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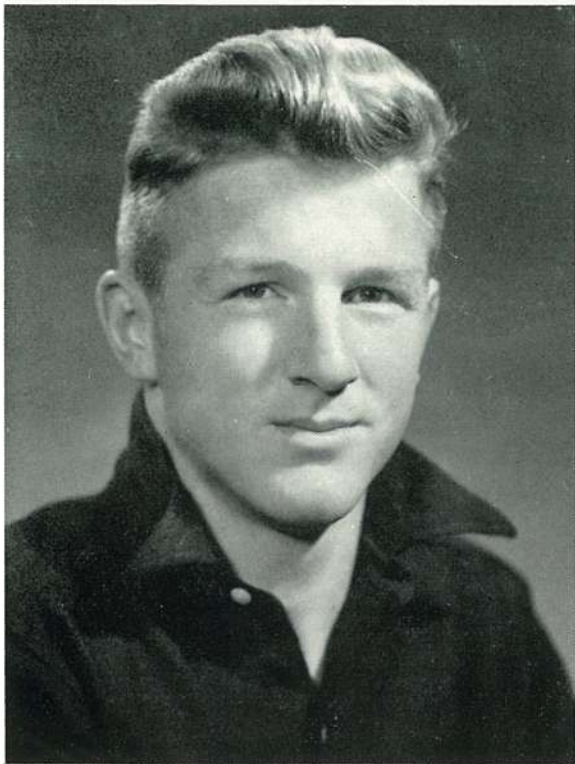
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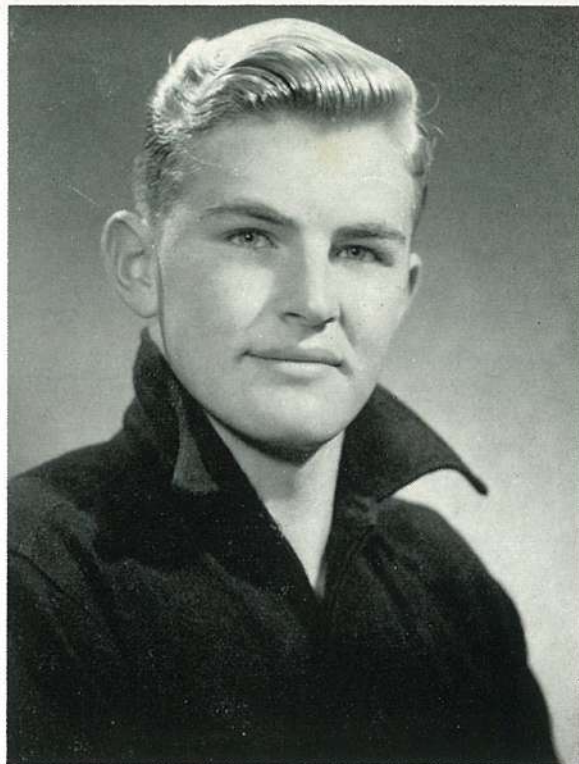
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EDITORIAL

LEADERSHIP AND SCHOOL SPIRIT

THE success of the school depends firstly upon school spirit—the desire to do one's best for the school and secondly upon leadership. Leadership is itself very difficult to define but in relation to school spirit it could be the ability to develop and unify this desire so as to have the greatest and most forceful effect upon any activity.

Success, however, can be a danger to a school. There is a feeling that success gained is success retained. Success is not maintained by smugly and complacently riding its crest without making further efforts to consolidate. Without effort, pride becomes static and without foundation and if a school becomes static it reaches a depth from which it is extremely difficult to climb. So to avoid this danger we cannot afford to allow our school to reach a static position.

To maintain success we need not maintain prowess in the sporting field, we need not continually produce scholastic geniuses. We must always be conscious of a desire to improve the standard of activity and behaviour both indoors and out which is proof that the school is a healthy body of society both morally and physically.

There is evidence, however, during the last few years, of an increase in a variety of slackness in behaviour by certain small sections of the school. This behaviour has taken the form of lounging about in the main street, being impertinent to elderly people, annoying women shoppers and showing a contempt for the dignity of the school as an institution by failing to dress in the standard school uniform when on activities connected with the school. This is evidence that in some respects at least

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we are a morally poor school. If we show a lack of interest in activities by ignoring the major sporting functions we show that some of us at least are physically degenerate. Our continued successes as a school prove that as a whole we are neither physically nor morally degenerate but these small groups are growing in numbers and in their power to affect our reputation. They are dangerous to the honour of the school, for though the criticisms of the public tend to be harsh, they must be respected, for the school relies on their goodwill. The least we can do is to show that we are an institution of which they can be proud.

The alternative solutions to the problem are vague and abstract. The reduction of the leaving age has obvious advantages, freeing those who rebel against discipline to face the realities of the outside world unprepared. This easy method, however, disregards the basic function of education—the preparation of the individual for his place in society. The most constructive and realistic approach then is leadership and discipline. These are the basic values which a school can offer the individual. Opportunities for developing qualities of leadership are there for those with initiative, while the discipline experienced is one which develops the essence of a good and stable character—self-restraint and self-discipline. These qualities are invaluable to the individual if he is to be a success in later society.

The element which unifies a school is school spirit, or the common desire to make a personal but co-operative effort in the interests of the school. But school spirit is to be compared with nationalism. World leaders have used this common emotion to lead their nations both to victory and destruction. They have also used it to keep their national supremacy high in the eyes of their neighbours. So too with school spirit, can leadership direct and guide it along channels which will maintain the success and prestige of the school.

Leadership is not a placid interest in one's surroundings. It requires sincere activity to gain respect and influence. Over the last few years the placid attitude has tended to develop among a few seniors of the school. There has been a noticeable lack of guiding influence from these few, who tend to neglect the functions of the school for purely personal interests.

When the pupil reaches the position of seniority he does not come to a majestic Utopia but a position of responsibility where his personal influence or even mere actions have a profound effect on those surrounding him. If a boy is active and has a deep personal interest in the school, the junior cannot fail to follow his example. The prestige of seniority is a power which cannot be denied. Therefore the fifth and sixth former on reaching seniority should throw off the misconception that he has reached a scholastic demi-paradise and realise that he has a duty to his school and fellow pupils. He should be both active in his own circles and if physically unable to take part in others, he should support them. This is the type of leadership which unifies and directs school spirit. He must work more by example than by coercion.

High School is the period of transition between childhood and manhood. It covers the crucial period of self-discovery where the individual has his characteristics bleakly exposed by experience. His qualities soon appear and for those with incentive and determination there is ample opportunity to gain experience in leadership. Leadership does not require high ideals or outstanding talents, but rather an understanding of the individual, or

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the elements which are common to all. Leadership requires persistence, patience and discipline tempered by toleration. A middle way must be found among these elements. The completely tolerant shows that he is unable to exercise judgment, thus losing respect, while the total disciplinarian tends to be arrogant and dominating. Impatience shows that one is unable to appreciate the faults of others, or even in himself, while instability of ideals exposes a lack of clarity in thinking.

So the functions of the senior boys in a school such as ours should be to use his seniority to enforce control and discipline but to use it with discretion. He should never be satisfied with the present condition of the school, but always seek for improvements and in this respect be persistent but patient, but never domineering. Above all he should work for the school. School life is an invaluable experience as a preparation for the outside world, so he should use it. His example will be a guide and inspiration to others, unifying and strengthening the school in mind and spirit. A strong and co-ordinated school spirit is proof of a smoothly run and efficient institution and it is on this that we are judged. By maintaining and consolidating our school spirit the success and prestige of our school can be assured.

R. D. McCaw.

BREAKING - UP CEREMONY

In order to accommodate the increasing numbers attending, the ceremony last year was held in the Opera House for the first time. It was held on the afternoon of December 9th in the presence of a large crowd. Those on the platform were the Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr. E. O. E. Hill, and Mrs. Hill, Mr. E. P. Aderman, M.P., and Mrs. Aderman, and the Chairman of the Board, Mr. H. R. Billing, and Board members. The academic prizes were presented by the guest speaker, Dr. G. A. Currie, Vice-Chancellor of the University of New Zealand, and other awards by Mrs. Currie.

"This School has a good reputation—I hope those who are leaving regret the fact that they are not coming back," said Dr. Currie, in opening an address which was a brilliant blend of sage advice and spontaneous humour.

He understood that in the School were many sons of farmers. He hoped they would go back to their farms for good, when they left school. He said he had the highest regard for farmers. They had to be men of many parts—such as scientist, book-keeper, good boss, engineer and business man.

He was once a scientist himself, and he recommended the life as a fine one and one of great service to the community. The life of a scientist was something that was very much worthwhile and in New Zealand more and more scientists were needed. Ability and brilliance in the scientific, medical and other fields were in constant demand.

Dr. Currie said he was a supporter of boys taking at least one foreign language while they were at school. "In New Zealand we're not very good at expressing ourselves, and there's a very fine future for you in Parliament for doing that," he added, amid laughter. Then he quickly warned that a career in Parliament was one which entailed a great deal

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of hard work. "I suggest you should take a foreign language at school," he said, "because foreign languages help you to express yourself, improve your English and broaden your mind."

Dr. Currie spoke of the atomic age and jokingly remarked: "I advise you in the event of an atom bomb dropping, to close the doors, close the windows, lie down and turn the gas on."

Addressing the boys in particular, Dr. Currie stressed the need for hard work and attention to detail both at school and in after life. Whatever job those leaving took on, he said, they should do it conscientiously and to the best of their ability.

The Headmaster began the Annual Report for 1954 by expressing his regret at the passing of the Preparatory Department. Many Old Boys would be sorry since they remembered their early days there. It had a very fine record and Prep. boys, nearly all boarders, had a good reputation in the city for their neatness, good manners and good behaviour. Undoubtedly there was a fine spirit developed among them, more noticeable perhaps when they moved to Niger House, in 1945.

Nineteen fifty-four had seen the breaking of another link with the past, he continued. Mr. Papps retired at the end of the first term after being on the Staff for 33 years and after teaching more than 40 years. His great service to the School in that period of rapid growth and consolidation was fittingly recognised at many farewell functions. The Staff and the School miss him.

Concerning out-of-class activities, the Headmaster stated that they were all flourishing, but with the increased numbers, the School was finding the need for more playing fields. Football, both Rugby and soccer, were well catered for, but cricket and tennis, the latter more especially, were cramped for space. An attempt was being made to obtain six tennis courts, as three which had been in existence for so many years were enough for only a third of the players.

A proposal before the Board was the widening of the lower ground, to provide a better running track and a better ground for cricket. This would entail removing the two lower terraces. The money raised by the boys of 1952 and 1953 working on Saturday mornings, amounting to £220, had been used to purchase timber and cement for the seats on the terraces. The Building Firms had already finished one side of the ground—the other side would be done in the future.

The Headmaster concluded by expressing his thanks to the Board of Governors and the Secretary, Mr. Burford, for their support, to the Teaching Staff, the Matron and her Staff, to Sister Leitch, and to all those others such as the outside staff and the laundry staff without whose co-operation the School could not function properly. Finally, he extended his grateful thanks to the ministers of religion and their assistants who gave much of their time to the spiritual welfare of the boarders.

The Mayor of New Plymouth then spoke, and told the pupils who were leaving that life after school could be even happier if it was tackled the right way. School life was an ordered community into which a certain amount of work had to be put. Out in the world it was very easy to forget that one was part of a community. The more one put into that

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life, the more one got out of it. Those leaving must remember that they had to give something to the community and find out where they fitted into the community.

In his address, Mr. E. P. Aderman, M.P., thanked the Headmaster and Staff for their work, and the pupils for the records they had made again during the year. He wished those leaving school even greater successes, and he congratulated the prize-winners and that large group of runners-up for their strong competition to those who had won trophies.

CLASS PRIZES—

Prep. Dept.: J. Hughes. **III Ag.:** P. A. Luckstedt. **III E.:** D. W. Steer. **III E.B.2:** G. H. Street. **III E.B.1:** T. J. Ashman. **III G.2:** D. A. Andrews. **III G.1.:** R. Pitcairn. **III P.2.:** R. E. Olson. **III P.1.:** A. Byers 1, L. J. S. Pauling 2. **IV Ag.:** I. M. Hedley. **IV E.B.2:** Engineering, R. M. Beggs; Building, N. I. Morris. **IV E.B.1:** Engineering, R. A. Jackson; Building, D. J. Conway. **IV G.2:** T. Puke. **IV G.1:** R. O. A. Rackley. **IV P.2:** I. Stuck. **IV P.1:** H. K. Way. **V Ag.:** T. W. Verney. **V E.:** Engineering, B. W. Lowrie; Building, B. Rumball. **V G.2:** W. Rumball. **V G.1:** F. W. Brewer. **V P.2:** W. T. Bussell. **V P.1:** N. A. Tuffery. **VI Sc.2:** A. R. Poletti. **VI Sc.1:** D. F. Wright. **VI B.:** B. Walter.

SPECIAL PRIZES—

Rex Dowding Memorial Prize (Junior Essay): J. M. Dennison.

Junior Oratory (Cup and Books presented by L. M. Moss, Esq.): R. M. Dodd.

Senior Debating (Cup presented by Wellington Branch, Old Boys' Association): P. F. Fookes, A. W. Hall.

Drawing Prize: C. S. Horrill.

Music Prizes (Mr. Collier's Prize): I. A. Boese. (Mrs. J. Davie's Prize): G. Cleland.

Reading Prizes: Chapel (presented by an Old Boy): R. S. Croxson. Assembly: J. D. Hanning. Senior (presented by Mr. N. Hewson): C. A. Lealand. Junior: B. McNeil.

Tabor Scholarships: English: R. D. McCaw. Science: A. R. Poletti. Engineering: R. N. Burgess.

Prize for Best Maori Student (presented by Department of Maori Affairs): I. Komene.

Bendall Memorial Prize (Senior Essay): J. D. Hanning.

White Memorial Prize (Literature): R. S. Croxson.

Syme Prize (Latin): J. D. Hanning.

Senior French Prize (presented by the French Legation): P. J. Lloyd.

Heurtley Memorial Prize (Original Verse): J. D. Hanning.

General Excellence Cup (Dr. E. C. Fookes' Cup): R. S. Croxson.

Head Boy's Prize: R. S. Croxson.

VI A.: 1st in Languages Section: P. J. Lloyd.

Proxime Accessit (Ian McLeod Memorial): D. J. Barnes.

Dux Prize: R. S. Croxson.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

ATHLETICS—

- Old Boys' Challenge Cup** (100 Yards Senior Championship): P. J. Lloyd.
Challenge Cup (220 Yards Junior Championship): B. M. Cannell.
Bennett Cup (100 Yards Under 14½ Championship): A. R. Hill.
1911 Cup (Senior Steeplechase): D. J. Foster.
Bryce Cup (Senior Steeplechase Fastest Time): T. W. Verney.
H. Smith Cup (Junior Steeplechase): R. W. Humphries.
Easton Memorial Cup (Junior Steeplechase Fastest Time): C. E. Humphries.
Noakes Cup (Under 14½ Steeplechase): T. L. Sweetman.
Hansard Cup (Inter-House Athletics): Pridham House (P. J. Lloyd).

SWIMMING—

- Sykes Memorial Cup** (Senior Championship): K. A. Martin.
Challenge Cup (Junior Championship): D. Byers and R. G. Christie.
Fox Cup (Under 14 Championship): T. D. Simcock.
Wilson Shield (Preparatory Championship): M. J. Lecher.

BOXING—

- Lepper Cup** (Senior Championship): R. U. Mence.
Kidd Cup (Under 11st. Championship): D. S. Bryant.
Chivers Cup (Under 10st. Championship): R. W. Thompson.
Herbert Smith Cup (Under 9½st. Championship): J. R. Wood.
Cunningham Cup (Preparatory Championship): P. R. Mackay.
Wallace Shield (Inter-House Competition): Moyes House (L. Petersen).

TENNIS—

- Candy Cup** (Senior Singles): R. S. Croxson.
Herbert Smith Cup (Junior Singles): D. J. Rowlands.

SHOOTING—

- Searle Cup** (.303 Short Range Championship): D. A. W. Aldworth.
Kelly Cup (.303 Long Range Championship): D. A. W. Aldworth.
McDiarmid Belt (School Championship): D. A. W. Aldworth.

CADETS—

- Sole Cup** (Best N.C.O.): C. A. Lealand.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—

I am of the opinion that our School Baths look rather dull, gloomy and dirty to the admirer of our beautiful grounds or the passer-by. I suggest that this matter might be remedied by a cheap and effective coating of the interior of the baths with a colourful light paint and perhaps we could have lanes painted on the bottom. This improvement would help our grounds to look more beautiful than in the past.

I am, etc.,
R. S. Pease, 4Ag.

SCHOOL NOTES

School commenced in 1955 with a total roll of 883, of whom 280 are boarders. Although the Preparatory School has been abolished, the School roll shows an increase of 57. Numbers in the Sixth Forms were maintained with 30 boys taking a post University Entrance course and 74 preparing for the University Entrance examination.

During Barracks Week, Brigadier A. H. Andrews, Officer Commanding the Central Military District, an Old Boy of the School, made an inspection of the battalion and commented favourably on the type and standard of boy in training and to the surprise of those in the ranks, on the efficiency of the Officers and N.C.O.'s. The week concluded by Major-General Lockhart inspecting a guard of honour formed by the A.T.C. under Flight-Lieutenant D. D. Archibald. The A.T.C. felt very proud of themselves when complimented on their fine turnout, although to the embarrassment of one member of the guard, the inspecting officer noticed a safety catch unapplied. Major-General Lockhart addressed the battalion.

The most surprised A.T.C. cadet during the Barracks Week was the one who was showing particular aptitude with the handling of a parachute on the ground. He was aided in his effort by several others, but a sudden gust of wind soon filled the parachute. As his mates let go, he hung on valiantly, but the ground was dry and hard and the soles of his shoes were slippery. Soon he was whirled right across the ground to the amusement of the bystanders and his own discomfort until a sergeant got on the right side and checked the progress of the flier.

The Traffic Department has visited the School twice during the year. In March a road safety film was shown to all forms and instruction in car parking was given to senior forms. Many boys hoped for an opportunity to drive the "cop" car around the top ground, but fortunately their hopes were not realised.

The School was fortunate in seeing the Danish Gymnasts give a fine display at Pukekura Park. Although their performance looked simple, the boys were amazed at the Danes' exhibition of strength and mastery of balance and rhythm.

The School was shocked to learn of the death of an Old Boy, Mr. John Brodie, better known to many as the novelist John Guthrie. His death occurred while returning to England from New Zealand, the tragedy having a special significance for the School as Mr. Brodie addressed morning assembly while visiting New Plymouth early in the year. While at School he won a Taranaki Scholarship, was a member of the First XV and First XI, was an accomplished swimmer, boxer, and rifle shot and was head day boy in his last year at School. He achieved considerable success in London as a journalist, literary critic and editor, but it is upon his novels that his fame principally rests. The School extends its deepest sympathy to his wife and to his family.

Once again the National Orchestra provided an enjoyable afternoon concert held in the Opera House. Vocal participation by the audience at the invitation of the conductor, Mr. James Robertson, proved a popular innovation. The solo pianiste, Miss Cara Hall, received loud applause from the pupils of both High Schools.

Later in the year, the School was again fortunate in hearing a piano recital by Miss Cara Hall, given to an enthusiastic audience in the Assembly Hall.

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The success of this year's Music Festival was a fitting tribute to Mr. Forrest's sterling work for the promotion of music in the School. They have been greatly enjoyed by all those taking part, and we have especially welcomed the Festival as a means of co-operating with our sister School.

Congratulations to T. W. Boon on winning the Flannagan Cup open-water, harbour swim. He swam strongly throughout and finished with a clear fifteen yards' lead on the next competitor.

The School has seen two films this year, "Romeo and Juliet" and "The Pickwick Papers." The Shakespearean production, from the point of view of scenery and background, was considered excellent, but the acting of certain of the principal characters was below the standard usually associated with such a production. "The Pickwick Papers," though not as lavishly produced, set a good standard in Dickens' film productions.

The Moyes Memorial Pavilion was officially opened on December 2nd, 1954, before a large crowd of people, many of them Old Boys. The Pavilion has already proved most functional and is a valuable addition to the amenities of the School. Besides providing a headquarters for the First XI it has made it possible for us to entertain visiting teams in a fitting manner. It has already become the focal point of the matches held on the ground.

During the second term the School, with regret, farewelled Mr. W. J. Forrest, who has accepted a music teaching post at Te Awamutu College. His great work in the promotion of music within the School has been amply illustrated by the popularity of the annual Music Festivals. Mr. Forrest joined the School in 1948, was an assistant housemaster in Pridham and Moyes Houses before becoming housemaster of Moyes in 1949. His cheery face has been greatly missed around the School, especially by the boys of Moyes House.

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

Mr. Eustace, a former national champion in sprinting and hurdling and manager of the Fiji Empire Games team in 1954. He is teaching Social Studies and English.

Mr. Barton, who also has a fine athletic record, is teaching Book-keeping and Mathematics.

Mr. Sanson, formerly of the State Hydro Department, is teaching Mathematics and General Science.

Mr. Macdonald, an Old Boy and recently from Canterbury University College, is teaching Science and Mathematics.

Mr. Halliburton, formerly of Westown School, is teaching English, Social Studies and Mathematics.

No appointment was made to replace Mr. Forrest and we are very grateful to have the temporary services of Mrs. Sweeney, who is teaching Maths., and Miss Boulton, of the Girls' School, who has taken over the music. We hope they have enjoyed being with us.

We congratulate Mr. Sanson on his recent marriage and on his choice of a teacher from the Girls' School. We deeply appreciate the effort he has made to improve the relationship between the two schools. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Sanson every happiness.



SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1955.

Back Row: T. Takai, G. R. Jensen, J. A. Simmons, R. D. McCaw, W. C. Colson, G. L. Bailey, D. K. Derby, B. F. Sampson.
Front Row: F. L. Bygrave, A. R. Poletti, M. G. Denton, J. K. Lay, D. R. Wood (Head), R. N. Burgess, J. R. Shepherd,
R. O. Davies.

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The only other achievements to note on the Staff this year, have been the purchase of new cars. Mr. McNaught, Mr. McKeon, Mr. Penney, and Mr. Scales have all managed to make a change for the better.

The armoury has recently been relined and reroofed. We hope this will combat the presence of rust, recently discovered in twenty-three rifles.

An unoriginal, incessant ringing of bells was the only activity to celebrate April Fool's day this year.

We welcome Niger House into the School as a boarding house of full status. The old "prep." has been extensively redecorated and now accommodates over forty boys under the housemastership of Mr. Gardiner. Niger is to be congratulated on entering representatives into all School activities throughout the year and on attaining varying degrees of success.

This year, for the first time, the School sent a golf team to play Wanganui Collegiate. The team, G. Neve, J. Maskery, R. Jackson, S. Lovell, J. Tannahill and N. Price, travelled by car and played at the Belmont Links in Wanganui. Although the School team was beaten 8-1, the matches were very close and the trip was greatly enjoyed by all.

In the presence of a visiting inspector, a senior Mathematics master criticised the futile standard of a recent School Certificate examination paper. To the horror of the master and the joy of the form, the inspector pleaded guilty of setting the paper and unhesitatingly took full responsibility for its standard.

Early one morning, near the close of the second term, many heads were craning out of dormitory windows, peering in the direction of the lower ground. During an evening class, held in the woodwork rooms, a late model car had run backwards over the terraces, landing with its rear bumper embedded in the bottom ground and its radiator facing skywards. To the disappointment of many, the damaged car had vanished by the end of the first period.

West House again lead in social activities with a most successful dance. The Westown School Hall had been attractively decorated. An enjoyable time was had by all and even the M.C. appeared to enjoy himself.

The New Zealand Players were again welcome to New Plymouth with their production of "Saint Joan." Although the mid-year examinations were in progress, boys attended with great enthusiasm the evening performances of this excellent production.

The School congratulates Mr. Stewart on his appointment as co-manager and coach of the highly successful New Zealand Colts team which recently toured Ceylon. We were also pleased to hear that D. E. Thurston, a member of last year's First XV forward pack, was selected to tour.

The School grounds have been subjected to a policy of beautification this year, in order to improve the School for the Seventy-fifth Anniversary to be held in 1957. Concrete paths have been constructed, shrubs planted and even drinking fountains have been installed to ease the lot of the hard working. One senior boy inquired if three coins were needed to operate the fountain.

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We believe that the First XV is the only football team in the country which owns its own washing machine. It has also been rumoured that the machine is famous as the model which the 1905 All Blacks took on their tour of England.

Commonwealth Youth Sunday was celebrated on June 19th. Both Girls' and Boys' High Schools assembled in the Opera House to be addressed by Sir Geoffrey Scoones, High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in New Zealand.

During the second term the Rev. Haskell, an ex-headmaster of a large secondary school in Karachi, gave a short, interesting and enlightening talk on Pakistan and its current problems.

At the end of the second term senior pupils were addressed in the School lounge by Miss Callbeck on the need for World Federal Government. Her address was keenly followed, especially by the arts pupils, many of whom visualised an essay topic on World Federation in some future School examination.

For the first time since 1948, Boarders won the annual Rugby match against the Day Boys by 21 points.

Congratulations to C. Humphries who came sixth in the New Zealand Junior Cross-Country Championship held at Timaru this year.

We also congratulate I. Sampson on winning the Waikato Winter Show Essay Competition. This is the fifth year the School has entered for, and won the competition.

The Presbyterian boys regret the loss of the Rev. R. Byers, who left us in July to take up his new charge in Dunedin. We are grateful to him for the interest he showed in the spiritual welfare of the boarders, and we wish him and his family every success and happiness in their new surroundings. The School extends a welcome to the Rev. S. C. Read, formerly of Onehunga, who has accepted the charge of St. Andrews Church.

The School records with sorrow the passing during the year of three very good friends. Mr. H. C. Gatland, for many years on the Staff and latterly in charge of the technical side of the School, passed away in Christchurch. Mr. V. Parkinson, a member of the Board of Governors and a particular friend of the School, died in New Plymouth after a short illness, and the Rev. Father D. A. Nolan, who was almost a daily visitor to the School, also died suddenly. We extend our sympathy to all those who sorrow for them.

Each year brings its changes and this year an important decision was made concerning our attitude to Boxing as a School activity. As a result of a vote taken by the Staff it was decided that we should no longer conduct School boxing championships but that classes would be available to younger boys who wished to learn.

During the second term pupils had reason to thank the United States Air Force. Boys were excused classes to see the American aircraft fly over New Plymouth. The two jet fighters arrived at the scheduled time, but another twenty minutes was spent waiting for the Globemaster aircraft which still has not arrived.

The School play was produced in the Opera House at the close of the second term. The performance was generally regarded as highly successful, but the audience was a little disappointed with the reluctance

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displayed by one of the leading actors to discharge his part with true Shakespearean romanticism.

A welcome addition to this season's programme of Inter-College Rugby, was the visit in August of the King's College First and Second XV's. Although the visiting Second XV was victorious, the First XV game, played at Rugby Park, was much more even and resulted in a close win for School. The game was considered by all to be one of the best matches of College Rugby seen in Taranaki for many years.

Early in the third term, the First XV challenged the Girls' High School at games of hockey and basketball. The boys received a mild shock to find themselves defeated at both games, but it helped to establish the fact that the female is not the weaker sex in all activities.

The second term saw selected members of the A.T.C. having their first opportunity to fly. Three R.N.Z.A.F. Harvard aircraft were sent from Ohakea in an attempt to create interest among the cadets in taking up a career in the R.N.Z.A.F.

The School's effort to raise money for seating accommodation in the proposed War Memorial Hall again took the form of four work days. As usual the appeal was run on an inter-house basis and again boys became accustomed to the sight of a swollen, white money bag. The target of £150 was exceeded. Our congratulations go to Niger, the youngest and smallest house in the School, on securing the highest house total.

Important changes have recently been made in the Fifth Form examination schedule. The forms concerned still have a full scale examination in July, but a series of tests are now given in October in place of a full examination. It is believed this system will save valuable time and candidates will be better prepared for the School Certificate examination in November. Boys are in complete agreement with these changes as they represent one step nearer their ultimate aim of no exams.

Building construction within the grounds this year was restricted to a new "pre-fab" on the end of the existing woodwork rooms. This "pre-fab" is to be used for metal-work.

From June on, much activity has taken place on the bank near the woodwork rooms. Trees have been felled and gangs of School boys have excavated into the bank in preparation for the foundations of the proposed double-storied War Memorial building. A history master suitably described the noise of the power saws and explosives used for splitting timber as "more unnerving and terrifying than an obstacle course."

