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**Company Quartermaster-Sergeant.**—G. A. Hyde.  
**Sergeants.**—J. B. Chapman, P. V. Dravitzki, I. A. Ross, D. A. Tuckett, I. E. Webster.  
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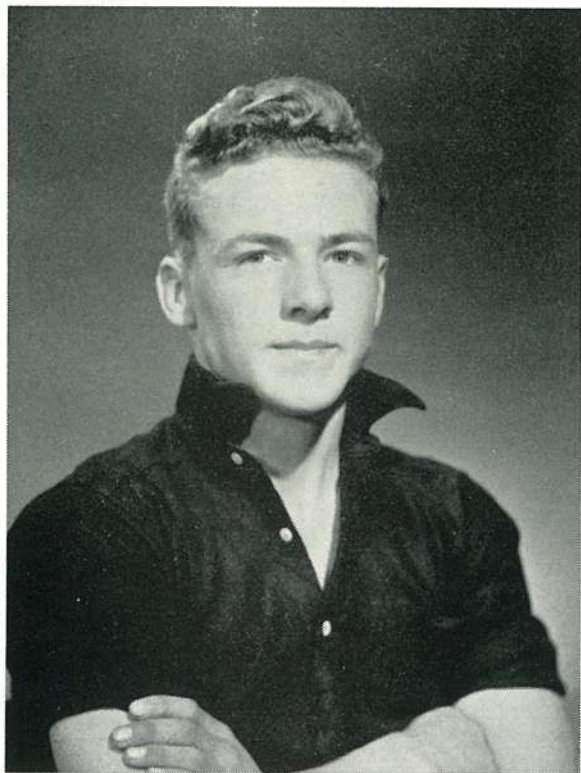
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## EDITORIAL

### THE POST-PRIMARY PATTERN

A POST-PRIMARY school, whether large or small, co-educational or otherwise, is primarily an institution designed for the progressive formal education of young people. As however, school attendance occupies such a large portion of the time of the adolescent, a period of self discovery and the formation of character, personality and mental outlook, a present-day post-primary school commands a unique position. Not only must it provide instruction in the recognised subjects but it must also endeavour to guide and shape the knowledge and ideas of each pupil in such a way as to best prepare him to be an active, interested member of society. It must awaken in him those intellectual, moral and physical faculties which will be ultimately most conducive to his understanding of life in general and his immediate environment in particular. Every individual has a responsibility to society, and thus every school has not only a responsibility to society but to the individuals under its direct control. Aims and ideals such as these can be accomplished in many ways, some of the most obvious being the encouragement of active participation in competitive sports, the organisation of cultural and social activities, and the relation of curriculum subjects to every day situations.

The mere imparting of factual material is not enough; it must be accompanied by guidance in how to employ those facts to the best advantage, both to the individual and to the society into which he will ultimately enter on the completion of his post-primary schooling.

Does any single type of secondary school possess any advantages over others in the fulfilment of these aims? This is a debatable question,



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for there are several distinctly different types of school within New Zealand. There are large schools and small schools, schools for boys, schools for girls, and co-educational schools, State schools, private schools, and boarding schools, full high schools and district high schools. Many of these, of course, exist in a combined form, such as our own which is a state Boys' High School with a boarding establishment, but all have individual characteristics which influence the education of their pupils in different ways.

A large, long-established school has the advantage over a newer, smaller school, of tradition and a developed school spirit, but the larger it is the greater becomes the possibility of the repression of individuality and a diminished personal contact between teacher and pupil. In a small school it is possible for one teacher to know well every individual and thus be able to give each the advantage of his knowledge and advice. In the formation of a future citizen this is important for much valuable initiative can be lost if a pupil feels himself to be merely part of a large, impersonal, disinterested organisation.

Co-educational schools are often the topic of much discussion and occasional criticism, but their worth as institutions where young people of both sexes can learn to live side by side with an appreciation of each other's problems, cannot be denied. Undesirable incidents have at times arisen in such schools, but these are few and negligible when compared with the social benefits derived by the mass. Certain activities are possible in a co-educational school which could not be considered in the segregated type, although this could also apply in reverse. Again, however, tradition plays a big part. There is usually pride, background and unity of purpose in a segregated school which is lacking in those functioning on the co-educational principle. A close-knit, spirited body of one sex is easier to build up than where moral values and conventional principles have always to be carefully considered before each move.

Boarding schools, while admirable for their fostering of firm ideals, strong school spirit and the acceptance of firm and just discipline, have the disadvantage of taking boys and girls away from an important and essential home life while they are still in their early teens. Parental guidance and encouragement cannot be duplicated by a boarding establishment, and thus many young people possibly miss a vital part of their upbringing by being sent away from home while they are little more than twelve or thirteen.

Private schools, which are generally administered by a religious sect, are worthy for their teaching of Christian ethics and principles which are the basis of our modern civilised culture. Criticism of such schools can arise, however, on the grounds that they might tend to foist on an immature mind a religious doctrine which may prove to be alien to his character and emotional concepts.

The quality of any school at any given time is transient and its worth must inevitably rest in the hands of the pupils themselves who actually attend, and upon the knowledge, understanding and vitality of the teacher in charge. That such a variety of schools does exist in New Zealand is of value in that parents have a choice as to which type they would prefer their children to attend. In addition, the mere existence of differing systems and methods serves to stimulate the improvement and development of each.

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A post-primary school education has fulfilled its purpose if it produces rational individuals who can think to some purpose and can combine, appreciate, alter and modify each other's opinions, beliefs and accomplishments so as to maintain on leaving school a high standard of spiritual, cultural and material living, and a satisfied, well-balanced society in which their children can be likewise educated.

The worth and achievements of a school of any type can be ultimately valued by their success in fostering the highest degree of individual excellence of which each pupil is capable.

J. C. Harvey.

## BREAKING - UP CEREMONY

In the Opera House for the second time, and in the presence of a large crowd, the annual ceremony last year was held on the afternoon of December 8th. 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 acting Chairman of the Board, Mr. L. M. Moss, and Board Members. Mr. H. R. Billing, the Chairman of the Board, was unable to attend because of illness. The academic prizes were presented by the guest speaker, Mr. W. C. Harley, S.M., and other awards by Mrs. Harley.

"People must not have ideas crammed down their necks," said Mr. Harley in opening his illuminating address. "Education's purpose is to make people think for themselves; however, the three R's must be the basic training," he added.

He stated that the first essential in successful democracy is that people should think for themselves and not be led astray by "clap-trap and nonsense." "As soon as we allow our training to be twisted to any ideology, the system of democracy must crash."

"Why should little Tommy have to learn French and Geometry?" he asked, and stated that it was because the mind has to be trained, for it was naturally lazy and had to be made to work. What the subject was did not really matter.

Mr. Harley advised the boys never to be satisfied with an easy answer. "Always ask why," he said, and concluded by saying: "That is the way you will be taught; by having your why's answered."

The Headmaster began his Annual Report for 1955 by commending the large amount of work around the School done by the boys during the year. Especially in connection with the preparation of the site for the Memorial Hall, where they have cut down one hundred and twenty trees and have removed seventy stumps.

A feature of the year, he continued, was the record number of Scholarships gained: two National and seven Taranaki. Also the increased number gaining other examinations was notable. Fifty-two boys were accredited with University Entrance and six passed the examination. School Certificate passes numbered eighty. All seven of the 6th Form Accountancy students gained sections of their B.Com. degrees and a record number of 6th Formers were granted Post-Primary Bursaries. "I am old-fashioned enough to be pleased that our examination results are above the average for New Zealand," the Headmaster said, but went on to

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recognise that too much stress can be laid on examination successes and that a school should not be judged solely by them. He expressed his consciousness of the debt owed to the staff in these matters and remarked on its general excellence. In connection with University Entrance he stated his satisfaction with the existing accrediting system, under which he believes the boys tend to work harder.

With an increased roll in all departments, day boys, boarders and evening classes, coupled with a few vacancies on the staff, extra work has had to be delegated to the First Assistant, Mr. Kerr, and the Heads of Departments. The Headmaster expressed his satisfaction and appreciation of the way in which they have carried it out.

Tenders have been called for the War Memorial building; "Pre-fab" rooms, one for metal work and the other a laboratory, have been obtained and additions will be made to the woodwork rooms during the holidays. The Headmaster said he was sorry that we had to have "pre-fabs," but sympathised with the Department's difficulties.

Thanking the Old Boys' Association for its help and support, the Headmaster remarked with pleasure on the large number of Old Boys who had visited the School and the very successful re-union dinners and balls held by different branches during the year.

Concerning extra-mural activities the Headmaster stated that all were flourishing. The First XV had had a good year and the First XI was strong. He wondered whether two-day college matches were too short in view of the small number of decisions obtained, but observed that a decision wasn't really the most important aspect of such matches. Mr. Wilson, who has been in command of the Cadet Battalion since 1939, has retired from the post and is succeeded by Mr. Penney. No decision as yet has been made concerning the omission of Third Form boys from military drill in view of the difficulties in training such a large battalion as the School has. Such a move would probably not be welcomed by Third Formers, he added. The relegation of boxing championships to the past has been met with some misgivings by the older supporters of the "fistic art," the Headmaster continued.

In conclusion the Headmaster expressed his grateful thanks to the many people who have helped in the efficient running of the School during the year: the Matron and her staff, Sister Leitch, the various ministers of religion, visiting lecturers, judges and the many others so necessary in the School's activities. Finally he extended his thanks to the Board of Governors and to the Secretary, Mr. Burford, for their continual support and wise deliberations.

Addresses were given by the Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr. E. O. E. Hill, and by Mr. E. P. Aderman. Mr. L. M. Moss spoke on behalf of Mr. H. R. Billing.

## CLASS PRIZES—

3 Ag.: I. J. Bussell	3 G.1—	3 P.2—
3 E.B.3: C. G. Whittaker	1st: P. J. Rumball	1st: A. F. Fookes
3 E.B.2: I. R. Alexander	2nd: T. H. Sampson	2nd: P. C. Rankin
3 E.B.1: I. W. Wickham	3 P.3: I. K. Gray	3 P.1: D. J. O'Dea
3 G.2: V. Rere Paraia		4 E.2: C. J. O'Brien

## BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

4 Ag.: P. A. Luckstedt	4 P.1: W. S. Wakelin	5 P.1: H. K. Way
4 B.2: K. A. Norris	5 Ag.: I. M. Hedley	6 Sc.2: 1st equal—
4 E.1: D. G. Mace	5 E.: R. A. Jackson	N. A. Tuffery,
4 B.1: T. J. Ashman	5 B.: G. A. Gilliver	B. W. Lowrie
4 G.2: L. A. Stubbs	5 G.2: D. A. Hastie	6 Sc.1: W. Rumball
4 G.1: W. J. Davies	5 G.1: M. S. Hutchings	6 B.—1st: T. W. Boon
4 P.2—	5 P.3: G. M. Parker	2nd: B. M. McCallum
1st equal: L. Brown	5 P.2: J. S. Goudie	
R. J. Beveridge		

## SPECIAL PRIZES—

- Rex Dowding Memorial Prize** (3rd and 4th Form Essay): M. W. Burt.
- Junior Oratory** (Cup and Book presented by L. M. Moss, Esq.): J. M. Halliday.
- Senior Debate** (Cup presented by Wellington Old Boys' Association): P. M. Trehey and T. W. Boon.
- Drawing Prize**: T. W. Boon.
- Music Prizes** (presented by Mr. H. C. Collier): F. P. Bennett. (Presented by Mrs. J. Davy): K. J. Deighton.
- Reading Prizes**: Reading in Chapel (presented by an Old Boy): D. G. Swan. Reading in Assembly: J. K. Lay. Senior Reading (Mr. Hughson's Prize): R. M. Dodd. Junior Reading: M. S. Croxson.
- Tabor Scholarships**: English: E. G. Jones. Science: N. A. Tuffery. Engineering: B. W. Lowrie. Mathematics: W. Rumball.
- Bendall Memorial Essay** (Senior Essay): R. D. McCaw.
- White Memorial Prize** (Senior Literature): R. D. McCaw.
- Senior Latin Prize** (presented by Mr. Ronald Syme): K. S.-D. Austin.
- French Prizes** (presented by French Legation): Senior: K. S.-D. Austin. Third Form: D. J. O'Dea.
- Heurtley Memorial Prize** (Original Verse): D. W. Hinch.
- General Excellence Prize** (Cup presented by late Dr. E. F. Fookes): D. R. Wood.
- Head Boy's Prize** (Cup presented by Mrs. Brookman): D. R. Wood.
- Form VI A: Equal Dux of the School**: A. R. Poletti and K. S.-D. Austin.

