mason, L. W. Lovell, D. E. Kurta, C. A. McNeill and I. M. Kurta.

All the prizes from the third to the twenty-first inclusive were given by Old Boys. The donors were: Messrs. C. W. Cook, Dr. A. L. Lomas, Messrs. W. L. H. Dean, I. V. Dalgleish, F. E. Barnham, J. E. Barnham, G. Chong, M. Fraser, G. S. Anderson, S. M. White, K. Ward, J. S. Hatherly, J. D. Corrigan, A. G. Walker, D. V. Avery, T. Somerton, M. B. Neville, J. D. Huggard, N. J. Quinn and C. B. Quay.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Boys of the School*	603	18	0	Okato	15	6	0
Staff*	14	0	0	Taihape	21	0	0
N.P. Old Boys*	134	17	6	Opunake	12	7	0
Auckland Branch	148	19	0	Stratford	19	3	0
King Country Branch	£8	4	0	Whangarei	7	0	0
Hawke's Bay Branch	56	14	0	Waiouru M.C.*	15	0	0
Otago Branch	10	7	0	Matamata	9	5	0
S. Taranaki Branch	55	10	0	Rotorua	16	2	0
Wellington Branch	86	2	0	Invercargill	6	2	0
Hamilton Branch	1	12	0	Feilding	9	0	0
Wanganui Branch	33	0	0	Nelson*	5	0	0
Districts:				Te Awamutu	2	0	0
Christchurch	3	5	0	Te Kuiti	6	0	0
Te Puke	12	3	0	Waitara	5	14	0
Pokeno*	10	0	0	Morrinsville	19	17	0
Marton	11	0	0	Urenui	10	5	0
Lincoln College	10	0	0	Gisborne	3	0	0
Whakatane*	15	0	0	Inglewood	5	3	0
Massey College*	5	0	0	Masterton	1	10	0
Tauranga	11	5	0	Cambridge	3	0	0
Mokau	6	18	0	Papatoetoe*	10	0	0
Putaruru*	25	0	0	Pukearuhe	7	13	0
Huntly	1	13	0				
Thames	3	0	0				
Otorohanga	5	18	0	Total	£1473	2	6

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Donations:

Mr. R. K. Pierce	10	0
Mr. D. Ritchie	10	0
Boys' work	1	1 6
School Tuck Shop (for prizes)	2	0 0
Contributions from Old Boys for the first two prizes	69	2 0

Total Receipts £1546 6 0

Expenses (List incomplete):

First Two Prizes	58	10 0
Hastings Branch	13	6
Auckland Branch	1	5 0

S. Taranaki Branch	1	19 0
Printing of Tickets	66	0 0
Prize Money for Best Sellers	5	2 6
Taxation	146	18 3
Paper for Circulars	2	0 0
Total	282	8 3

Approx. Additional Expenses 30 0 0

Total expenses 312 8 3

Approximate Net Proceeds £1233 17 9

Note * means that the quota was reached.

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WEST HOUSE 8th GRADE. (Winners 8th Grade Championship.)

Back Row: P. M. Clegg, J. B. Chapman, R. W. Packer, R. S. Cronin, M. D. Clegg, R. D. A. Rackley.
Middle Row: M. W. Hunt, W. Dravitzki, B. L. Thomas, P. E. Walsh, R. W. Humphries, D. G. Medway, P. R. Goodchap.
Front Row: B. Bretherton, J. S. Goudie, D. A. Ranger, K. G. Lamb (Captain), J. Murtagh, B. J. Badham. Absent: G. J. Tapper.



5th GRADE A TEAM, 1954. (Winners North Taranaki Championship.)

Back Row: M. E. Dillon, B. M. McCallum, M. I. Hutchings, D. F. Wright, G. R. Fookes, N. E. Dawson, B. N. Tuck.
Middle Row: R. O. Davies, G. A. Hyde, G. L. Peterson, A. N. Fookes, D. S. Bryant, J. D. Carter, P. V. Dravitzki, D. A. Warren.
Front Row: N. G. Jonas, R. A. Lewis, E. T. Ward, C. T. Maingay, G. R. Jensen, R. B. Hodson, N. N. Saxton.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