In connection with the clearing of the hall site, the School congratulates a fourth former, J. T. Moratti, on the fine axemanship and energy he has displayed in felling so many trees. No doubt reports are correct that his early years were spent in a Canadian lumber camp.

The School was very fortunate in August when two members of General Motors Ltd. conducted their "Previews of Progress" in the Assembly Hall. The display illustrated four topics—controlled chemical actions, the power of sound, the transmission of sound by light beams and the principle of the jet motor. The display was received with tremendous applause, and we are indebted to General Motors for providing such a refreshing lesson in modern science.

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Cricket began on a spectacular note this season, when from the top ground, D. Wood hit a "six" which broke the windscreen of a car climbing Eliot Street hill. We hope this incident is not repeated too often, as the insurance companies may ban cricket being played on the top ground.

The breaking-up ceremony will be held in the New Plymouth Opera House on Thursday, December 8th. We wish every success to boys who are leaving this year, and to those returning in 1956 we wish a pleasant and profitable continuation of their School career.

R. D. McCaw and R. S. Garner.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

University National Scholarship.—D. J. Barnes, R. S. Crosson.

Taranaki Scholarship.—B. A. Tinsley, J. D. Hanning, J. E. A. Lys, P. J. Lloyd, D. G. Lloyd, R. M. Patchett, F. P. Hutchings.

Higher Leaving Certificate.—D. J. Barnes, D. Boland, N. Burdes, D. W. Burton, R. F. Elliott, P. F. Fookes, D. L. Gill, A. W. Hall, J. D. Hanning, G. K. Hight, F. P. Hutchings, W. E. Jonas, P. J. Little, D. G. Lloyd, P. J. Lloyd, J. E. A. Lys, R. M. Patchett, E. I. Rumball, B. A. Tinsley, P. N. Webb, K. E. Denham, B. S. Farquhar, G. M. Lloyd, D. M. McConachie, J. R. MacLean, D. W. Marsden, J. M. Smale.

B. Com. Passes.—K. E. Denham, B. S. Farquhar, G. M. Lloyd, J. R. MacLean, D. W. Marsden, D. M. McConachie, B. W. Moorhead, J. M. Smale.

University Entrance (by Accrediting).—K. S.-D. Austin, G. L. Bailey, B. J. Bennett, M. W. Brough, G. E. Brown, R. N. Burgess, J. McC. Carter, G. Cleland, W. C. Colson, C. P. Cooney, M. G. Denton, M. E. Dillon, D. P. Foley, A. N. Fookes, B. E. Gilliver, A. W. Guzzwell, C. S. Horrill, R. W. Hewson, W. J. Harper, A. C. Howell, S. H. Joe, V. Jury, C. B. Johnson, J. A. Leach, C. A. Lealand, C. T. Maingay, R. D. McCaw, G. G. L. McGlashan, D. M. McNickle, P. J. Miller, A. R. Poletti, K. N. Price, I. B. Pryke, J. D. Raines, I. H. Robertson, B. F. Sampson, D. C. Saxton, R. T. Schinckel, J. S. Shallard, J. R. Shepherd, G. K. Sigley, J. A. Simmons, A. W. Smith, B. D. Smith, D. Snell, T. G. Somerville, D. G. C. Swan, B. Walter, E. T. Ward, D. R. Wood, J. R. Wood, D. F. Wright.

By Examination.—J. A. Tannahill, M. C. Wynyard, C. J. Wright, A. E. Locke, G. Hill.

School Certificate.—R. J. Alison, D. R. Barker, F. R. Barrett, B. P. Baxter, G. Beckett, F. P. Bennett, M. W. Birch, F. W. Brewer, W. T. Bussell, M. D. J. Butler, D. A. Christie, D. C. Clemow, M. J. Connell, D. J. Davy, D. K. Derby, D. J. Dickinson, P. Doherty, P. V. Dravitzki, G. R. Fookes, M. R. J. Ford, M. J. Gardiner, R. S. Garner, V. L. Gibbs, G. D. Hains, C. W. B. Hamilton, V. R. Hareb, M. N. Harford, P. R. Harris, B. L. Irvine, G. R. Jensen, E. G. Jones, V. L. Knowles, J. K. Lay, R. C. Lawn, A. E. Locke, B. W. Lowrie, B. M. McCallum, A. M. McKenzie, N. J. Mercer, M. Rangi, W. D. Mooney, M. J. Morton, G. A. E. Neve, J. S. Orams, J. V. Parkinson, G. R. Pelham, E. D. Penny, B. Pepperell, A. M. Quin, P. W. M. Quinn, P. D. K. Ramsay, G. B. Rayward, P. G. Robertson, D. J. Robinson, I. A. H. Ross, B. Rumball, W. Rumball, M. J. Sexton, A. J. Sissons, M. H. Smith, I. D. Tait, J. J. Terris, R. W. Thompson, D. E. Thurston, T. Takai, A. A. Tompkins, P. M. Trehey, A. A. Tubman, B. N. C. Tuck, N. A. Tuffery, T. W. Verney, M. D. Walker, R. L. Wallen, D. E. Walter, I. E. Webster, H. V. Wellington, D. S. Whitehead, L. J. Woodhouse, D. W. Woodward, F. W. W. Worn, N. F. Wray.

FOOTBALL

The 1954 football season in retrospect was perhaps as full as any the School has experienced. The First XV played two more first-class games than usual, the Second XV had a game against the King's College Second XV and in the lower grades more opportunity was given for the younger boys to combine in weight and grade representative teams to compete against other schools.

In the local competitions the School entered twenty-two teams at the commencement of the season. We were successful in winning the Fifth and Sixth Grade competitions and were runners-up in both the Seventh and Eighth Grades.

The First XV had a very full season. An additional college match against King's College was arranged and the Army Cadet School also brought a team to New Plymouth. The match against Auckland Grammar School was brought forward to June instead of being played, as in the past, at the end of the second term. This enabled the boarders to see the game and for other reasons too, this seems a more satisfactory arrangement. It is unlikely, however, that this fixture will be played in June when it falls in Auckland.

The team was strong forward but lacked real pace and finish in the backs. The year began well for the team, was disappointing over the middle period and finished on a high note with the defeat of a very strong King's College team. We were defeated by Auckland Grammar, St. Pat's and Te Aute—in each by one try. Although the margin was slight the team was defeated by a better one on each occasion. The additional matches undertaken meant that more billets than usual were needed and we are grateful to all those people who helped by entertaining our visitors.

The Second XV played a college game this year against King's College Second XV on the Gully ground on the same day as the First XV played the King's Firsts. The team was chosen from all the Fourth Grade players and although it had some practice together it could not match the combination and intense backing up of the King's team which gave as sound an exhibition of fast open football as one could wish to see.

The School team was:

R. J. Alison, T. Fa'asalafa, N. N. Saxton, G. J. Patten, B. J. Sullivan, J. B. Tait, A. W. Smith, G. Hayes, R. Fa'alelei, P. J. Miller, R. Teariki, W. C. Colson, E. T. Ward, R. A. Lewis, R. O. Davies.

The second group held together much better than usual and particular interest was provided by the stern clashes between the Fourth Grade A's and B's in their two competition matches. Both these teams have little success in local competitions because they have to forfeit points during the holidays and it is hoped that next season some arrangement can be made to prevent this. The Fourth Grade B team had a happy season. They were beaten only twice. Their important victories were against the A team. The team was fairly well balanced but the forwards developed fighting qualities particularly when matched against heavier packs. Attendances at practice were good and credit must be given here to the C team whose faithful attendance made the practices so successful. The B team was: P. Trehey, J. Morton, N. Saxton, B. Cannell, J. Bennett, B. Tait, A. Smith, D. Penny, E. Ward; B. McCallum, L. Peterson, R. Fa'alelei, J. Simmons, R. Davies, E. Corkill.

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The Fifth Grade has enjoyed another successful and pleasant season. In the local championship the A's won for the third year in succession, the B's were placed second and the C's extended some of the leading teams on occasions. The A's proved a solid and reasonably well-balanced team, not perhaps as good as some of the best teams of recent years but triers and good attenders at practice. The B team's performances were inconsistent but the forwards although young, improved considerably over the season, probably as the result of constant attendance at practice. The same could not be said for the backs. The C's were a happy team and the best Fifth Grade C team for some years. Despite early losses they continued to attend practices regularly and had improved so much by the end of the season that no one could take them lightly.

A team from this grade travelled to Wanganui and played the Wanganui College Third XV. This fixture has been played for three years and we have yet to score a win. As in the two previous matches, this year the forwards more than matched Wanganui but the opposing backs proved more constructive and polished.

In the Lower Grades the School again entered teams on a House basis. Niger House established its identity with a new amber jersey and teams which performed well in the Sixth and Eighth Grades. Of the Day Boy Houses, Central and West kept their identities and fielded teams in each of the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades. Teams of various weights and ages were chosen from these groups to play teams from Stratford T.H.S., Opunake and the newly-formed lower grade Coastal Division. This enabled the best boys in each grade to get some match experience together. This year was extraordinary for the amount of talent, particularly among the backs, in these lower grades and from these signs, provided the present number of coaches can be maintained and, if possible, increased, the future standard of the School's football should be assured.

As the result of a suggestion made by the committee of the previous year it was decided to introduce a system of Wednesday practice games for the lower grades. This meant that in addition to the normal Saturday competition fixtures each team played an organised game controlled by a referee provided by the First Group. In addition each team had a further practice night allocated to it. The purpose was to provide all teams, but particularly the Day Boy teams, with more match play together. At the beginning of the season we were unfortunate with the weather but once the system got under way it became a feature of the season's football. We are grateful to the members of the First Group for the time devoted to controlling these games.

The School expresses its gratitude to the following organisations without whose help it would be impossible to maintain our football at its present level: the Taranaki Rugby Union, the Northern Junior Management Committee, the Referees' Association and the St. John's Ambulance.

COLLEGE GAMES

v. STRATFORD - HAWERA T.H.S.

(Played at Rugby Park). Won: 12-3.

Although the game was played under very wet conditions it produced fast and bright football with the School forwards giving as good

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an exhibition of rucking as one could wish to see. The backs handled the heavy, greasy ball with astonishing ease and with purpose.

The teams were:—

Hawera - Stratford T.H.S. Combined.—W. Tamarapa, D. Oakley, C. Wishnowsky, M. Bigham, D. Ellison, S. Prime, T. Walsh, W. Blight, B. Wilson, J. Young, R. Johnson, L. Toohey, I. Anderson, D. Charleton, I. Hill.

School.—J. Wood, T. Fa'asalafa, J. Lay, L. Penn, R. McCaw, T. Takai, D. Christie, S. Raumati, D. Wood, M. Fa'aitu, P. Butchart, J. Leitch, M. Denton, A. Poletti, T. Boon.

THE PLAY

School began by throwing the ball around, and maintained this policy throughout the game, attacking the Combined team's line from all positions. The Combined side stood up admirably to the School attack. It was not until well into the first half that School managed to score, D. Wood kicking a fine goal to make the score School 3, Combined side 0, at half-time. School missed many scoring chances through lack of confidence.

After the break School looked more confident and soon began to attack, to score three fine tries. From a five-yard scrum, after five minutes in the second spell, the ball was hooked by School and with an extra man in the backline, Lay slipped his opposite to send Penn over for a try in the corner. Wood failed to convert. Twelve minutes later School attacked again from well out. Christie shot the ball to Takai on the blind side, and Takai broke through and passed to McCaw who beat several defenders to score. The conversion failed.

Five minutes later the School pack won four successive rucks which resulted in McCaw's second try. The Combined side retaliated with an easy penalty goal by Oakley, but School had the game in hand, and full time found School attacking with the score at School 12, Combined 3.

v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

(Played at Rugby Park). Lost 11-3.

The game was watched by a fairly large crowd and the football produced was not of a high standard—there were too many errors. Grammar had an advantage in weight and speed, particularly in the three-quarters. School did well to maintain an attacking position for much of the game.

The teams were:—

Auckland Grammar.—G. Carter, D. Williams, K. Morley, T. Wolfgram, J. Sparling, N. Darrow, J. Spillman, J. Bull, K. Tremaine, L. Lolohea, A. Tolan, M. McLellan, S. Tukia, K. Hill, S. Whineray.

School.—J. Wood, T. Fa'asalafa, J. Lay, L. Penn, R. McCaw, T. Takai, D. Christie, S. Raumati, D. Wood, M. Fa'aitu, P. Butchart, J. Leitch, M. Denton, A. Poletti, T. Boon.

THE PLAY

School began briskly, scoring after seven minutes. Following a scrum near the Grammar line the ball was hooked by School and when the back movement broke down a ruck was formed. From this Takai

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took the ball, slipped his man, and scored. D. Wood could not convert. Efficient rucking by the School pack was the basis of this try, and this rucking efficiency was maintained throughout. About ten minutes after this try McCaw sold the Grammar winger, Williams, a dummy and covered 30 or 40 yards before being caught. Halfway through the spell Darrow sent the ball on to Spillman and was well positioned to take a reverse pass. He left the defence standing to score beneath the posts. He converted his try. Five minutes later, the ball was kicked behind the School backs and the bounce favoured Williams who drew the defence, passed to Morley, who scored. Darrow's conversion failed. At half-time then the score was 8-3 to Grammar.

New Plymouth attacked again when the second spell began. Carter, the Grammar full-back, kicked a splendid goal from two yards inside the School half, to make the score Grammar 11, School 3. For much of the remainder of the spell, School attacked, but a lack of pace prevented any scoring chances. In the last five minutes, however, Grammar attacked determinedly but unsuccessfully. The final whistle found the score at Auckland Grammar 11, School 3.

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

(Played at Hawera). Lost 3-0.

The game was played on a heavy ground and the ball became greasy, but was kept moving, and many passing rushes made the game as bright a one as could have been expected. St. Pat's had a territorial advantage, particularly in the second half, and the School defence barely held many times. The School backs, although well marked appeared to have an off day, and the St. Pat's forward, J. Ngalu, was outstanding in the line-outs.

The teams were:—

St. Patrick's College.—R. Fowler, T. Queree, J. Kebbell, B. Pietkiewicz, W. Hikaka, G. Riddell, M. Mahoney, A. Hura, J. Hughes, J. Ngalu, D. Brown, J. Vadanovich, W. Taylor, D. Horan, J. Hura.

School.—D. Jensen, L. Penn, J. Lay, R. McCaw, T. Takai, J. Wood, D. Christie, D. Wood, L. Bailey, M. Fa'aitu, P. Butchart, J. Leitch, M. Denton, A. Poletti, T. Boon.

THE PLAY

Before the ball became really wet the St. Pat's forwards gave their backs two passing rushes, the ball reaching the wings both times. Then School began to get more ball from the rucks and line-outs, and the ball moved around the field in fine style. D. Jensen missed with a penalty. W. Hikaka, the St. Pat's second five-eighth, just fell short of scoring after a break originated from a line-out. Half-time found School unsuccessfully plugging the defence.

After three minutes in the second spell, left winger B. Pietkiewicz ran around the School defence to score an unconverted try: St. Pat's 3, School 0. It was at this point that St. Pat's began to attack, and the School defence was sorely tried. At the final whistle St. Pat's were still on the attack. The final score was: St. Patrick's College 3, School 0.



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Back Row: D. A. Christie, P. L. Penn, P. V. Dravitzki, T. W. Boon, T. Fa'asalafa, J. R. Wood.

Middle Row: A. R. Poletti, G. A. Johns, G. L. Bailey, R. S. Raumati, P. H. Butchart, E. D. Penny, F. P. Bennett.

Front Row: R. D. McCaw, D. S. Jensen, M. Fa'aitu, T. Takai, J. K. Lay (Captain), D. R. Wood (Vice-Captain), J. D. Leitch, M. G. Denton.

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v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

(Played at Rugby Park). Won 13-3.

Constructive play by the School pack paved the way to this rather flattering defeat of Wanganui Collegiate. The ground was muddy and conditions unpleasant, but when play became difficult for the backs, the School forwards took over and often gained much ground with foot rushes. Wanganui used the orthodox kick and follow tactics on the heavy ground but School kept the ball fairly well under their control, making these tactics unsuccessful. The pace of the Wanganui three-quarters may have shown up better on a dry ground.

The teams were:—

Wanganui Collegiate School.—P. Grace, J. Hughes, M. Booker, P. Burke, P. Neupolu, M. Pulusila, C. Wright, J. Strang, M. Biss, W. Shaw, G. Dempsey, J. Tatham, P. Ropiha, K. Broad, B. McLean.

School.—D. Jensen, T. Fa'asalafa, J. Lay, R. Johns, R. McCaw, J. Wood, A. Hill, M. Fa'aitu, J. Leitch, M. Denton, P. Butchart, D. Wood, S. Raumati, A. Poletti, P. Dravitski.

THE PLAY

After fifteen minutes Wanganui attacked but found no weaknesses in the School defence. M. Booker beat his way past Lay at one attempt but spoilt the effort with a poor pass. After twenty-five minutes Lay cut in-field to link with his forwards and sent D. Wood over for a try. Jensen converted. School 5, Wanganui 0. Half-time came with no change in the score.

After twelve minutes in the second spell the School forwards went over and Poletti was awarded a try, which Jensen converted. Wanganui then attacked and the ball was miskicked by Jensen. The ball was kicked ahead and Burke won the race to touch it down. Grace could not convert. School 10, Wanganui 3. Then the ball was kicked downfield and Boon, who had previously replaced Raumati, was there to catch Grace in possession. A quick ruck followed and Hill initiated a move which resulted in a try by Johns in the corner. Jensen could not convert. Wanganui made desperate but unsuccessful efforts in the final stages, and the final whistle went, with the score at School 13, Wanganui Collegiate 3.

v. TE AUTE COLLEGE.

(Played at Hastings). Lost 6-3.

In attack after attack in the final period of the game, School did everything but score, in a game played under atrocious ground conditions at Hastings. Credit must be given to the Te Aute defence, which frequently brought down a man at the last moment with a hard tackle. The teams tried to produce open Rugby and handled exceptionally well.

The teams were:—

Te Aute College.—P. Naera, R. Johnson, R. Glen, B. Mills, H. Brooks, R. Wairau, R. Kingi, R. Mato, J. Manunui, R. Hapuku, R. Durie, E. Waikaira, G. Keenan, F. Flavell, W. Pahurahu.

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School.—D. Jensen, R. McCaw, J. Lay, R. Johns, J. Wood, T. Takai, A. Hill, M. Fa'aitu, J. Leitch, D. Penny, P. Butchart, D. Wood, M. Denton, A. Poletti, F. Bennett.

THE PLAY

After two minutes of play R. Wairau kicked a penalty and three minutes later D. Jensen equalised with a splendid kick from near the sideline. There was no further scoring until half-way through the second spell when Te Aute launched a splendid back attack. A ruck on the School twenty-five gave Te Aute possession and second five-eighth H. Brooks passed to Wairau, who drew Jensen and passed out for Johnson to score in the corner. The kick failed. The final score: Te Aute 6, School 3.

Lay and Takai handled impeccably throughout the game and with a little luck both could have scored at times, being over the line when the ball slipped from their hands. The game, under the conditions, was of a high standard.

v. NEW ZEALAND REGULAR FORCE ARMY CADETS.

(Played on Racecourse, New Plymouth). Drawn 5-5.

Although heavy rain persisted throughout the match, the ground stood up to it surprisingly well. The football produced, however, was not good, and perhaps the slippery ball and strong wind were much to blame for this. The Army defence was good and the team had a more vigorous attack than School. Dribbling rushes were the order of the day and we saw many of them.

The teams were:—

Army Cadets.—J. Sowter, J. Wati, M. Tutara, R. Flavell, A. Brown, P. Niall, P. Macandrew, D. Herewini, P. Foster, R. Coe, J. Raxworthy, F. Brewer, B. Duncan, C. Berge, F. Milligan.

School.—D. Jensen, R. McCaw, J. Lay, R. Johns, T. Takai, J. Wood, A. Hill, D. Penny, J. Leitch, D. Wood, P. Butchart, M. Fa'aitu, M. Denton, A. Poletti, T. Boon.

For School D. Wood scored a try which D. Jensen converted and for Army P. Macandrew scored a try which J. Sowter converted. The final score was: Army 5, School 5.

v. KING'S COLLEGE.

(Played at Rugby Park). Won 16-15.

This match was one of the finest seen on the Park this season. School did very well to beat the King's team, which was both heavier and faster and was reputed to be the best team they had produced for some years. The game was a very fast one, and was full of incident and excitement.

The teams were:—

King's College.—J. Walker, T. Olsen, R. Hill, K. Johnson, R. Pirritt, A. Davies, A. Edgar, B. Williams, H. Jack, H. Paine, J. Makin, E. de Malmanche, R. McKegg, D. Caddie, D. Hay.

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School.—J. Wood, D. Jensen, R. McCaw, R. Johns, J. Lay, T. Takai, A. Hill, D. Penny, D. Wood, J. Leitch, P. Butchart, F. Bennett, M. Denton, M. Fa'aitu, T. Boon.

THE PLAY

King's began brilliantly with their backs outpacing the School backs, but three times School saved by last-minute tackles. After twelve minutes King's rucked a ball under the School goal posts and Davies calmly potted a goal. King's 3, School 0. Shortly afterwards Jensen missed a long penalty, but he kicked a gift penalty not long afterwards to bring the score to King's 3, School 3. School lost a chance of scoring through poor handling in the backs and Pirritt and Johnson, of King's, swept away from the forwards to be tackled by Lay. Then Takai began a movement which sent McCaw through the centre, but he was stopped and King's cleared. School, led by Lay and Takai, attacked again and again, but just before half-time, Hill, the King's centre, tore through the School defence and passed to Olsen who scored. The conversion failed, making the half-time score: King's 6, School 3.

After five minutes in the second half Lay and D. Wood took the ball fifty yards in a passing rush, and Penny gathered up Lay's last pass to score. Jensen converted. School 8, King's 6. Soon after this Jensen kicked a fine penalty from the sideline. School 11, King's 6. The School forwards at this stage were pouring all over their opponents, and King's looked badly shaken. They brought their backs into action, however, and swept down the field for Walker to score in the corner. Hill missed the conversion. Hill shortly afterwards kicked a long penalty to put King's back in the lead: King's 12, School 11. Takai then snapped up a loose ball and dodged four defenders to score. Jensen converted. Johnson, the King's second five-eighth, then badly beat the School defence and sent Hill over in the corner. Hill missed the kick and the game ended shortly afterwards with the score: School 16, King's 15.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

| | | | |
|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| v. Tukapa | Won 9-3 | v. Uruti | Won 50-3 |
| v. Okato | Won 6-5 | v. Kaitake | Won 21-0 |
| v. Uruti | Won 6-5 | v. Clifton | Lost 8-15 |
| v. Kaitake | Lost 6-16 | v. Tukapa | Won 26-3 |
| v. Tukapa | Won 23-9 | | Played 11 |
| v. Okato | Won 21-16 | | Won 9 |
| v. Clifton | Won 14-9 | | Lost 2 |

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS

After an eclipse of eight years the Boarders succeeded in beating the Day Boys by 21 points to 3.

Possession was the main feature in the Boarders' play. They dominated scrums, line-outs and loose play, giving their speedy three-quarters ample chances.

The game was quite entertaining, but there were many times when the play became very scrappy.

FOOTBALL

Boarders.—R. Alison, T. Fa'asalafa, R. McCaw, L. Penn, T. Takai, J. Wood, D. Christie, D. Penny, D. Wood (captain), F. Bennett, J. Leitch, P. Butchart, E. Ward, M. Fa'aitu, M. Denton.

Day Boys.—R. Ruru, N. Saxton, R. Johns, D. Davy, J. Lay (captain), G. Jensen, M. Pui, L. Bailey, B. Patten, R. Fenwick, V. Hareb, A. Hunger, P. Dravitski, A. Poletti, T. Boon.

The play opened sensationally when within one minute Boarders had been credited with a try. From a line-out Takai kicked through for McCaw to gather, who sent the ball to Fa'asalafa, who scored in the corner. The conversion failed. Indecisive play followed with Jensen kicking a penalty for the Day Boys.

After thirty minutes Penn scored in the corner but McCaw failed to convert.

The Boarders, continuing their attack, scored again when D. Wood went over near the posts. J. Wood converted, leaving the halftime score: Boarders 11, Day Boys 3.

After three minutes in the second spell Lay missed a 40-yard penalty. With eight minutes gone Fa'asalafa scored again from a quick ruck. J. Wood converted. The Boarders kept up their attacking and went close to success on numerous occasions. J. Lay missed two more penalties and Johns was replaced by G. Patten.

After twenty-five minutes' play J. Wood snapped up a loose ball, handing to Fa'asalafa to go over for his third try. McCaw converted.

In the final minutes B. Webster replaced Takai. Final score: Boarders 21, Day Boys 3.

HOUSE FOOTBALL

Pridham House again showed their supremacy in the Rugby field by winning the inter-House competition. They played open, attractive attacking football, showing excellent combination, especially between their forwards and backs. The final against Moyes, except for one brief spell in the second half, was dominated by Pridham who showed their superiority in all departments. Final score: Pridham 26, Moyes 8.

Pridham Team.—R. Alison, T. Fa'asalafa, R. McCaw, L. Penn, B. Webster, J. Wood, D. Christie, G. Hayes, D. Wood (captain), F. Bennett, R. Teariki, C. Colson, E. Ward, M. Fa'aitu, J. Bennett.

Results:—

First Round: Pridham 36 v. West 0; Central 21 v. Country 5; Moyes 15 v. Niger 0; Carrington 9 v. East 0.

Second Round: Pridham 33 v. Carrington 0; Moyes 10 v. Central 6.
Final: Pridham 26 v. Moyes 8.

R. O. Davies.

CRICKET

Cricket in the School has continued to flourish. The 1st XI secured a win and three "honourable" draws in its College fixtures; the 2nd XI during term time put up some excellent performances; the 3rd XI won the Whittle Cup in the Junior grade; the 4th Form XI except for the holidays showed considerable promise and the 3rd Formers performed well in their games. Perhaps more important than these "successes" is the increasing number anxious to play which strains the resources of gear to the limit. While the School has the interest of so many, cricket should remain strong. This year house cricket gave a game a week to about eighteen teams, while the new Saturday morning scheme of the Northern Division provided Under 15-year-olds with a further game.

The 1st XI proved to be a strong one. The reason for this probably lay in the fact that the School possessed experienced players in key positions; J. Lay, D. Wood, T. Takai in batting, R. Alison wicketkeeper, D. Wood off-spinner; T. Fa'asalafa and D. Jensen as useful all-rounders. This allowed junior boys to be promoted and "blooded" without having too much responsibility thrust upon them. Some of these younger players have put up good performances already, as seen in L. Paton and R. Ruru. The experience the younger players have gained should be most useful in the future.

This year has seen the expansion of coaching nets. In the first term an additional 3rd Form and 4th Form net were formed but these have been discontinued this term as some of these boys have been absorbed into the older groups. Thus during the year about 90-100 boys have received some net coaching, another 200 or so have enjoyed house cricket and about 80 to 90 played in the new Saturday morning competition.

This year has seen many changes in the organisation of the coaching of School teams. Mr. Barton, a new master to the School, now coaches the 2nd XI. He has played representative cricket for Wanganui and King Country so his experience should prove valuable to the group. Mr. Halliburton, another new master, coaches the 3rd XI. Mr. Meuli, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Mills and Mr. Sweeney have coached the 3rd and 4th form groups.

One of the most pleasing features of the year is the return of the top ground into full use, better than ever. The outfield has lost its kikuyu and both main and practice wickets are in perfect order thanks to the conscientious efforts of Mr. Gush. The ground is ringed by a concrete path, "the kikuyu barrier" and a long term programme of beautifying the surrounds has begun—new hedges, grass in untidy corners, shrubs, new wire-netting for the practice wickets. Seldom has the top ground been better and it should improve considerably when the new trees and hedges grow and the old ones can be cut out. Even the tractor shed has "a new look." The Cricket Pavilion in its first year has already proved a valuable addition to School cricket, and is appreciated by players, spectators and scorers alike.

Four college games were played this season, the Wanganui Collegiate game being played after the Nelson game in the Christmas holidays. This year the 1st XI flew to Nelson for the first time.

We would like to congratulate C. Barclay and J. Lay on being chosen for the Wellington Brabin Shield team.

CRICKET

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

Old Caps: J. Lay, D. Wood, T. Takai, D. Jensen, R. Alison, T. Fa'asalafa.

New Caps: R. Ruru, L. Paton.

COLLEGE GAMES:

v. NELSON COLLEGE

(Played at Nelson on December 10th and 11th, 1954. Result: Drawn.)