## ATHLETICS—

- Old Boys' Challenge Cup** (100 Yards Senior Championship): R. D. McCaw.
- Herbert Smith Cup** (220 Yards Senior Championship): R. D. McCaw.
- Challenge Cup** (220 Yards Intermediate Championship): A. R. Hill.
- Beckbessinger Cup** (100 Yards Intermediate Championship): A. R. Hill.
- Bennett Cup** (100 Yards Junior Championship): R. C. Johns.
- Bryce Cup** (Senior Steeplechase Fastest Time): C. E. Humphries.
- Easton Cup** (Intermediate Steeplechase Fastest Time): R. W. Humphries.
- Osborne Cup** (Junior Steeplechase Fastest Time): B. N. Patten.
- Old Boys' Challenge Shield** (440 Yards Senior Championship): R. D. McCaw.

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**Bothamley Cup** (440 Yards Intermediate Championship): G. J. Patten.

**Harman Cup** (440 Yards Junior Championship): R. C. Johns.

**Mason Memorial Cup** (880 Yards Senior Championship): C. E. Humphries.

**Gilmour Cup** (880 Yards Intermediate Championship): M. H. Tizard.

**Noakes Cup** (120 Yards Senior Hurdles): J. K. Lay.

**Old Boys' Cup** (Old Boys' Race): I. J. Honnor.

## SWIMMING—

**Sykes Memorial Cup** (Senior Championship): T. W. Boon.

**Challenge Cup** (Intermediate Championship): T. D. Simcock.

**Fox Cup** (Junior Championship): M. G. Saxton.

## TENNIS—

**Candy Cup** (Senior Singles): G. A. Neve.

**Herbert Smith Cup** (Intermediate Singles): R. H. Purser.

## SHOOTING—

**McDiarmid Belt** (School Championship): G. B. Rayward.

## CADETS—

**Sole Cup** (Best N.C.O.): G. R. Jensen.

## GYMNASTICS—

**Hosking Cup** (School Championship): J. R. Shepherd.

## HOUSE COMPETITIONS—

**Hansard Cup** (Athletics): Pridham.

**Kerr Cup** (Football): Pridham.

**Bates Cup** (Cricket): West.

**Stevenson Cup** (Tennis): Central.

## DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS—

**Pease Cup** (Football): Boarders.

**Birch Cup** (Cricket): Boarders.

## IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that we record the death of a former master of the School, Mr. Henry Herbert Ward.

Mr. Ward, affectionately known as "Jumbo," was a member of the staff of this School from 1898 to 1913 when he left us to go to the Napier Boys' High School as classics master.

Mr. Ward was educated at Christ's College, which he attended from 1886 to 1890. He had a distinguished academic career, being senior Soames Scholar in 1890 and student Soames Scholar in 1891. He played in the First XV at Christ's College.

He took a B.A. at Canterbury College and then entered the teaching profession in which he was eminently successful. At his retirement he was Headmaster of the Hikurangi Maori Boys' College, Masterton. He died at Lower Hutt aged 84.

The School extends its sympathy to the members of his family.

## SCHOOL NOTES

School opened on 1st February with a roll of 898, which increased to 901 by the middle of March. This was an increase of 15 on 1955. The Sixth Forms remained much the same, 78 being in the Lower Sixth and 29 in the Upper. The boarding roll was 276.

The usual Barracks week was held in the first week. Two new features of the Battalion organisation were a mortar platoon and a Medical Unit. The School appreciated the new marching tunes the band had learned—they had become somewhat tired of the old ones.

The big feature of the week was the masters' pistol shoot on the new School range. The shoot was conducted with the greatest secrecy, but information leaked out that the standard was as high as one could expect. The week concluded with a ceremonial parade and march past before a large number of parents.

The salute was taken by Colonel G. P. Sanders, D.S.O., the Commandant of Waiouru Military Camp, who complimented the unit on its fine turn-out and spoke on the army as a career.

The swimming sports were held in the School baths in March. An interesting spectacle was provided by the Masters v. Boys relay. The spectators were amazed and enthralled by the spirited showing of the masters. The final decision raised a storm of protest from the boys, but the result is understandable when it is remembered that the judges were masters. However, we have to let the masters win something, otherwise they might become too discouraged.

The School was visited three times by the Transport Department during the year. Junior forms were given instructions and shown films on how to ride safely, while senior forms were instructed on how to drive and park a car. Various seniors proved themselves to be expert drivers, but none had a chance to "step on it" or try the "cop" siren. On one visit an officer showed a form how to render a car unserviceable by means of a ball-point pen on the spark plug. Unfortunately the only means of testing this statement was on the cars parked around the main block, but the boys managed to prove the officer's statement.

This year, much to the disappointment of those who like to miss an afternoon's work, anyhow, no films which came to New Plymouth theatres were deemed worthy for the whole School to see. However, for those with musical tastes, or for those who just wanted to miss some school, there were afternoons at the Ballet, the Music Festival, the School Concert and the National Orchestra.

Congratulations to A. Quin for his consistently high performances in cycling. His best win was in the West Coast, North Island Junior Championship. He also won the New Plymouth Open 50, and in other major races and during the season in club races he repeatedly took either major placings or fastest times.

Here, we also congratulate M. Saxton on winning the New Zealand Junior 50 Yards Butterfly title. Also congratulations to those members of the team at the North Island Secondary Schools Championships in Palmerston North who took placings.

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Work on the War Memorial Building has progressed satisfactorily, and although its design has aroused some comment, it will obviously be a fitting tribute to those Old Boys who fell in the Second World War.

The foundation stone was laid on Sports Day by Mr. H. R. Billing, Chairman of the Board of Governors, who was presented with a handsome set of the appropriate tools made by Mr. Horrill. Mr. L. M. Moss was in the chair and, after a brief and dignified reference to the Old Boys who had died in the service of their country, called upon the Headmaster. The latter traced the history of the Memorial Fund and congratulated the Old Boys' Association on its splendid work in raising over £8000. Dr. I. D. Auld, President of the Old Boys' Association, then delivered the chief speech of the ceremony, making fitting reference to our 217 dead. After that the foundation stone with the following inscription was laid:

World War II Memorial  
This Stone was Laid by  
HENRY R. BILLING, ESQ.,  
Chairman, Board of Governors  
1924 - 1956

17th March, 1956

A storm of protest arose when the boarders were made to wear suits to breakfast on Sunday mornings, but we feel that everything will look very smart when the dining hall is painted.

This year Mr. S. Lovell joined the ground staff, and with Mr. Trott, veteran "Pop" Roebuck, and Mr. Bert Johnson, is doing fine work in improving the general neatness of the grounds in preparation for next year's Jubilee.

Already about fifty shrubs and plants have been planted around the grounds and a fine show is expected for next year.

The death occurred on 18th October of Mr. Albert Arthur Worsop, who was the School's second cook for over ten years. He was affectionately known by hundreds of boarders, past and present, as "Albie." His health had been slowly deteriorating for five years before his death but he never lost his amazingly cheerful and courageous spirit. He always took a real interest in the School and invariably asked about it when visited during his last illness. As a mark of respect all the boarders lined the entrance to the Te Henui Cemetery on the morning of his funeral. We extend our sympathy to his wife and two young sons.

This year the performance of the School haka was improved by the appointing of a conspicuous boarder as a leader. The barracking at the First XV college matches was increased in volume and the haka was kept at a uniform pace by the actions of the leader.

One member of the staff confessed that he nearly lost the Springbok game for Taranaki. As Viviers attempted his conversion from almost in front, the master was willing the ball outside the right-hand upright. Apparently the other 20,000 were willing it outside the left-hand one, because that is where it went. With a fine show of "witticism" he deduced that if 10,000 more had been on his side the attempt would have been successful.



SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1956.

Back Row: E. G. Jones, C. W. Hamilton, F. P. Bennett, N. A. Tuffery, E. D. Penny, V. R. Hareb, P. V. Dravitzki.  
Middle Row: D. A. Christie, P. L. Penn, A. A. Tubman, S. J. Carryer, J. S. Orams, D. L. Wheller.  
Front Row: M. N. Harford, K. M. Comber, D. K. Derby, J. R. Wood (Head), G. R. Jensen, D. J. Davy, W. Rumball.

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A month earlier we had the opportunity of seeing the All Blacks practising on the Gully. The terraces were crowded with boys watching, and looking for their heroes. "There's Jarden," "That's White," "No, it isn't, it's Duff," "Well, who's that?" Similar comments were heard all the time. The masters were just as keen, watching each move closely. One, in particular, was disappointed at not seeing Peter Jones there, so he had to pay 4/6 for the privilege of seeing him in action the following day.

A noticeable feature of the practice was the collection of jerseys, featuring almost every union in the Dominion.

On the Friday before the trial game between the North Island and the New Zealand XV, Ron Jarden and Bob Stuart took the First XV for a practice run, and undoubtedly the School team benefited from this coaching.

As usual there were important staff changes at the beginning of the year, and the School extends a welcome to the following:

Mr. N. C. Lynch, a University Blue with a fine record in the sporting field, who is in charge of Music in the School, and is also teaching Mathematics.

Mr. H. P. Webster, who is an Old Boy and who is teaching Social Studies and English. He hails from Mosgiel D.H.S. on the Mainland.

Mr. D. Whitfield, assistant Housemaster in Moyes House, who is teaching Woodwork and Metal-work.

Mr. Lucas' place has been filled by an Old Boy, Mr. A. Wilson, who comes from Te Awamutu to teach Science. Mr. Wilson also takes over Pridham House from Mr. Lucas.

Other changes in the boarding house masters were that Mr. Hatherly became senior House-master, and Mr. Allen assumed charge of Carrington when Mr. Watt gave up the position after many years of devoted service to the House.

This year has also brought changes in the staff which has severed some long associations with the School. Mr. A. R. Lucas, who has been appointed an inspector of the Education Department, first joined the staff in 1938 as an instructor in Physical Education. After five years' war service he returned to the School for a few months and then took a Rehabilitation Bursary to Otago University where he secured a B.Sc. Degree. He then returned to the staff and taught Biology and Physics to the sixth forms and General Science to lower forms. Mr. Lucas took a very full part in many School activities and as House Master of Pridham House for five years was largely responsible for the keenness and enthusiasm of the boys in the House.

Mr. T. H. H. Harris is also leaving us in December to go to the Correspondence School in Wellington as Head of the English Department. He came to this School in 1940 and for five years was an assistant Housemaster in Moyes House. He taught a variety of subjects but in recent years has specialised in English which he has taught to sixth forms. This has included control of the School Library where his work has been outstanding in raising the quality and increasing the quantity of reading

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done in the School. Mr. Harris has also been responsible for dramatic activity in the School and his skill as a producer has given a great deal of pleasure to the casts and to the audiences of an impressive list of plays: "Everyman," "Hamlet," "Twelfth Night," "Much Ado," "Merchant of Venice," "Pygmalion," "The Devils Disciple," "Major Barbara," "Dr. Faustus," "The Importance of Being Earnest."

A third member of the staff who has decided to leave us is Mr. T. Sweeney, who goes to the new Inglewood High School at the beginning of 1957 as First Assistant. Mr. Sweeney came to this School in 1945 and has taught mainly English, Foreign Languages and Social Studies. He, too, has recently specialised in English and in spite of the fact that he has produced three text books entitled "Plain Sailing" which to many of us seem anything but, the School has remained quite fond of him. He, too, has taken a very full part in the life of the School but he will be remembered particularly for his outstanding work with the First Cricket XI which he coached for ten years. His teams performed very well and in this period there was only one loss in a college fixture.

To these three members of the staff the School extends its thanks and best wishes.

This year a lounge library was formed for the use of boarders and it already contains a large number of books. It is very popular with the boarders and we hope that it will be further augmented by gifts from boys leaving.

The Rugby fans were indebted to Mr. Stewart for hiring films on all the Rugby tests, South Africa versus both New Zealand and the British Isles, and showing them to boys in the gym after school during the third term. The reels also included both the Waikato and the New Zealand Maori games against the tourists, and after seeing them we feel that the showing summed up the Rugby season quite effectively.

During the second term one master, in his car popularly known as "The Hirondele," found the corner at the dining room just a bit too much for the old bus and left a door handle deposited outside the tuck shop, much to the amusement of those fortunate enough to witness the scene.

Niger House remains the envy of all the other boarding houses. It has been reported that wall to wall carpets have been installed and that the Prefects' Common Room is now as luxurious as the suite of a five-star hotel.

While on the subject of Niger House, we think it is worth noting that, while it is the smallest House in the School with only 40 boys, it won the Inter-House Relay at the swimming sports, had two members of the House in the First XV and two members of the House in the First Cricket Group. This is a commendable performance for such a small House.