ENGAGEMENTS

- VEALE—HOWIE.—Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay Howie, Auckland, to John younger son of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Veale, New Plymouth.
- PRENTICE—FINER.—Betty May, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Finer, New Plymouth, to Leslie Roy, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Prentice, New Plymouth.
- SLYFIELD—CREAGH.—Janine Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Creagh, Australia, to Barrie John, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Les J. Slyfield, New Plymouth.
- TITTER—JENSEN.—Margaret Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jensen, Tauranga, to Harold Mervyn, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Titter, New Plymouth.
- MANDER—JACKSON.—Olwyn Lillian, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jackson, Remuera, to Ralph, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Mander, Wellington.
- DEBNEY—HICKISEY.—Patricia Rosary Oethilia, eldest daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. J. Hickisey, New Plymouth, to Walter Thomas, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Debney, New Plymouth.
- KERR—DONNELLY.—Claire Jacqueline, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Donnelly, Raetihi, to Bruce Victor, only son of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Kerr, New Plymouth.
- COCKSEEDGE—HEYDON.—Merle, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Heydon, Stratford, to Raymond Kendra, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Cocksedge, Okato.
- McMURRAY—GIBSON.—Brenda Vivienne, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Gibson, Kaimiro, to Robert McNab, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. V. S. McMurray, Inglewood.
- WESTON—MOLLER.—Rosaline, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Moller, Lower Hutt, to Claude Warwick, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weston, New Plymouth.
- HOOKE—STRANG.—Omedora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex R. Strang, New Plymouth, to Donald Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hooker, New Plymouth.
- GADD—WALSHAW.—Fay Bernice, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Walshaw, Wellington, to Jack Norman, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Gadd, Wellington, late of New Plymouth.
- MUNE—SWANSON.—Thelma Evelyn, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Swanson, Tariki, to Arthur George, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Mune, Fiji.
- O'MEAGHER—TREHEY.—Patricia Anne, only daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. C. M. Trehey, New Plymouth, to Barry James, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. O'Meagher, New Plymouth.
- WILTSHIRE—BELLRINGER.—Barbara, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bellringer, New Plymouth, to James, only son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Wiltshire, New Plymouth.

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DEARE—ROBERTS.—Joan Melva, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Roberts, New Plymouth, to Donald Clifford, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Deare, New Plymouth.

CHAMBERLAIN—BAILEY.—Beverley Susan, youngest daughter of Mrs. W. M. and the late A. H. Bailey, New Plymouth, to Paul Norman, second son of Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Chamberlain, New Plymouth.

GREENSILL—McKAY.—Melva Dawn, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McKay, Taumarunui, to Arthur Maling, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Greensill, New Plymouth.

MARRIAGES

EDWARDS—GEORGE.—At St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Dulcie Gladys, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Des. George, New Plymouth, to Lance William, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Edwards, Levin.

BIRTHS

SHEAT.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Sheat, New Plymouth; a daughter.

GLASGOW.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Glasgow, Pakistan; a son.

HULL.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Hull; a daughter.

LANDER.—To Mr. and Mrs. O. Lander, Napier; a son.

JUDD.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Judd, Opunake; a daughter.

QUAY.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. Quay; a son.

BOTTRILL.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. Bottrill; a daughter.

SHRIMPTON.—To Mr. and Mrs. L. Shrimpton; a son.

FRASER.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. Fraser; a daughter.

RIDLAND.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Ridland; a son.

SALEMAN.—To Mr. and Mrs. S. Saleman; a son.

EAST.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. L. East; a daughter.

DONNELLY.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Donnelly, Sydney; a son.

KING.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. King; a daughter.

SYKES.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Sykes; a son.

BROAD.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. Broad; a daughter.

STEVEN.—To Dr. and Mrs. J. Steven; twin daughters.

HAY.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Hay; a son.

BARR.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Barr; a daughter.

RAMSAY.—To Mr. and Mrs. W. Ramsay; a son.

HAYTON.—To Dr. and Mrs. A. Hayton; a son.

MCDONALD.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. R. McDonald; a daughter.

GLASGOW.—To Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Glasgow; a daughter.

McNAUGHT.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNaught; a son.

OKEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Okey; a son.

DUFF.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Duff; a son.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

ESTABLISHED 1882

FEES (per term)—

Board: £44, reducible to £43 if paid within 30 days.

Dinner for Day Boys: £6/6/-.

Music: £5/5/-.

Boxing: Two terms, 15/-.

Dancing (Winter Term only): 12/6.

N.B.—In cases of removal, one full term's notice must be given to the Secretary, otherwise parents are liable for half a term's fee.

SUBSCRIPTIONS (per term)—

Games—Boarders, 9/6; Day Boys, 7/6.

The School year is divided into three Terms of approximately thirteen weeks each. The terms for 1955 are as follows:—

SCHOOL TERMS—

First Term	..	February 1st to May 6th.
Second Term	..	May 24th to August 19th.
Third Term	..	September 13th to December 14th.

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