Owing to bad weather conditions, play did not start until 2.30 p.m. on the first day. The wicket was easy-paced although the ball was inclined to come through at varying heights. Nelson batted first and C. Barclay obtained a wicket with the first ball of the day. The opening batsmen were dismissed quickly but D. Vear and R. Wilson, batting at Nos. 7 and 9, hung on stubbornly. Nelson were all out before stumps for 170; R. Wilson was top scorer with a well-compiled 43. C. Barclay and D. Wood both bowled well, taking nine Nelson wickets between them. The School fielding was very disappointing but the conditions may have offered some excuse.

School's innings began on a similar note to that of Nelson's, with L. Paton being out first ball to Vear. Fa'asalafa and D. Wood then held out until stumps. On the second day rain prevented play until 4.30 p.m. In the time left before stumps School made 137 for seven wickets, J. Lay batting well for 82. Nelson's fielding in this innings was superior to ours.

NELSON

First Innings—

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| P. Newman, c. and b. Barclay | 0 |
| J. Fowler, c. Jensen, b. Barclay | 5 |
| P. Hughes, c. Rangī, b. Barclay | 4 |
| M. Dormer, c. Moorhead, b. Wood | 15 |
| R. Leeds, c. and b. Barclay | 19 |
| G. Snowden, c. Rangī, b. Wood | 3 |
| D. Vear, b. Barclay | 37 |
| D. Hawes, b. Wood | 2 |
| R. Wilson, b. Jensen | 43 |
| P. Park, c. Maingay, b. Barclay | 3 |
| R. Hunter, not out | 27 |
| Extras | 12 |
| Total | 170 |

Bowling for School

| | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|---------------|-----|----|----|----|
| C. Barclay | 27 | 13 | 42 | 6 |
| M. Rangī | 7 | 1 | 24 | — |
| D. Wood | 28 | 4 | 73 | 3 |
| T. Fa'asalafa | 3 | 1 | 6 | — |
| C. Maingay | 1 | — | 4 | — |
| D. Jensen | 4.2 | 1 | 9 | 1 |

CRICKET

SCHOOL

First Innings—

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| D. Wood, c. Dormer, b. Newman | 26 |
| L. Paton, b. Vear | 0 |
| T. Fa'asalafa, c. Newman, b. Vear | 2 |
| J. Lay, c. and b. Newman | 82 |
| C. Barclay, c. Newman, b. Vear | 0 |
| C. Maingay, b. Park | 27 |
| T. Takai, l.b.w., b. Park | 0 |
| B. Moorhead, not out | 0 |
| M. Rangī, not out | 0 |
| Total (for seven wickets) | 137 |

Bowling for Nelson

| | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|------------|----|----|----|----|
| D. Vear | 24 | 13 | 37 | 3 |
| R. Leeds | 6 | — | 15 | — |
| G. Snowden | 7 | 3 | 10 | — |
| R. Hunter | 3 | 1 | 12 | — |
| P. Newman | 16 | 3 | 41 | 2 |
| P. Hughes | 6 | 1 | 15 | — |
| P. Park | 2 | — | 7 | 2 |

v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

(Played at New Plymouth on December 14th and 15th, 1954. Result:

Win for School by an innings and 12 runs.)

Wanganui won the toss and decided to bat on a good wicket and in perfect weather. J. Gibson and C. Simpson both batted well and provided a solid opening partnership. After lunch, however, Wanganui collapsed sensationally to a good spell of bowling by C. Barclay who took four wickets for five runs in four overs. Wanganui were dismissed at 2.30 p.m. for 161 runs.

School's innings began quietly but the team was in a good position by stumps. J. Lay had been batting very well and at stumps was 85 not out. Next day Lay was soon out for 91. School's innings did not dwindle away from here, as B. Moorhead then took up the offensive and scored a sparkling 82. School declared at lunch, the score being 285 for nine wickets.

Wanganui's second innings followed a similar pattern to their first, Simpson and Sheriff batting very solidly, but once they were out there was little resistance. C. Barclay and D. Wood again bowled well and were mainly responsible for the dismissal of Wanganui for the total of 112 runs.

CRICKET

WANGANUI

First Innings—

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----|
| J. Gibson, c. Moorhead, b. Rangī | ..... | 34 |
| C. Simpson, b. Wood | ..... | 51 |
| P. Sherriff, c. Lay, b. Rangī | ..... | 37 |
| C. Wright, run out | ..... | 0 |
| P. Waldin, b. Rangī | ..... | 1 |
| J. Zohrab, b. Barclay | ..... | 0 |
| D. Abraham, c. Wood, b. Fa'asalafa | ..... | 17 |
| M. Pulusila, l.b.w., b. Barclay | ..... | 0 |
| M. Corballis, b. Barclay | ..... | 0 |
| N. Corballis, b. Barclay | ..... | 1 |
| C. Cato, not out | ..... | 0 |
| Extras | ..... | 20 |
| Total | ..... | 161 |

Second Innings—

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------|-----|
| c. Moorhead, b. Rangī | ..... | 19 |
| c. Barclay, b. Fa'asalafa | ..... | 24 |
| c. Alison, b. Rangī | ..... | 40 |
| c. Fa'asalafa, b. Wood | ..... | 0 |
| b. Wood | ..... | 3 |
| c. Rangī, b. Barclay | ..... | 2 |
| b. Barclay | ..... | 8 |
| b. Barclay | ..... | 0 |
| b. Barclay | ..... | 0 |
| l.b.w., b. Wood | ..... | 4 |
| not out | ..... | 1 |
| Extras | ..... | 9 |
| Total | ..... | 112 |

Bowling for School

First Innings—

| | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|---------------|----------|----|----|----|
| C. Barclay | 22 | 7 | 35 | 4 |
| M. Rangī | 23 | 6 | 52 | 3 |
| D. Wood | 16 | 2 | 53 | 1 |
| T. Fa'asalafa | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 |

Second Innings—

| | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|--|------------|----|----|----|
| | 26 | 10 | 46 | 4 |
| | 17.2 | 9 | 22 | 2 |
| | 20 | 9 | 30 | 3 |
| | 7 | 4 | 5 | 1 |

SCHOOL

First Innings—

| | | |
|----------------------------------------|-------|-----|
| D. Wood, c. Sheriff, b. Zohrab | ..... | 31 |
| L. Paton, c. Waldin, b. Cato | ..... | 2 |
| C. Maingay, b. Zohrab | ..... | 5 |
| J. Lay, b. N. Corballis | ..... | 91 |
| C. Barclay, c. N. Corballis, b. Zohrab | ..... | 14 |
| T. Takai, b. Zohrab | ..... | 13 |
| B. Moorhead, b. Zohrab | ..... | 82 |
| T. Fa'asalafa, run out | ..... | 12 |
| D. Jensen, c. Wright, b. N. Corballis | ..... | 3 |
| R. Alison, not out | ..... | 4 |
| M. Rangī, not out | ..... | 9 |
| Extras | ..... | 19 |
| Total (for nine wickets declared) | ..... | 285 |

Bowling for Wanganui

| | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|--------------|----------|----|----|----|
| J. Zohrab | 33 | 12 | 84 | 5 |
| C. Cato | 16 | 3 | 43 | 1 |
| N. Corballis | 17 | 1 | 64 | 2 |
| M. Corballis | 18 | 2 | 59 | — |
| M. Pulusila | 6 | 1 | 12 | — |
| C. Wright | 2 | — | 4 | — |
| P. Waldin | 2 | 2 | — | — |



FIRST ELEVEN, 1954.

Back Row: C. P. Cooney, D. S. Jensen, J. K. Lay, M. Rangī, C. T. Maingay, L. A. Paton.

Front Row: R. J. Alison, T. Takai, C. W. Barclay (Captain), D. R. Wood, T. Fa'asalafa, B. W. Moorhead.

CRICKET

v. WELLINGTON COLLEGE

(Played at Wellington on March 22nd and 23rd, 1955. Result: Drawn.)

Wellington won the toss and elected to bat on an easy-paced wicket. Wellington batted confidently and were all out at 3 p.m. for a total of 224. B. Hastings was Wellington's top scorer and he did much towards the total with a good 94, although many chances were dropped. School's fielding throughout the innings was not of a very high standard. D. Wood was School's most successful bowler, taking five wickets for 85.

School's innings was rather erratic and at stumps School was not in a very good position, being 101 for seven wickets. D. Wood batted well to make 42. Next day the remainder of the School batsmen were out rather quickly but they brought the total to 131.

Wellington started batting at 11 a.m. and by 2 p.m. after scoring steadily declared with 121 for eight wickets. R. Ruru bowled well, taking four wickets for 43.

School in their second innings did not attempt to make the runs required for victory. At stumps School had made 150 for five wickets. J. Lay batted well, scoring a well-deserved 62.

WELLINGTON

| First Innings— | | | | Second Innings— | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------------|-------|-------|-----|
| D. Taylor, l.b.w., b. Davey | ..... | ..... | 28 | c. D. Wood, b. Ruru | ..... | ..... | 42 |
| M. Perrett, b. Ruru | ..... | ..... | 12 | l.b.w., b. Lay | ..... | ..... | 6 |
| B. Hastings, b. Fa'asalafa | ..... | ..... | 95 | b. Ruru | ..... | ..... | 4 |
| J. Grocott, b. Davey | ..... | ..... | 0 | b. Fa'asalafa | ..... | ..... | 16 |
| N. Phillips, b. D. Wood | ..... | ..... | 12 | b. Fa'asalafa | ..... | ..... | 12 |
| A. McCrae, l.b.w., b. D. Wood | ..... | ..... | 36 | c. and b. Ruru | ..... | ..... | 5 |
| J. Hunn, b. D. Wood | ..... | ..... | 1 | b. Ruru | ..... | ..... | 1 |
| D. Egley, b. D. Wood | ..... | ..... | 14 | c. Alison, b. Fa'asalafa | ..... | ..... | 0 |
| S. Tser, l.b.w., b. D. Wood | ..... | ..... | 3 | not out | ..... | ..... | 22 |
| A. Wright, l.b.w., b. Davey | ..... | ..... | 5 | not out | ..... | ..... | 1 |
| N. Jones, not out | ..... | ..... | 0 | | | | |
| Extras | ..... | ..... | 18 | Extras | ..... | ..... | 12 |
| Total | ..... | ..... | 224 | Total (8 wkts. decl.) | ..... | ..... | 121 |

Bowling for School

| First Innings— | | | | | Second Innings— | | | | |
|----------------|-------|------|----|----|-----------------|----|----|----|---|
| | O. | M. | R. | W. | O. | M. | R. | W. | |
| J. Lay | | 7 | 1 | 20 | — | 6 | 2 | 15 | 1 |
| R. Ruru | | 20 | 7 | 32 | 1 | 18 | 4 | 43 | 4 |
| D. Wood | | 27 | 4 | 85 | 5 | 5 | — | 23 | — |
| B. Davey | | 15.3 | 1 | 45 | 3 | 2 | — | 6 | — |
| T. Fa'asalafa | | 9 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 22 | 3 |
| D. Jensen | | 3 | — | 12 | — | | | | |

CRICKET

SCHOOL

| First Innings— | | | | Second Innings— | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-----|------------------------|-------|-----|--|
| D. Wood, b. Egley | ..... | ..... | 42 | c. Taylor, b. Phillips | ..... | 20 | |
| J. Wood, b. Wright | ..... | ..... | 2 | run out | ..... | 1 | |
| R. Alison, b. Wright | ..... | ..... | 4 | not out | ..... | 23 | |
| J. Lay, b. Jones | ..... | ..... | 18 | c. Phillips, b. Taylor | ..... | 62 | |
| L. Paton, run out | ..... | ..... | 14 | c. Taylor, b. Grocott | ..... | 27 | |
| T. Fa'asalafa, run out | ..... | ..... | 1 | c. McRae, b. Tser | ..... | 0 | |
| D. Jensen, b. Tser | ..... | ..... | 0 | | | | |
| R. McCaw, run out | ..... | ..... | 16 | | | | |
| B. Bridge, b. Hunn | ..... | ..... | 8 | | | | |
| B. Davey, b. Jones | ..... | ..... | 5 | | | | |
| R. Ruru, not out | ..... | ..... | 0 | | | | |
| Extras | ..... | ..... | 21 | Extras | ..... | 17 | |
| Total | ..... | ..... | 131 | Total (for 5 wks.) | ..... | 150 | |

Bowling for Wellington

| First Innings— | | | | Second Innings— | | | | | |
|----------------|-------|------|----|-----------------|----|----|----|----|---|
| | D. | M. | R. | W. | O. | M. | R. | W. | |
| A. Wright | | 14 | 5 | 31 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 16 | — |
| S. Tser | | 16 | 6 | 20 | 1 | 14 | 5 | 27 | 1 |
| N. Jones | | 11.3 | 6 | 10 | 2 | 13 | 5 | 21 | — |
| J. Hunn | | 9 | 1 | 28 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 15 | — |
| D. Egley | | 8 | 3 | 21 | 1 | 15 | 6 | 25 | — |
| B. Hastings | | | | | | 6 | 2 | 11 | — |
| N. Phillips | | | | | | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| D. Taylor | | | | | | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1 |
| J. Grocott | | | | | | 2 | — | 8 | 1 |

v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

(Played at Wanganui on March 25th and 26th, 1955. Result: Drawn.)

School won the toss and decided to bat under ideal conditions. School's scoring rate before lunch was rather slow. At lunch the total was 77 and D. Wood had batted solidly for 55. After lunch School's innings collapsed owing to a fine spell of bowling by R. Barton, who took five wickets for 46 runs. School were all out for 144.

Wanganui opened their innings and, batting confidently, had scored 156 for three wickets at stumps. All the Wanganui batsmen batted well, especially Gibson, 51, and Waldin 50. Next day on a crumbling wicket Wanganui collapsed spectacularly and were all out for 174. R. Ruru, bowling well, took six wickets for seven and routed Wanganui completely. Some of his success was probably due to the state of the wicket.

School's batting was much improved in the second innings and we were able to declare with 194 for seven wickets. J. Lay batted well, scoring a valuable 86 not out. Wanganui were left to score 164 runs in 100 minutes, an almost impossible task. They replied with 89 for one, J. Gibson again batted well for 58 not out.

CRICKET

SCHOOL

| First Innings— | | | | Second Innings— | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----|--|----------------------|-------|-----|--|
| D. Wood, c. Lethbridge, b. Barton | ..... | 55 | | b. Barton | ..... | 16 | |
| J. Wood, c. Hull, b. Grace | ..... | 20 | | b. Ellingham | ..... | 3 | |
| T. Fa'asalafa, b. Barton | ..... | 0 | | b. Grace | ..... | 7 | |
| J. Lay, c. Gibson, b. Barton | ..... | 9 | | not out | ..... | 86 | |
| L. Paton, b. Barton | ..... | 12 | | l.b.w., b. Grace | ..... | 1 | |
| R. Alison, b. Grace | ..... | 11 | | c. Hull, b. Barton | ..... | 17 | |
| D. Jensen, c. Gibson, b. Barton | ..... | 17 | | c. and b. Barton | ..... | 5 | |
| R. McCaw, l.b.w., b. Ellingham | ..... | 0 | | b. Ellingham | ..... | 29 | |
| B. Bridge, c. Abraham, b. Ellingham | ..... | 8 | | not out | ..... | 17 | |
| B. Davey, not out | ..... | 4 | | | | | |
| R. Ruru, l.b.w., b. Grace | ..... | 0 | | | | | |
| Extras | ..... | 8 | | Extras | ..... | 13 | |
| Total | ..... | 144 | | Total (7 wks. decl.) | ..... | 194 | |

Bowling for Wanganui

| First Innings— | | | | Second Innings— | | | | | |
|----------------|-------|----|----|-----------------|----|----|----|----|---|
| | O. | M. | R. | W. | O. | M. | R. | W. | |
| H. Ellingham | | 15 | 5 | 28 | 2 | 17 | 5 | 53 | 2 |
| P. Grace | | 18 | 11 | 21 | 3 | 25 | 10 | 58 | 2 |
| R. Barton | | 18 | 3 | 46 | 5 | 17 | 6 | 45 | 3 |
| M. Pulusila | | 2 | — | 2 | — | | | | |
| F. Hull | | 9 | — | 39 | — | 4 | — | 25 | — |

WANGANUI

| First Innings— | | | | Second Innings— | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----|--|-----------------------|-------|----|--|
| J. Gibson, c. Alison, b. D. Wood | ..... | 51 | | not out | ..... | 58 | |
| P. Lethbridge, c. Davey, b. Ruru | ..... | 14 | | l.b.w., b. Fa'asalafa | ..... | 14 | |
| D. Abraham, c. Alison, b. Ruru | ..... | 5 | | not out | ..... | 9 | |
| P. Waldin, c. D. Wood, b. Ruru | ..... | 52 | | | | | |
| D. Wright, b. Fa'asalafa | ..... | 37 | | | | | |
| M. Pulusila, c. Fa'asalafa, b. Ruru | ..... | 2 | | | | | |
| H. Ellingham, b. Ruru | ..... | 0 | | | | | |
| R. Barton, c. McCaw, b. Ruru | ..... | 6 | | | | | |
| P. Grace, l.b.w., b. Ruru | ..... | 2 | | | | | |
| F. Hull, not out | ..... | 0 | | | | | |
| Extras | ..... | 5 | | Extras | ..... | 8 | |
| Total | ..... | 174 | | Total (for 1 wkt.) | ..... | 89 | |

Bowling for School

| First Innings— | | | | Second Innings— | | | | | |
|----------------|-------|------|----|-----------------|----|----|----|----|---|
| | O. | M. | R. | W. | O. | M. | R. | W. | |
| J. Lay | | 8 | 2 | 22 | — | 2 | — | 5 | — |
| R. Ruru | | 24.4 | 3 | 57 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 12 | — |
| T. Fa'asalafa | | 17 | 5 | 30 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 12 | 1 |
| D. Wood | | 10 | 2 | 31 | 1 | 13 | 4 | 39 | — |
| B. Davey | | 6 | 1 | 17 | — | | | | |
| D. Jensen | | 5 | 1 | 12 | — | 5 | 1 | 13 | — |

CRICKET

HOUSE CRICKET

Bates Cup

As usual much interest was centred on these games.

West defeated Moyes in the elimination round and met Pridham in the final. In the final West won the cup from Pridham in an interesting game.

Results:—

West: First innings 148 (F. Worn 36, P. Dravitzki 26, D. Jensen 18).
Bowling for Pridham: D. Wood seven for 46, M. Fa'aitu two for 47.

Pridham: First innings 95 (J. Wood 28, R. Alison 26, T. Fa'asalafa 16).
Bowling for West: D. Jensen six for 23, E. Corkill four for 36.

West Team: E. Corkill (captain), F. Worn, B. Sampson, R. Lewis, D. Jensen, P. Dravitzki, K. Comber, B. Irvine, A. Quin, D. Medway, J. Chapman.

Days Boys v. Boarders

This match, although it created the usual interest, did not produce very good performances. The Day Boys retained the Birch Cup.

Day Boys: 77 (C. Barclay 26, J. Lay 25). Bowling for Boarders: M. Rangī four for 19, C. Maingay three for five.

Boarders: 46 (T. Takai 15, C. Maingay 8). Bowling for Day Boys: C. Barclay three for 14, D. Jensen three for 19, J. Lay four for 12.

Second XI

Another reasonably successful season was experienced. We were leading in the competition until the holidays but as usual we slipped back through lack of practice and the loss of key players.

In our annual game against Stratford we were beaten in the last few minutes of play.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Barton as our permanent coach. Through him we are at last getting an attacking spirit to our batting.

This year's team was R. N. Burgess (captain), E. Corkhill, B. F. Sampson, R. Lewis, P. J. Miller, A. Tubman, B. Kohn, D. Penny, D. Walter, T. Puke, W. Hamilton, K. Comber.

Third XI

The Third XI under the coaching of Mr. Halliburton had a most successful season, in that we won the Junior competition. Much credit, however, must go to last year's Third XI, who piled up such a large points lead that it was almost impossible for us to lose.

During the season A. Quin, J. Ham, L. Woodhouse and L. Vowless batted usefully. Quin and Ham invariably gave a solid start, while I. Hedley, B. Irvine and L. Woodhouse stood out as bowlers.

We were unfortunate in losing the services of A. Webby, our wicket-keeper, when he left at the end of the first term. He batted well on all occasions.

We met and defeated the Fourth XI in a most enjoyable game on the top ground.

CRICKET

The team for the season was T. Fookes (captain), A. Quin, J. Ham, B. Irvine, L. Calvert, D. Medway, I. Hedley, A. Hills, J. Chapman, L. Woodhouse, L. Vowless and A. Webby.

Fourth XI

The Fourth XI had a very successful and enjoyable season. Congratulations go to Rangī Ruru on being promoted to the First XI just before the end of the season.

Rangī Ruru and Errol Des Forges batted consistently throughout the season, with Little making some good scores at the end. Ruru also bowled very well.

The team for the season was R. Ruru (captain), A. Broadmore, E. Des Forges, P. Phillips, L. Clarke, R. Little, P. Luckstedt, P. McCallum, P. Evans, T. Broughton, M. Grant.

Third Form XI

As a nursery for prospective First XI players, the Third Form XI justified itself this year. B. Davey, B. Bridge and R. Ruru have been promoted from our group to the First XI. Ruru, a medium paced bowler, performed with distinction against Wanganui Collegiate.

The inclusion of the Third Form XI in the local Junior competition has provided more opportunities for match play and experience, while at the same time has given our youngest players the incentive to improve their play. Another innovation in the first term was the formation of a second Third Form group to provide net practice and coaching for a larger number of first year boys.

Our annual fixture with the Primary Schools' representative team resulted in a convincing first innings win for School. Nevertheless, by determined batting the Primary Schools' team thwarted our attempt for an outright win after we had declared in the second innings. Bridge 35, Davey 13 and Ruru 13 were our principal scorers in the first innings of 88. Primary Schools replied with 42. Bowling for School, Davey took five wickets for 10 and Ruru four for 16. Then for the loss of three wickets, School scored 37, of which Des Forges made 16 not out, before declaring. At the close of play, School had taken seven wickets for 42 in the Primary Schools' second innings. Davey captured five wickets for 16 runs.

W. T. Bussell.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—

I am sure the erection of a bicycle-shed at the far end of the bottom ground would prove popular to a great number of East House bicycle owners. There are a large number of boys who, instead of using the Eliot Street hill, would use the back street which leads into the bottom ground. The use of this shed would cut down the usual lunch-hour and after-school mobs who dash down Eliot Street. A second point to be noted is the untidiness of bicycles being left up against hedges, fences and terraces. In my opinion, the building of such a shed would be a worthwhile improvement.

I am, etc.,

P. Moorhead, 4P1.

BLAZER AWARDS

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

D. R. Wood, Head Boy, Football, Cricket.
J. K. Lay, Prefect, Football, Cricket, Athletics.
R. D. McCaw, Prefect, Football, Athletics.
T. Takai, Prefect, Football, Cricket.
G. L. Bailey, Prefect, Football.
M. G. Denton, Prefect, Football.
A. R. Poletti, Prefect, Football.
R. N. Burgess, Prefect, Soccer.
T. Fa'asalafa, Football, Cricket.
T. W. Boon, Football, Swimming.
D. Jensen, Football, Cricket.

Prefects—

W. C. Colson
D. K. Derby
J. R. Shepherd
R. O. Davies
G. R. Jensen
J. A. Simmons
F. L. Bygrave
R. A. Lewis
B. F. Sampson

Football—

J. R. Wood
R. S. Raumati
P. H. Butchart
J. D. Leitch
M. Fa'aitu
A. R. Hill
F. P. Bennett
E. D. Penny
P. V. Dravitski
D. A. Christie
P. L. Penn
R. C. Johns

Cricket—

R. J. Alison
L. A. Paton
R. Ruru

Athletics—

N. G. Jonas
C. E. Humphries

Swimming—

D. G. Swan
N. N. Saxton

Hockey—

G. F. Haszard

Shooting—

G. B. Rayward

Soccer—

L. J. Ham
I. P. Raine

Gymnastics—

A. W. Smith

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—

Earlier this year there was a rumour circulating through the School that a sea cadet unit was going to be formed. I consider this a very good idea but wish something would be done about it. Boys interested in an Air Force career are catered for by the A.T.C. Boys intent on joining the Army are satisfied with ordinary cadets. There are, however, many boys in the School to whom the Navy appeals more than the other two Services. At present these boys are not catered for. I am sure the formation of a sea cadet unit would prove popular among both boys and masters and would make drill days more enjoyable for many.

I am, etc.,

"Lord Nelson."

PROJECT TRIPS

During the year two interesting project trips were undertaken by parties from the School. A senior engineering group visited the centre of the North Island to obtain first-hand knowledge of the huge industrial undertakings there and an agriculture group journeyed to the same area to visit the Ruakura Animal Research Station, the hydro-electric projects in the Waikato Valley, the forestry area and the land development around Rotorua.

SENIOR ENGINEERING TRIP

Early in the first term senior engineering pupils and electrical apprentices under the supervision of Mr. Slyfield, made a week-end trip around the central North Island power stations. We left New Plymouth after dinner on Friday 4th March and travelled to Te Awamutu, spending the night in the assembly hall of the Te Awamutu College. The Principal kindly allowed us to use their excellent cooking rooms for the preparation of our meals.

On Saturday morning we were shown over the New Zealand Dairy Company's factory at Te Awamutu, which produces powdered milk and butter. Special attention was given to the new steam powered generating plant being installed. After lunch we visited Arapuni power station and after a thorough inspection travelled on to Mangakino where we spent the night on the hard floors of the Mangakino D.H.S.

On Sunday morning one of our party was admitted to the local hospital. Meanwhile the rest of us visited Maraetai power station. The Staff was very busy at the time, but they found time to show us completely through the station and control room. We did justice to a very appetising meal at the Mangakino workers' kitchen and in the afternoon we were shown over the Whakamaru construction and the common Whakamaru-Maraetai sub-station. After a quick swim in Maraetai lake we retrieved Phil from the hospital, his asthma much relieved. Sunday night was spent at the Tokoroa East School. The school had no cooking facilities but a call on the services of Old Boy, Ron Wallen, soon filled the breach.

Monday was our longest day. First we visited Kingleith Paper Mills, spending the morning being conducted around the timber mill and the paper mill. Without waiting for lunch we set sail for Wairakei, but hunger finally prevailed and we stopped for a hurried lunch on the road. We were met at Wairakei by our guide who then conducted us through the Wairakei steam bore project. Then on to the Wairakei Geyser Valley. A little bargaining and the flourishing of an empty wallet got us through for 1/- each. From Wairakei to Huka Falls. Just a quick look and then on to Taupo for tea. We found a cosy spot on the lakeside and pooled all our remaining food for our last meal. It was growing dark as we climbed the hills on the Tokaanu-Taumarunui highway and we found a stop or two to view the scenery not out of place. We arrived at Taumarunui at about 10.30 p.m. and found no refreshments available in shops so a visit to the station and an explanation of our position provided us with supper. We decided that we must push on considering the condition of our invalid. We took the road through there to Stratford. This turned out to be the most exciting part of the trip as there was a dense fog from Taumarunui almost to Stratford. We stopped for a drink at Whangamomona in the early hours of the morning and then pushed on to Stratford. We finally arrived home at about 5.30 a.m., a very tired crew.

PROJECT TRIPS

We are indebted to all those who gave up their time to show us around the various projects, power stations and factories and to those headmasters who made their schools available to us for sleeping purposes. We must thank also Mr. Coleman, our bus driver, for the part he played in the preparation and conduct of the trip.

R. N. Burgess.

AGRICULTURE TRIP

We left School early on the Saturday morning for the first stage of our trip—New Plymouth to Hamilton. All the boys were excited and were rather impatient when one of the masters didn't arrive on time. Just south of Te Kuiti we stopped and had a picnic lunch after which the boys who had cameras were out taking their first snaps.

On arrival at Hamilton we drove to Ruakura Animal Research Station where Mr. Gerning, Extension Officer, conducted us on a very interesting tour of the station. We were shown the various herds on the station and the experiments being carried out with them were explained to us. We saw the latest experiments in pig breeding for bacon, the new farrowing houses and the special type of milking machine developed on the station. Most of the local "cow" farmers were interested in this. Then we saw the sheep and heard of experiments in methods of producing the greatest yield of meat per acre.

The night was spent rather uncomfortably in the grandstand at Claudelands Showgrounds. Most of the boys slept under the stand but a few of the hardier souls slept in the open. Mr. Alexander was undoubtedly the most well equipped for this experience.