The Headmaster's Secretary, Mrs. Wells, retired during the year and was replaced by Mrs. Rasmussen. We will all miss Mrs. Wells' cheerful countenance around the School but we are sure that Mrs. Rasmussen will fill her place admirably.

Among other activities this year has been another "Willing Shilling" Raffle. This has, as usual, been conducted with great gusto and the sight of the two "Scrooges" prowling around the School with well-filled money bags is a common one. The total reached was £820, a very fine effort by all concerned.

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Another feature of School life during the year has been the various auctions held to dispose of articles left without owners. Bidding has always been keen and we understand that most of the money is eventually collected.

All three day boy Houses held dances during the year. Central House had theirs in the first term, West chose the second, and East the third. All three were extremely successful and raised quite considerable sums for the House funds. Other dances held were the highly successful Prefects' Dance and the "Scotlands" Dance.

One member of the staff received a letter from a dubious post office in the Chatham Islands. We hear it was signed by Stan Freberg, the well-known American "singer." From all reports the envelope and the stamps were works of art that would grace any philatelist's collection. The master was informed "to get his chickens at the station on the Waitangi Line," but he is still puzzled.

During the third term a golf team lost to Wanganui Collegiate by seven games to two. This was the second annual fixture and was played at the Ngamotu links. Golf is growing in popularity in the School, due to a large extent to the Golf Foundation and the enthusiasm of the professional at Ngamotu.

"Springbok fever" ran high among the boarders this year. Radios in prefects' common rooms were a focal point for enthusiastic listeners during the tour, and the voice of a well-known announcer was a characteristic sound that rang through the boarding houses during the winter term.

Near the end of the second term Mr. Hatherly invited three touring Springboks to School to talk to the boarders. Clive Ulyate, "Wilf" Rosenberg and "Tommy" Gentles entered the dining room amidst cheers and in turn spoke of different aspects of the tour. After replying to many questions, the diminutive Gentles was reminded that the boarders had to attend Scripture classes, much to their disappointment. As they were leaving the Springboks were startled by a haka that almost rocked the dining hall on its foundations.

The First XV, as well as having a trip to Southland, went to Auckland for their match against Grammar, and to Wanganui for the game with Collegiate. Reports from Auckland have it that on the Friday and Saturday nights when the team was in the city, the Teddy Boys were forced to retire from the scene on the appearance of the Firsts in their vivid "tiger-coats."

The House Rugby final this year was played between two boarding Houses, and much rivalry resulted, both at the match and afterwards. The game was played on Pukekura Park between Moyes and Pridham, with the supporters of each team on opposite terraces. A large green banner and trumpet blasts spurred on Pridham while Moyes received vocal support. A minor civil war raged after the game between the two participants and we hear that fire hoses were put to an effective if illegal use.

The Steeplechase this year started from the top ground, making it necessary for the boys either to jump the stone wall or to make a very

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tight turn at high speed. Some spectacular efforts were seen and there were one or two crashes. Otherwise the Steeplechase was once more a highly successful one.

Congratulations to "Ponty" Reid on being selected for the All Blacks to play against the Springboks and on being made vice-captain. We like to think that much of the success in the Third and Fourth Tests was due to Ponty.

The School was treated to the spectacle of the Vulcan jet-bomber one morning in the third term. Even the masters added to the "oohs" and "ahs" as the plane roared over. Everyone was impressed, especially by the size of the aircraft, which made the accompanying Vampire look like a model. Incidentally, an Old Boy of the School, D. E. Jamieson (1945-47) was piloting one of the Vampires. The School was horrified to hear of the Vulcan's crash on its return to London.

The School hospital was crowded during the mid-year exams. All patients, however, were not victims of "examinitis" but boys who had fallen to the influenza epidemic that was raging at the time.

At the end of the Rugby season this year a "Boys Leaving" team played "Boys Returning." It was a delightful match to watch, but it is not certain yet which side won, as the game developed into a farce in the final stages when there were over forty players on the field. A few masters featured in the match, and surprised onlookers with their agility, but we noticed that they wilted slightly near the end.

For the first time for some years there was no train to Hawera for the St. Pat's match. This disappointed all boys, and it is hoped that next year the train will run again. It is hard to tell just how much the lack of vociferous support affected the First XV but they lost for the fifth year in succession. A train did run to Stratford, however, for the long-awaited Inter-Secondary School Sports. These were held in the first term and the meeting was, as usual, a very fine display. Altogether it was a most enjoyable day and these sports now have been established securely as a School activity.

The Anglican boys regret the loss of the Rev. Canon W. E. W. Hurst, who left us during the year to take up his new post as Dean of Dunedin. We are grateful to him for the interest he showed in the spiritual welfare of the boarders and day boys alike. We wish him every success in his new post and hope he is at home in the cold South. We wish him and his family every happiness in their new surroundings. The School extends a welcome to the Rev. Canon K. Liggett, who is now in charge of the parish. We hope his stay with us will be long and enjoyable.

One morning in the third term a camera appeared on the balcony facing the masters as they came out to assembly. It was obvious that they soon became aware of it and the shifting and shuffling for the key positions and the expectantly upturned faces with seraphic Hollywood expressions quite confounded the School, who had not associated the staff with human vanity. It is not yet certain whether the photos came out. However, we were shown the same camera's proficiency when some fine shots of the Steeplechase were shown on the notice board in the Hall. Those of the earnestly-striving seniors were particularly good. A number of boys showed some fine, if unexpected styles.

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Visitors to Room 3 during the year were diverted by the display of Neville Lodge cartoons on the walls. These mirrored the Springbok tour very well. They presented an imposing display and first glances every Monday morning were aimed at the walls to see the latest. Boys were very pleased to have these minor diversions during some of the more somnolent periods in the room.

During the second term the School had a visit from the well-known evangelist, the Rev. Ivor Powell. The "Man from Wales" gave a very interesting and well delivered account of some of his experiences in Africa. He concluded with a message to the School. The talk was one of the most absorbing accounts given to the School for some time.

Those who were fortunate enough to see the New Zealand Players' production of "Twelfth Night," saw another production of the high standard we have come to expect from the Players. All those who saw the production found that Shakespeare could be really enjoyable. Boys especially appreciated the comedy scenes with Sir Toby Belch and Sir Andrew Aguecheek. These parts were handled very well by Redmond Philips and Roy Patrick. John Hunter as Feste also gave a very polished performance. The scenes were all very good and generally this must be regarded as one of the Players' most successful productions.

Early in the third term Major McPherson gave a talk in the gym to fifth and sixth formers on life at the Royal Military College at Duntroon. The talk was to have been finished by a film but unfortunately the gym was not dark enough. We know of at least two sixth formers who applied, but their fervour seems to have abated when they learnt of the pay rates.

H.M.N.Z.S. Hawea visited New Plymouth in the third term also. Teams from the ship played the First XV and First Hockey XI. Parties of boys visited the ship and were astonished at the efficiency and spit and polish of the frigate as a whole. Other parties visited the harbour patrol launches. Again the spit and polish was evident. They were to have had a cruise but it was too rough, and all that happened was that one boy lost his cap in the Tasman, and apparently it is still there.

Rugby Touch has been re-introduced to the School this year. It was held in the gym during the lunch hour in the form of a tournament for third formers, which was won by 3 EB2 A team. A similar tournament was held for the fourth formers. This was won by 4 EB1. After School Certificate it is proposed to run a tournament for the fifth formers.

Each team was charged 3d. per player and spectators were charged a 1d. entrance fee. The proceeds, which totalled approximately £4, will go towards the gym fund. The committee, which consisted of 4 G2 boys, and the masters concerned, arranged and ran the competitions with this aim. The games on the whole were received with enthusiasm, as was shown by the number of entries and daily attendances.

On 14th November a party of 40 boys, consisting of fourth, fifth and sixth formers, left New Plymouth by train to go to Auckland. Under the control of Messrs. Slyfield and Gardiner, two masters of the School, they flew to Melbourne for three weeks to witness the Olympic Games. They are being billeted by pupils of the Melbourne High School, and are due back by the Wanganella on 10th December.



## EXAMINATION RESULTS

In the third term a very successful jazz concert was held in the Girls' High School gym in aid of the Girls' High School Assembly Hall fund. The standard of performance was extremely high, and the concert was much enjoyed by all who attended. We hope that this becomes an annual feature.

After a lapse of some years, a School concert was again produced by Mr. Lynch. Another high standard of performance was set, and this was also much enjoyed by everyone. We hope that this, too, becomes an annual fixture.

A lecture was given during the year by Mr. Shannon, of the R.S.P.C.A., with the result that a junior branch of the Society was formed at School. Two other new clubs were also formed, the Forest and Bird Society and a Mountaineering and Tramping Club. These are all worthwhile activities and we wish them success.

In conclusion, we wish good luck to those leaving and hope that they enjoy every success in life. To those returning we wish a happy and profitable continuation of their school career.

W. Hamilton, D. W. Hinch and W. I. Taylor.

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**University National Scholarship.**—A. R. Poletti.

**Taranaki Scholarship.**—K. S.-D. Austin, B. D. Smith.

**Higher Leaving Certificate.**—K. S.-D. Austin, G. L. Bailey, G. E. Brown, R. N. Burgess, G. Cleland, W. C. Colson, M. G. Denton, S. H. Joe, C. B. Johnson, J. D. Leitch, A. E. Locke, R. D. McCaw, A. R. Poletti, K. N. Price, I. H. Robertson, F. B. Sampson, J. R. Shepherd, J. A. Simmons, A. W. Smith, B. D. Smith, T. G. Somerville, D. G. Swan, J. A. Tannahill, E. T. Ward, D. R. Wood, J. R. Wood, D. F. Wright.

**B. Com. Passes.**—G. Cleland, W. C. Colson, J. A. Simmons.

**University Entrance.**—R. J. Alison, D. R. Barker, F. R. Barrett, F. P. Bennett, T. W. Boon, W. T. Bussell, M. D. Butler, F. L. Bygrave, D. A. Christie, K. M. Comber, E. Corkill, R. O. Davies, D. J. Davy, D. K. Derby, P. Doherty, P. V. Dravitzki, G. R. Fookes, M. J. Gardiner, R. S. Garner, V. L. Gibbs, G. D. Hains, V. R. Hareb, M. N. Harford, P. R. Harris, G. F. Haszard, B. L. Irvine, G. R. Jensen, E. G. Jones, G. C. Lee, R. A. Lewis, B. W. Lowrie, B. M. McCallum, R. B. Neilson, J. S. Orams, E. D. Penny, A. M. Quin, G. B. Rayward, D. J. Robinson, W. Rumball, B. Rumball, J. H. Slee, M. H. Smith, T. Takai, J. J. Terris, P. M. Trehey, A. A. Tubman, N. A. Tuffery, M. D. Walker, D. E. Walter, D. L. Wheller, W. D. Woodward, N. F. Wray.

**School Certificate.**—D. B. Allerby, H. R. Barr, J. S. Barrett, J. M. Bennett, J. W. Boardman, I. A. Boese, W. H. Brett, P. H. Butchart, W. H. Bygrave, L. B. Calvert, B. M. Cannell, S. J. Carryer, P. A. Catchpole, J. B. Chapman, R. G. Christie, D. R. Clarke, R. J. Cleaver, R. M. Clegg, D. J. Conway, M. L. Cooper, S. M. Cottier, G. V. Cox, R. M. Cullen, N. E. Dawson, K. A. Denne, S. L. Dickson, P. L. Dimond, R. M. Dodd, P. J. Donovan, M. J. Esson, R. M. Fenwick, T. F. Fookes, A. C. Fullerton-Smith, D. W. Geary, G. A. Gilliver, J. S. Goudie, B. L. Hains, P. W.

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Hamlings, D. A. Hastie, I. D. Hay, I. Mc. Hedley, A. J. Hills, D. W. Hinch, M. L. Honeyfield, M. S. Hutchings, R. A. Jackson, W. N. Johnson, R. B. Kemp, B. A. Kohn, P. J. Komlos, D. A. Lambourne, B. T. Larsen, I. D. Lobb, S. J. Lovell, D. S. Lucas, R. K. McGee, I. G. McNickle, R. P. Mahy, B. K. Maine, R. E. Maskery, D. G. Medway, G. D. Miller, G. R. Milne, P. J. Newson, F. Oldfield, I. G. Papps, G. M. Parker, N. C. Parlane, L. A. Paton, P. L. Penn, G. L. Petersen, R. O. Rackley, D. R. Ranger, J. D. Robertson, T. Rudman, I. R. Sampson, D. B. Sarten, A. M. Smale, R. B. Smith, B. W. Smith, M. D. Smither, P. B. Strobomb, I. N. Stuck, J. B. Tait, W. I. Taylor, R. W. Thompson, G. C. Thomson, M. H. Tizard, J. A. Tooman, R. K. Voss, L. R. Vowless, G. G. Voyce, B. Waterman, H. K. Way, B. Webster, P. J. Woodcock, B. Wingate.