We had our breakfast at the Winter Show buildings then left Hamilton on the next stage to Rotorua. On the way we visited several places of interest. The first of these was the Karapiro dam. It was a queer sensation looking over the spillway to the river below. We turned off the main road, passed through Tokoroa and then to Whakamaru where we watched the new dam in construction. At Maraetai we viewed the dam from the road in the gorge below. From there we went to the lake for dinner and a swim which everyone enjoyed. The rest of the trip to Rotorua was rough and long and not very enjoyable.

On arrival at Rotorua the party was guided around Whaka. We found this very interesting with its boiling water and gushing water. Even the few who had seen it before were just as interested as the rest. On arrival at lodgings for the next two nights, we were very pleased to find comfortable beds and conveniences. In Rotorua the Ward Baths were very popular with the boys.

On Monday we came to the highlight of our trip, the Government's pumice land development scheme. We left after breakfast with an officer of the Department of Lands who took us to two blocks, one that is being farmed privately and the other still under Government direction. In the afternoon we saw a block that was being prepared for seed. We were very fortunate to see the three stages and we learnt a great deal about bringing hill country into production.

Monday night was our last in Rotorua and the boys made the most of their last swim in the Ward Baths.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS 1955

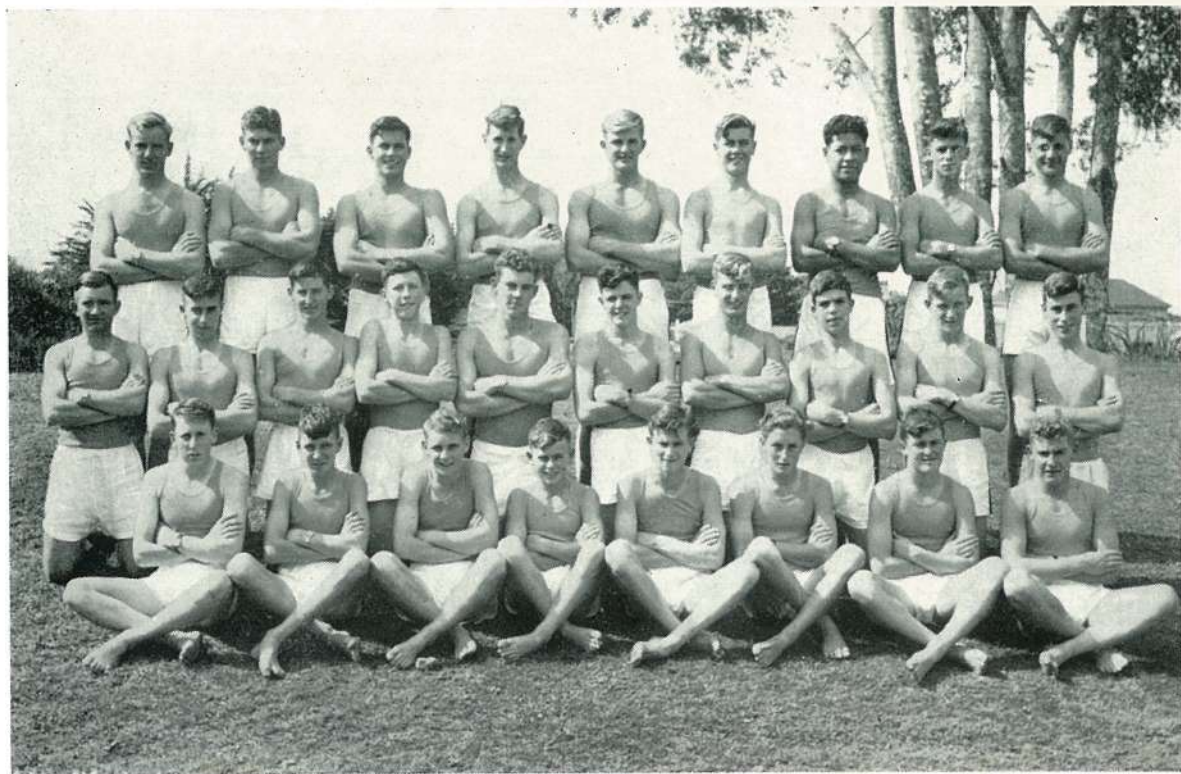
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|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| SENIOR— | | | | | |
| Championships | | | | | |
| (a) 100 Yards. | McCaw, R. D. | Jonas, N. G. | Bygrave, F. L. | 11sec. | 10.4sec. { R. Watson, 1927. W. P. Revell, 1943. |
| (b) 220 Yards. | McCaw, R. D. | Jonas, N. G. | Burgess, R. N. | 24.2sec. | 24sec. { L. B. Shrimpton, 1948. D. G. Lloyd, 1954. |
| (c) 440 Yards. | McCaw, R. D. | Morton, M. J. | Saxton, N. N. | 53.8sec. | 52.6sec., J. A. Ross, 1948. |
| (d) 880 Yards. | Humphries, C. E. | Morton, M. J. | Sexton, M. J. | 2min. 8.8sec. | 2min. 3.8sec., C. Keig, 1948. |
| One Mile. | Humphries, C. E. | Sexton, M. J. | Denton, M. G. | 4min. 48sec. | 4min. 42.6sec., C. Keig, 1948. |
| (f) 120 Yards Hurdles. | Lay, J. K. | Wood, D. R. | Smith, A. W. | 16.5sec. | 15.6sec., M. O. Ekdahl, 1935. |
| Long Jump. | Jonas, N. G. | Teariki, R. G. | McCaw, R. D. | 18ft. 4in. | 21ft. 8in., A. G. McIntyre, 1937. |
| High Jump. | Lay, J. K. | Leitch, J. D. | Trehey, P. M. | 5ft. 2in. | 5ft. 6½in., J. C. Gordon, 1929. |
| Hop, Step and Jump. | Teariki, R. G. | McCaw, R. D. | Leitch, J. D. | 40ft. 3½in. | 43ft. 6in., L. J. Croxson, 1952. |
| Throwing the Discus. | Lay, J. K. | Raumati, R. S. | Wood, D. R. | 130ft. 11½in. | 130ft. 11½in., J. K. Lay, 1955. |
| Putting the Shot. | Lay, J. K. | Raumati, R. S. | Fa'asalafa, T. | 43ft. 0½in. | 43ft. 0½in., J. K. Lay, 1955. |
| Throwing the Javelin. | Lay, J. K. | Fa'asalafa, T. | Teariki, R. G. | 175ft. 8in. | 175ft. 8in., J. K. Lay, 1955. |
| Handicaps | | | | | |
| 100 Yards. | Penn, P. L. | Fa'asalafa, T. | Hyde, G. A. | 11.4sec. | |
| 220 Yards. | Smith, A. W. | Penn, P. L. | Butchart, P. H. | 26sec. | |
| 440 Yards. | Hyde, G. A. | Ward, E. T. | Shepherd, J. R. | 56sec. | |
| 880 Yards. | Whitehead, D. S. | Boon, T. W. | Milne, G. R. | 2min. 14.6sec. | |
| (e) One Mile. | Voss, R. K. | Sullivan, B. J. | Walker, M. D. | 4min. 55.5sec. | |
| INTERMEDIATE— | | | | | |
| Championships | | | | | |
| (g) 100 Yards. | Hill, A. R. | Richards, G. | Cattle, P. A. | 11.3sec. | 10.6sec. { C. C. Kjestrup, 1937. W. J. P. Mitchell, 1946. |
| 220 Yards. | Hill, A. R. | Richards, G. | Patten, G. J. | 25.2sec. | 24.2sec., O. A. M. Greensill, 1948. |
| (h) 440 Yards. | Patten, G. J. | Tizard, M. H. | Ramsay, P. D. | 57.6sec. | 55.2sec., D. G. Lloyd, 1953. |
| (i) 880 Yards. | Tizard, M. H. | Cole, M. R. | Gibbs, V. L. | 2min. 14sec. | 2min. 12.6sec., M. H. Tizard, 1955. |
| 120 Yards Hurdles. | Cattle, P. A. | McCabe, G. J. | Moffitt, A. R. | 18sec. | 16.7sec., J. K. Lay, 1953. |
| (j) Long Jump. | Patten, G. J. | Chapman, J. B. | Bennett, F. P. | 17ft. 0½in. | 20ft. 8½in., C. C. Kjestrup, 1937. |
| (k) High Jump. | McCabe, G. J. | Dennison, J. M. | Moffitt, A. R. | 4ft. 7in. | 5ft. 2½in., A. A. Keller, 1932. |
| Hop, Step and Jump. | Chapman, J. B. | Bennett, F. P. | Hill, T. G. | 36ft. 10½in. | 40ft. 2in., J. K. Lay, 1953. |
| Throwing the Discus. | Foreman, I. M. | Bennett, F. P. | Luckstedt, P. A. | 100ft. 1½in. | 100ft. 11in., I. M. Foreman, 1955. |
| Putting the Shot. | Bennett, F. P. | Calvert, L. B. | Ramsay, P. D. | 38ft. 6in. | 38ft. 6in., F. P. Bennett, 1955. |
| Handicaps | | | | | |
| 100 Yards. | Barrett, J. S. | Stuck, I. N. | Foote, J. W. | 11.9sec. | |
| 220 Yards. | Foreman, I. M. | Wallis, D. A. | Griffiths, T. D. | 26.6sec. | |
| (l) 440 Yards. | Wallis, D. A. | Bygrave, W. H. | Pease, R. S. | 59.6sec. | |
| 880 Yards. | Rayward, G. B. | Clegg, R. M. | Honeyfield, M. L. | 2min. 18.4sec. | |
| (m) One Mile. | Humphries, R. W. | Brett, W. H. | Maskery, R. G. | 5min. 8.8sec. | |
| JUNIOR— | | | | | |
| Championships | | | | | |
| 100 Yards. | Johns, R. C. | Murdoch, J. G. | Langley, B. R. | 12sec. | 11.4sec., A. R. Hill, 1954. |
| 220 Yards. | Murdoch, J. G. | Langley, B. R. | Patten, B. N. | 27.1sec. | 25.8sec., A. R. Hill, 1954. |
| 440 Yards. | Johns, R. C. | Patten, B. N. | Johnston, W. A. | 61sec. | |
| 880 Yards. | Patten, B. N. | Johns, R. C. | Tamati, M. P. | 2min. 24.4sec. | 2min. 24.4sec., B. N. Patten, 1955. |
| 80 Metres Hurdles. | Johns, R. C. | Johnston, W. A. | Burton, J. E. | 12.8sec. | |
| Long Jump. | Tamati, M. P. | Burton, J. E. | Patten, B. N. | 15ft. 7½in. | 16ft. 7in., G. J. Patten, 1954. |
| High Jump. | Clarke, R. A. | Tamati, M. P. | Murray, A. D. | 4ft. 7in. | 4ft. 8in., G. J. McCabe, 1954. |
| Handicaps | | | | | |
| 100 Yards. | Henry, M. G. | Brown, A. G. | Clarke, G. R. | 12.3sec. | |
| 220 Yards. | Clarke, G. R. | Packer, R. W. | Keightley, T. N. | 28sec. | |
| 880 Yards. | Bretherton, B. I. | Stubbs, G. T. | Bayly, I. D. | 2min. 20.9sec. | |
| Other Events | | | | | |
| 75 Yards, Under 13. | Wolfe, T. N. | Ekdahl, C. D. | Murtagh, J. | 9.3sec. | |
| 100 Yards, Under 13. | Wolfe, T. N. | Kelly, K. T. | Howarth, B. D. | 12.4sec. | |
| 220 Yards, Under 13. | Wolfe, T. N. | Howarth, B. D. | Murtagh, J. | 28.3sec. | |
| Day Boys v. Boarders Relay. | Boarders | | | 1min. 11.3sec. | |
| Old Boys' Race, 100 Yards. | Honnor, I. J. | Chong, S. L. | Mooney, D. W. | 9.3sec. | |

TROPHIES INDEX—

- (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, 1955.

ATHLETIC NOTES

On Tuesday we left Rotorua as early as possible but had an unfortunate breakdown on the way to Taupo. We had a considerable wait by the roadside till help came and we managed to arrive at Taupo under our own steam. At Taupo we were delayed again while the trouble was fixed and we had our lunch and a swim in the clear lake. At half-past two we were again on our way. We then had a rough long trip through Taumarunui and Ohura to Mt. Messenger—from there the road was better. We arrived in New Plymouth at ten o'clock, rather tired but very happy after our long trip.

All the agriculture boys wish to express their thanks to Mr. Stewart who planned and organised the trip, and to all those in the Waikato and Rotorua who assisted in making our trip an interesting and pleasant one.

R. H. Wallis.

ATHLETIC NOTES

The opportunities offered to boys interested in athletics have increased a great deal during the last few years. During the third term and in the first term until the end of the athletic season a School meeting is held every Monday night. Events in the popular distances at each age level are organised and general advice is given by the four or five masters who regularly attend. Then each Tuesday boys may enter for races provided at the evening meeting of the New Plymouth Athletic Club in Pukekura Park.

Further competition is provided by sports meetings organised for the whole School. The inter-House competition for the Hansard Cup provides conditions in which a large number of boys can compete with some chance of achieving distinction and therefore fills a very important part of the overall plan.

In recent years too as a result of the alterations made in age limits, in championship conditions and the addition of many events, the Annual Sports has become more of a sports meeting while remaining the most important social gathering of the year. The organisation of Inter-Secondary School Sports has given further incentive to our best athletes to set higher standards for themselves so that they can compete against the best talent in Taranaki.

Progress during 1955 has been steady and some excellent performances have been recorded. A winter coaching school has been established by Mr. A. R. P. Eustace, an athlete with a national reputation, who is now a member of the Staff. His enthusiasm and experience as a coach is also available to boys who want special coaching on Thursday afternoons in the athletic season.

Progress has also been made in the provision of equipment, telescopic metal high jump standards are now in use and a new set of hurdles is being made at the Technical School. They are to be of metal and will be adjustable to the various heights required for various age groups.

The Hansard Cup Inter-House meeting was held on March 8th on the lower ground in good conditions. Some very keen competition resulted and Pridham House again emerged the winners with Central House a very close second. Niger House entered a team for the first time and although only a small House consisting of boys relatively young it did well and set a good example in team spirit.

ATHLETIC NOTES

The outstanding individual performance was that of M. H. Tizard, who broke a School record in the Intermediate 880 yards.

The Annual Sports were held on March 19th, again on the lower ground. The gathering of relatives and friends seemed larger than usual. Although the track was heavy there were some good performances. J. K. Lay's effort was outstanding in breaking three senior records, the javelin, the shot put and the discus. R. D. McCaw was the other outstanding senior and won the 100 yards, 220 yards and 440 yards fairly easily.

There were two outstanding runners among the juniors. Both R. C. Johns and T. N. Wolfe impressed by the ease of their wins and the quality of their performance and they both show considerable promise. Two new events were included in the programme this year—the Junior 80 metres hurdles and the Junior 440 yards.

The Taranaki Inter-Secondary School Sports, now popularly referred to as the "Inter-Sec. Sports," were held on Saturday, April 2nd, at Stratford for the first time. The day was very successful indeed. The weather, at first threatening, cleared to a fresh, windless autumn day. The green turf with its fringe of native trees provided a perfect setting. The organisation of the meeting was good, the track in good order and the attendance of the public so encouraging that the meeting seems assured financially. For this School it was a very important day and the fixture has infinite possibilities for the future. A special train was arranged which carried most of the School to Stratford and in addition many parents and friends travelled to the ground. The result was a most enjoyable day, during which the School was able to support and encourage its athletes. Such occasions offer opportunities only too rare for the School to feel it is acting as a School.

The performance of the School was excellent. Each member enjoyed some success and we finished the day with 17 wins to our credit. The winners were: J. K. Lay, Senior discus and shot (both records), 120 yards hurdles; C. E. Humphries, one mile Senior (record); R. G. Teariki, Senior hop, step and jump; F. P. Bennett, Intermediate shot; M. H. Tizard, Intermediate 880 yards (record); G. Patten, Intermediate 440 yards; G. J. McCabe, Intermediate high jump and 120 yards hurdles; R. C. Johns, Junior 100 yards and 440 yards, Junior 80 metres hurdles; B. N. Patten, Junior 880 yards. All the relay teams won their events.

A new departure this year was the invitation extended to Wanganui Collegiate School to send a team to the "Inter-Sec." sports. They responded with a small but very strong team of six and they won the Senior 100 yards and 440 yards. Booker's run in the 440 yards was the outstanding performance of the day. He ran a beautifully judged race and finished in the very good time of 51.8sec.

A School relay team consisting of R. N. Burgess, R. D. McCaw, N. G. Jonas and F. L. Bygrave competed by invitation at the Taranaki Junior Championships and won their event quite easily.

The Athletic Committee wishes to express its thanks to Messrs. A. Gilliver, R. Mills, C. Keig, S. Lay, A. Hodder, A. Follett and L. Hunt who assisted as officials at the Annual Sports and to the dining room staff who served afternoon tea. We are also very grateful to all the officials who assisted in making the "Inter-Sec." sports at Stratford such a memorable day for us.

F. L. Bygrave.

STEEPLECHASE

This year the event was held on October 19th and once again the School Farm was the course run over.

We must congratulate C. E. Humphries for his fine performance in winning the Senior Steeplechase from scratch and beating last year's fastest time. Congratulations also to R. Humphries in gaining fastest time in the Intermediate and to B. Campbell who won it. B. Patten put up a good performance to gain fastest time in the Junior and B. Burke ran well to reach the tape first.

F. L. Bygrave.

SENIOR

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| C. E. Humphries (scr.), 17min. 12sec. | 1 |
| V. L. Bransgrove (70sec.), 17min. 31sec. | 2 |
| M. J. Sexton (10sec.), 17min. 33sec. | 3 |
| B. J. Sullivan (100sec.), 17min. 33sec. | 4 |
| G. A. Neve (70sec.), 18min. 1sec. | 5 |
| E. F. Des Forges (70sec.), 18min. 7sec. | 6 |
| M. L. Honeyfield (80sec.), 18min. 11sec. | 7 |
| K. A. Miles (100sec.), 18min. 14sec. | 8 |
| R. K. Voss (30sec.), 18min. 19sec. | 9 |
| R. J. O'Brien (90sec.), 18min. 22sec. | 10 |

Then followed: D. J. Foster, R. O. Davies, W. E. White, B. P. Boyle, A. F. MacDonald, B. T. Larsen, P. V. Dravitzki, M. S. Hutchings, D. S. Whitehead, G. R. Milne.

Fastest Times:

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| C. E. Humphries, 17min. 12sec. | 1 |
| M. J. Sexton, 17min. 43sec. | 2 |
| V. L. Bransgrove, 18min. 41sec. | 3 |
| R. K. Voss, 18min. 49sec. | 4 |
| D. J. Foster, 19min. 3sec. | 5 |
| G. A. Neve, 19min. 11sec. | 6 |
| B. J. Sullivan, 19min. 13sec. | 7 |
| E. F. Des Forges, 19min. 17sec. | 8* |
| R. O. Davies, 19min. 17sec. | 8* |
| B. P. Boyle, 19min. 24sec. | 10* |
| B. T. Larsen, 19min. 24sec. | 10* |

* Equal.

INTERMEDIATE

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| R. B. Campbell (110sec.), 10min. 45sec. | 1 |
| D. A. Olson (60sec.), 10min. 51sec. | 2 |
| B. H. Simpson (60sec.), 10min. 55sec. | 3 |
| R. M. Clegg (50sec.), 10min. 59sec. | 4 |
| N. J. Dravitzki (80sec.), 11min. 2sec. | 5 |
| B. K. Maine (50sec.), 11min. 4sec. | 6 |
| W. N. Olson (80sec.), 11min. 4sec. | 7 |
| J. P. Comber (80sec.), 11min. 17sec. | 8 |
| A. J. Hills (70sec.), 11min. 23sec. | 9 |
| R. P. Mahy (60sec.), 11min. 26sec. | 10 |

Then followed: R. W. Humphries, P. L. Sergeant, M. H. Tizard, J. Grey, I. R. Sampson, J. A. Webbley, J. Penney, R. M. Fenwick, S. J. Carryer, T. L. Farquhar.

STEEPLECHASE

Fastest Times:

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| R. W. Humphries, 11min. 27sec. | 1 |
| M. H. Tizard, 11min. 29sec. | 2 |
| R. M. Clegg, 11min. 49sec. | 3 |
| D. A. Olson, 11min. 51sec. | 4 |
| B. K. Maine, 11min. 54sec. | 5 |
| B. H. Simpson, 11min. 55sec. | 6 |
| P. L. Sergeant, 11min. 58sec. | 7 |
| I. R. Sampson, 12min. 3sec. | 8 |
| B. J. Hunger, 12min. 10sec. | 9 |
| R. Ruru, 12min. 12sec. | 10 |

JUNIOR

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| B. R. Burke (110sec.), 8min. 13sec. | 1 |
| P. I. Gadsby (110sec.), 8min. 49sec. | 2 |
| R. C. Musker (100sec.), 8min. 51sec. | 3 |
| P. W. Savage (50sec.), 9min. 3sec. | 4 |
| P. Newton (80sec.), 9min. 5sec. | 5 |
| R. C. Rayward (70sec.), 9min. 5sec. | 6 |
| B. D. Dyer (70sec.), 9min. 6sec. | 7 |
| M. G. Saxton (70sec.), 9min. 7sec. | 8 |
| D. Cock (80sec.), 9min. 12sec. | 9 |
| B. N. Patten (scr.), 9min. 13sec. | 10 |

Then followed: A. G. Maine, B. A. Muir, A. H. Smith, M. J. Roberts, J. C. Treweek, G. H. Spencer, C. H. Pease, G. K. Piggott, J. Stewart, R. D. Shaw.

Fastest Times:

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| B. N. Patten, 9min. 13sec. | 1 |
| J. C. Treweek, 9min. 38sec. | 2 |
| P. W. Savage, 9min. 53sec. | 3 |
| B. R. Burke, 10min. 3sec. | 4* |
| A. G. Maine, 10min. 3sec. | 4* |
| R. C. Rayward, 10min. 15sec. | 6 |
| B. D. Dyer, 10min. 16sec. | 7* |
| P. R. Mackay, 10min. 16sec. | 7* |
| M. G. Saxton, 10min. 17sec. | 9 |
| R. D. Shaw, 10min. 23sec. | 10 |

* Equal.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—

I think it is about time the School began to organise some sport for lunch-times. In the present situation boys go on to the terraces and fight, thus being a nuisance to the School, because while fighting they are damaging trees or jumping up and down the terraces. Those who don't go on to the terraces go straight to the library where they make a general nuisance by making a noise and annoying the boys trying to swot for a test or an examination. If there were some sport in this period the bus-boys would benefit from this as well as the boys who have to do jobs at home straight after school.

I am, etc.,

B. J. Hunger, 4G1.

IN MEMORIAM

MR. V. PARKINSON

The School was shocked to hear of the death after a short illness of Mr. V. Parkinson on Saturday, January 1st. By his passing we feel we have lost a very good friend.

Mr. Parkinson was a member of the High Schools' Board of Governors for six and a half years and during that time he served on the Buildings and the Grounds Committees. During this period not only did he give generously of his time in the interests of the School but he was a most regular attender at School functions. Mr. Parkinson was also a great enthusiast for games and after an active participation for a longer period than is usual, he devoted a great deal of time to the administration of his favourite games. In this field of activity too, the School has reason to be grateful to him. He was a regular umpire of our College cricket matches for five years and when umpiring classes were introduced into the School he was the first instructor. As president of the Taranaki Football Association, he interested himself in the School soccer and many boys who have recently passed through the School have reason to be grateful to him.

Perhaps his greatest service to the rising generation however, was the splendid example he set in public service. In addition to many official positions he held in local organisations, no good public cause ever sought his assistance in vain.

To his wife and family we extend our sincerest sympathy.

FATHER D. P. NOLAN

Soon after the School had broken up for the last Christmas holidays we were distressed to learn of the death of our Roman Catholic chaplain, the Rev. Father Daniel Patrick Nolan.

During his seven years of service at the School, he became known and respected not only by the boys of his own Church but also by the remainder of the School. He came in the first place to conduct the Bible classes for the Roman Catholic boys of the third forms, but it was not long before he discovered many ways in which to use his talents and he became recognised as an important member of the Staff. Although he was a strict disciplinarian, yet he had a remarkably bright and pleasant personality and wherever he was he was soon surrounded by good cheer and friendly talk. There is no doubt but that he exercised a very powerful influence on the tone of the School.

In addition to his devotion to his spiritual duties, he displayed the keenest possible interest in all the outside activities of the School and was always present at our important fixtures with a word of praise for good work and one of comfort when things were not going our way. So great was his enthusiasm that we came to regard him affectionately as part of the School and he will long be remembered here as one whose whole life was devoted to community service and particularly to the youth of this city.

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CHAPEL NOTES

The High School services are being increasingly appreciated by day pupils of both Schools, and that is a healthy sign.

The monthly Choral Communion has been greatly assisted by the prefects who usher the Communicants in a steady stream to the altar rails. Thus queuing and gaps or pauses are avoided and the air of reverence is maintained.

The reading of the Lessons has been done well by senior boys and we are now happy to share this privilege with the girls.

On the third Sunday of each month, Holy Communion is celebrated in the Library, a gesture on the part of the clergy that could be given a better response.

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

On alternate Friday evenings Canon Hurst, the Rev. T. Sadler and the Rev. K. Moody have taken classes in the School. On other Friday evenings, hymn practices have been conducted by Mr. Hatherly and occasionally by the Vicar.

Confirmation classes were conducted by the clergy during the second and third terms and on Saturday, 8th October, the Bishop of Waikato administered Confirmation in St. Mary's.

The following were confirmed:—

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| I. R. Alexander | M. J. Esson | C. H. Pease |
| G. L. Anderson | P. Evans | K. G. Pigott |
| B. J. Badham | G. Ford | P. C. Rankin |
| W. I. K. Bathe | B. Frentz | G. Sanders |
| M. Baty | S. Gale | T. Simcock |
| A. F. Bregmen | R. Greiner | J. R. Smith |
| C. Bryant | J. M. Halliday | B. M. Sole |
| I. J. Bussell | R. W. Harding | J. G. O. Stubbs |
| A. J. Campbell | J. Jamieson | B. W. W. Taylor |
| I. H. Coad | G. Johnston | R. Thomson |
| M. R. Cole | R. N. Lange | N. W. Titter |
| P. G. S. Crichton | K. Larsen | J. Treweek |
| M. Croxson | A. G. Mackay | H. B. R. Tuck |
| P. A. Darke | B. Masters | R. Verry |
| K. J. Deighton | J. W. Meads | J. F. Waite |
| M. Denton | H. M. McMillan | H. H. Watt |
| B. V. Ekdahl | J. Murdoch | N. Wolfe |
| H. C. N. Elliott | R. F. Newman | R. L. Wood |
| R. M. Elliott | B. N. Patten | |

The Rev. Canon W. E. W. Hurst, Vicar of St. Mary's, has sent the following message to the School:

"In a world of fear, doubt and uncertainty, it is a rare privilege to live in a land of freedom; freedom to think and speak according to conscience and freedom to worship. This inheritance we stand to cherish in our devotions and especially in our services in St. Mary's and our teaching in the schools. The response of the boys of New Plymouth High School is always stimulating and encouraging. Those who doubt and who don't

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believe are honest and open in their opinions, and the many boys who have grasped the truth of Christ's religion, who have seen the vision of His Kingdom, are an example and inspiration to the others.

"Many of you are leaving School this year. As you go to 'Varsity, College, farm or job, carry with you the spirit of St. Mary's. Get into the Church life of your community, even if your elders appear to resent your intrusion. Christ needs youth in His work on earth. Stand fast for Him and He will never let you down. You know the purpose of life—line up to it. Live with Christ in this world, and in the world to come Christ will live with you."

Sixth Form Forum

On 7th October a forum was held in St. Andrew's Hall. It was organised by the New Zealand Council for Christian Education and attended by Sixth Form pupils from Stratford, Waitara, and New Plymouth High Schools. The Rev. D. Rushbrook opened the meeting with an interesting and inspiring talk on "The Christian in the Community." After the talk the meeting broke up into small groups and the students discussed among themselves the ideas presented by the Rev. Rushbrook. After a pleasant tea the meeting resumed, and a panel discussed questions submitted by the students. The panel consisted of the Rev. S. Robertson, Miss A. Kirkwood, Miss E. B. Cannell, and Mr. A. C. Barnes. The Rev. A. Ashwin presided.

THE CRUSADER MOVEMENT

The Crusader Movement has continued to hold regular meetings in its fourth full year of activities in the School. These meetings are held during the lunch hour on Thursdays in the Music Room.

During the first term we were sorry to hear that Mr. E. A. Donovan, our leader for over two years, was to move to Wellington on transfer. Members of the Crusader Union are most indebted to Mr. Donovan for his sincere messages and for his willing help in Crusader work. However, his place is ably filled by Mr. T. E. Sanson, who was appointed to the Staff of the School this year. Mr. K. Corkhill has also provided his services and has given us many helpful messages on several aspects of the Christian life.

Our membership has been small but steady throughout the year, being an average of 15 to 20 at a meeting. However, a large proportion of our members are third formers so that the Union will have a firm foundation for making next year's activities successful.

Several boys from our group attended camps at Ponui Island in the summer holidays, while a Snow Camp was held on Mount Egmont during the August holidays. A combined squash was held in St. Andrew's Hall during the first term, and another in Stratford during the second term which was attended by Crusaders from Hawera, Stratford and New Plymouth. A rally was also held at Stratford in the third term and several of our members heard Dr. V. Martin, the North Island Crusader Secretary, at that meeting. This was the first combined rally held which was attended by all Taranaki Unions.

Altogether the year has been a successful one and we trust that similar success will be our lot next year.

D. R. Barker.

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ORCHESTRA NOTES

1st Violins: P. J. Komlos (leader), J. S. Barrett.
2nd Violins: K. S.-D. Austin, M. D. Butler, R. M. Dodd, B. D. Allerby,
R. N. Lange, P. D. Evans, P. L. Wagstaff.
'Cello: P. J. Donovan.
Bass: G. Cleland, I. D. Lobb.
Flute: G. R. Fookes.
Clarinets: P. B. Strombom, A. C. Brodie.
Cornet: I. A. Boese.
Trombone: S. Smith.
Percussion: G. A. Neve.
Piano: J. S. Orams.

Practices were held on Friday morning but were abandoned during the first term because of the Music Festival, when the orchestra combined with that of the Girls' High School for practices on Tuesday afternoon. These were well attended and enjoyed, we think, by all concerned.

During the second term practices were increased to twice a week when, in conjunction with a string section from the Girls' High School Orchestra, we prepared incidental music for the School play under the direction of Mr. Macdonald.

Third term practices were held on Thursday afternoons in preparation for the breaking-up ceremony.

We would like to thank Mr. Macdonald and P. J. Komlos for the assistance they have given in training the violin section in preparation for these events.

It was with deep regret that we farewellled Mr. Forrest, who has conducted the orchestra so well during his stay at this School. We wish him a happy time during his term at Te Awamutu.

G. Cleland.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

The fifth Combined High Schools' Music Festival was held on the 3rd and 4th May and presented before a nearly full Opera House on both nights. Two matinee performances were held for the benefit of the boys and girls of the two Schools.

Practices after tea for the Boarders and at lunch times for the Day Boys occupied many of the leisure hours of the 96 boys in the choir and interest was much heightened by the combined rehearsals at the Girls' High School in the latter part of the term.

The programme, which contained a large variety of items covering practically all aspects of music, demonstrated to the audience the importance of music culturally as part of the timetable in the Schools. The types of music ranged from solos, duos, string quartettes, orchestral numbers and a recorder group to full choral works, three-part songs, a madrigal group and a vocal trio.

Perhaps the most difficult work for the whole choir of 275 voices was Handel's "And the Glory of the Lord," from "The Messiah," which



SCHOOL BAND, 1955.

Back Row: J. S. Orams, S. M. Smith, K. S.-D. Austin, M. J. Esson, K. P. Miscall.
Middle Row: A. M. Harris, D. A. Fowler, I. H. Morley, I. A. Boese, K. D. Lamb,
M. J. Baty.
Front Row: H. R. Barr, G. A. Neve, R. M. Saunders, J. M. Dennison.
Absent: A. R. Hill, B. R. Smith, N. H. Preston.



SCHOOL ORCHESTRA, 1955.

Back Row: B. D. Allerby, J. S. Barrett, M. D. Butler, K. S.-D. Austin, R. M. Dodd,
P. J. Komlos.
Middle Row: G. Cleland, P. L. Wagstaff, P. B. Strombcm, G. R. Fookes, A. C.
Brodie, I. A. Boese, I. D. Lobb.
Front Row: P. J. Donovan, G. A. Neve, J. S. Orams, T. D. Walker, S. M. Smith.
Kneeling: P. Evans, R. N. Lange.

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called for perfect synchronisation from the choir and all the conductor's skill and concentration. The result was well worth the time put into it.

The popular and more unusual "Little Jack Horner" and "O Dear! What can the Matter Be?" instantly appealed to the audience as also did the selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's Opera, "H.M.S. Pinafore."

Thirty-six boy sopranos joined the choir to sing "Silent Worship." Other numbers included "High Barbary," a Negro spiritual, "Were You There?" "The Fishermen of England" and "Bobby Shaftoe."

The Combined Schools' Orchestras totalling 48 members, under Mr. Komlos, played "Tudor Suite" (Henry VIII) and Fantasies from "Cavalleria Rusticana" (Leoncavallo), "Rosenkavalier" (Strauss), "Rigoletto" (Verdi), and "The Flying Dutchman" (Wagner).

The performances of the choir and orchestra, as well as the instrumental groups and solos, combined to give a fairly popular and varied programme which was well up to the standard of previous years.

We would like to thank all those members of the Staffs of both Schools who have given up their time to train the choirs and players, and particularly Mr. Forrest, who has made his last appearance as conductor of this festival. In appreciation of his infectious enthusiasm for the work of the festivals the Schools have presented, and of his unflagging energy and inspiration as a conductor, he was presented by the choir with a recording of Beethoven's "Emperor Concerto."

G. Cleland.

BAND NOTES

The Band Roll for this year is:—

Drum Major: G. A. E. Neve.

Bass Drum: R. M. Saunders.

Side Drum: I. G. McNickle, M. Dennison, H. Barr, G. Keightly, S. L. Horsburgh, P. S. Miller.

Cornets: I. A. Boese, A. Hill, I. H. Morley, B. Smith, D. A. Fowler, K. D. Lamb.

Tenor Horns: K. S.-D. Austin, K. P. Miscall.

Euphonium: J. S. Orams.

Baritone: N. Preston.

Trombone: S. M. Smith.

Bass: M. J. Esson.

Buglers: A. M. Harris, M. J. Baty.

The School Band this year has completed a successful year of playing. Besides playing for battalion parades, we have fulfilled several outside engagements.

In April we played for the parade of athletes at the Inter-School Sports held at Stratford.

On the Friday preceding Anzac Day we played the hymns and the Last Post for the New Plymouth Schools' Service.

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Mr. Forrest's departure in June was a great loss to the band. On behalf of the School bands, past and present, we wish him every success in his new post.

The future of the band remains uncertain, for this year the lack of bass instruments made it impossible to attempt more ambitious work, but it is hoped that there will be some new recruits next year.

Once again we are indebted to the City Band for the use of the band-room and music, and to Mr. Hall for the time he has put into the band.

G. A. Neve.

DRAMA NOTES

The School Play was presented in the Opera House on the 15th and 16th of August. This year's choice was the popular Shakespearean comedy, "The Merchant of Venice." The production was in the capable hands of Mr. Harris and the casting and first rehearsals took place early in the second term. The three female parts were filled by pupils of the Girls' High School. The cast was:—

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|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| The Duke of Venice | | M. G. Denton | |
| The Prince of Morocco | } Suitors to | M. G. Denton | |
| The Prince of Aragon | | Portia | S. M. Cottier |
| Antonio, a Merchant of Venice | | J. J. Terris | |
| Bassanio, His Friend, Suitor likewise to Portia | | C. W. Hamilton | |
| Salanio | } Friends to Antonio | D. W. Woodward | |
| Salarino | | and Bassanio | R. O. Davies |
| Gratiano | | | E. G. Jones |
| Salerio | | J. R. Shepherd | |
| Lorenzo, in Love with Jessica | | P. D. Ramsay | |
| Shylock, a Rich Jew | | J. A. Tannahill | |
| Tubal, a Jew, His Friend | | B. F. Sampson | |
| Launcelot Gobbo, the Clown, Servant to Shylock | | B. McNeill | |
| Old Gobbo, Father to Launcelot | | W. I. Taylor | |
| Leonardo, Servant to Bassanio | | I. A. Robertson | |
| Balthasar | } Servants to | K. S. Austin | |
| Stephano | | Portia | M. M. Dobson |
| Portia, a Rich Heiress | | Claire Carmichael | |
| Nerissa, her Waiting Maid | | Jan Stewart | |
| Jessica, Daughter to Shylock | | Juliet Fowler | |
| Prompts | | R. S. Garner, D. G. Swan | |

The incidental music was provided by the combined Schools' Orchestra. The programme was well chosen and though not obtrusive, the orchestra helped considerably in the continuity of the performances.

Another group deserving of special mention are those boys who constituted our hard-working and highly efficient team of stage-hands and contributed much to the general success of the play. In this connection we must also mention those boys who gave their spare time to help with the construction of scenery.

We should like to express our thanks to the many who gave us valuable assistance; to members of the Staff who assisted with the lights and make-up; and to Mr. E. A. Evans and Miss A. Suhr for their generous assistance with make-up and costuming.

J. J. Terris.

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A CRITICISM OF THE SCHOOL PLAY

This year the School presented Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" in the Opera House on the 15th and 16th of August, to moderate audiences on both nights.

The choice of a Shakespearean play by an amateur group is always an ambitious undertaking, but the success of the play was unquestioned.

At the first performance there were the inevitable opening-night faults of lack of continuity and poor enunciation, owing mainly to the nervousness and obvious inexperience of some of the supporting players, but on the second night these faults were less in evidence.

Other faults of opening night were the pronounced lack of volume of some of those with minor parts and the tendency to speak too quickly towards the end of a speech. These, too, were largely remedied on the second night.

John Tannahill, as Shylock, gave undoubtedly the best performance. At all times he portrayed this exacting role with a realism and conviction which greatly assisted the success of the play—one felt that in the final scene, he was not merely acting but really living the part of the cruel and revengeful Jew.

Claire Carmichael, as Portia, gave a most competent performance. At all times her voice was clear and carried well and she interpreted this part with dignity; while Jan Stewart's Nerissa was a convincing role.

Brian McNeill, who took the comic part of Launcelot Gobbo, is a young actor who shows promise. William Hamilton as Bassanio, and John Terris as Antonio, both gave capable performances but were a little too reserved for their parts—after all Antonio was in danger of losing his life.

Lorenzo, Peter Ramsay, perhaps through inexperience, was rather an unconvincing lover, but otherwise he and Juliet Fowler as Jessica, gave competent performances. Gratiano, the sarcastic taunter of Shylock, was ably played by Edward Jones.

It is always difficult for a young actor to play the part of an old man, but Bill Taylor as Old Gobbo, did this well. Maurice Denton interpreted both his roles well—the first as a heavy-handed suitor, and the second as the just and dignified Duke of Venice.

The remainder of the minor roles were adequately portrayed; among the more important of these were Salarino and Salanio, played by Roger Davies and Denis Woodward; the Prince of Aragon, by Shailer Cottier; and Tubal, by Bruce Sampson.

The scenery and lighting were both very effective. Although Shakespeare wrote his plays for an almost naked stage, the addition of simple but realistic scenery helps to create a suitable atmosphere. This was assisted to a large extent by the brilliant dressing and realistic make-up of the players.

A. R. Poletti.

LIBRARY NOTES

Thanks go to the library prefects for their assistance in keeping the library facilities running efficiently this year.

A number of books were donated by boys and further contributions by boys leaving will be very welcome. The funds allotted for purchase of new books enabled only a few new books to be added to the range

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this year. Besides a number of fictional books, this year's quota includes reference books on subjects ranging from science to history and literature. As most new books are issued with plastic covers, the number of this type on the shelves is steadily increasing.

Owing to overcrowding in the library during lunch hours, third and fourth formers were restricted to Mondays and Fridays, fifth and sixth formers using the library on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. This system, introduced at the beginning of the second term, has been found to be more satisfactory.

I. Robertson.

CADET NOTES

The 1955 Cadet year began with six days' barracks, held at the School, the first day being largely taken up in the issuing of uniforms, shoulder flashes and cap badges to the third formers. Progress was generally good by most companies. One half-day a month was set aside for drill throughout the year.

The retirement of a number of senior officers led to the reorganisation of the officers in the Battalion. After 17 years as commander of the Cadet Battalion Major R. C. Wilson has this year requested to be retired and his place has been taken by Captain, now Major R. R. Penney. Captain D. G. Barton became the Second-in-Command and Musketry Officer; Captain R. S. Watson became the new commander of B Company; Lieutenant A. F. Gardiner became the new commander of C Company; and Lieutenant T. Sweeney became the commander of the recently-formed E Company.

Barracks went smoothly although we were unfortunate to have one day of rain which upset the set syllabus of the Company commanders. B Company consisted of three infantry platoons of the senior boys who covered a very extensive syllabus—basic training, fieldcraft, L.M.G., infantry and mortar training being included. This Company was fortunate in having competent instructors who had attended a specialised N.C.O. course at Waiouru during the Christmas holidays. The N.C.O.T.U., under the competent hand of Lieutenant J. J. Stewart again this year, was extremely large but the standard they have set in foot and rifle drill could be said to be high. C Company, which consisted of second year boys, have been instructed in drill and weapon training with some emphasis on L.M.G. owing to the availability of sergeants specialised in this work. D and E Companies consisted of first year boys who were instructed in foot drill and weapon training. Their progress during the year has been very creditable.

The Battalion was visited during Barracks Week by Brigadier A. H. Andrews, Officer Commanding the Central Military District, Wellington, who made an inspection of the Battalion and commented favourably on the type and standard of boy in training and on the efficiency of the Officers and N.C.O.s.

Barracks Week ended with a march past, the salute being taken by Major-General B. Lockhart, of New Plymouth, Chief Commissioner of Scouts for New Zealand. Major-General Lockhart inspected a guard of honour of 60 Air Training Corps cadets and after the march past gave an address to the cadets.

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

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wreaths were laid by Dr. I. H. Auld (Old Boys' Association); the Head Boy, D. R. Wood; the Head Day Boy, J. K. Lay; and the R.S.M., G. R. Jensen.

N.C.O. camps have been held this year at both Waiouru and Linton. In January a camp for junior N.C.O.s was held at Linton and was attended by 24 Corporals and eight Signals cadets who took a specialised course. Major R. R. Penney attended this course as one of the instructors. In January also four Sergeants attended a specialists' course at Waiouru. In August a pre-N.C.O. camp was held with 21 cadets from the N.C.O. Platoon representing the School and W.O.1 Jensen as an instructor. These cadets set a very high standard both in foot drill and weapon training.

Thirty-six junior N.C.O.s sat the Sergeants' promotion examination at the end of the year. The standard was not as high as in previous years, the main trouble being lack of confidence, lack of knowledge and lack of technique in instruction.

Results:—

Those qualifying for promotion to Sergeant: T. Puke, P. Ramsay, L. Penn, I. Papps, K. Comber, P. Komlos, A. Fullerton-Smith, T. Fookes, D. Hinch, F. Bennett, W. Taylor, I. Lobb, M. Wellington, K. Way.

In August the School was fortunate in having a creditable performance of foot drill demonstrated to them by the visiting Regular Force Cadet football team from Waiouru. Major Firth, chief instructor of cadets at Waiouru, addressed the School after the demonstration on "The Army as a Career."

The Sole Cup, awarded to the School's best N.C.O., was won this year by W.O.1 G. R. Jensen. In October Brigadier A. H. Andrews examined W.O.1 G. R. Jensen, who was the Area 8 nominee for the William Robert Friar Memorial Prize, awarded to the best N.C.O. in the Central Military District.

The increased strength of the Battalion and the fact that one of the smaller ranges was condemned necessitated this year the construction of another range with a capacity of 30 shots. Bulldozing for this was carried out in March and the range came into use for the first time this term. It should be the means of raising the standard of shooting in the Battalion.

SIGNALS

A successful Barracks Week was held and consisted of elementary drill and Signals training. Full advantage was taken of the opportunity for training by the organisation of a full-day exercise at the back of Paritutu when the corps was divided equally into "Invaders" and "Defenders."

Instruction has been continued throughout the year in Morse, telephone and wireless communication, drill and fieldcraft, with "stunts" frequently held on the School farm.

The Steeplechase this year was again covered by "48" sets, the coverage being fairly successful. Our thanks go to Corporals Rogers and Hetherington for their valuable help and instruction.

G. R. Jensen.

A.T.C.

The Squadron this year was composed as usual of three flights. The programme for Barracks Week was most interesting. Lectures were given on subjects ranging from parachutes to rockets. During the year instruction

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was given on the usual subjects and also on radio, use being made of the mobile van 2CI set and a field 2CI station. An instructor's notebook is being compiled for the N.C.O.s of the next and following years.

The A.T.C. was selected to form the guard of honour on the occasion of the visit of Major-General Lockhart. The standard of rifle drill achieved was fairly high. The inspecting officer did, however, discover that the safety catch on one rifle was not applied. Flight-Sergeant D. K. Derby was nominated by the Squadron for a possible overseas flight. Many School A.T.C. cadets have flown in R.N.Z.A.F. aircraft during the year, four in a Bristol Freighter and twenty in a Devon while at Camps at Ohakea, and about twenty-five in a Harvard from Bell Block Airport. Several of our members have applied for careers in the R.N.Z.A.F. and we wish them every success.

This Squadron, together with No. 8 Town Squadron, which about forty from School attend, extends the primary object of the A.T.C., that is to promote air-mindedness among the youth of New Zealand.

D. K. Derby.

SOCCER NOTES

This year there were nine School teams competing in North Taranaki soccer competitions. The 1st XI won the Senior B competition for the Acheson Cup and also a competition for the Parkinson Cup. This cup is in memory of Mr. V. Parkinson, whose untimely death was a great loss to soccer in the city. He was a keen supporter of soccer in the School and his advice and criticism were always sound.

The inter-Collegiate matches were a little disappointing this year. The first against Wellington College was to have been played as a curtain-raiser to the test between the touring Chinese team and New Zealand at Wellington, but Athletic Park was a quagmire so the game was transferred to Wakefield Park which was in a similar condition. We could not adapt ourselves to the impossible conditions and were soundly beaten 5-0.

Mount Albert Grammar this year produced their strongest team of recent years. The game was played on Western Park in brilliantly fine weather but with a light southerly blowing. The game was extremely fast and hard with both sides producing good football at times. The half-time score was 1-1, our goal coming from a brilliant shot by Viver from the right touchline. In the early parts of the second half the standard of football rose considerably. Our defence, however, began to tire and Mount Albert ran up more goals to win 5-1.

The match against Wanganui Technical, played at Wanganui, was lost 5-2. The smaller Wanganui team this year had far more finish than us. They scored two glorious goals in the first half, one from each wing. In the second half Wanganui scored three more goals to our two. Wanganui were the better team on the day and well deserved their win. Possibly this game would be more even if played earlier in the season when we were at our peak.

We congratulate Ham, Pelham, Raine and Burgess who were selected for the Senior B representative side.

The inter-House competition for the Holden Cup was this year won by East. The first round saw East beat Pridham 4-0, Central beat Moyes

4-1, West beat Niger 6-0, Carrington having the bye. In the semi-finals East beat Central 2-1 and West beat Carrington 3-0. The final between East and West was very rugged with neither team able to penetrate the other's defence. In the second half both sides scored an opportunist's goal, but East clinched the game with a spectacular free kick from well out to win 2-1.

R. N. Burgess.

HOCKEY NOTES

This year one team was entered in the North Taranaki Junior competition, and one team in the Third Grade competition. The Third Grade team was unlucky not to win its competition again this year, as it was narrowly beaten by Inglewood after extra time had been played. This team proved itself an excellent side and it will be a great start to building up the senior team in the future.

The senior team this year was on the whole young and inexperienced, but considering this handicap they played well. Two games were won in the competition matches against older and much more experienced opponents, but gradual improvement was shown throughout the season's play. The college matches against Straiford T.H.S., Hawera T.H.S. and Wanganui Technical resulted in losses for us, and we were also beaten by a team from Opunake D.H.S. All the College matches were played away from school this year.

A team entered in the annual seven-a-side tournament held at Hawera were runners-up in their section, winning three games, drawing one, and losing one. In the annual match against the Girls' High School, the senior team drew 1-1 in a close and exciting game. A team picked from the 1st XV also played the girls and was beaten 3-2.

This year the old style football jerseys were replaced by the School's new black and white quartered jerseys and their appearance on the field was much smarter. G. Brown and G. Haszard were selected to play for North Taranaki in a trial match against South Taranaki.

The stick presented annually by Mr. R. Clarke for the most improved player was won this year by P. Simonson.

With the opening of the new Highlands Intermediate School, hockey is now being introduced to boys at an earlier stage, and this should prove a great help to the development of this sport in the School. The recent Indian tour also aroused interest in the School and surrounding district. The fact that the Wanganui game was arranged to coincide with the Indian-North Island game, gave the boys an opportunity to see first-class hockey and they were made to realise their own deficiencies in stick work.

G. F. Haszard.

SWIMMING NOTES

This year's championship results indicate a higher standard of swimming than last year, although still perhaps a little below that of previous years. The keen competition and the large number of events contested suggest no lack of interest in the sport.

It was in the breaststroke and backstroke events that perhaps the best competition occurred as three records were broken in those events. N.

Saxton broke the existing record in a heat of the Senior Backstroke, and R. Fa'alelei proved unbeatable and made a new record in the Under 16 Backstroke. The other two new records were set by D. G. C. Swan, in the Senior Backstroke and Butterfly events.

One new event in the swimming programme was added this year, namely the life-saving event for which the Smith and Easton Cup is presented. This year there were only three pairs competing but we hope that in the following years there will be greater competition for this prize. Our thanks go to Mr. Hatchwell for his judging of this event.

This year we saw in the House points an equally keen competition and interest by all swimmers and spectators, although Central House won by a large margin.

Once again we have the pleasure of congratulating a swimmer on his success in the Flannagan Cup Harbour race. This year our congratulations go to T. W. Boon, the winner of the swim.

Championship Winners

Senior.—T. W. Boon (13 points) 1, N. N. Saxton (9 points) 2, D. Byers (2 points) 3.

Junior.—T. D. Simcock (11 points) 1, I. M. Foreman (10 points) 2, P. B. Strombom (3 points) 3.

Under 14.—M. G. Saxton (15 points) 1, W. A. Johnson (6 points) 2, B. N. Patten (3 points) 3.

House Points.—Central 75, Pridham 36, Carrington and West equal, 16.

Championship Events

SENIOR—

50 Yards: T. W. Boon 1, T. Fa'asalafa 2, N. N. Saxton 3. Time, 28sec.

100 Yards: T. W. Boon 1, N. N. Saxton 2, D. Byers 3. Time, 65.6sec.

220 Yards: N. N. Saxton 1, T. W. Boon 2, D. Byers 3. Time, 2min. 51.6sec.

JUNIOR—

33 1-3 Yards: I. M. Foreman 1, T. D. Simcock 2, R. Fa'alelei 3. Time, 18.5sec.

50 Yards: I. M. Foreman 1, T. D. Simcock 2, I. H. Sergeant 3. Time, 29.5sec.

100 Yards: T. D. Simcock 1, P. B. Strombom 2, I. H. Sergeant 3. Time, 69.9sec.

UNDER 14—

33 1-3 Yards: M. G. Saxton 1, W. A. Johnson 2, K. L. Buckley 3. Time, 20sec.

50 Yards: M. G. Saxton 1, W. A. Johnson 2, J. Stubbs 3. Time, 32.7sec.

66 2-3 Yards: M. G. Saxton 1, B. N. Patten 2, J. Stubbs 3. Time, 45.6sec.

Diving Championships

Senior: A. W. Smith 1, L. Penn 2, M. Gardiner 3.

Junior: W. Sanderson 1, I. M. Foreman 2, I. H. Parr 3.

Under 14: D. Brown 1, V. Rere 2, P. C. Fredsburg 3.



FIRST SOCCER ELEVEN, 1955.

Back Row: I. P. Raine, W. D. Wall, T. D. Walker, F. W. Worn, G. R. Pelham, J. Viver.

Front Row: G. A. Neve, N. F. Wray, R. N. Burgess (Captain), L. J. Ham, J. A. Tannahill, B. E. Spedding.



FIRST HOCKEY ELEVEN, 1955.

Back Row: D. J. Conway, G. V. Cox, R. W. White, J. D. Clarke, D. A. Andrews.
Front Row: H. R. Barr, G. E. Brown, G. F. Haszard (Captain), J. R. Shepherd, K. J. Gunn.

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Senior Championships

- 50 Yards Breaststroke: D. G. C. Swan 1, N. N. Saxton 2, P. J. Chicken 3.
Time, 35.6sec. (Record.)
- 50 Yards Backstroke: T. W. Boon 1, N. N. Saxton 2, P. J. Chicken 3.
Time, 34.6sec.
- 33 1-3 Yards Butterfly: D. G. C. Swan 1, N. N. Saxton 2, F. L. Bygrave 3.
Time, 21.7sec. (Record.)

Life-Saving Event

- D. G. C. Swan and I. M. Foreman 1, A. W. Smith and F. L. Bygrave,
and B. Bossley and G. Hyde, 2 equal.

Senior Handicaps

- 33 1-3 Yards: B. M. Scott 1, B. M. McCallum 2, J. Orams 3. Time, 19sec.
- 50 Yards: B. M. Scott 1, L. Penn 2, I. Ross 3. Time, 32.3sec.

Relays

- Inter-House:** Central 1, Pridham 2, Carrington 3. Time, 1min. 14.5sec.
- Inter-Form:** 3P2 1, 5G2 2, 5 G1 3. Time, 1min. 33.4sec.
- Day Boys v. Boarders:** Day Boys.

D. G. C. Swan.

SHOOTING NOTES

Shooting this year has been dogged by bad weather and consequently there has been some delay in completing the School trophies. Nevertheless, all cadets shot at the School .22 range and the Fifth and Sixth Formers completed their Part 1 Instructional Course on the .303 range at Rewa Rewa. The standard throughout the School was better than average and those competing for the various School Cups showed an exceptionally high standard. During the year the Army bulldozed a new .22 range for us on the School property and as a result of the help of many willing working parties to get it into working order, we now can shoot 30 cadets in one detail compared with 12 on the old range. This will enable us to complete the .22 shooting in the summer months.

The winners of the various School Trophies were:—

McDiarmid Belt and School Championship (.303): G. B. Rayward.
Runner-up: A. Smith.

Senior Lady Godley Cup and Shell Case (.303): W. D. Woodward.
Runners-up: R. M. Dodd and R. B. Kemp.

Searle Cup (.303): G. L. Petersen. **Runner-up:** A. Smith.

Kelly Cup (.303): G. B. Rayward. **Runner-up:** A. Fullerton-Smith.

Hamblyn Cup (.22): D. Whitehead. **Runners-up:** G. L. Petersen and I. H. Sergeant.

The Loveday Cup for boys under 15 and the McLeod and Slade Cup for boys under 14 will be shot after final term exams.

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TENNIS NOTES

The 1954-55 season proved to be one of the most successful seasons the School has had for many years. In conjunction with the Girls' High School, teams were entered in the "A," "B" and "C" grade inter-club competitions. The "A" team owing to examinations, representative trials and not being able to play on Sundays, had to be withdrawn from the competition but the School proved to be superior in the "C" grade competition when it won the Waters Shield.

Although this "C" team changed considerably during the season it met with considerable success when it won the Northern Division competition and went on to defeat Waitara in the zone final. The team that won the final from Waitara was as follows: I. E. Webster, D. J. Rowlands, R. W. Thompson, V. R. Hareb.

The most successful player during the season proved to be G. A. Neve, who competed successfully in the Hawera Lawn Tennis Championships at Christmas. He was runner-up in the Under 19 Singles, winner of the Under 19 Doubles partnered by another promising School player, R. Purser, and winner of the Open Combines. In late January he represented the School at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships for players under 18, which was held at Hamilton. This season he began successfully by winning the Labour Day Tournament from T. Jenkins, the score being 6-1, 6-1.

The top four boys on the Ladder, namely R. S. Croxson, G. A. Neve, T. Jenkins and G. R. Jensen, represented Taranaki in the Slazenger Shield competition. This team beat Manawatu in the first round without the loss of a match and then was drawn against Auckland. This match was played at Stanley Street and although Taranaki did not win a match special mention must be given to the two School players Richard Croxson and Trevor Jenkins who put up splendid performances against the Under 19 New Zealand Junior Singles champion, B. Wolfe, and the Under 17 New Zealand Junior Singles champion, L. Gerrard, respectively.