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The 1956 Rugby season at School was a very satisfactory one in all respects. Although it was an unusually wet season, few games were cancelled and the First XV were fortunate enough to play most of their college games in fairly good conditions.

The wet season emphasised the tremendous value of the racecourse to Rugby in this School. Very often the gully was virtually under water after heavy rain, and on these occasions the first group was forced to practise on the racecourse, which stood up remarkably well to the weather. The racecourse was used constantly throughout the second term for practices and matches and proved useful for Junior and Senior House competitions in the third term, when patches of the gully had been re-sown in preparation for the cricket and athletic season.

This particularly wet season has also made us acutely aware of certain deficiencies in amenities for School football. The small shed that has been made available for the last two years for washing football gear has proved very valuable to the boarders, but adequate and convenient changing and showering rooms are still sadly lacking. Boarders are forced to shower in the bottom ground pavilion, while day boys playing on the racecourse must change in their class-rooms and go home without having a shower.

This year the School entered 23 teams in the North Taranaki Junior competitions. As is often the case, illness and injury reduced the number of a few of these teams at times, making it difficult for them to field a full side. Of the teams which met with most success, the fifth grade "Gold" team and the Moyes House 7th grade team were both winners of their respective competitions, while the Second XV narrowly missed winning the fourth grade competition.

The system of playing mid-week matches amongst the lower grades was again followed this year to good effect. These games enabled the players to develop understanding amongst themselves as a team, and gave their coaches a chance to give advice and criticism of play before the more important match on the Saturday. Teams also practised on one other day each week. Again, senior boys and members of the first group gave valuable service by assisting the coaching of these lower grades and refereeing their mid-week matches.

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This year saw the introduction of a Junior House competition, played off in the third term at about the same time as the Senior House competition. The junior teams consisted of any players not included in the senior teams, but players from the sixth grade or lower were eligible for both teams. This innovation proved very successful, not only because it provided more interest in House affairs and gave good indications of the next year's House football strength, but also because it gave many players a chance to continue playing football at a time when little organised sport is under way.

Another new fixture this year was a match between boys leaving and boys returning, played as a wind-up to the football season. It was won by the boys leaving, due in no small part to the efforts of Mr. Barton and of Mr. Stewart, who, it might be added, kicked two excellent dropped goals. It was noticed that the numerical strength of both teams had increased considerably by the end of the game.

The First XV began the season with seven of last year's team, and thirteen others had earned their blazers by the end of the season. In general the team was happily free of a large number of injuries or illness throughout the season, although R. Johns suffered from a bad knee and L. Penn contracted chicken-pox at one stage, and these two wings were not available for the Te Aute match. P. Dravitzki was also unfortunate enough to tear his ear at practice, and consequently stood down for two college games.

The First XV did not really find its feet until the second college match, when it was unlucky to go down to Auckland Grammar, and from then on it did not look back. The team finished the season with a very good record, however, the crux of which was its success in both its matches in the Southland Centennial Secondary Schools' Quadrangular Tournament at Invercargill. Speedy in the three-quarters, strong and fast forward, the team concentrated on quick handling and linking of backs and forwards together, and by the middle of the season had developed a very forceful combination. Quick and efficient handling by the backs enabled them to stand in a close formation with great advantage. One stratagem in particular which was used very effectively, especially in Southland, was to use a forward to throw the ball in the line-outs, which allowed one wing to come in as an extra man in the back-line. With a trip to Invercargill at the end of the second term besides three other college matches played away, the First XV had a very full season, and one which involved a large amount of travelling.

The Second XV had a good season, although some of its performances were disappointingly below standard. At a time when the First XV's college game programme was intensive, they substituted for them and played a New Zealand Regular Force Army Cadets' team at Rugby Park. They played extremely well to win by three to nil in a very close game. The team for this match was: D. Davy, D. Wallis, K. Comber, G. Patten, R. Ruru, R. Sharrock, W. Bourn, B. Patten, A. Logan, A. Tubman, R. Te-Ariki, B. Hunger, R. Fenwick, M. Hutchings, L. Petersen.

The Second XV also met and defeated at Opunake the Opunake High School First XV in their annual game.

The second group as usual entered two teams in the fourth grade competition. The fourth grade B's proved themselves a strong team in



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1956.

Back Row: D. A. Christie, J. B. Tait, G. A. Hyde, F. P. Bennett, R. A. Hodges, I. A. Ross, T. N. Wolfe.

Middle Row: M. V. Geary, D. A. Wallis, G. D. Hayes, B. C. Shotter, R. I. Butchart, G. R. Jensen.

Front Row: R. C. Johns, P. V. Dravitzki, P. L. Penn, J. R. Wood (Captain), E. D. Penny, J. C. Harvey, F. S. Ropati.

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their competition, and the fourth grade C's are worth special mention this year, for the football they produced was of a higher standard than it has been in this team for many years. Always providing strong opposition to any team, they won their first game in four years, and went on to win one more and draw another during the season.

The School fifth grade had a very large number of players this year, and it was necessary to enter five teams in the competition, which had only two outside teams in it. A team from this grade was selected to play the annual match against a Wanganui Collegiate team, this year at Wanganui. They failed to notch a win, but produced some sound football.

The lower grade teams revealed some promising talent this year. Perhaps the most outstanding teams were the Moyes and Niger seventh grades. A selected seventh grade team played an Opunake High School team, and a team picked from players under the age of sixteen met a Stratford Technical High School team.

The 1st XV played a team from the H.M.N.Z.S. Hawea at Pukekura Park in the third term, defeating them in an interesting game by 25 points to three. Several players from the First XV were chosen to play for a Taranaki secondary schools' team in a friendly match against the Northern Division Junior Open representatives. It is hoped to make this an annual fixture.

The School expresses its gratitude to the following organisations for their important part in fostering Rugby in this School: The Taranaki Rugby Union, the Northern Junior Management Committee, the Racecourse Playing Fields Committee, the Referees' Association, the St. John's Ambulance.

The First XV is also particularly indebted to the Southland Rugby Union for an invitation to Southland and making possible the team's participation in their quadrangular tournament.

## COLLEGE GAMES

### v. HAWERA - STRATFORD T.H.S. COMBINED

(Played at Rugby Park, June 2nd). Won: 6-3.

Heavy underfoot conditions prevented this match from turning into a brilliant spectacle, but the teams produced lively football. Played as the second curtain-raiser to the New Zealand XV v. North Island match, it was a very closely-fought game.

Combined won a good deal of the scrums and was well up with the line-outs, but attacking movements often died through a lack of cohesion. School's defence was sometimes ruffled but rarely failed, and it was this factor, combined with a better understanding among the players, that enabled them to win. Points for School came from two unconverted tries, against a penalty goal for Combined.

The teams were:—

**Hawera - Stratford.**—C. Wishnowsky, J. Barton, E. Gibson, M. Bigham, D. Ellison, C. Evans, W. Batchelor, W. Blight, J. Clark, C. Sharp, J. Gilmore, L. Toohey, R. Gardiner, D. Charleton, G. Bremer.

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**School.**—J. Wood (captain), L. Penn, R. Ruru, R. Johns, I. Ross, R. Sharrock, D. Christie, G. Hayes, D. Penny, R. Hodges, B. Shotter, F. Ropati, F. Bennett, R. Butchart, P. Dravitzki.

### THE PLAY

Combined set the early pace with fiery forwards and a fast three-quarter line, and School spent a good deal of the first half on defence. Wishnowsky opened the scoring for Combined with a good penalty goal. School's defence was under pressure many times, but it held well. After about twenty-five minutes, School were awarded a penalty on Combined's twenty-five. Wood short-kicked to Hayes, who began a passing rush which ended with Ross scoring well out. Johns' kicked failed and half-time came with the score: Combined 3, School 3.

Bigham opened up School's defences with a penetrating run early in the second spell, bared the goal-line and then threw a forward pass to Gibson. School's line continued to be threatened with bright back movements, but these were marred by forward passes and a desperate defence. School recovered and took play back to Combined's territory and Penn was caught twice by the corner flag. School hammered away in the corner, and finally Penny secured the ball from a long line-out and dived across the line. Johns missed the kick.

Combined made a final rally, struck to School's corner, were turned back, and School ended the match on attack, with the final score: School 6, Combined 3.

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

(Played at Hicks Memorial Park, Hawera, July 7th). Lost 3-8.

Playing in near-perfect conditions before a smaller crowd than usual, St. Pat's defeated School by a converted try and a penalty goal, to School's unconverted try. St. Pat's thoroughly deserved their win, and play was kept in School's territory for the greater part of the game. Loose forwards of both teams gave inside backs a lot of trouble and nullified many back movements. St. Pat's completely dominated play in the line-outs, and the School backs lacked the cohesion to match the thrust and speed of their opponents.

The defence of both sides was a feature of the match, and the solid cover defence of School kept the score low. One of the major reasons for St. Pat's win was the splendid backing up by all players. The handling of the St. Pat's backs was superior to School's and they appeared to be the more purposeful set.

The teams were:—

**St. Patrick's College.**—A. McKay, M. Dennehy, M. Hawk, B. Pietkiewicz, M. Ogier, N. McAra, M. Mahoney, N. Transom, B. Harker, G. Barrett, M. Cooke, I. Vodianovich, C. Baker, W. James, J. Hall.

**School.**—J. Wood, L. Penn, G. Jensen, R. Johns, I. Ross, N. Wolfe, M. Geary, G. Hayes, D. Penny, F. Bennett, B. Shotter, F. Ropati, P. Dravitzki, R. Butchart, J. Harvey.

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### THE PLAY

School kicked off into the sun and a slight wind. They attacked for a short time but St. Pat's made use of the sun and breeze to drive School back with high kicks. The St. Pat's forwards won possession from the scrums and rucks to allow their backs to air the ball, and from one movement McAra cut through nicely to School's line. From the resultant scramble Hall scored by the post and Mahoney converted.

Wolfe was prominent when School attacked for a short spell, but Dennehy turned defence into attack with a determined run which put them well in School's territory. Then from a penalty for a scrum infringement Mahoney kicked a nice goal for St. Pat's. St. Pat's 8, School 0.

St. Pat's took advantage of the sun and breeze, using high kicks to keep on attack. Mahoney had two more unsuccessful shots at goal. School broke out again and Johns made valuable ground when he caught full-back McKay in possession. The rest of the spell was largely confined to the centre of the field and the half-time score remained at: St. Pat's 8, School 0.

Short rushes by the St. Pat's forwards kept School on defence until penalties relieved them. Pietkiewicz made a good run but his centring kick was not accepted. Hayes and Penny led the School forwards in a good break but McKay saved well for St. Pat's. Due mainly to the efforts of their forwards, School kept in St. Pat's territory and again came close to scoring, but a good clearing kick by Mahoney got St. Pat's out of trouble.

Johns gathered in a miss-kick by a St. Pat's player and made a strong bid for the line, but he was dragged down inches short. A little later he narrowly missed a difficult penalty.

Again School's backs sent Johns away on a good run, but McKay got him into touch. From the resultant line-out Bennett pounced on the ball to score. Johns missed the kick. St. Pat's 8, School 3.

St. Pat's drove back to School's line, and Hayes' excellent cover-defence was of great advantage in stifling a series of promising back movements by St. Pat's. The St. Pat's backs and forwards combined in a passing rush to press School, but a kick by Penn put School back on attack. However, the defence held and the final score was: St. Pat's 8, School 3.

### v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL

(Played at Eden Park, Auckland, July 14th). Lost 8-11.

The game was played on a fairly firm ground and overhead conditions were good. The result of the match was in doubt up till the final whistle, but School had a definite advantage in the forwards. A draw at least would have been a good indication of the match, but a fine piece of work by Grammar right on time gave them the winning try.

The teams were:—

**Auckland Grammar.**—R. Browne, J. Kuila, R. Chambers, I. Matthews, C. Mitchell, C. Pascoe, B. Hagen, F. Kerr, K. Nelson, M. Meikle, S. Tukia, G. Tercel, J. Odlin, K. Hill, T. Marshall.

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**School.**—J. Wood, L. Penn, G. Jensen, R. Johns, I. Ross, N. Wolfe, D. Christie, G. Hayes, D. Penny, F. Bennett, B. Shotter, J. Harvey, G. Hyde, R. Butchart, P. Dravitzki.

### THE PLAY

School kicked off and from loose play following, Johns followed up a kick and went over the line, only to be brought back for an infringement. A few minutes later Johns missed an attempt at a penalty goal. At this stage the play had become confined much to the forwards, where School showed a slight superiority, particularly with foot rushes. Grammar appeared to have a slightly more incisive back line, but on both sides sound tackling reduced the effectiveness of the few back movements.

Grammar took play back to School's line, and Nelson was unsuccessful with a penalty kick. A high kick by Wood relieved the situation for School and play moved back towards the Grammar line. Johns tried another shot at goal without success.

After twenty-five minutes Mitchell, the Grammar second five-eighth, charged down a kick by Ross and recovered the ball to run fifty yards unopposed for a spectacular try under the posts. Nelson converted and the score was: Grammar 5, School 0.

From the following kick-off Ross made a nice break but was brought down five yards from the goal-line. Grammar took play back into School's half, and Nelson missed an attempt at goal. Half-time found the score unaltered.

After the kick-off School took play into Grammar's half. From a line-out, Harvey led a forward rush to the goal-line and from the ensuing ruck Christie scored on the open side. Johns converted to make the scores equal.

School kept up the attack and a kicking duel ended when Ross found touch. Kaila, on Grammar's wing, made a brilliant run down the side-line, but Penn brought him to earth. Play became rugged with rucks collapsing frequently. Wood was penalised in his own half, and Nelson was successful with the kick at goal. Grammar 8, School 5.

School now kept the ball almost constantly in Grammar's territory. Another forward rush resulted in a ruck just short of Grammar's line and Penn took the ball on the blind side to go over in the corner. Johns missed. School 8, Grammar 8.

Play travelled up and down the field, Wolfe relieving well for School when he got the ball to touch on the half-way line. From a set movement Johns took the ball over the line, but a try was disallowed. He received attention for a knock but returned to the field. Shortly afterwards, however, he was replaced by Wallis. School kept on the attack, but with the clock showing time Grammar drove back to School's line. Hagen worked the blind side and passed to Browne, who scored an unconverted try in the corner, making the final score: Grammar 11, School 8.

### v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

(Played at Wanganui, July 18th). Won 12-5.

The game was played in excellent conditions at the Collegiate School grounds, and bright open play was the order of the day. School took some time settling down, being dominated fore and aft for the first twenty

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minutes, during which time Collegiate scored their converted try. School then took charge of the game and after they had established a lead did not look at all like being headed. School's points came from two tries and two penalties.

The teams were:—

**Wanganui Collegiate.**—J. Nott, T. Burke, G. Palmer, J. Hughes, T. Leupolo, H. Ellingham, R. McMorrison, N. Hunter, I. Blathwayt, S. Parker, C. Horrocks, P. Pedersen, T. Ellingham, F. Hull, P. Duncan.

**School.**—J. Wood, L. Penn, G. Jensen, D. Wallis, I. Ross, N. Wolfe, D. Christie, G. Hayes, F. Ropati, R. Hodges, B. Shotter, D. Penny, J. Harvey, R. Butchart, G. Hyde.

### THE PLAY

Wanganui went into attack from the kick-off and Leupolo made a break but found no support. School forwards drove Collegiate back to their twenty-five where Shotter missed a difficult penalty. Then Leupolo made a fine break, passed to Hughes as extra man, who kicked ahead for Burke to gather in and score. Parker kicked a difficult conversion, making the score: Collegiate 5, School 0.

Collegiate's fast-breaking forwards continued to bustle School's inside backs. Collegiate sent their backs away and Burke made a bid for the line, but was brought down in a dive tackle by Wood.

School now began to assert itself. Wolfe dummied and sent Penn over but the pass was ruled forward. Hayes made a good break but nobody was in support. Shortly afterwards Shotter kicked a long penalty to make the score: Collegiate 5, School 3. Dropped passes kept School from scoring, until Wood came into the back-line and completed a bright movement with a score in the corner. Ross missed, and half-time came with the score: School 6, Collegiate 5.

From the kick-off in the second half School opened up on attack with Hayes and Jensen trying a scissors movement. Soon after, School won the ball quickly from a ruck and it was passed out to Penn who outstripped everyone to score in the corner. Ross's kick dropped short. School 9, Collegiate 5.

For the first time in this half Wanganui made a stab into School's territory where they were awarded a penalty, but Hughes narrowly missed with his kick. School carried play back to Collegiate's territory and just before full time Ross kicked a good penalty, making the final score: School 12, Collegiate 5.

### v. TE AUTE COLLEGE

(Played at Rugby Park, August 4th). Won 15-10.

The match was played in a howling southerly gale, and School earned their well-merited win mainly because their play was better against the wind than Te Aute produced. However, the wind did not prevent both teams from turning on a very bright display of college Rugby, and all points came from five converted tries. Both back and forward play at times reached very high standards and School appeared to have better

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understanding among the backs as well as more aggressive forwards. While the wind was the main factor in School's half-time lead, Te Aute's looser handling and consequent loss of possession in the second spell cost them not a few points. The two tries they scored were, however, very spectacular efforts, in the best Te Aute tradition.

The teams were:—

**Te Aute.**—W. Naera, A. Rolleston, R. Hapuku, W. Joseph, T. Pewhairangi, T. Seymour, M. Kururangi, P. Te Maipi, G. Keenan, S. Hemi, P. Vivili, W. Whangatirita, E. Wikaraia, W. Matthews, R. Tuheke.

**School.**—J. Wood, B. Tait, G. Jensen, D. Wallis, I. Ross, N. Wolfe, D. Christie, G. Hayes, D. Penny, F. Bennett, B. Shotter, J. Harvey, P. Dravitzki, R. Butchart, G. Hyde.

## THE PLAY

Te Aute kicked off into the wind, and Naera failed with an early penalty. For the rest of the half Te Aute rarely invaded School's territory.

After twelve minutes, with the forwards feeding the backs well, Bennett secured the ball for School from a line-out inside Te Aute's twenty-five, and the ball went out to Wallis and back to Tait who went over for the first try, which Ross converted.

Shotter missed with a penalty, but from a scrum soon after Christie sent the ball to Ross, and then to Jensen, who dived over. Ross converted. School 10, Te Aute 0.

After the School backs had thrown the ball about in fine style, the play came from a ruck to Hyde who cut through nicely and scored beside the posts. Ross again converted.

Te Aute essayed a spectacular back movement towards School's line, but Wood saved well when he brought Joseph down. Play quickly reversed and School camped in Te Aute territory for the remainder of the spell. Penny figured in a spectacular rush and School's backs swung into action, a promising movement failing when Wallis could not collect a difficult pass. Half-time found the score: School 15, Te Aute 0.

Despite playing into the wind, School soon pressed their attack in the second spell. A period of delightful play followed with Te Aute flinging the ball about in great fashion. School's forwards covered up well against a strong attack, and Te Aute, whose handling was letting them down, found it difficult to penetrate the solid defence. After twenty minutes there was no further score, but both sides were throwing the ball about in complete disregard of the stronger wind.

Te Aute opened their account with less than ten minutes to go, when the backs turned on a bright movement, the ball rapidly advancing down their line to Rolleston, who just beat Wallis to the corner. Hapuku converted. Almost immediately afterwards Rolleston again engineered a good movement, and sent Seymour over for a fine try which Tuheke converted. School 15, Te Aute 10.

School drove play back into Te Aute territory with low kicks, and with five minutes to go Geary replaced Wolfe, who retired with an injury.

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Ross missed a penalty, and School's defence held as Te Aute made a final burst. The final whistle found the score still at: School 15, Te Aute 10.

## v. KING'S HIGH SCHOOL, DUNEDIN

(Played at Rugby Park, Invercargill, 13th August). Won 18-13.

School played King's on the first day of the Southland Centennial Secondary Schools' Tournament at Invercargill. They scored six unconverted tries and King's scored three tries, two of which were converted. School's more polished backs gave them a decided advantage, and they had scored three good tries in rapid succession within the space of about fifteen minutes.

The teams were:—

**King's.**—Munro, Simpson, Christian, Geary, Lucas, Shirley, Dunbar, Pearce, Bain, Larking, Mantell, Hocking, Couling, Simpson, Stewart.

**School.**—J. Wood, L. Penn, G. Jensen, R. Johns, I. Ross, N. Wolfe, D. Christie, G. Hayes, D. Penny, B. Shotter, R. Hodges, F. Bennett, J. Harvey, R. Butchart, G. Hyde.

## THE PLAY

King's kicked off and School scored from the first movement. The ball was given to the backs, and Penn kicked ahead, retrieved the ball and went over near the corner. Ross missed the kick. About six minutes later Wolfe received the ball from a ruck near King's line and jiggled his way through the defence to score. Ross could not convert.

School continued to throw the ball about, and in one movement Penn came in as extra man, giving Johns a clear run to the corner. Ross missed. School 9, King's 0.

King's took play into School's twenty-five, and from a line-out handy to the goal-line Couling burst around the front to score an unconverted try. School retaliated and continued to press the King's defence. Ten minutes before half-time Wolfe worked the blind side and handed on to Wood who shook off a tackle to score another unconverted try. At half-time the score was: School 12, King's 3.

Play at the start of the second half saw King's pressing School back into their own twenty-five. King's added to their score when Wolfe dropped the ball on his own goal-line and Simpson, the King's hooker, dived on it. The kick was successful, and the score was: School 12, King's 8.

Soon after, King's scored again when, on the half-way line, a King's player charged down a clearing kick. The ball was gathered up and passed to Christian who raced to score near the posts. Shirley converted, to put his team in the lead: King's 13, School 12.

In the next twenty minutes School were well into King's half, doing their best to break through, but the King's defence held. School got their chance, however, when Jensen took the overlap in a neat back movement and scored a good try. School 15, King's 13.

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King's began to fight back at this stage and they made ground with several high kicks which found touch. But School asserted themselves again with their heavier forwards and more penetrative backs. Penn took a pass from a back movement on King's twenty-five and outpaced his opposite to score easily. Another attempt to convert was unsuccessful, and the game ended with School 18, King's 13.

### v. SOUTHLAND BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

(Played at Rugby Park, Invercargill, August 15th). Won 16-6.

Playing on a dry ground in fine conditions, School convincingly defeated Southland Boys' High School by four tries, two converted, to two penalties. School held a definite territorial advantage, but a host of penalties awarded against over-eager forwards often gave Southland chances to notch points.

Credit must be given to School's forwards who more than contained Southland's heavy pack, and hunted the ball relentlessly. Breaking very fast from scrums and rucks, they smothered many of Southland's back movements. Southland's backs began brightly with strong attacks, but they showed less initiative as play progressed.

The teams were:—

**Southland.**—B. Rutherford, M. Hoffman, R. Moreton, G. Nicholson, E. Currie, C. Soper, J. Rance, K. Lawson, E. Webb, G. Singleton, M. Waddle, C. Young, M. McLaughlan, C. Frobath, R. Knight.

**School.**—J. Wood, L. Penn, G. Jensen, R. Johns, I. Ross, N. Wolfe, D. Christie, G. Hayes, D. Penny, B. Shotter, R. Hodges, J. Harvey, G. Hyde, R. Butchart, P. Dravitzki.

### THE PLAY

Nicholson raised Southland's hopes after five minutes of play when he made a bold run up the sideline, getting to within ten yards of School's line before Johns came across from the other wing and pulled him down in a great tackle. Lengthy touch-finders by Wolfe and Wood swung play back into Southland's twenty-five and School's forwards fed their backs who attacked Southland's line with determination. Penn came in as extra man when the ball was won from a line-out and Johns was given a clear run to the line. Ross converted.

For the rest of the half, however, attacking play by the backs was limited, play being largely confined to the forwards. In that department School began to show a superiority with strong rushes, quick heeling and fast breaking.

Southland's first five-eighth, Soper, made ground for Southland near the end of the half with a strong run, and Moreton goaled from a penalty to make the half-time score: School 5, Southland 3.

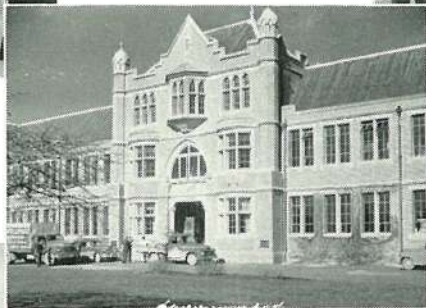
School took the offensive when play resumed, Wolfe making a snappy blind-side break to open the way for a try by Penn. Ross missed the kick.