The School was fully represented at the North Taranaki Lawn Tennis Tournament held in early January. The School was represented at the Auckland Lawn Tennis Championships by G. R. Jensen, D. J. Rowlands, T. Jenkins and J. D. Raines and at the New Zealand Junior Championships by G. R. Jensen and R. S. Croxson.

Results of last year's School championships:—

Senior Singles: R. S. Croxson d. G. R. Jensen 6-2, 2-6, 6-2. Croxson, with erratic volleying and too much baseline play, dropped the second set, but came back in the third set with grand net play to win it quite comfortably.

Senior Doubles: T. Jenkins and B. Tuck d. G. R. Jensen and G. A. Neve 2-6, 6-0, 6-2.

Junior Singles: D. J. Rowlands d. R. W. Thompson 6-2, 7-5.

Junior Doubles: D. J. Rowlands and R. W. Thompson d. J. R. Wood and D. E. Walter 6-3, 6-4.

Inter-House Competition

First Round: Central d. West 6-0, East d. Pridham 6-0, Carrington d. Moyes 6-0, Niger the bye.

Second Round: Central d. Carrington 4-2, East d. Niger 6-0.

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Final: The result of this final seemed fairly obvious as the East team had won all its matches to love and the team consisted of four of the top six players on the School ladder. But despite all odds against winning, Central won the final with only one match lost. Results (Central names mentioned first): G. R. Jensen d. G. A. Neve 10-8, R. Purser d. I. E. Webster 9-7, P. M. Trehey lost to D. J. Rowlands 7-9, J. McConachy d. R. W. Thompson 9-3, G. R. Jensen and R. Purser d. G. A. Neve and I. E. Webster 9-2, P. M. Trehey and J. McConachy d. D. J. Rowlands and R. W. Thompson 9-6. Central defeated East five matches to one.

G. R. Jensen.

TABLE TENNIS

This year the club has had another successful season. However, the membership has decreased slightly, mainly because of the very few day boys taking part. The boarders are perhaps a little more fortunate in that they can use the gymnasium during week-ends on Sunday afternoons, as well as on the normal club nights.

Throughout the season there has been keen competition for places on the ladder, especially amongst the top eight.

As usual, the School entered four teams in the North Taranaki grade competitions. Although the teams were not successful, they all enjoyed the games and put up creditable performances.

The positions held on the ladder are as follows:—

D. Wood 1, T. Takai 2, D. Walter 3, T. Fa'asalafa 4, R. Wallis 5, J. Wood 6, E. Ward 7, L. Calvert 8, B. Kohn 9, A. Locke 10, B. Kemp 11, J. Richards 12, I. Boese 13, D. Lambourne 14, R. Alison 15, M. Geary 16, B. Gernhoefer 17.

This year the annual club championships were held in August, and although entries were good the standard of play was rather disappointing. The results are:—

Under 14 Singles: P. Florence beat R. Chapman 21-14.

Under 14 Doubles: W. G. Shearer and T. H. Coley beat J. Perham and M. Mills 19-21, 21-16, 21-17.

Intermediate Singles: D. E. Walter beat D. Lambourne 21-10, 21-11.

Intermediate Doubles: R. W. Thompson and J. B. Chapman beat D. E. Walter and L. B. Calvert 21-19, 21-17.

Senior Singles: T. Fa'asalafa beat T. Takai 21-12, 21-19, 21-19.

Senior Doubles: T. Fa'asalafa and T. Takai beat R. Wallis and I. Boese 21-16, 21-17, 21-18.

J. R. Wood.

ROWING NOTES

The recently re-formed School Rowing Club at present boasts fourteen highly enthusiastic members, but it is hoped that numbers will increase rapidly and a strong following for the sport established.

At the commencement of the 1954-55 season all fourteen were beginners, but by March 1955, we were oarsmen of a reasonable standard. We were introduced to the fundamentals of rowing in the dry boat of the

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New Plymouth Rowing Club. Later we took the high seas in the Club's training dinghy fitted with the apparatus of the conventional rowing skiff. By November all had made a debut in the fours skiffs.

Soon after the re-commencement of school after the Christmas holidays, the New Plymouth Rowing Club had to vacate its quarters, which we had used up till then. The Clifton Rowing Club generously offered us the use of its clubhouse and equipment. From then on we travelled to and from Waitara twice each week after school and on Saturday afternoons. We all gained valuable experience and under the expert eye of the Clifton coach, Mr. G. Topless, made rapid progress.

In March, members of the club travelled to Wanganui and spent the day at the Collegiate School. We received instruction from the Collegiate coach and rowed on the Wanganui River, one of the best stretches in the Dominion.

At the end of the season, trophy races were held at Waitara in which we combined with members of the Clifton Club and raised nine mixed crews. Three heats, with three fours in each were arranged and the winner of each heat qualified for the final. The course was over half a mile and some exciting finishes were witnessed. We were very pleased that two of our boys, Ian Lobb and Brian Scott, were in the winning four, as we had been ambitious to compete with Clifton on equal terms for some time. On disembarking these two received the traditional salutation for members of a winning crew from the rest of the boys. This failed to "dampen" their spirits or ours, however, and it was considered by all to be a satisfactory culmination to a highly successful season.

We are very grateful to Mr. Topless for his invaluable coaching, and the help he has given us in many ways; to the members of the Clifton Rowing Club for their patient and not completely futile efforts, both individually and collectively, to improve our rowing; and to Mr. H. Collier, president of the New Plymouth Rowing Club, for his fatherly interest in our welfare throughout.

We hope that rowing is now firmly established as a School activity and that in the foreseeable future interest in a very worthwhile sport will increase sufficiently to enable the club to possess its own boats and club house.

J. J. Terris.

GYMNASTIC NOTES

Although gymnastics is not a prominent activity in the School, the boys interested have been making good progress in the special classes held on Friday afternoons. The standard, although not as high as the School has known, is better than that of the past few years. Unfortunately the School loses many of the day boys to the Y.M.C.A. and School teams consist mainly of boarders.

The facilities are gradually being improved. A new horse has been made, new vaulting stands bought and bars have been erected on the bottom ground.

During the third term the Taranaki Gymnastic Association again held its annual competition in the School Gymnasium. Fewer teams entered this year and thus eliminated the confusion that was evident in previous

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years. The set exercises were more difficult than before, but the standards were high, especially in the intermediate class where the parallel bars were used for the first time. It is interesting to note that the set exercise for the senior tumbling was the same as that in this year's New Zealand championships. The School entered teams in the Junior and Intermediate competitions. The Intermediates won the cross horse and the parallel bars and came second in the tumbling, while the Junior A team came first equal in the cross horse and second in the tumbling.

The competition was conducted on an informal basis and although there were few spectators the competitors mixed freely, making the afternoon very successful.

The School Championships were held toward the end of the third term. The results were as follows:—

Third Form: P. N. Dobson (228) 1, C. D. Ekdahl (226) 2, C. G. Whittaker (219) 3. A very high standard was set. The exercises were difficult and all competitors performed with neatness and confidence.

Fourth Form: A. L. Wilson (225) 1, R. G. Shepherd (219) 2, G. B. Capper (212) 3. The competition was closer than the marks indicate. Wilson gained and kept his lead by being more consistent than the other competitors.

Fifth Form: J. B. Chapman (211) 1, M. V. Geary (210) 2, R. B. Smith (200) 3. The competition was very close between the first three competitors. Chapman lost points to Geary in the tumbling but regained the lead in the parallel bars and horizontal bar. Generally the standard was higher than last year.

The competition for the open event had not been held when The Taranakian went to print.

A. W. Smith.

READING, DEBATING AND ORATORY

Reading Prizes

This year the Junior and Senior reading was judged by Archdeacon Gavin. He said that he was surprised to find that the Juniors read much better than the Seniors although the latter had a harder passage to read. Generally the Seniors read too fast. For the first time this year the finalists read an unprepared passage.

Junior: M. S. Croxson, 3P1, 1; J. B. Mathews, 4P2, 2; D. W. Ware, 3P1, and S. L. Horsburgh, 3P2, 3 equal; B. McNeill, 4G1, 5.

Senior: R. M. Dodd, 5P1, 1; D. Sarten, 5P1, 2; E. G. Jones, 6Sc.2, 3; B. D. Smith, 6A, 4; R. L. Edwards, 5P2, and P. M. Trehey, 6B, 5 equal.

Junior Oratory

Twelve speakers remained from the Third and Fourth Forms for the semi-finals of the Junior Oratory: Morine, Croxson, Halliday and Dickson from 3P1, Slyfield and Saxton from 3P2, Wingate 3EB1, Sanders, Dravitzki and Hamilton 4P1, Quail 4P2 and McNeill 4G1. Mr. Veale selected Morine, Croxson, Halliday, Dravitzki and McNeill to speak on "The Battle

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of Britain," "The Bombard Story," "Horatio Nelson," "Captain Scott" and "Abstract Art" respectively in the finals.

The finals were held in the Gymnasium on November 15th, before the debating final. Mr. J. D. Quirke, the judge, said that all the finalists acquitted themselves well, there being only 11 points in 100 between the first and the last. He awarded the Moss Cup for Junior Oratory to Halliday who was one point ahead of McNeill. He added that the orators with the exception of McNeill used too much narrative in their speeches that was familiar to us all and in general they spoke too quickly.

Debating

The first round of the Senior Inter-House Debate began in October and the subject chosen by the Debating Committee was: "That the 40-hour week has proved beneficial to New Zealand."

The teams were:—

Pridham: R. S. Garner, F. Bennett.

Carrington: R. O. Davies, B. Rumball.

Moyes: F. L. Bygrave, E. D. Penny.

Niger: M. G. Denton, S. Carryer.

West: B. F. Sampson, F. Worn.

Central: P. M. Trehey, T. W. Boon.

East: M. D. Butler, D. J. Davy.

Country: K. N. Price, M. N. Harford.

In this round Pridham (negative) defeated Niger, Country (negative) defeated Moyes, West (negative) defeated East and Central (affirmative) defeated Carrington. Because three of the winning teams had taken the same side, the subject for debate was changed to "That Capital Punishment is Desirable" in the second round. Central (affirmative) defeated Pridham and West (negative) defeated Country. In this round B. D. Smith replaced N. Harford in the Country team and J. R. Shepherd replaced F. Worn in the West team.

Mr. J. D. Quirke declared Central, P. M. Trehey (leader) and T. W. Boon, the winners of the cup presented by the Wellington Old Boys. He said that the Central team spoke very well and enumerated more points than did West, although in his summing up the Central leader reiterated too much. He added that in a debate of this kind it was not necessary to quote from various authorities as one man's word was as good as another's.

B. F. Sampson.

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MESSENGERS (With apologies to John Masefield)

Mercury of winged feet, from starlit heaven,
Gliding down to earth past the mountains of the moon,
With a satchel of star-dust, Sybil-songs, Odysseys,
Rainbows, moonbeams, and an Empire's doom.

Courier of Richelieu, from sleeping Paris,
Galloping to Toulon down deserted poplar aisles,
With a packet of dossiers, death warrants, love sonnets,
Billets-doux, flatteries and poison phials.

Weary British Don-R with dust-stained motor bike,
Jolting over pot holes in the heat of day,
With a pannier of documents, messages, acquittance rolls,
Indents, orders and remittances of pay.

D. W. Hinch, 5P1.

CALM AFTER STORM

The sea of cloud now drifts
at ease; the storm has passed,
and through the rifts
the radiant moon sends forth
its beams, and lights
the Earth with a glow
incapable of warmth.

The winter wind that shrieked
and roared, has now passed on
and shrieks no more.
Bitter tongues of chilling wind
have ceased to whine
and lick the backs
of frozen men.

Twinkling stars now light
the sky; sparkling spheres
that live at night.
Mazes, planets, seas
of space; galaxies
of grandeur and
the majesty of Heaven.

R. M. Dodd, 5P1.

THE MIRAGE

I saw a man on a horse
Riding against the sun.
"Hallo, Don Cossack!" I cried,
He shouted, "Hallo, my son."

The Caspian Sea shimmered,
The Kazak tents shone
For a moment in New Zealand,
Then the horseman was gone.

D. W. Hinch, 5P1.

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THE JET

It appeared,
It came like a gliding gull
That flows without a sound.

It passed,
A shining devil screaming its wrath
With a strength that knew no bound.

It vanished,
With a thunderous roar that bored
Through the ears, making them pound.

The jet.

J. Burford, 4P1.

THE MOTOR-CYCLE

A stuttering, trembling streak
Of stifling steel;
A whimpering, whining shriek
Of wobbling wheel.
A shattering, clattering roar
Of fractured frame
And mashed-up motor, or
A piston lame.
The rider, raging, peeps
Through perspex pale,
As the creature, cringing, creeps
To a woeful wail.
A dying sob—a gasp:
All is still.
The engine rests its rasp—
That blasted hill!

C. E. Humphries, 5E.

THIS CITY (with apologies to Wordsworth)

This country has not anything to show more fair:
Disappointed, would be the tourist who passed by
Our snow clad peak, in all its majesty.
This city now doth with the Capital share,
The wondrous service of the railcar; both ways a pair.
Our G.P.O., books, and visitors lie
Awaiting accommodation, under our rain filled sky;
Depressed and rotting in the humid air.
Never before did Blyde more soundly sleep
As in his first success, he climbed a sugar loaf hill,
And saw, and heard, the piles driven in deep!
The Mangaotuku floodeth at its own sweet will:
And the citizens cry, that our very council seems asleep;
For all their growing gardens have stopped still.

K. Way, 5P1.



SCHOOL PLAY—THE MERCHANT OF VENICE.
THE COURT SCENE.

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FOREST FIRE

From the forest, silent forest,
Haunts of elk, of panther, lion,
Haunts of hippo, rhino, vulture,
Huge giraffe and tiny monkey,
Comes the sound of wails, of crying.

Through the forest, humid forest,
Leaping, pounding, pours the game,
Running, striding from the danger,
Great and universal danger,
Scorching, searing, blinding flame.

Till the river, cool clear river,
Greet the creatures, bids them swim.
In a body all take to it,
Lion and rhino, side by side,
Till the fire is halted, vanquished,
Fire so harsh, so cruel, so grim.

Half the forest, ancient forest,
Is charred and black beyond belief,
To the bank of father river
Great life giver, father river,
Saver of long-lasting grief.

From the banks of father river,
Creatures leave at their own leisure,
Seeking here for food and slumber,
Interrupted food and slumber,
Interrupted rest and pleasure.

D. Barr, 3P1.

"VERY DANGEROUS"

A notorious robber and killer was he,
A black-hearted villain of darkest degree.
Nobody could catch him (e'en if they attempted),
Not even the parson could say: "He's repented."
He had killed half a dozen, most probably more,
And the rascal himself was quite proud of that score.
"Not fair," say the ladies. "Tut! tut!" spoke the squire.
"Should not be permitted," is the talk by the fire.
"A tie he will get," said the Smithy, Tom Fleck,
"Made of strong rope to be tied round his neck."
Nobody had seen him, but they all felt quite sure
That it wasn't a gangster that they had to cure.
Not a plain, measly mortal that had to be caught . . .
. . . But Reynard the Fox, killing chickens for sport!

T. Wingate, 3E.B.1.

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THE STEEPLECHASE (With apologies to Thomas Hood.)

With sandshoes dirty and torn,
With ankles weary and sore,
A Schoolboy ran in unscholarly shorts,
Trying to finish by four—
Stitch! Stitch! Stitch!
Through mud-hole ploughing along,
Or narrowly missing the perilous ditch,
He groaned the "Steeplechase Song!"
Plod! Plod! Plod!

While the winner is breaking the tape;
And plod—plod—plod,
Till my feet poke out through the crepe!
It's O! to be in school
Along with an algebra book,
Where scholar heads naught but
cross-multiplying rule,
If this is the route they took!

Plod—plod—plod
Till my head begins to sag;
Plod—plod—plod
Till my feet are starting to drag!
Stone, and bramble, and hill,
Hill, and bramble, and stone,
Till over the finishing line I creep,
And stagger away—alone!

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

"FAILING FAST"

Our poor Maths. Master said, "Ah me!
My day is almost done.
I've got rheumatics in my knee,
And now it's hard to run.
I've got a measles on my foot,
On my nose a large chill-blain,
And bless us all if I haven't got
Mathematics on the brain!"

It was a cough
That carried him off;
It was a coffin
They carried him off in.

R. Ellett, 4G2.

THE TUI

The Tui has a glossy black back
And a tuft of white feathers under his chin.
You will hear him give a rush of joyful notes
And fly into the neighbouring bush
Which echoes his joyous song,
You will find him there in a flowering tree,
Either Kowhai, Rata or gum.
Playing acrobats
Having lots of fun,
Eating berries
Or sucking nectar like a bee
Out of a pendulous flowering tree.

L. R. Bublitz, 3P3.

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THE WHITE HIGHWAY

He gazed intently down into the swirling cloud below. Now and then, through occasional gaps in the strange vapour, he caught a glimpse of a vast plain. He shuddered, as the jagged surface loomed closer.

For decades, the great scientists had argued whether the planet was inhabited, and he had been sent to find out. It was a thankless task, one which he regarded with distaste. But still, his wife Co-leen had been permitted to come with him. The council had at last seen that no man could be expected to bear the absolute solitude and ethereal silence of a long space journey alone.

The gaps grew more frequent, until his saucer-like craft burst through the cloud ceiling, and he could see below him, spread in detail, the forbidding plain. He gazed at it apprehensively. Closer and closer it came, menacing, yet attracting. The saucer hit the ground, and spun a short distance, leaving a trail of charred earth. It came to rest. Silence once more fell, as though the protesting planet had lost interest in its alien visitor. It hung over the craft, like a canopy of death. He shivered. The silence of a dead planet, he thought.

He felt a brief, reassuring touch of warmth. He turned, and saw Co-leen. She was staring intently at the plain.

"There's a road—out there." She spoke quietly. He gazed out of the craft, on to the monotonous regularity of the plain. There, snaking gracefully over the ground, he saw a great white highway.

"Then there are people here," she said, awed.

"Do we build roads across deserts?" he replied. "Surely there would be towns, fields and vehicles, if people dwelt here now. There were people—once."

"Once?" she queried, puzzled.

"The instruments show faint radio-activity," he replied. "There is your answer—they have destroyed themselves. But how long ago, I do not know." The two stared out in silence.

"Yet, they must have been a great race, to build a highway like that," she said, her voice a whisper.

"Then it was their very greatness that destroyed them," he replied.

They stood quietly, paying silent tribute to an unknown race. Unobtrusively, a wind sprung up. Particles of earth spattered against the craft. Over the horizon, a dark haze appeared. Gradually, it occupied an ever greater portion of the sky.

"Dust," he said, "probably radio-active. We must leave."

The saucer rose gently, leaving behind the planet that was called by its people, Earth. He looked down, in the fleeting seconds that remained. He thought he glimpsed a vehicle moving on the road, fleeing from the approaching dust. And then the road was gone, and the clouds obscured his view. A pity, that he had been sent too late . . .

The old Chevrolet rattled down the road, trying to escape being marooned by the approaching dust storm. It was occupied by a man and a woman.

"Reckon we'll make the city before the dust, Colleen?" queried the man. "It'll be mighty uncomfortable if we don't. Reckon we'll have to leave Oklahoma soon, the farm's just about had it. Damn this dust! Say, what's that up there?" They both stared at a fast receding object in the sky. He shrugged.

"Mighty funny things happen these days."

S. L. Dickson, 5P1.

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AND SO TO SLEEP

I heard vaguely the command to relax. A needle slithered beneath my skin. I was drawn quickly into a trance by the morphia. I lay, almost unconscious, the nerveless marble of a surgical mason. Strange how the after images glared in my brain. The nurse's smile, ironic it seemed to my deluded brain.

I fought a losing battle against the tentacles of the drug. I had the sensation of being drawn down. I was conscious of a liquid near me. A dripping liquid, a sea of dripping liquid. I realised this to be the repetitive panorama of a drug-induced unconsciousness. I know I am almost unconscious but the presence of water still persists. I see a pool, still, metallic. A drop breaks the surface, ripples spread outwards. A second drop falls. I remember where I am, realise what the fumbling at my arm means. Weights roll from my eyes, the lids are no longer heavy. Before me stands a blood transfusion trolley. I hear a clear voice.

"Eleven minutes, we're working fast. Store this, nurse, please."

I. Saint, 4P1.

"THE MERE"

Rewi had just turned twelve, and as he trudged along the narrow, winding path which led to his hut, he thought himself very much a man. He pulled his shoulders back and for once he lifted his grubby hat to Mrs. Kohe as he passed her.

His wide brown feet pattered over the hard, leaf-strewn path. Suddenly he stopped, looked round, saw no one in sight and slipped furtively into the bushes. He could clearly hear the loud, chiding note of the tui as it sang gaily in the Kowhai tree and the chatter of the small trout stream as it danced merrily along. He could see the black stones glisten as the spray sprang off them.

His hands deep in his pockets, he strode along through thick masses of scrub and native bush, continually crossing and recrossing the stream. At last he broke out into a clearing which looked as though at one time a fire had swept through it, and now, all that was left was a small hut, made of ponga fronds and supplejack. Rewi entered the hut and, with a satisfied grin, picked up from under a pile of rubbish, a smooth, flat object.

In his hand he clasped a greenstone "mere" he had found while swimming with his friends in a new swimming pool which they had discovered just below the waterfall. He could tell the mere was sacred by the strange little red streaks running like veins through the greenstone.

He would not tell anyone of his discovery. It was the first time in his life that Rewi had handled such a valuable object and he was determined not to part with it. After playing with it for some time and pretending he was several famous chiefs all rolled into one, he decided that it was getting late and perhaps he should take the mere and hide it in a better place, as all the village children knew of his hut. By chance they might discover his beautiful piece of greenstone.

As he walked, pretending he was a great chief, he whispered to himself and waved the mere above his head.

Suddenly, for no reason at all he felt strangely frightened. The mere seemed to be tingling in his hand. He held it poised above his

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head as though about to strike at some imaginary foe. Slowly, ever so slowly, he lowered the mere until it was level with his eyes. What he saw was enough to make even the strongest person quiver. With eyes as large as saucers and his mouth open wide like that of an idiot, he watched as the red streaks slowly started to brighten and converge into one red mass.

He remembered the old tribal story of the "Mere of Death," which had mysteriously killed all its owners in succession and that anyone who came in contact was doomed to die some horrible and sudden death.

With a shriek he rushed headlong towards the stream where he could throw away this evil monster of death. Suddenly, as his arm was raised to hurl the object on to the rocks below the waterfall, the ground slipped from under him and with a scream he fell on to the rocks far below.

Next day a small broken body was found by a search party from the village, lying among the rocks. In his hand was the remains of a mere.

The mere, wet with blood, had found its last victim.

G. Hasell, 3P1.

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AN ATOMIC LANDSCAPE

Hovering at our ease, above the scarred and blackened ruins of our homeland, we took in slowly the debris-strewn landscape which was all that remained of our war-wracked country of whom the sole escapers were ourselves. It had been two days since the devastating and awesome bomb had fallen, causing, mostly through radio-activity, the death of the entire population save ourselves. Now, as we looked with saddened eyes at our ruined country, we were thankful that we had been spared.

Wherever the eye roamed it met, with horror, the same desolate blackness of the island. Our particular city had been razed to the ground but, here and there, a telegraph pole by some mysterious chance, still lifted itself to the lowering sky. On the threshold of most of the semi-obliterated houses and in the maze of debris-littered streets, blackened, burnt, deformed corpses lay in all altitudes of a grotesque death.

Not a thing stirred against the darkened sky, flecked with patches of brilliant red. The hot, clammy air was not relieved by a breath of fresh cooling wind, nor had it been since this awful blast of death and desolation had swept away all traces of life on this poor island. Somehow the thought that man had built this thing of destruction was inconceivable, but the stark, blackened corpses of the myriad dead bore out the horrible truth like mute witnesses of a murder trial.

Such had been the force of the blast, that, like a titanic hand, it had wrenched apart the island and left it cracked and broken like a discarded window-pane. Now, suddenly like a huge furnace door opening unexpectedly, a breath of air much hotter than before arose from out of one huge fissure and flames began to leap and roar from within the bowels of the earth. In seconds it became too hot for our helicopter and we rose to witness this new-born spectacle from a greater height. It seemed as though some of these man-made fissures in the land reached down to the centre of the earth itself and fire was leaping up a hundred feet, to extinguish itself in the earth's atmosphere. This last was not the only

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spectacle worth recording for, with a great hissing the surrounding sea foamed and flung itself in all attitudes of unrest. Then, most awesome of all, the island heaved, a sigh escaped from the fissures in its crust, as if it were in mortal agony and with a last rumble and heave it sank amongst the seething, foam-flecked waves as if to escape from the agony of life above the sea.

J. M. Dennison, 4G2.

DROWNING!

A gust of cold wind rushed upon me as I opened the door.

"Now don't forget, dear, tell Peter to come over when he gets leave. It must be boring working on that ship," said my wife, as I started out into the dark foggy night. The cold wind moaned and groaned all around me, swirling up the paper and leaves lying on the lonely street.

"Brrr! What a cold night," I muttered to myself, starting to regret leaving my cosy armchair beside the blazing warm fire.

The wharf was isolated when I arrived. Thick fog was everywhere.

"Help! I'm drowning!" a faint voice cried. I started running to where the voice came from. I stumbled, stood up panting and started running again. I got to the edge of the wharf and saw a figure about fifty yards away, frantically waving his arms above the water, trying to keep afloat. My scarf, greatcoat and shoes were off in a flash in my fight against time and I plunged into the icy waters of the bay. I hit the water with a splash and came up gasping for air, my body numb. I started swimming toward the drowning swimmer. He was about five yards from me when I first recognised him. He was Peter. He had a ghastly expression on his face. His arms were feebly splashing the water, trying to keep himself afloat.

"I've got to save him," I said in a desperate voice, feeling my strength ebbing away slowly.

"Help! Help! I'm drowning!" shouted Peter and in an instant the swirling water swallowed him up.

"He's gone!" I cried. "He's gone!" I felt myself being drawn into a boat.

"He's gone, I tell you!" I cried at the men surrounding me, sobbing like a child.

"Don't worry, mate," said an encouraging voice.

"I couldn't save him! My only son! My son!"

A. Wendt, 4P1.

THE BIRD

As I watched, the bird thrust its head into the Kowhai flower nearest me. The bird's back was a dark brown, which ended where the tail feathers, of an olive appearance, emerged, with faint shots of blue and red showing where the sun touched and reflected.

As he righted himself, to peer at me out of one large, black eye, I saw the glorious colours of his under-side—a green, similar to the tail colouring, melted into a glistening blue, which in turn was lost in a mixture of red and brown.

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His head, which was now thrust towards me at an alarming angle, was green and black, shot with red. The long, slender beak was brown. The green on the throat continued down until it was met by a tuft of white. On the side of his head, just below the eye, little white feathers blended with the green, to form a pattern of curves.

As I was deciding on the identity of this bird, I heard the chime of five notes, and then I knew for sure that this was my first tui.

R. Packer, 4G2.

FRAGMENT

... At last when they were all out of sight Frith turned and made her way back to the lonely little lighthouse with her glimmering lantern giving light to the island.

In her mind was Philip and the snow goose. Her love for Philip could not be put away and she started to cry. Out of her sparkling eyes tears fell as she groped her way to the door.

In the house she sat down beside the table. To herself she whispered, "May the Lord help them!" After a while she went to bed. In her sleep she dreamed of them returning, and quickly awoke, but saw nothing but her dream. As her lovely eyes were almost closed again she caught sight of a bird sitting near her. She stood up and opened her eyes. There, right in front of her, was the snow goose. Its weary eyes told her something had happened to Philip. She ran and gave it some food.

So, lonely, she was left with the bird, hoping that Philip would come back. Her sorrow grew bigger and heavier, so that she couldn't stand it. She fell on her knees and wept for her love who was gone.

P. V. Rere, 3G2.

A DUCK-SHOOTING EXPEDITION

The morning was ideal for duck-shooting. The sky was overcast and drizzling lightly. It was nearly dawn as we stepped out of the car and pulled out the guns and, most important, our morning tea. We carried these down to the boat which lay concealed by the edge of the lake. As we neared it, we could hear the wavelets lapping on its side.

"We'll have to hurry, or it'll be dawn soon," Dad's voice sounded clearly in the early morning atmosphere. Occasionally now we were hearing the quacking of a lone duck as it said good morning to the world in the distant reeds over the water.

We rowed gently over to our mai-mai which stood out against the morning sky to the east. I brought the boat alongside the mai-mai and Dad clambered in, while I passed the guns and lunch basket to him. Suddenly Dad spotted a duck sitting on the water about forty yards away.

"Bang!" The morning's shoot had started.

J. Lissington, 4G1.

LADIES BEFORE GENTLEMEN

"Can I help you?" a young shop assistant, neatly dressed in a starched apron, inquired of a customer who was obviously having a struggle between purchasing a beautiful glass trout-rod or the new iron he had promised his wife.

"Ah—Hmm. Ah—Pardon?" the poor fellow, gazing blankly at the supple white rod, conjuring visions of whale-like trout glistening, leaping,

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fighting, turned sharply and observed the inquiring eyes that were regarding him.

"Is there any way in which I can be of assistance?"

"Well, I would like to buy that glass . . ." he started, but somewhere inside him there was a familiar voice whispering, "Remember my iron, that Steem-I-on, the one that has a heat control for rayon, nylon, silk, cotton and wool, the one that heats quickest, the one that . . ."

And still the rod beckoned and the wife threatened and that rod beckoned.

"Is there no way in which I can at least compromise?" he thought. "Well," he said aloud, "I have a problem. My wife wants a Steem-I-on . . ."

"Ah, yes. A Steem-I-on. Wonderful invention that. Saves a lot of time. Does away with damp-cloths . . ."

"B—but!"

This was not going according to plan. He had hoped the assistant would look at it from a man's point of view, but the assistant obviously wanted to do business.

" . . . Uses less electricity than other makes. Heats quickly. Think of your wife, how pleased she will be to have one of these dream irons. Think of the everlasting pleasure she will have, and it's all only for the small sum of ten pounds complete . . ."

"Fire and brimstone! Ten pounds! A fortune for that lump of shining metal!" thought the unfortunate victim. Then aloud, "Well . . . I might."

"Another wise man! I'll wrap it in gift paper."

Out of the corner of his eye the customer saw a gleaming white trout-rod. "Ah, well," he sighed, "that will have to wait for another day."

J. Hayton, 4P1.

CONTEMPORARIES

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

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

Australia: "The Jargon," "The 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."



DAY BOY HOUSE PREFECTS, 1955.

Back Row: G. R. Fookes, C. B. Johnson, P. M. Trehey, A. E. Locke, K. N. Price, B. D. Smith, T. W. Bcon.
Front Row: D. L. Wheller, G. Cleland, G. E. Brown, E. Corkill, I. H. Robertson, S. H. Jce, D. J. Dickinson, G. A. Neve.



BOARDING HOUSE PREFECTS, 1955.

Back Row: R. H. Wallis, B. M. McCallum, D. F. Wright, P. J. Miller, P. H. Butchart, G. F. Haszard, A. A. Tubman, M. J. Morton.
Middle Row: B. Rumball, D. G. Swan, T. G. Somerville, J. D. Leich, S. J. Carryer, E. T. Ward, B. W. Lowrie.
Front Row: J. R. Wood, B. Kohn, A. W. Smith, M. D. Walker, R. J. Alison, D. S. Whitehead, D. E. Walter, R. S. Garner.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

The past year may be regarded as a successful one for the Association. The number of financial members continues to increase. The Executive has met regularly and has kept in constant touch with all the Branches. The Manawatu Branch, which has been inactive for some years, is being re-organised and it will hold a reunion early next year. Successful reunions have been held in Auckland, Wellington, Hastings, Hawera and Dunedin. The only disappointment is that there still seems to be no sign of life from the Waikato Branch and we appeal to all Old Boys in this area to revive their Association as soon as possible. The help of their committee will soon be needed in connection with the 75th Jubilee celebrations.

We are happy to report that the final plans and specifications for the War Memorial Building have been drawn up and approved by the Education Department. The lowest of three tenders, that of Messrs. Bower and Schwieters, has been accepted. The site is being excavated by boys. The central feature of the building will be the shrine which will face the main entrance of the building. In the middle of the shrine there will be a stone tablet set in the floor carrying the names of those who gave their lives in the war. Behind the tablet will be a railing with inset glass panels bearing the crests of the three armed services in colour, while at the far end of the shrine there will be a stained glass window with an appropriate design, which will extend through an open well to the floor below. Tall, narrow windows along one wall will face an inscription on the opposite wall indicating the nature of the memorial.

The building itself, a two-storeyed structure in reinforced concrete with a plaster finish and a gable end pitched roof, is to be built on the hillside overlooking the lower ground. The main entrance will be from the path between the library and the woodwork block, and will give access to the top floor. Two classrooms and the shrine take up this floor, which will open on to a terrace at the northern end.

An outside stairway will lead down to the entrance to the hall which will occupy the lower floor. With a seating accommodation for 304, this hall will hold all the School's boarders, and will be used for lectures, debating or films. A projection room is to be included between the lobby and the cloakroom. The seating will be fixed and there will be a small dais at the far end of the hall.

An open terrace running the length of the building outside the hall will look out across the playing field. A flagpole to be erected near the main entrance will be ornamented at its base with a cast metal wreath.

Old Boys will be pleased to learn that H. P. Webster will join the staff at the beginning of next year. He will be the tenth Old Boy on the staff.

We are pleased to report that Mr. H. R. Billing is steadily recovering after his long and serious illness. The School owes more to him than to any other Old Boy. We hope that he will be able to continue as Chairman of the Board of Governors at least until the School's Jubilee in 1957.

Many boarders of the period 1920-1941 will be interested to learn that the School nurse of those days, Mrs. Dickie, has now settled in New Plymouth. She lives only a few steps from the Memorial Gates and is always pleased to see Old Boys who remember her.

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Old Boys learnt with deep satisfaction that a magnificent game of Rugby was played this year against King's College. They hope that this may become an annual fixture. The two Schools are, as it were, related to each other, for they are both off-shoots of Nelson College.

The thanks of the Association are extended to Mr. G. J. McNaught for his generous donation of a trophy for the South Taranaki Old Boys' Golf Tournament. The tournament was a great success and is to be held annually.

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.

South Taranaki: M. R. B. McKenzie, Box 126, Hawera.

Waikato: E. Grant, Box 206, Hamilton.

Manawatu: G. Kear, Perham Larsen Ltd., Palmerston North.

Hawke's Bay: R. Bate, Box 190, Hastings.

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

Wellington: J. D. Bathgate, Weir House, Wellington, W.1.

Auckland: W. F. Shortt, Coombes Road, Remuera.

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 19th, at noon. There was an attendance of over 70 Old Boys, many of whom were boarders' fathers visiting the School for the Annual Sports.

The balance sheet presented to the meeting showed a credit balance of £126/17/6. Income totalled £747/12/11. Accumulated assets were shown as £1392/3/4, the principal liability being £1210/7/5 in the Jubilee Fund.

Officers elected were: Patron, Mr. G. J. McNaught; President, Dr. I. D. Auld; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. D. Hay and B. Sykes; Secretary, Mr. R. W. Baunton; Treasurer, Mr. M. G. McDonald; Delegates from the meeting to the Executive, Messrs. I. Lander, P. Powell; Auditor, Mr. J. D. Ridland; Branch Representatives: Mr. L. Geden (Wellington), Mr. K. Grant (Auckland), Dr. D. N. Allen (South Taranaki).

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ANNUAL REPORT

The President, Mr. J. S. Hatherly, then read the Annual Report as follows:—

Gentlemen,—Your Committee has pleasure in presenting the 36th Annual Report of the Association:—

The year under review may be regarded as a reasonably successful one. The interest shown by a good attendance of Old Boys at our last Annual Meeting has been maintained and the number of financial members is steadily increasing. The Executive has met regularly and has kept in constant touch with the Branches by means of circulars. Branch reunions have been held at Wellington, Auckland, South Taranaki and Dunedin. Auckland's reunion on the night of the Auckland Grammar match was an outstanding one. This Branch, which was in recess three years ago, is now the most active of all.

Triennial Reunion Dinner.—A successful triennial reunion dinner was held in the School Dining Hall on Easter Saturday last year. The guest of honour was Mr. A. J. Papps, first assistant, who was retiring after thirty-three years on the Staff. For this function there was a record attendance of 140 Old Boys, including many members of Mr. Papps' football teams of the past and five ex-captains of the First XV. A presentation of a substantial cheque from Old Boys in New Zealand and overseas was made. In acknowledgment Mr. Papps spoke of his long and happy association with the School and the Old Boys' Association and concluded with these words, "Old Boys, stick to your School. The School needs you. No School can remain great unless it has its Old Boys behind it."

Annual Ball.—The Annual Ball was held as usual on Easter Monday. 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. Your Committee has decided to hold the Ball again this year on Easter Monday but if the attendance is small a new date will have to be decided on next year.

Jubilee Fund.—During the third term last year, a "Willing Shilling" raffle was organised to raise money for the School's 75th Jubilee in 1957. Although the target of £2000 was not reached the gross receipts were £1546 and the net proceeds £1210. A special word of appreciation must go to the boys of the School for their splendid effort in raising £600. Twenty-one prizes were offered in the raffle, nineteen being given by Old Boys and the other two, the first and second, being purchased with cash contributions from 27 other Old Boys. Supplies of raffle books were distributed to all the Branch secretaries and also to liaison officers in 35 districts, including Whangarei and Invercargill. It is gratifying, therefore, to record that Old Boys from all parts of New Zealand contributed towards the success of the venture. The intention of the Committee is to give half the proceeds to the School for the Easter jubilee reunion in 1957. The remaining £600 will be used for our jubilee functions and for a general consolidation of our finances.

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Moyes Memorial.—The Moyes Memorial Pavilion was officially opened on December 3rd. The President gave a short account of the Association's plans dating from Mr. Moyes' death in 1949, and read a message sent from Sydney by Martin Donnelly. Mr. Papps then described the career and character of Mr. Moyes, whom he had known ever since his primary school days in Nelson. The Chairman of the Board officially unveiled the tablet and declared the building open. It was a short but impressive ceremony, followed immediately by a cricket match between Old Boys and the School First XI.

War Memorial.—We are pleased to be able to report that our plans for this building are close to finality. The fund now amounts to £8600. Last August the Government granted a subsidy of £12,000, £4000 more than we expected. The site, the north-western slope leading from the Library to the Woodwork Rooms, has been approved. At the end of last year, the architect, Mr. M. G. B. Harvey, was appointed. His preliminary plans were considered by the Building Committee of the Board of Governors and by your Committee. Some alterations were suggested and these have all been included in the sketch plans which are here on view. Your Committee has officially approved these plans in principle and they have been sent to the Education Department in Wellington. On their return, detailed plans and specifications will be made and tenders called. The architect hopes to have the building ready for use at the beginning of next year. We must again acknowledge our indebtedness to Mr. T. H. Harris and Mr. R. Horrill, who have studied the plans closely and offered valuable suggestions.

Gifts to the School.—Your Committee has decided to revive the Association's pre-war policy of giving the First XI cricket caps annually to those who are awarded them. In addition it will give the First XV blazer badges. Last year we made a £5 donation to the School's Canadian Visit Fund. We were proud to have the School represented by four boys out of a total New Zealand party of twenty. Another donation of £10 was made to a School fund to reduce the heavy expense of the Nelson cricket trip which now has to be made by air.

Death of John Brodie.—It is with deep regret that we record the death of John Brodie, one of our most distinguished Old Boys in the literary field. His passing is the more poignant because it occurred while he was returning to England from his first trip home for 15 years. While he was in New Plymouth about 30 of his contemporaries met him at an informal gathering in the School Lounge on January 28th. It was an intimate and convivial evening and included reminiscences and a conducted tour by car of the School grounds. The Association extends to his wife and family its sympathy in their bereavement. We have indeed lost a member of outstanding character and achievement.

Old Boys' Tie.—The supplies of the new Old Boys' tie arrived last September. They are now available at Whites Ltd., H.B., and The Kash. The price is 9/9. The new design has been well received by Old Boys although inevitably a few are disappointed.

Blazer Badges.—Eighty of these have been imported from England and sold to members of the Association. The price for the badge with three silver buttons is 36/-. Your Committee has asked Mr. S. M. White, of Whites Ltd., to negotiate with a firm in London for the manufacture of a silver button bearing the School crest. The cast for the old crested button was destroyed in a bombing raid during the war.

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Old Boys on the Staff.—At the beginning of this year six new masters were appointed to the Staff. One of these was Mr. M. G. McDonald, who was dux of the School in 1948. There are now ten Old Boys on the Staff.

In conclusion we gratefully acknowledge the co-operation of the Headmaster and Board of Governors in all that we have striven to do. We look forward, with your support, to another year of progress and consolidation so that the Parent Body and all its Branches will be in good heart for the great occasion at Easter in 1957, the School's 75th Jubilee.

BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS

SOUTH TARANAKI BRANCH

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

District Representatives: Mr. Peter Clarke (Patea); Mr. Peter Dickson (Ohangai); Mr. J. F. Alexander (Waverley); Mr. C. E. Bottrill (Normanby); Mr. Trevor Lloyd (Manaia); Mr. A. Wallis (Opunake); Mr. Marcus Good (Stratford); Mr. E. Askew (Eltham).

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE GAME

As usual, a good muster of Old Boys was present at the game and many old acquaintances were renewed. After the match both teams with friends went to the Carlton Dining Rooms where Mrs. Gray and her staff provided afternoon tea. Mr. McNaught and the Rev. Father Durning, Rector of St. Pat's, both commented upon the game as did Father Durning, coach of the team and brother of the Rector, and Mr. Stewart. The captains of both teams also spoke.

Evening entertainment was provided for both teams by the St. Pat's Old Boys' Association in the form of a dance held in St. Joseph's Hall.

On the Sunday morning both teams made the annual trip to Dawson Falls. Unfortunately the weather was wet and cold and only a few hardier souls ventured out of the Hostel to climb to the Kapuni Hut. However, the day passed pleasantly enough with the games of yesterday being replayed and some fine points of Rugby tactics being expounded by Father Durning and Mr. Stewart.

ANNUAL REUNION

This was held as usual in the evening after the game and the attendance was good. The Parent Association was represented by Mr. G. J. McNaught, Dr. I. D. Auld and Mr. R. Baunton.

The Branch President, Mr. G. Boon, presided and the following toast list was honoured: The Queen, G. Boon; The School, G. Boon—Mr. G. J. McNaught; St. Patrick's College, R. Mills—Rev. Father Durning; Taranaki Rugby Union, M. Strawbridge—Mr. J. Stewart; Kindred Associations of Parent Body, D. McCallum—A. Wallis.

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Mr. F. E. Clarke expressed best wishes and congratulations to Mr. E. McCallum, who was about to depart for Rome to attend the International Federation of Agricultural Producers' Conference as representative of the Federated Farmers. His nephew, Don McCallum, returned in April from eleven months overseas, six months in U.S.A. and five months in England and Europe. Don's travels were organised by the International Farm Youth Exchange.

Following the "Roll Call," the "School Song" and "Forty Years On" were sung with spirit under the talented leadership of Dave Ekdahl.

GOLF TOURNEY

This was an innovation. Its success was due mainly to the work of Messrs. C. Robb, D. Ekdahl, T. Betts, Snow McCallum and C. E. Bottrill. Old Boys from all parts of Taranaki assembled at the Te Ngutu Course for a one-day tournament under ideal weather conditions. A magnificent trophy was donated by Mr. G. J. McNaught. This event will now be an annual fixture.

Competitions resulted: McNaught Cup, D. V. Sutherland; Morning Stableford, C. Betts; Afternoon Stableford, P. Stevenson; Morning best nett score, C. Marx; Morning best gross score, F. D. Johns; Afternoon best nett score, D. P. MacLean; Afternoon best gross score, P. Powell; Teams Match, K. Baxter, N. Strawbridge, C. E. Bottrill and D. P. MacLean.

At the conclusion of the tournament the President of the Te Ngutu Club, Mr. J. Warnock, welcomed the visitors. The President of the Branch introduced Mr. McNaught, who presented the trophies. Mr. Gerald Chong spoke on behalf of the visiting Old Boys.

DUNEDIN BRANCH

The Annual Dinner of the Branch was held on March 24th and was a highly successful reunion. Fourteen Old Boys attended.

We welcome this year three freshers to Otago University. They are **David Bathgate** and **Richard Croxson**, Medical Intermediate, and **David Gill**, Dental Intermediate.

At the Dental School there are **Terry Lealand**, fourth year, still "motor-bike happy," **John McGeachen**, fourth year, **Laurence Croxson**, third year. The latter is taking a prominent part in athletics. **Graham Lawson** and **Bill Thomas** are second years. **Dick McClellan**, **Don** and **Bob Calder** are also doing dentistry. **Don** rowed in the successful O.U. Tour at the Easter tournament at Auckland.

There are six Old Boys at the Medical School. They are **Campbell Barrett** and **Peter Lay**, fifth years. **Cam** played Rugby football for Varsity B. **Peter** was in the O.U. cricket team at the Easter Tournament. **Ray McGiven**, "Os" **Ailao** and **Mike Simcock** are doing third year. **Os** played Rugby for Varsity A again but was unfortunately injured early in the season. **Mike** has started a B. Med. Sc. degree. **John Simcock** is doing second year. **Hugh Paterson** is continuing with his B.Sc. **John Gould** and **Owen Oats** hope to complete theirs this year. **John** is engaged, shortly to be married.

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CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH

John Barch ('47-'50) and **Ian MacKenzie** ('46-'50) are completing their Master of Engineering Degrees this year.

Bill Thomson ('44-'49) and **Wynne Croll** ('43-'48) are completing their B.E. Degrees this year.

Bob Mander ('47-'51) and **Bruce Henderson** ('46-'50) are doing their second Pro. year, and **Gordon Turner** ('49-'53) his first Pro. year.

B. Patchett, **E. I. Rumball**, **D. Lloyd** and **F. Hutchings** are freshers at C.U.C.

Bob Tate ('46-'50) is doing Engineering Intermediate.

Stewart Astwood ('45-'48) took Section B of exams for A.M.I.E.E. this year.

Richard Watts is doing Arts.

Ivor Corkill ('44-'48) is teaching at Christchurch West High School and doing M.A.

Manning Reeves ('47-'52) is completing third year Law.

Brian Utting is with the State Hydro.

Brian Jones ('40-'44) is assistant Engineer with the Christchurch Drainage Board.

Jim Ross ('44-'48) is teaching at Papanui Technical College. He completed M.A. last year.

Roger Wilkinson ('45-'49) is working for the P. and T.

D. J. Binns is with Ashburton Electric Power Board.

C. E. McLaren is teaching at the Shirley Intermediate School.

Flying-Officers John Terry and **L. D. Cooper** are instructing at Wigram.

Doug Ritchie ('45-'48) graduated B.E. last year. He is with Brush Electric, Loughborough, England.

Dick Pearce ('46-'50) has joined the M.R.A. group and is at present in Melbourne.

D. W. Beatty is an Engineer at Lake Waitaki.

Flying-Officer Rex Ford is instructing at Ohakea.

Flight-Lieutenant Jamieson is with the R.A.F. in Germany.

Alan Scott is on the staff of Tauranga College.

David Christoffel and **Graham Lowe** are in the Scientific Defence Corps. Both are in England doing research work.

David Sheat is doing Biochemistry research at Nottingham University.

Peter Richardson is an Engineer with N.Z. Forest Products, Tokoroa. He leaves shortly for Malaya.

Bert Mills is teaching in the Waikato.

WELLINGTON BRANCH

The Annual General Meeting was held on March 30th and was an outstanding success. The previous year was reviewed. The following officers were elected: Patron, Mr. G. J. McNaught; President, Mr. L. M. Papps; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. A. Nicholson, A. J. Papps, P. J. Power

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and H. J. C. Whittington; Secretary, J. D. Bathgate; Treasurer, P. J. Wahlstrom; Committee, B. R. Boon, J. Davies, R. C. Schroder, R. S. V. Simpson, B. A. Waite. About fifty Old Boys were present.

The Branch held its annual "Smoko" on July 12th. Again there was a very good attendance. We were fortunate to have present Mr. Luxton, the President of the Waikato Branch. He spoke about the early days at School and was warmly applauded.

The Annual Dinner was again held on the evening of the Taranaki-Wellington Rugby match. Despite very bad weather there was an attendance of approximately 70. Dr. I. Auld, the President of the Association, and other members of the Parent Executive in New Plymouth were present. There was also a good representation of kindred associations. Regret was expressed that no master from the School could attend but a good friend of many Old Boys, Mr. E. C. Brenstrum, added a touch of School atmosphere to the meeting.

The Branch intends to organise a Christmas party this year.

WEIR HOUSE NOTES

Old Boys have been conspicuous on the Committee in which **Barry Boon** is President, **Barry Waite**, Secretary, and **John Bathgate**, a Committeeman.

Barry Boon has become a personality round Victoria College where he serves on the Students' Executive and holds an N.Z.U. Blue for Tennis.

Barry Waite has completed his Accountancy and Secretarial exams. He is employed by Radio Corporation N.Z. Ltd., and takes an active interest in Rugby and Rowing.

John Bathgate is doing well in his Law studies and was a member of the Weir XV.

Barry Webby has followed Larry Savage (ex-All Black) as half-back of the V.U.C. First XV.

Ted Schroder is one of the personalities around Weir House. He is a true patron of the Arts but has taken an active and administrative interest in V.U.C. Badminton and Golf.

Hal Nash is a budding Lawyer who has very successfully managed the Weir House Library.

Tere Mataio has provided Polynesian colour at Weir functions with his hulas. He is a second year Law student and was a member of the V.U.C. Second XV.

John Elmes was particularly conspicuous at capping time. He is a Medical Intermediate student whose bright humour never fails to please.

Graeme Hight, a fresher, is studying Science, also **Peter Lloyd**, Arts, and **Warren Jonas**, Science. They all renewed acquaintance with Te Aute as members of the V.U.C. 3rd (Colts) XV.

Donald Barnes is leading the local Physicists with high marks in Stage 1.

Nick Burdes is another Scientist whose efforts reflect conscientious study.

John Hanning is our only New Plymouth first year Law student. He makes up for any deficiency with great vigour on the bagpipes.

Bruce Farquhar and **Jim Smale** continue the tradition of Accountancy students from New Plymouth who have found a working home at Wilberfoss Harden and Co. Both play Rugby for the College.



DR. I. D. AULD
President Old Boys' Association, 1955.

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PERSONAL

Peter O'Shaughnessy and **David McConachie** both work for the Bank of New South Wales, and with full-time V.U.C. students **Peter Webb**, **Craig Saxton** and **David Burton** are quickly learning the ways of the city.

Barry Palmer is a Radio Technician at 2YA.

David McNickle is rumoured to be tied up in the Motor industry.

Gerald O'Halloran is an Oil merchant who has enjoyed Old Boys' meetings to the full. **G. L. O'Halloran** (Senior) is Secretary of the Marine Department.

Bardy Bannister is working with the firm of Murray Roberts and is playing Rugby with the Wellington College Old Boys' Club.

Hugh Jackson is a regular attendant at Old Boys' functions and continues his Pharmacy studies.

John Davies is employed at the New Zealand Shipping Co. and has enjoyed a successful season of Rugby with the Wellington College Old Boys' Junior First Rugby team.

Stuart Comber is doing well in his Law studies. His cricket in the lower grades is attracting notice.

Jim Rowe is a V.U.C. lecturer in Economics.

Alister McLeod is well known for his association with the Centurians and V.U.C. Rugby Football Clubs.

Bob Bradshaw, as a senior partner in Wilberfoss Harden and Co., always has a vacancy for a New Plymouth Old Boy interested in taking up Accountancy as a career.

Lyn Papps (President) and **Dick Simpson** have made Bell Gully and Co. the centre of administration for Old Boys' affairs and it is largely due to their enthusiasm that the Association here prospers.

Old Boys look forward to seeing **Rendal Brine** and his "tweekers" in the V.U.C. First XI.

Eric Batten, another employee at Wilberfoss Harden and Co., has had a successful year in the V.U.C. Third XV., the only College team to win its grade.

Phil Taylor is again honorary auditor. He now has his own Accountancy practice and takes a lively interest in Golf.

Dennis Brown took the part of "Sid" in the very successful College "extravaganza," which incidentally travelled to Hastings for a special season.

William Pitt is in practice as a Civil Engineer at Tawa Flat.

Peter Wahlstrom was captain of the V.U.C. Second XV and has served as treasurer of the Association.

Peter Erskine holds the position of Accountant at Cotton Bros. and has hooked well for the V.U.C. Second XV.

Ned Smith has the responsibility of Headmaster at the very large Taita Central School.

Stuart Smith is associated with **Phil Taylor** in Public Accountancy and has enjoyed a successful year as coach of the V.U.C. Second XV.

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Richard Routley is a second year Law student who performed well for V.U.C. at Swimming in the inter-College Tournament.

Dick Whittington runs a successful Duplicating and Printing business.

Laurie Huggard and **Laurie Smith** are on the staff of the Totalizator Agency Board.

Les Riley and **Alan Ewart** are Reporters with the Evening Post.

Brigadier Alan Andrews and **Major John Fenton** are at Central Military District Headquarters.

Dr. John Keeling is a recognised specialist Physician and recently made a trip to the U.S.A. to attend a conference.

Ted Pope is the senior man of the growing body of Lawyers and Law Clerks from the School who are practising in Wellington.

Roy Urry practises on his own account as a Public Accountant and **Bill Bradshaw** does likewise as a chartered Secretary.

AUCKLAND BRANCH

The Auckland Branch made history in Old Boys' affairs when it became the first Branch to organise a ball. This was held on Thursday, 8th September, at the Tamaki Yacht Club and proved a great success. Seventy couples were present. The highlight of the evening was the impromptu haka by a group of high-spirited Old Boys. The ballroom was decorated with streamers in the School colours and two big bunches of balloons were hung in the centre. These were released at the end of a dance and created a boisterous diversion for a short time.

The guests were received by the President, Mr. Ron Niven. The only master present was Mr. W. J. Forrest, now teaching at Te Awamutu, but who was able to provide the latest New Plymouth news. A Monte Carlo on the programme was conducted by Mr. Colin McDonald. A pleasing feature was the attendance of a number of Old Boys who had left School more than five years ago. These included Bruce Bell, Bill James, Ted Boulton, Jack Irvine, Quinn Thompson, Joe Archer and Stan Peyton.

The undoubted success of the Ball shows just how much can be accomplished by an energetic committee with the loyal support of Old Boys.

The Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, 16th June, 1955, at the Transport Board Rooms. The attendance of only 27 Old Boys was disappointing. The new officers elected for the ensuing two years were: Ron Niven, President; Newton Roch, Vice-President; Warren Shortt, Secretary; Selwyn Rawson, Dick Still, Peter Worth and Brian Bews, Committee members.

As there was no Grammar match in Auckland this year alternatives to the usual re-union were discussed and at the direction of the meeting the committee were instructed to organise the Ball.

Business was disposed of and the remainder of the evening followed the usual pattern of an informal "smoko" with light refreshments. Several Old Boys who had left School the previous year were welcomed and from them we heard most of the recent School news.

As can be seen from the result of the Branch's functions and from correspondence with the Secretary by Old Boys who did not attend the Ball, interest in the old School is very strong. New Plymouth Boys' High School has an excellent name in Auckland, mainly because of the success of most of its Old Boys in their various fields.

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HAWKE'S BAY BRANCH

The bi-ennial General Meeting and Dinner was held in the Pasadena Tea Rooms on Saturday, 6th August, following the annual match, School v. Te Aute, which was held this year in Hastings.

We were pleased to welcome Mr. Stewart and Mr. Baunton from the School. In the chair was Mr. Jack Grant and among the 29 Old Boys present we were pleased to have Mr. R. G. Webb, who is Principal of Te Aute College.

The following were elected to hold office for the ensuing two years: Patron, Mr. G. J. McNaught; President, Mr. Claude Kyngdon; Vice-Presidents, Bob Ayling and Scott Henry; Auditor, Stan Murley; Secretary-Treasurer, Roger Bate; Committee, Jack Grant, Callum Kirkpatrick, Les Grant, Doug Murley and Bill Duncan.

Mr. Baunton and Mr. Stewart treated us to very interesting and informative talks on the School, School personalities past and present and an up-to-date resume of their respective sporting spheres, cricket and football. Their reports of athletics and tennis and their current anecdotes gave us an up-to-the-minute picture of all aspects of School activities.

Callum Kirkpatrick spoke in appreciation of the splendid work done by the retiring President, Jack Grant, and the retiring Secretary-Treasurer, Cedric Campbell.

PERSONAL

Vern Grut has moved to Hastings to manage a firm of motor-tyre dealers.

Ced and **Brian Campbell** are both in their family business of H. H. Campbell and Sons Ltd. Brian has just recently become a father for the second time but is otherwise in top form. **Ian Campbell** is an embryonic top-dressing pilot.

Callum Kirkpatrick is working in a local firm of Public Accountants and remains one of the district's eligible bachelors.