Southland brought play into School's territory, and the forwards were penalised several times in dangerous positions. Moreton missed two





Above: Team members enjoying refreshments during the trip. Below: An incident in the game against Southland Boys' High School.



Above: Main entrance of Southland Boys' High School, Invercargill.



Above: The team at Otautau during a sight-seeing trip. Below: At a reception given for the teams in Otautau Memorial Hall.



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easy shots at goal before succeeding from right in front: School 8, Southland 6.

Southland tried hard to establish a lead but School's back defence was too solid and the forwards too strong. School pushed Southland back into their own territory, the forwards took the ball away from a scrum which Southland had won and Ross was well up to collect and score. The kick missed and School now led by 11 to 6.

With time almost up, a well-judged kick took play back to the Southland line, the forwards followed up quickly and heeled the ball to Christie who scored in a handy position. Ross converted, and full time came with the score: School 16, Southland 6.

## CLUB COMPETITIONS

v. Okato	Won	25-3	v. Rahotu	Won	52-0
v. Kaitake	Won	41-3	v. Clifton	Lost	6-11
v. Old Boys	Won	14-3	v. Okato	Won	12-6
v. Marist	Drew	6-6	Played		11
v. Clifton	Lost	3-22	Won		7
v. Urenui	Won	22-9	Lost		3
v. Star	Won	19-6	Drew		1
v. Tukapa	Lost	3-15			

## DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS

As has often been the case in recent years, the Day Boys rose magnificently to the occasion and contained a highly favoured Boarders team consisting entirely of members of the First XV.

The result was a draw, with one try to each side, after the Boarders had in vain tried everything possible in the second half to penetrate the rock-like defence of the Day Boys. Conditions were very wet throughout the match, although the ground kept in fairly good order, and the forward play produced was of a high standard.

The teams were:—

**Day Boys.**—R. Sharrock, R. Johns, G. Jensen (captain), D. Davy, R. Ruru, N. Wolfe, D. Crossman, B. Patten, E. Jones, G. Milne, J. McConachie, B. Hunger, P. Dravitzki, B. Davey, R. Fenwick.

**Boarders.**—J. Wood (captain), L. Penn, D. Wallis, B. Tait, I. Ross, M. Geary, D. Christie, G. Hayes, D. Penny, R. Hodges, B. Shotter, F. Bennett, J. Harvey, R. Butchart, G. Hyde.

After ten minutes Wood mis-kicked in attempting to clear and Johns received the ball to run fifty yards for a score in the corner which he could not convert. Soon after Ross narrowly missed a penalty for Boarders.

Boarders attacked the Day Boys' line for a while in an attempt to equalise but without success. Day Boys fought back and their fast breaking forwards found the Boarders' backs in trouble several times. Half-time came with Day Boys still leading by three to nil.

## FOOTBALL

Boarders kept play mostly in Day Boys' territory in the second half. Their forwards won a wealth of ball from line-outs, but the backs could not use it effectively, often losing ground when they attempted to feed their wings. Poor handling and a failure to vary back play lost the Boarders many chances.

The Boarders' forwards dictated play for the latter part of the game, and after a line-out near the Day Boys' goal-line Christie picked up a loose ball and dived over to equalise the score. Ross could not convert. The extremely solid defence of the Day Boys' backs kept the Boarders at bay until the final whistle sounded with the score at: Day Boys 3, Boarders 3.

## HOUSE FOOTBALL

**Junior Competition.**—This competition produced some sound and lively football. In the final, Pridham were matched by Moyes in the forwards, but a more solid and more experienced back-line was the deciding factor.

Pridham Junior XV: I. Alexander, R. Gardiner, G. Ford, W. Wakelin, M. Wilson, P. Woodcock, K. Gibbons, A. Logan, V. Colson, G. Fulton, D. Fulton, J. Lissington, F. Barrett (captain), R. Cathie, A. Worth.

### Results:—

First Round: Pridham 22 v. West 3, East 5 v. Niger 3, Moyes 19 v. Country 0, Central 15 v. Carrington 0.

Second Round: Pridham 27 v. East 0, Moyes 8 v. Central 3.

Final: Pridham 5 v. Moyes 0.

**Senior Competition.**—Moyes and Pridham fielded the strongest teams in this year's Senior House Competition, and both teams had very easy wins in the first and second rounds. Moyes won the final, which was played on Pukekura Park. It was a very hard-fought match, but the strong and heavy Moyes pack were too much for Pridham to handle.

Moyes XV: M. Wellington, T. Fookes, L. Woodhouse, G. Voyce, W. Bygrave, I. Ross, B. Tait, W. Bourn, D. Penny (captain), B. Shotter, J. White, A. Tubman, M. Hutchings, G. Hyde, R. Butchart, L. Petersen.

### Results:—

First Round: Moyes 36 v. Niger 3, Central 22 v. Country 3, Pridham 45 v. East 0, West 15 v. Carrington 5.

Second Round: Moyes 19 v. Central 3, Pridham 22 v. West 3.

Final: Moyes 13 v. Pridham 3.

D. A. Christie.

## CRICKET

The number of boys playing cricket continues to increase. In the first term seven nets were maintained, providing practice facilities for about 100 boys. In the House competition, in which each team secures one game a week, there are now 17 teams. On Saturdays, six teams are now playing in the Saturday afternoon competition, while a further seven teams play for two hours in the morning in the Under 15 cricket scheme. This means that at least 350 boys secure cricket some time during the week.

During the winter, the top ground has been considerably changed and cricket will benefit from these changes. The practice nets have received attention and the back net has been strengthened and heightened and fewer balls will have to be chased. Trees have been removed, improving light and again cutting down loss of balls. The boundary areas are much improved by concrete paths and renewed fences. The top ground has had a face-lift which not only improves cricket facilities but which will enhance the surroundings of the School, especially in the future when new shrubs and trees grow to maturity.

A new scheme of issuing gear has been tried this term. Previously each group has controlled its own cupboard and gear. Under the new scheme, practice gear will be issued daily and a signature for gear drawn will be required. The advantages of this scheme are that a greater check will be possible, losses will be reduced and better use made of the gear available. In view of increased cost of cricket material, these advantages should result in lowering the general cost of cricket.

The standard of cricket in the School has been generally satisfactory. From its college fixtures this season the First XI returned a reasonable draw against Nelson, a well-deserved "last minute" victory against Wellington, but a sudden reversal of form resulted in an innings defeat against Wanganui. The Second, Third and Fourth XI's put up good performances, while the Third Form group once more shows considerable promise.

The success of the Fourth XI in winning the local Junior Competition this season was most pleasing, as the strength of future first elevens of the School is closely associated with this group and the Third Form group. In the last two years much has been achieved in providing more cricket for junior boys and this should be of considerable benefit to cricket generally.

Improvements on the top ground are still continuing but the main work has been completed. The main wicket, the outfield and the surroundings are in first-class order. It is rather unfortunate that city water restrictions during the summer hinder the preparation of net wickets during dry periods.

The First XI required a considerable amount of reconstruction this year. The batting was capable of good performances but at times lacked the solidness which is essential for consistent scoring. While the absence of an experienced off-spin bowler tended to impose limitations, the bowling was usually steady without being hostile. The services of a capable "swing" bowler would have added to the strength of the bowling attack. The fielding of the team reached a reasonable standard but lacked real polish.

## CRICKET

After the Nelson game last year, J. Wood and R. McCaw were presented with caps. This year only three "old caps" returned to School. They were J. Wood, L. Paton and R. Ruru, while three other players, B. Davey, B. Bridge and M. Wellington, had also previously played in college fixtures. In addition to the eleven which played in college matches this year, W. Hamilton, F. Ropati and B. Shotter are members of the First Group.

## COLLEGE GAMES

### v. NELSON COLLEGE

(Played at New Plymouth on December 10th and 12th, 1955. Result: Drawn.)

After winning the toss School began their innings in ideal conditions. Although losing two quick wickets School recovered owing to a fine 96 by J. Lay and solid batting by J. Wood and T. Takai. The remainder of the School batsmen failed to make use of what appeared to be the foundations of a good score. School's moderate total of 189 was made in good time.

Nelson were in a good position at stumps, having lost only five wickets for 172. On Monday morning Nelson secured a first innings lead of 52 runs. Hunter reached a well-deserved century. Fa'asalafa and Ruru were the most successful School bowlers, while D. Wood also bowled well.

In the remaining time before lunch School lost two for 16 in their second innings. J. Lay and L. Paton gradually retrieved the position after lunch with good batting in an 83-run partnership for the sixth wicket. J. Lay went on to score an unbeaten century. Soon after, School declared, setting Nelson 147 to get in 90 minutes. Nelson had made 114 for six wickets when the game ended in a draw.

The game was John Lay's last for the School and he thus completed a series of very creditable performances with the century which had eluded him in previous college innings. On the completion of the game the Headmaster presented him with the customary bat for his hundred.

John batted 12 times for School in college games and was twice not out. He scored a total of 585 runs with an average of 58.5.

SCHOOL		Second Innings—	
First Innings—		Second Innings—	
D. Wood, b. Leeds	0	run out	3
J. Wood, c. Hunter, b. Martyn	28	b. Vear	2
T. Fa'asalafa, b. Vear	0	b. Vear	3
J. Lay, c. Hawes, b. Leeds	96	not out	103
T. Takai, c. Jewell, b. Leeds	25	c. Hunter, b. Jewell	14
L. Paton, run out	11	c. Hunter, b. Leeds	35
M. Wellington, l.b.w., b. Leeds	3	st. Hughes, b. Jewell	15
R. Alison, c. and b. Vear	4	not out	2
R. McCaw, run out	0		
D. Jensen, not out	3		
R. Ruru, c. Hughes, b. Vear	0		
Extras	19	Extras	21
Total	189	Total (6 wickets decl.)	198

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### Bowling for Nelson

First Innings—	O.	M.	R.	W.	Second Innings—	O.	M.	R.	W.
D. Vear	17.2	5	38	3	20	3	48	2	
R. Leeds	21	3	50	4	16	4	43	1	
B. Jewell	17	1	53	—	16	3	62	2	
R. Martyn	4	—	14	1	2	—	15	—	
R. Hunter	4	—	15	—	4	1	9	—	

### NELSON

First Innings—	Second Innings—
R. Hunter, b. Ruru	c. Alison, b. Ruru
D. Flux, l.b.w., b. Ruru	l.b.w., b. Jensen
R. Leeds, c. Lay, b. Fa'asalafa	c. Paton, b. D. Wood
D. Vear, c. J. Wood, b. D. Wood	c. Ruru, b. Jensen
D. Hawes, c. Fa'asalafa, b. Lay	b. Jensen
P. Hughes, b. Fa'asalafa	b. D. Wood
P. Wilson, c. and b. Fa'asalafa	not out
D. Logan, l.b.w., b. Ruru	
B. Jewell, b. Fa'asalafa	
D. Todd, b. Fa'asalafa	
R. Martyn, not out	
Extras	Extras
Total	Total (6 wickets)

### Bowling for School

First Innings—	O.	M.	R.	W.	Second Innings—	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Ruru	29	4	71	3	5	3	6	1	
T. Fa'asalafa	27	5	62	5	5	1	12	—	
D. Wood	23	6	58	1	14	—	45	2	
D. Jensen	10	1	16	—	13	2	40	3	
J. Lay	6	1	26	1					

### v. WELLINGTON COLLEGE

(Played at New Plymouth on March 15th and 16th, 1956. Result: School won by eight wickets.)

School opened their innings in bright weather and after an indifferent start L. Paton and J. Wood took the score to 73 when the latter was bowled for a solid 26. Shortly before lunch School lost Paton for a well-compiled 48 and Bridge for 16. After lunch B. Davey and K. Comber became associated in a valuable 99-run partnership. Davey, after a rather uncertain start, settled down to make an attractive 83, while Comber played a dogged innings at the other end. School were all out shortly after the tea interval for a satisfactory total of 219.

School were quickly on top when Wellington began their first innings after D. Davy held a good catch off R. Ruru's opening over. Ruru, who was bowling particularly well, went on to take four of the six Wellington wickets which fell before stumps. The remaining Wellington batsmen were quickly dismissed next morning for the addition of only 16 runs to their overnight total.

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## CRICKET

Wellington, 126 runs behind, were forced to follow on. School's position became even more favourable when Worn and Ruru each claimed an early wicket. However, the School bowling was unable to maintain its early hostility and Wellington gradually recovered due to a fine fighting partnership of 123 runs by McRae and Egley. The fielding of the School team was rather ragged at this stage, several easy chances being missed. Comber, fighting the ball well and maintaining a good length, was the most successful School bowler, while Ruru was also impressive in the Wellington second innings of 218 for nine declared. School were left with the difficult task of scoring 93 runs in 55 minutes for a win.