Dave Bathgate is now studying Medicine in Dunedin, where also his brother **Kim** is studying for the Presbyterian Ministry.

John Gardner is working in a local stock firm.

John Mitchell has been in a radio firm in Hastings but has now gone to Marton.

Russell Dreadon is a Veterinary Surgeon in Central Hawke's Bay.

Derek Laws is in partnership with his father as a Public Accountant in Napier.

Graham Ramsden, normally farming at Woodville, is at present overseas.

Cliffe Peake is on a farm near Waipukurau.

The clan of **Grant** are worthy of mention. **Jack** is Regional Governor for the Jay C and in his spare time is a partner in a local firm of Public Accountants. **Doug** is also an office bearer in the Jay C, being a National Director and a Past President of the Hastings Chamber. **Alan** has had occasion to "walk down the aisle" recently. He has an Optician's practice in Hastings. **Ogg (Les)** is in Waipukurau as a Chemist and **Trevor**, we believe, has gone to Marton.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

Many Old Boys have visited the School during the year. Among them were: **R. D. Grant**, **W. I. Matthews**, **T. Lees**, **M. D. Blackwell**, **N. Smillie**, **D. H. P. Richardson**, **R. A. Simmons**, **G. R. Kear**, **J. W. Thompson**, **R. G. Harper**, **W. Harbutt**, **W. Boddie**, **E. P. Milliken**, **R. G. Frean**, **M. Dillon** and **G. C. Weston**.

A letter was received recently from **Ian Launder** ('44-'48) who has been in Malaya for some time. He is to take up an Adjutant's position in Dunedin next year.

J. D. McNaught has been appointed Superintendent of Farms at Lincoln College, where **D. Mackay** is Registrar.

H. Titter has returned to Singapore to continue his service with an English firm of Public Accountants.

Stanley Chong has returned to New Plymouth to enter into business on his own account.

Parry James has moved to Palmerston North where he is a representative of Armstrong and Springhall Ltd.

R. Bowler has returned from overseas and is now Cost Accountant for Burke's Ltd. in New Plymouth.

J. Ulenberg is doing a working tour of Australia.

S. McKeon is attached to the 1st Fijian Infantry Regiment stationed in Malaya.

G. T. Brown ('41-'44) is still in Malaya auditing for an English firm.

G. Beatty recently returned to New Zealand after spending several years in England where he earned a high reputation as a League footballer and cricketer.

Many Old Boys will learn with regret of the death of **Mr. Joseph Hellyar**, at the age of 95. Affectionately known as "Governor" or "Old Guv," he was for many years the School Janitor, both while **Mr. Pridham** was headmaster and afterwards with **Mr. Moyes**. His friendly, cheerful nature endeared him to both staff and boys.

A letter has been received from **Mr. Bottrill** at Leigh. He sends the following notes of Old Boys: **Donald Erceg** is flying top-dressing machines in the North Auckland district; **G. A. Poulgrain** was married in Hamilton on April 29th; **John Veale** now holds a senior position with T.E.A.L.; **W. R. Burke** is farming near Wellsford; **G. L. Lucena** is farming at Tomarata; **W. B. Johnston** is on the Geography staff at Canterbury College and has published several papers on the South Pacific Islands and Yugoslavia.

Flight-Lieutenant R. A. Mackinder, who is stationed at Wigram, has been awarded the Air Force Cross. He showed early interest in the Air Force, joining the Air Training Corps and then entering the Royal New Zealand Air Force at the age of 18. He gained his wings at 19 and was commissioned, serving with fighter units in the Pacific until the end of the war. Since the war he has spent 18 months in Japan and then two years in Australia under the scheme for the exchange of officers between the Air Forces of the two countries.

Peter James McKay died recently as the result of an accident. He was 26 years of age. He was severely injured when his motor-cycle collided with the tender of a goods train and died in an ambulance on the way to hospital. He excelled in many sports, especially Rugby, boxing, swimming and long-distance running.

H. W. Glasgow has returned to New Zealand after spending two and a half years in Pakistan under the Colombo Plan Technical Co-operation Scheme. He was attached to the Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation. His work under the Colombo Plan was to prepare accounting and costing systems and train necessary personnel for the various projects sponsored by the Corporation and this necessitated travel all over Pakistan by air, road, railway and river—30,000 miles a year. Industries on which he was engaged included jute, paper, heavy engineering including iron and steel, ship-building, fertilisers, heavy chemicals, cement, sugar, textiles, and development of power from natural gas. In all these projects accounting records were kept in English and the majority of office personnel spoke English, though an interpreter was available.

We regret to record the death on October 16th of **Ian George Ferguson**. He was a boarder in Pridham House last year, and had been ill ever since he left School. Our sympathy is extended to his parents and brother.

B. Johnstone has been appointed Manager of the J. R. McKenzie Ltd. store in Invercargill.

Flying-Officer J. M. Henderson was recently home on leave. He has spent more than five years instructing jet pilots in England.

Gavin Saunders, a member of the National Orchestra, has won a Government overseas bursary. He is in Italy where he will study the violin for two years in Rome.

D. H. Rawson has been appointed Manager of the Hawera branch of Burgess Fraser Ltd.

The sympathy of Old Boys is extended to **Mr. H. R. Billing** in the loss of his wife and in the long illness he has suffered. They are pleased to learn that he is now steadily regaining strength and they hope he will soon be well enough to preside again at Board meetings.

The death occurred at Hastings on April 30th of **James Bracken Wilson**.

Gullab B. Moral ('41-'44) was recently married at Budali, India, to Sarita Ben, daughter of Ranchood Bhai Persotum.

R. A. Quay has been transferred to Oamaru as District Officer of the Labour and Employment Department.

Flying-Officer F. R. Hatherly ('41-'45) recently gained the distinction of being the first Physical Fitness Officer to be awarded the Sword of Merit at the R.A.F. Officer Cadet Training Unit at Jurby, Isle of Man. At the passing-out parade, the sword was presented by the High Commissioner for Australia. **Flying-Officer Hatherly** is now Physical Fitness Officer with the R.A.F. in Nairobi, Kenya.

A. R. Reid, the Waikato half-back, was named by the 1955 Rugby Almanack as one of the five outstanding players of the year.

Captain C. G. Griffiths commanded the DC6 air-liner which made the 10,000th trans-Tasman flight of Tasman Empire Airways Ltd. He has made 1000 crossings of the Tasman, more than any other pilot.

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Dr. H. A. Fleming has spent nearly three years in London on a Nuffield Fellowship and New Zealand Medical Travelling Scholarship.

B. M. Brown has completed his M.A. degree and has been appointed Private Secretary to the Leader of the Opposition.

Many Old Boys will regret to learn of the accidental death of Desmond Smith, who was a boarder in Moyes House and who left School in 1951. He was involved in a car crash near Mangakino and was killed instantly. Since leaving School he had been a student at Victoria College and had almost completed his B.Com. degree.

N. W. S. Brookman is making a name for himself in Sydney where he is connected with large Chemical and Engineering Companies.

David and John Diprose are both at Training College in Auckland. David has completed his M.Sc. in Mathematics and was for two years President of the Evangelical Union at A.U.C.

Conrad Lealand is now training at the Duntroon Military College.

G. M. Salt, Headmaster of Matamata College, visited the School during the year as President of the Post-Primary Teachers' Association.

Selwyn Hetherington, Ray Cocksedge, Roland Frean and Paul Treadwell are all reported as having married recently.

There are numerous Old Boys who now have sons attending the School. Among them are: J. W. Thompson, J. R. Miller, A. G. Walker, S. F. Fookes, C. W. Green, W. S. Harbutt, E. L. Honeyfield, W. H. Foote, J. M. McCallum, D. I. McCallum, A. J. Christie, N. F. Gardiner, W. J. Riddle, J. H. P. Mercer, N. S. Henry, G. D. Calvert, N. A. Davidson, E. P. W. Davidson, E. C. Dickie, B. G. Jonas, H. T. A. Johnson, T. L. Penn, G. P. Webster, C. D. Silver, A. J. R. Hastie, L. F. Fredsberg, H. R. Pease, A. W. Wylde-Browne, H. M. St. George, W. O'C. Griffiths, H. Rumball, P. B. Burton, W. J. Morton, J. C. Hunger, F. W. Waite, H. Wall, I. H. Murray, H. M. Purser, N. B. Wagstaff, W. H. Colson, W. Wickham, R. M. Rundle, A. H. Coad, G. W. N. Johnson, H. T. Hasell, S. G. Rowlands, R. A. Boon, J. S. Lucas, K. P. Mourie, D. Evans, C. J. Hoskin, T. W. Hoskin, H. F. Olson, H. B. Mace, F. C. Deighton, H. R. Musker, Dr. J. L. Simcock, A. H. Foreman, W. Boddie, C. M. Healy, A. J. Rankin, A. B. Harris, R. H. Sarten, H. S. Watkins, G. M. Chong, R. L. Hains, H. N. Pelham, T. C. Fookes, D. H. Street, H. W. Hunt, K. Roberts, K. R. I. Gray, J. D. Ekdahl, K. L. Roebuck, A. S. Richardson, K. F. Fookes, E. L. Wilson, E. J. Moore, R. S. Bryant, D. R. Prentice, D. Nolan, S. D. Hayton, F. V. Morine, R. T. Harris, Russell Matthews, C. L. Saxton.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN BRODIE

All Old Boys who were at School with him would be deeply affected by the news of the death of John Brodie in March of this year. His passing was the more poignant because it occurred at sea while he was returning to England from his first visit home for many years. During his stay those who were at School with him had an opportunity of meeting him at an informal gathering in the School Lounge and our contact with him then is something we shall treasure for the rest of our lives.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

John came to this School from Thames in the Fifth Form and remained for three years until he left for Canterbury College with a Taranaki scholarship. At School he had a reputation as a great all-rounder. He played half-back for one of the best football teams the School has had, he kept wickets for the First XI, took an active part in all School activities, was Head Day Boy in his final year and distinguished himself as a scholar.

At Canterbury College he continued a fine athletic career, particularly at football. He played for Canterbury College, represented Canterbury and won a University Blue. In 1925 he completed his B.A. degree and was nominated for a Rhodes Scholarship.

Then tragically, a long illness following a football injury put an end to his promising athletic career and forced John to abandon temporarily his hopes of journalism. It was then that his finest qualities emerged. Although seriously ill and in constant pain he set out with great courage and complete cheerfulness to defy misfortune and to make a name for himself by writing his first novel "The Little Country" under the pen-name of John Guthrie. Encouraged by its success he wrote a second novel, "So They Began." As soon as he was well enough after the amputation of a leg, he left New Zealand to resume his career in journalism in London. He was on his way home when war broke out and returned to England to serve for the duration in the Royal Air Force as a Flight-Lieutenant Controller of night fighter tactics.

After the war he edited "Books of Today" until joining the staff of World's Press News in 1950 where he remained until after another illness when he went to George Newnes Ltd. in 1954.

After the war too he resumed his writing of novels. Between 1946 and 1953 these books came from his pen: "The Man In Our Lives," a Book Society recommendation, "Journey by Twilight," "Merry-Go-Round," "Is This What I Wanted," "Paradise Bay" and "The Seekers," which was made into a film by the Rank Organisation.

Three of his books, "The Little Country," "So They Began" and "Paradise Bay" have a special significance for us. They are set in New Plymouth and it is clear that some of the most vivid impressions made upon his sensitive nature were those of his youth spent in this city and at this School. Into these books he has concentrated the quality of life in a small New Zealand town in its cruder years and commented on it with sparkling wit and gentle satire. He has reproduced with vivid realism the glamour of the stirring days of the early pioneers. In "Paradise Bay" he has immortalised the character of our late headmaster, W. H. Moyes, and an institution of the 1920's in this School known as "an overcoat check."

His reputation as a writer does not rest, however, solely on these three books with a special local appeal and the tragedy of his death is the loss of such talent on the threshold of its maturity.

Full justice may not have been done to his literary reputation but whatever may be the judgment of posterity, John's friends will treasure his books as a memory of the man. For so many of us he has been "a man in our lives"—quiet, almost shy, humble but with the suggestion of great reserves of strength, dependable, humorous, intellectually alive and with a great zest for life. In his later years, with his bold spirit tempered by experience and with his triumph over recurrent pain and illness he attained to something near the philosophic mind.

The School has lost a distinguished Old Boy and all Old Boys would wish to extend their sympathy to his widow and to his family.

OPENING OF MOYES MEMORIAL PAVILION

The Moyes Memorial Pavilion was officially opened on December 2nd, 1954. Mr. H. R. Billing, Chairman of the Board of Governors, unveiled the memorial tablet. Among those present were the Mayor, Mr. E. O. E. Hill, Mr. E. P. Aderman, M.P., Miss A. R. Allum, Headmistress of the Girls' High School, Mr. A. G. Honnor, builder of the pavilion, and Mr. R. W. Syme, its architect. The Headmaster, after reading several apologies, referred to the presence of two representatives of the Moyes family, Mrs. C. Allen (Rotorua) and Mr. A. M. Moyes (Manaia). One grandson, John Moore, of Gisborne, was a present pupil of the School.

The President of the Old Boys' Association, Mr. J. S. Hatherly, then spoke as follows:—

We are assembled here to pay homage to a remarkable teacher and citizen, a man who has done more for this School than any other. In the 73 years of its history there have been only three Headmasters. It is the second of these, William Henry Moyes, whom we are remembering today.

On the retirement of Mr. Pridham in 1911, the Board found among the applications for his position one which was quite outstanding, and in spite of this applicant's young age—he was only 30 at the time—Mr. Moyes was unanimously appointed. And so in January, 1912, he arrived to take over the New Plymouth High School, then a small mixed day school.

At his first Board meeting he described his policy for the future of the School. It contained some revolutionary proposals. After some rather heated discussion the Board agreed to confirm his report and he then said: "Thank you, gentlemen, and now I'll give the School all I've got." And that was exactly what he did. He worked with insatiable energy for thirty years but unfortunately undermined his health in doing so. He retired in 1941 and lived quietly at Rotorua for seven years.

When he died, many Old Boys felt that they would like to show their affection and respect for him by building a memorial in the School he loved. A meeting was called in New Plymouth and it was immediately decided to erect a cricket pavilion on this site where he had so often envisaged one. A strong committee was formed to raise the money required. Its members were Messrs. J. H. Boon (Chairman), V. E. Kerr (Treasurer), C. G. Bottrill, W. E. Alexander, C. McNeill, G. Chong, D. Smart, J. S. Medley, S. M. White and G. S. Anderson. On behalf of the Old Boys' Association, may I thank them all for the splendid lead they gave us, for the wisdom of their decisions, and for their quiet, efficient work in collecting over £1600. Donations were received from Old Boys all over the world. But we should not forget that there were others, outside the ranks of the Old Boys, who also contributed generously.

The Moyes Memorial Committee officially handed over the fund to the Board of Governors two years ago. We are indebted to the Board for successfully negotiating with the Government to obtain a subsidy and for bringing all the arrangements to finality. We are grateful to the architect, Mr. R. W. Syme, and the builder, Mr. A. G. Honnor, both Old Boys, for the special care they have taken to provide nothing but the best. And we acknowledge too the generous gift of the clock which was made by the Taranaki Rugby Union in recognition of Mr. Moyes' thirty years' service to Rugby in this province.



CARRINGTON HOUSE 6th GRADE. (Winners North Taranaki Championship.)
 Back Row: B. Rumball, R. S. Pease, G. M. Sanders, I. M. Hedley, T. A. Voss, R. P. Mahy, J. W. Boardman, P. Burton.
 Middle Row: R. L. Verry, B. C. Masters, D. A. Wallis, P. J. Newson, B. W. Lowrie, J. F. Waite, J. D. Moore, R. K. Voss.
 Front Row: G. W. Ritchie, W. J. Davies, G. L. Roberts, B. S. Powell, N. H. Preston, A. F. McDonald, W. Rumball, D. E. Walter.
 Inset: G. Richards.



SCHOOL 5th GRADE A. (Winners North Taranaki Championship.)
 Back Row: S. J. Carryer, G. A. Hyde, V. L. Gibbs, J. J. McConachy, R. W. Thompson, M. V. Geary.
 Middle Row: B. J. Sullivan, R. Ruru, R. M. Fenwick, B. L. Irvine, D. J. Davy, B. N. Patten, B. J. Hunger.
 Front Row: B. J. Davey, I. D. Lobb, D. G. Swan, A. R. Logan, R. I. Butchart, W. R. Bourn.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

At this moment which marks the fruition of our plans, one cannot help thinking of the things "old Bill" would have said had he been here. I have a strong feeling that he would wish some of them to be said for him and at the risk of appearing presumptuous may I suggest them. He would probably feel rather overwhelmed to find what had been done. He would claim that he did not deserve it, that, like all of us, he had his faults and his regrets, that he was merely the leader of a team of masters and boys who had given him most loyal support. But he would add that as we had decided to honour his memory, nothing could have pleased him more than this fulfilment of a hope which he had nurtured for so long. He would commend the continued loyalty of Old Boys to the School and repeat what he often said in the old days, that a school may be judged by the vitality of its Old Boys' Association. He would express his delight at finding his old friend, Mr. Henry Billing, still serving his School as Chairman of the Board. He would, I know, congratulate his successor on the many improvements made since he left and remind us how fortunate we were to have as Headmaster a man who had so abundantly proved himself both in war and in peace.

And with the deep feelings of ambition which he always had for this School would not our beloved Bill close with some such challenge as this: "When I came here forty-three years ago, one of the first things I did was to have this cricket ground ploughed, levelled and resown. But it was only when we had done this that we realised that the whole ground was on a slope. From the N.E. end by the tractor shed to the S.W. end by the Memorial Gates it steadily rises over three feet. In other words the School is built on the slope of Mt. Egmont, a slope which continues up Coronation Avenue and then on and on with few exceptions until the summit is reached. May this fact, and also the central position of the mountain in the School crest be a perpetual reminder to this and all future generations of boys and Old Boys to keep the School on the up-grade. Never rest on your laurels. Never be satisfied with the standards you attain. Keep improving the facilities of the School so that it will be the best possible training ground for the citizens it turns out. And when eventually no further improvement is possible in your buildings and grounds, remember that in things academic and spiritual there will never come a time when improvement is impossible."

"I rejoice as I think of all that the School owes to its masters, past and present, its Board members, past and present, its parents and its boys, past and present. May all that is good in its tradition be treasured and enriched and may it prosper to the end of time."

The President then read this message from Mr. M. P. Donnelly, of Sydney:—

"I was extremely grateful for your invitation to captain the Old Boys' XI., but unfortunately it will not be possible for me to be present on December 2nd. However, I would like to pay my tribute to the wonderful achievement of the late Mr. Moyes in building up the School to a position in the first rank of the Empire's schools, and in particular to the keen personal interest which he always took in every boy. It is specially gratifying to me that the memorial to our great Headmaster should take the form of a cricket pavilion. I know that this will be a permanent inspiration to all present and future members of the School to uphold the high traditions in all phases of school and later life which Mr. Moyes strove to teach us, and which were so clearly apparent in his own character."

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Mr. A. J. Papps, who had retired from the staff a few months earlier, spoke of Mr. Moyes' career. He remarked that he was speaking especially to the boys present as to them Mr. Moyes was just a name.

Mr. Moyes went to Nelson College for six years. He was in that school's football and cricket teams and was the school's greatest runner. In 1901 he was the head boy. He then went to Canterbury College and there gained his M.A. and B.Sc. degrees. He captained the University team at football and represented Canterbury. He was also New Zealand University champion runner for 100 yards, 220 yards and 440 yards.

A man with his attainments could have chosen any career but he loved boys so much that he decided to be a teacher. First he went to Timaru for a short time and then returned to his old school at Nelson. At the time he was head boy of the school, said Mr. Papps, and the coming of Mr. Moyes was like an "electric shock" to that school. After four years at Nelson Mr. Moyes went to King's College, Auckland, for a year to gain experience and then was appointed headmaster at New Plymouth.

At New Plymouth he found a small mixed school housed in a small wooden building. There was no sixth form and boys from New Plymouth used to go to other centres to complete their education. He decided to build a great boys' boarding school and to provide the necessary amenities for sports. He had to start from scratch and decided to separate the two schools. There was opposition to this but it was for the good of New Plymouth, as the city now has a fine girls' school as well as a fine boys' school.

There were 20 boarders in the first year housed in a small wooden building. He gradually got together a good and loyal staff and enlisted the aid of old boys of the school. The old boys rallied round, as did the citizens of New Plymouth.

In educational matters, Mr. Moyes had kept abreast of the times. He brought about the amalgamation of the Technical College and the School. This had meant a big addition to the roll which had grown from about 350 to 600, and it had been growing ever since. Mr. Moyes' ideal of education was that primarily it was meant to create a good citizen.

There was hardly a recreation, cultural or athletic organisation in the city in which he did not play a leading part at some time and no good cause he did not support. It was as much for this work in the community as in the School that the late King George had honoured him with the C.M.G.

During the depression Mr. Moyes felt it keenly when mothers came to School with their boys and said they could not send them to secondary school because they could not afford the uniforms and expenses. To their eternal credit firms in the town clothed the boys and the School collected old books to give them. During that period, however, the boarding roll of the School had dropped from 200 to 80. But the School recovered and was now a great school, not only in the Dominion but in the whole Empire.

Then came the Second World War. Mr. Moyes had been proud of the way Old Boys had come to the School in their uniforms to say good-bye. Old Boys from the School had won more than 70 decorations for gallantry. But he had also deeply felt the loss of Old Boys on active service.

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In various schools, headmasters had left the impression of their personality on the school, "but we of this School will yield to none in our pride in William Henry Moyes," concluded Mr. Papps.

After the opening ceremony a cricket match was played between the School First XI and an Old Boys' XI. School won the match in the last over of the day. Old Boys declared their innings closed at 108 for five wickets and at the close of play High School had lost eight wickets for 121. Top scorer for Old Boys was J. Ridland with 41, while C. Barclay made 39 and took one wicket for 24 for the School. Details are:—

Old Boys: First innings, 108 for five wickets declared (J. D. Ridland 41, R. Baunton 33 not out, F. Duncan 10 not out; J. Fa'asalafa two for 12, C. Barclay one for 24, C. Maingay one for 22). School: 121 for eight wickets (C. Barclay 39, C. Maingay 29, J. Fa'asalafa 20, B. McCaw not out 14; J. Broughton two for 11, E. Meuli two for 11, W. E. Alexander two for 43).

The memorial plaque in the pavilion bears this inscription:—

WILLIAM HENRY MOYES
C.M.G., M.A., B.Sc.

HEADMASTER 1912 - 1941

THIS PAVILION COMMEMORATES HIS
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE
SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY.

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WILLING SHILLING RAFFLE

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

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| To Lottery Duty on | | | | By Proceeds Ticket Sales | 1473 | 12 | 6 |
| Sales | 147 | 7 | 3 | Donations Received | 73 | 3 | 6 |
| Prizes | 63 | 12 | 6 | | | | |
| Printing of Tickets | 66 | 0 | 0 | | £1546 | 16 | 0 |
| Advertising Results | | | | | | | |
| throughout N.Z. | 19 | 4 | 8 | | | | |
| Administration | | | | | | | |
| Charges | 40 | 4 | 2 | | | | |
| Net Proceeds held | | | | | | | |
| at N.P. Savings | | | | | | | |
| Bank | 1210 | 7 | 5 | | | | |
| | £1546 | 16 | 0 | | | | |

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments with the books and vouchers relating thereto and find them to be in accordance therewith. I have verified the bank balance representing the net proceeds of the raffle.

J. D. RIDLAND, Hon. Auditor.

New Plymouth, 1st February, 1955.

ENGAGEMENTS

CHILCOTT—SMITH.—Barbara Ann, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Smith, New Plymouth, to Reginald Norman, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Chilcott, New Plymouth.

DUNCAN—GREEN.—Margaret Beatrice, only daughter of Mr. E. A. Green, Hastings, and Mrs. H. Ewing, Wellington, to Ian George, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Duncan, Hastings.

ELLIOTT—MEADS.—Gladys Alice, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Meads, New Plymouth, to John Hamilton, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Elliott, New Plymouth.

McKENZIE—REID.—Bertha Christina, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Reid, Kaupokonui, to Marcus Robin Bell, eldest son of Mrs. H. P. McKenzie and the late Mr. T. F. McKenzie, Hawera.

McMURRAY—ATKINSON.—Peggy Ann, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Atkinson, Inglewood, to Bruce, second son of Mr. and Mrs. V. S. McMurray, Inglewood.

O'MEAGHER—WRIGHT.—Marion Rayne, only daughter of Mrs. R. Wright and the late Mr. D. Wright, New Plymouth, to Terry John, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. O'Meagher, New Plymouth.

MOONEY—DUNBAR.—Alison Anne, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Dunbar, Urenui, to John Brian, elder son of Mrs. and the late Mr. R. W. Mooney, Urenui.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

PIPE—TAYLOR.—Lorraine Daphne, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. Taylor, New Plymouth, to James Sydney, youngest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. S. E. Pipe, New Plymouth.

SCOTT—HOLMES.—Elaine Claudia, only daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. P. Holmes, to Alan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott, Feilding.

QUICKFALL—SLYFIELD.—Jocelyn Acia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Slyfield, New Plymouth, to Derek Newell, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Quickfall, New Plymouth.

SIMPSON—SMYTHE.—Colleen, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smythe, New Plymouth, to Donald Francis, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Simpson, New Plymouth.

WISNESKI—CHEYNE.—Heather, only daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. Cheyne, Inglewood, to Barry Charles, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Wisneski, New Plymouth.

MARRIAGES

HOOPER—McFARLAND.—Robin Elizabeth, only daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. McFarland, Hamilton, to Antony Bramston, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Hooper, of Fiji.

KERR—DONNELLY.—Claire, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Donnelly, Raetihi, to Bruce, only son of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Kerr, New Plymouth.

THORBY—McMURRAY.—Vivien, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. S. McMurray, Inglewood, to Earl Walter, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thorby, Bell Block.

VEALE—RAMSAY-HOWIE.—Ann, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay-Howie, Auckland, to John Lewis, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Veale, New Plymouth.

BROWNIE—MEYER.—Noeline Eunice, only daughter of Mrs. Meyer, Whangarei, to Albert Dempster, only son of Mrs. A. Smith, Fiji.

FAIREY—LAY.—Wendy Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lay, New Plymouth, to Richard Selwyn, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Fairey, New Plymouth.

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

HOOKE—BETHELL.—Nancye, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. B. Bethell, Auckland, to Murray Royden, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hooker, New Plymouth.

HOOKE—STRANG.—Omerdora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Strang, New Plymouth, to Donald Dean, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hooker, New Plymouth.

HOOKE—WEBB.—Elizabeth Jenny, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Webb, Te Aroha, to Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hooker, New Plymouth.

WEBSTER—BROOKS.—Joan Patricia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Brooks, Te Aroha, to Frederick Percy, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Webster, Tirau.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

BIRTHS

AVERY.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Avery; a son.
BARNES.—To Mr. and Mrs. P. Barnes; a son.
BELLRINGER.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Bellringer; a daughter.
BREWSTER.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Brewster; a son.
BROAD.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. Broad; a daughter.
CORKILL.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Corkill; a daughter.
CROAD.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. Croad, Huntly; a son.
DALGLEISH.—To Mr. and Mrs. I. Dalgleish; a daughter.
DURBRIDGE.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Durbridge; a daughter.
DUXFIELD.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Duxfield; a son.
ELMES.—To Mr. and Mrs. N. Elmes; a daughter.
EUSTACE.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. R. P. Eustace; a daughter.
FAIREY.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Fairey; a daughter.
GARDINER.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Gardiner; a son.
GEDEN.—To Mr. and Mrs. L. Geden; a son.
GRAYLING.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. Grayling; a daughter.
HUGHSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. I. Hughson; a daughter.
LANDER.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Lander; a son.
LOBB.—To Mr. and Mrs. N. Lobb; a son.
MOORHEAD.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. Moorhead; a daughter.
MORINE.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Morine; a son.
NOVAK.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Novak; a daughter.
NOVAK.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Novak; a son.
NISBET.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Nisbet, Rotorua; a son.
PHIPPS.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Phipps; a son.
RIDLAND.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ridland; a son.
RUSSELL.—To Mr. and Mrs. I. Russell; a daughter.
SHEAT.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Sheat, Loughborough, England; a daughter.
SYKES.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Sykes; a son.
VEALE.—To Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Veale, Dunedin; a daughter.
WILCOX.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilcox; a son.
WILKIE.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilkie; a son.
WINCHCOMBE.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Winchcombe; a daughter.
WRIGHT.—To Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Wright; a son.

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| | | |
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