School lost an early wicket, but Paton and Davy immediately attacked the bowling and took the score to 46 when Davy was dismissed. Bridge joined Paton and together they continued to force the score along at a fast rate. The Wellington tactics became more defensive but in the last possible over of play, amidst great excitement, School snatched a dramatic victory. Paton, with a valuable 49 in 50 minutes, and Bridge with a hard hitting 21, remained unbeaten.

### SCHOOL

First Innings—		Second Innings—	
M. Wellington, l.b.w., b. Wright	6	c. Burke, b. Perkins	0
D. Davy, b. Wright	6	l.b.w., b. Burke	16
L. Paton, c. Pitt, b. Tser	48	not out	49
J. Wood, b. Burke	26		
B. Bridge, b. Wright	15	not out	21
B. Davey, l.b.w., b. Burke	83		
A. Broadmore, run out	7		
K. Comber, b. Burke	14		
R. Ruru, c. Wright, b. Burke	3		
F. Worn, b. Burke	0		
N. Wolfe, not out	2		
Extras	9	Extras	9
Total	219	Total (2 wkts.)	95

### Bowling for Wellington

	First Innings—				Second Innings—			
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. Wright	18	6	46	3	5	1	12	—
J. Perkins	19	9	36	—	3	—	19	1
K. Burke	20.5	3	45	5	6.2	—	27	1
D. Egley	12	—	50	—	2	—	15	—
S. Tser	14	2	33	1	3	1	13	—

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### WELLINGTON

First Innings—		Second Innings—	
W. Boshier, c. Davy, b. Ruru	0	c. Wolfe, b. Worn	0
R. Macdonald, l.b.w., b. Ruru	11	c. Wolfe, b. Ruru	4
B. Hastings, c. Paton, b. Ruru	15	c. Ruru, b. Comber	24
M. Perrett, c. Wood, b. Broadmore	23	b. Broadmore	16
A. MacRae, b. Broadmore	12	c. and b. Comber	80
D. Pitt, b. Ruru	7	b. Comber	12
D. Egley, b. Comber	7	c. Wood, b. Comber	50
K. Burke, b. Comber	5	b. Davey	10
S. Tser, b. Ruru	0	c. Davy, b. Comber	0
A. Wright, c. Wood, b. Ruru	6	not out	4
J. Perkins, not out	0	not out	1
Extras	7	Extras	17
Total	93	Total (9 wkts. decl.)	218

### Bowling for School

	First Innings—				Second Innings—			
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Ruru	16	4	43	6	29	13	45	1
F. Worn	7	2	21	—	3	—	9	1
B. Davey	3	1	4	—	9	5	20	1
A. Broadmore	6	2	16	2	6	—	34	1
K. Comber	4.1	3	2	2	30	6	75	5
L. Paton	—	—	—	—	8	—	18	—

### v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

(Played at New Plymouth on March 21st and 22nd, 1956. Result: Lost by an innings and 19 runs.)

This game was School's most disappointing display of the season and was also School's first defeat in college fixtures for some years. Wanganui, possessing a steady, varied bowling attack, supported by excellent fielding and reliable batting, fully deserved their victory.

School won the toss, but on a good wicket were dismissed for 125 runs. D. Davy, L. Paton and A. Broadmore batted solidly for School.

Wanganui batted slowly but were in a good position at stumps. Next morning Wanganui continued batting against accurate bowling. Near the end of their innings Wanganui hit out to enable them to declare at lunch with a lead of 65 runs. The School bowling was steady, with Ruru getting through 28 overs for 40 runs, but was rather lacking in penetration. W. Strang made a valuable 84 for Wanganui.

School began their second innings after lunch but collapsed to good bowling by R. Haynes and J. Pope. Shortly after 3 p.m. the School innings ended, leaving Wanganui clear winners by an innings and 19 runs.

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SCHOOL

First Innings—		Second Innings—	
M. Wellington, b. Pope .....	0	b. Haynes .....	4
D. Davy, c. Barton, b. Leupolu .....	34	l.b.w., b. Haynes .....	7
L. Paton, c. Strang, b. Leupolu .....	24	c. Nott, b. Pope .....	5
J. Wood, b. Barton .....	4	c. Nott, b. Hull .....	9
B. Bridge, l.b.w., b. Pope .....	0	b. Haynes .....	0
B. Davey, b. Barton .....	11	c. and b. Haynes .....	6
A. Broadmore, b. Hull .....	26	l.b.w., b. Haynes .....	8
K. Comber, b. Hull .....	15	run out .....	2
R. Ruru, not out .....	4	not out .....	1
F. Worn, b. Hull .....	0	b. Hull .....	0
N. Wolfe, st. Nott, b. Hull .....	0	c. Nott, b. Pope .....	0
Extras .....	7	Extras .....	3
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Total .....	125	Total .....	45

Bowling for Wanganui

First Innings—					Second Innings—			
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. Pope .....	13	6	16	2	11	3	14	2
R. Haynes .....	22	10	27	—	13	4	22	5
R. Barton .....	13	3	20	2	4	2	4	—
F. Hull .....	9.3	1	37	4	2	1	2	2
K. Leupolu .....	9	2	17	2				

WANGANUI

First Innings—		
T. Bunny, b. Ruru .....		6
W. Strang, run out .....		84
F. Hull, c. Davy, b. Ruru .....		0
J. Corballis, l.b.w., b. Comber .....		28
S. Crombie, c. Bridge, b. Worn .....		7
K. Leupolu, c. and b. Davey .....		15
T. Burke, run out .....		7
R. Barton, c. Paton, b. Ruru .....		11
R. Haynes, not out .....		5
Extras .....		27
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Total (for eight wickets declared) .....		190

Bowling for School

	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Ruru .....	28.4	11	40	3
F. Worn .....	14	6	23	1
A. Broadmore .....	11	5	19	—
B. Davey .....	15	3	33	1
K. Comber .....	11	2	37	1
L. Paton .....	6	1	11	—



FIRST ELEVEN, 1955.

Front Row: J. R. Wood, T. Takai, J. K. Lay (Captain), D. R. Wood, T. Fa'asalafa, R. Ruru.  
Back Row: B. A. Bridge, R. D. McCaw, D. C. Jensen, R. J. Alison, L. A. Paton, B. J. Davey.

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### SCHOOL v. NOMADS

This match against a strong Nomads touring team was played on February 15th and 16th. Two members of the staff, Messrs. E. Meuli and D. Barton, considerably strengthened the School team. In their second innings Nomads required 172 runs for a win and although losing three quick wickets they got the runs with 10 minutes to spare.

School: First innings 153 (Mr. Barton 38, Mr. Meuli 36, M. Wellington 30). Second innings 211 (L. Paton 50, Mr. Barton 36, Mr. Meuli 32, K. Comber 26).

Nomads: First innings 198 (Mr. Meuli three for 19, Mr. Barton two for 46, K. Comber two for 33) and 172 for seven wickets (R. Ruru two for 19, Mr. Meuli two for 50, Mr. Barton three for 73).

### HOUSE CRICKET

#### Bates Cup

A feature of the games this year was the even competition. In the elimination round Moyes defeated West (holders) while Central defeated East. In the final Moyes defeated Central, after an even struggle, by 15 runs.

#### Results:—

Moyes: 117 (M. Wellington 63, I. Ross 18). Bowling for Central: L. Paton four for 38, E. Des Forges four for 41.

Central: 103 (L. Paton 29, R. Little 16, P. Phillips 16, N. Wolfe 16). Bowling for Moyes: A. Tubman seven for 37.

Moyes team: M. Wellington (captain), A. Tubman, B. Shotter, I. Ross, E. Penny, T. Fookes, L. Woodhouse, J. White, C. Elliot, R. Price, D. Lambourne.  
**Day Boys v. Boarders**

Day Boys, after holding the Birch Cup for three years, lost to Boarders by 25 runs.

Boarders: 175 (M. Wellington 60, D. Wood 31, T. Fa'asalafa 24). Bowling for Day Boys: J. Lay four for 23, D. Jensen two for 17.

Day Boys: 150 (D. Jensen 56, J. Lay 22). Bowling for Boarders: D. Wood four for 61, M. Fa'aitu three for 19.

#### Second XI

The Second XI this year enjoyed a successful season. Although the bowling, apart from Tubman and Penny, was not up to the standard of previous years, the batting always proved reasonably sound. Little, Ross, Woodhouse and Des Forges turned in consistently good scores. As the season progressed, the team's fielding improved noticeably.

Our annual game against Stratford was once more an enjoyable fixture. This time we won by three wickets.

The team: A. Tubman (captain), D. Penny, I. Ross, L. Woodhouse, T. Fookes, R. Little, E. Des Forges, T. Puke, B. Irvine, A. Logan, D. Lambourne, P. McCallum, L. Calvert.



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### Third XI

The Third XI also had a successful season. We were unfortunate at the beginning of this year to lose P. McCallum and T. Logan, two of our best batsmen, to the Second XI. We had, however, in Workman, Lissington and Chapman, batsmen well capable of maintaining the team at the standard to which it was accustomed. As bowlers, White, Burgess and Elliott performed with distinction.

The team for the season was: D. Medway (captain), J. Chapman, G. Milne, P. Luckstedt, M. Smith, J. Lissington, J. Burton, P. Phillips, J. White, C. Elliot, P. Evans, T. Burgess, J. Workman.

### Fourth XI

The Fourth XI had a very enjoyable and successful season, and we must congratulate them on winning the Junior Competition.

Throughout the season, the team fielded a reliable batting side, with strong scorers in E. Coleman, A. Donnelly and R. Sharrock. Our bowlers, though few, were consistent, and many of our successes were due to the efforts of R. Worn, A. Donnelly and R. Sharrock and later in the season, to T. McNaught.

The team for the season was: M. Croxson (captain), R. Sharrock, D. Oliver, A. Donnelly, E. Coleman, R. Musker, P. Rere, N. Spedding, R. Worn, J. Rothery, T. Coley, T. McNaught, P. Stanton and M. Gernhoeffer.

### Third Form XI

The performance of the team as a whole and the encouraging debut of the individual players proved the past season to be most successful. The team, completing the season as the Fourth XI, won the local Junior Competition and several players later appeared for the First XI. The attack was well balanced. Pace bowlers, Ropati and Sharrock, were a hostile opening combination which was ably supported by stock bowlers Worn and Coleman. Left-arm spinner Donnelly supplied the slow guile. In Oliver and Croxson the eleven had two sound opening bats who paved the way for the stroke-makers, Sharrock, Donnelly, Gernhoeffer, Musker and Spedding. Further down the order Wolfe, Coleman and Ropati played the role of attacking batsmen. Behind the stumps the side was well served by Wolfe, whose form brought him First XI honours. Croxson's capable management of the team revealed him as a most astute captain for a junior skipper.

The most important fixture of the season is always the annual match against the Primary Schools. Our eleven secured a handsome win by an innings and 47 runs in this season's game. The main interest centred on School's endeavour to force an outright decision within the time against stubborn defensive batting. Donnelly settled the issue by claiming three wickets in his last four balls. On winning the toss School batted first and Croxson and Oliver made a fine opening stand of 58. Runs continued to come freely and our innings closed at the total of 163. The Primary Schools scored 59 and 56 with Sharrock taking six wickets for 23 and Donnelly four wickets for 14.

In the latter half of the season, the 1956 Third Form XI contained several promising young players. Tagipo, with nine wickets for 23

## BLAZER AWARDS

against New Plymouth, showed his ability as a medium-paced off-cutter. Allied to this is his correct forceful batting as a left-hander which makes him a most competent all-round cricketer. Stockwell, the captain, went very well as an attacking batsman. Other young players should reveal their ability in competitive matches during the third term.

L. A. Paton.

## BLAZER AWARDS

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

- J. R. Wood, Head Boy, Football, Cricket.
- P. L. Penn, Prefect, Football, Athletics.
- F. P. Bennett, Prefect, Football.
- P. V. Dravitzki, Prefect, Football.
- D. A. Christie, Prefect, Football.
- E. D. Penny, Prefect, Football.
- G. R. Jensen, Prefect, Football.

### Prefects—

- D. K. Derby
- K. M. Comber
- D. J. Davy
- C. W. Hamilton
- V. R. Hareb
- M. N. Harford
- S. J. Carryer
- N. A. Tuffery
- E. G. Jones
- J. S. Orams
- W. Rumball
- A. A. Tubman
- D. L. Wheller

### Athletics—

- C. E. Humphries
- R. G. Te-Ariki

### Swimming—

- P. B. Strombom
- P. J. Chicken

### Cricket (Old Caps only)—

- L. A. Paton
- R. Ruru

### Football—

- J. C. Harvey
- R. C. Johns
- B. C. Shotter
- R. A. Hodges
- G. A. Hyde
- G. D. Hayes
- F. S. Ropati
- J. B. Tait
- T. N. Wolfe
- D. A. Wallis
- R. I. Butchart
- I. A. Ross
- M. V. Geary

### Hockey—

- H. R. Barr

### Soccer—

- G. R. Pelham
- I. P. Raine
- F. W. Worn

### Gymnastics—

- J. B. Chapman

## SOUTHLAND TRIP

At the beginning of the season the news that a trip to Invercargill was probable was greeted with enthusiasm. Great efforts were made by all to make or keep his place in the team. After losing two games at the start of the season and then bringing the score even with two victories, the team left New Plymouth on the 10th of August with high hopes of victory and an exciting trip.

The railcar, adorned with our bright blazers, left New Plymouth early Friday morning. Lane Penn joined us at Stratford still showing the marks of chicken-pox. The seven-hour trip proved uneventful and gave us a taste of what rail trips were like.

In Wellington we were met by a group of Old Boys, who acted as our guides and entertained us at tea in the station cafeteria. Everyone had a good meal, but with some misgivings as to whether it would stay settled that night in the Straits. The chairman of the Wellington Branch, Mr. Phil Taylor, speaking on behalf of the Old Boys, expressed their desire to see more of our First XV in Wellington. They hoped to see a fixture with one of the Wellington schools. Mr. Taylor also encouraged us by relating his experiences as one of the very successful team to visit Otago in 1938, and exhorted us to do likewise. We soon learnt that with our "tiger-coats" on we aroused curiosity, to say the least of it, wherever we went. Gradually, however, we got used to the startled looks of the population in all the towns we visited.

We embarked on the ferry at about 7.45 with some grave doubts as a strong wind was blowing. The crossing, however, was not very rough but the wind was very cold, especially on the boat deck. Regardless of this a pleasant night was had by most. Barely awake, we clambered aboard the boat train and stood wedged in admiring the inside of the tunnel connecting Lyttelton to Christchurch. After breakfast on the station we had a quick look around the nearer part of the city, and saw the queue stretching for a block and a half for tickets for the Third Test match. Some of us penetrated as far as the Cathedral in the Square, but there was no time to go further.

The long trip in the train to Invercargill took us all day Saturday. Numerous games of cards were played, most resulting in friendly disputes arising from claims of invincibility by Messrs. Stewart and Barton. At Timaru we were joined by the Timaru Boys' High School First XV, who were also taking part in the tournament, and got to know several of them. Later in the afternoon, at every stop we anxiously sought information about the progress of the Taranaki-Springbok game. Taranaki's success inspired us to a resolution to do likewise.

At Invercargill we were welcomed and taken to our billets and a very much needed sleep. On Sunday most of the team had a chance to look around the town before practising on the school grounds in the afternoon. During the run, which attracted some attention from opposing teams, Pete Dravitzki unfortunately tore his ear, which needed four stitches and prevented him taking part in the first game. "Ak" Soper, who was captain of last year's New Zealand Colts team, gave us some tips, after watching the practice. We were very impressed by the school's ground, which although wet, was quite firm and well grassed.

Another sunny day made conditions ideal for Monday's game. We began the tournament by playing King's College at 1.30 p.m. We were all rather nervous as the result seemed to mean so much. Although we scored six tries to our opponents' three, we were not very satisfied with our win as we realised, after seeing Southland beat Timaru, that they

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would be a more difficult proposition. We also recalled that Southland had also beaten King's College earlier in the season.

On Tuesday morning the team again had a light run. Pete Dravitzki was again on deck for the game. During the afternoon the teams were taken for a bus trip to Riverton and on to Otautau. Here the sub-union entertained all the teams at a most enjoyable function. Mr. Lindsay, who was co-manager for the New Zealand Colts team with Mr. Stewart, welcomed us to the town and wished us all good luck for the coming games. He also remarked that the North must be a brightly coloured place judging by our blazers. At last someone had approved of our distinguishing "tiger-coats." Mr. Stewart in his reply pointed out that a New Zealand Colts team would always be there as an incentive to youthful footballers. The other teams performed their hakas but we, not having one, were obliged to sing the School song, which added considerably to the humorous side of proceedings, at least for the other teams if not for us.

The next day the ground was in good condition after drying out. When it is wet it can get extremely heavy. The weather was good and the games drew a fair crowd considering it was a week-day. Timaru v. King's began the afternoon. Our anxiety was increased by the ease with which Timaru beat King's by 30 points to three. We took the field however, far from beaten but determined to make good. At the final whistle the score-board showed us the winners by 16-6. The game had been hard but we could now be satisfied with our results and enjoy ourselves.

After the games more entertainment was provided which included a taste of real oysters. John Wood presented a framed photo of our school building to Mr. D. G. Grant, the headmaster of Southland, who is one of our Old Boys. All captains in their remarks expressed enthusiasm for the type of tournament they had just taken part in and a desire to see more.

In the evening members of Southland High School curdled our blood with an excellent performance of the "Ghost Train" and an enjoyable dance followed. Further remarks about the dance have been censored by the editor. Again the various school hakas were performed but we declined to repeat our song.

On Thursday morning we had to bid farewell to the town and the people we had come to know so well. All of us brought with us memories of the kind of hospitality we had heard existed only in the deep South and of friendships we hope some day to renew.

The train trip passed uneventfully and we reached Christchurch well after dark. Here we experienced an example of "test match fever" as the city was packed to capacity and more by excited Rugby fans. More than ever it seemed a pity that arrangements to have us billeted for the test match had fallen through.

The trip virtually ended with the departure of the railcar to New Plymouth. Thereafter the party was split, as boarders went directly home to their various districts.

We feel especially grateful to Southland Boys' High for their invitation to play them and to the Southland Rugby Union for making the trip possible. For us it meant a new and exciting experience of new places and different people and two most enjoyable games of football.

R. A. Hodges.

## ATHLETIC NOTES

School athletics again centred around the Monday night meetings, the only changes being in the increase of field events and the increase of attendance at these meetings.

This year, too, several School athletes joined the New Plymouth Club, this being made possible by a specially reduced club subscription. Some of the more accomplished boys were able to gain competitive experience by competing in provincial and centre championships. Places were won at both meetings while the club junior relay team, which included School sprinters, was very successful.

The very wet winter made winter training impossible but the Tuesday and Thursday night training was continued in sprints, middle distance running, hurdles, discus, shot, javelin and the jumping events, but because of the large number of events, these classes were held in alternate weeks with sprint, shot, javelin and some jumping events one week and the other events the next week. Attendances at training have been disappointing and it is a matter of regret that more boys are not taking advantage of the outstanding coaching facilities available.

We wish to thank all those who have given up their time and made their knowledge available to us for the general improvement of athletics.

Another innovation this year was the use of distinctive House singlets for the Hansard Cup athletics. These singlets allowed the enthusiastic House supporter to follow the progress of his representative in each race, made the judging much easier and by their variety and vividness added general colour to the meeting.

The Hansard Cup sports were held on the 7th of March on the bottom ground. The day was fair and the ground was in good condition. The surprise of the day was M. H. Tizard's defeat of C. E. Humphries in the 880 Yards. Pridham, although having the senior section well in hand, could only gain third placing behind Central and East. These two Houses were very strong in the Junior and Intermediate sections, with T. N. Wolfe, J. E. George and J. G. Murdock (Central) and R. C. Johns and I. A. Finer (East) especially prominent. The high standard reached by these boys seems to indicate that they will be a force in School athletics in the next two or three years.

The School sports were held on the 17th of March. In the morning the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the War Memorial Hall was held. This attracted a large number of people, most of whom remained for the sports. The day was fine and the ground was again in good condition. This was evidenced by the number of records set or equalled, a total of nine, with only three of these in the field events.

The records set up were: Senior 220 Yards, P. L. Penn, 24sec. (equals record); Senior Mile, C. E. Humphries, 4min. 41.3sec.; Intermediate 120 Yards Hurdles; R. C. Johns, 15.7sec. (heat) and 15.4sec. (final); Intermediate 880 Yards, B. N. Patten, 2min. 11.3sec.; Intermediate Discus, R. A. Hodges, 120ft. 3in.; Junior High Jump, R. A. Clarke, 4ft. 10in.; and T. N. Wolfe with three records; Junior 220 Yards, 25.5sec. (heat); 440 Yards, 58.6sec.; Long Jump, 17ft. 5in.

The sprints in each section were dominated by three boys, P. L. Penn in the Senior, R. C. Johns in the Intermediate, and T. N. Wolfe in the

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Junior. They did extremely well, winning twelve events between them. P. L. Penn won the Senior 100 Yards, 220 Yards and 440 yards; R. C. Johns won the Intermediate 100 Yards, 220 Yards, 120 Yards Hurdles, Long Jump, and Hop, Step and Jump; and T. N. Wolfe won the Junior 100 Yards, 220 Yards, 440 Yards and Long Jump. Another good performance was that of R. G. Te-Ariki, who won the Senior Javelin, Shot Put, Hop, Step and Jump and Long Jump.

The Inter-Secondary School Sports were again held at Stratford on the 24th of March. The guest school this year was Nelson College, who sent a small but very strong team of senior runners. Included in the Nelson team was G. M. Talbot, whose run in the 880 Yards was the outstanding event of the day. He ran a well-judged race to win in 1min. 59.8sec. but he did not show his superiority until the second lap when he took control and won by about 20 yards from his team mate, R. C. Nottage.

Although School had a fairly strong senior team, no win was recorded in that section. However, some good performances were returned in the other two sections. Winners from School were: Intermediate: R. C. Johns, 120 Yards Hurdles, 220 Yards, Long Jump; B. N. Patten, 880 Yards. Junior: T. N. Wolfe, 100 Yards, Long Jump, 440 Yards; R. A. Clarke, High Jump; and the Junior Relay team. R. A. Clarke's performance in the High Jump was creditable in that he equalled the existing record of 4ft. 8in.

The Athletic Committee wishes to thank the New Plymouth Athletic Club for supplying officials for the School Sports, the Dining Room staff for the excellent afternoon tea provided on Sports Day and also the parents of boys who billeted members of the Nelson College team.

F. P. Bennett.

## STEEPLECHASE NOTES

The Steeplechase was held on Friday, 12th October, and was run over the School farm. The courses were the same as last year, except that they were run from the top ground as the lower ground was temporarily out of use. The distances were approximately one and a half miles for the Junior, two miles for the Intermediate, and three miles for the Senior.

Weather conditions were inclined to be hot but with a cooling breeze. The track was dry and firm, which favoured fast times.

The Senior Steeplechase was won by E. F. Des Forges, off 70sec., who finished 8 seconds ahead of G. J. Patten. M. J. Sexton, from scratch gained sixth place and fastest time. Unfortunately C. E. Humphries was unable to compete. His entry would, undoubtedly, have made the race more interesting.

The Intermediate race provided a very close finish, with only 12 seconds separating the first six runners.

Congratulations to all the place getters and those who gained honours for fastest times.

M. J. Sexton.

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### SENIOR

E. F. Des Forges (70sec.), 16min. 57sec.	1
G. J. Patten (80sec.), 17min. 5sec.	2
R. G. King (120sec.), 17min. 20sec.	3
G. R. Milne (70sec.), 17min. 24sec.	4
I. E. Webster (70sec.), 17min. 30sec.	5
M. J. Sexton (scr.), 17min. 33sec.	6
R. C. Sampson (70sec.), 17min. 38sec.	7
P. V. Dravitzki (60sec.), 17min. 39sec.	8
B. K. Maine (80sec.), 17min. 40sec.	9
J. P. Comber (100sec.), 17min. 41sec.	10

Then followed: S. J. Carryer, M. N. Harford, R. W. Humphries, W. K. Larsen, R. M. Clegg, G. W. Howse, R. E. Maskery, G. H. Street, T. C. Farquhar, M. J. Kirk.

### Fastest Times:

M. J. Sexton, 17min. 33sec.	1
E. F. Des Forges, 18min. 7sec.	2
G. J. Patten, 18min. 25sec.	3
G. R. Milne, 18min. 34sec.	4 =
R. W. Humphries, 18min. 34sec.	4 =
P. V. Dravitzki, 18min. 39sec.	6
I. E. Webster, 18min. 40sec.	7
R. C. Sampson, 18min. 48sec.	8
B. K. Maine, 19min. 0sec.	9
S. J. Carryer, 19min. 8sec.	10

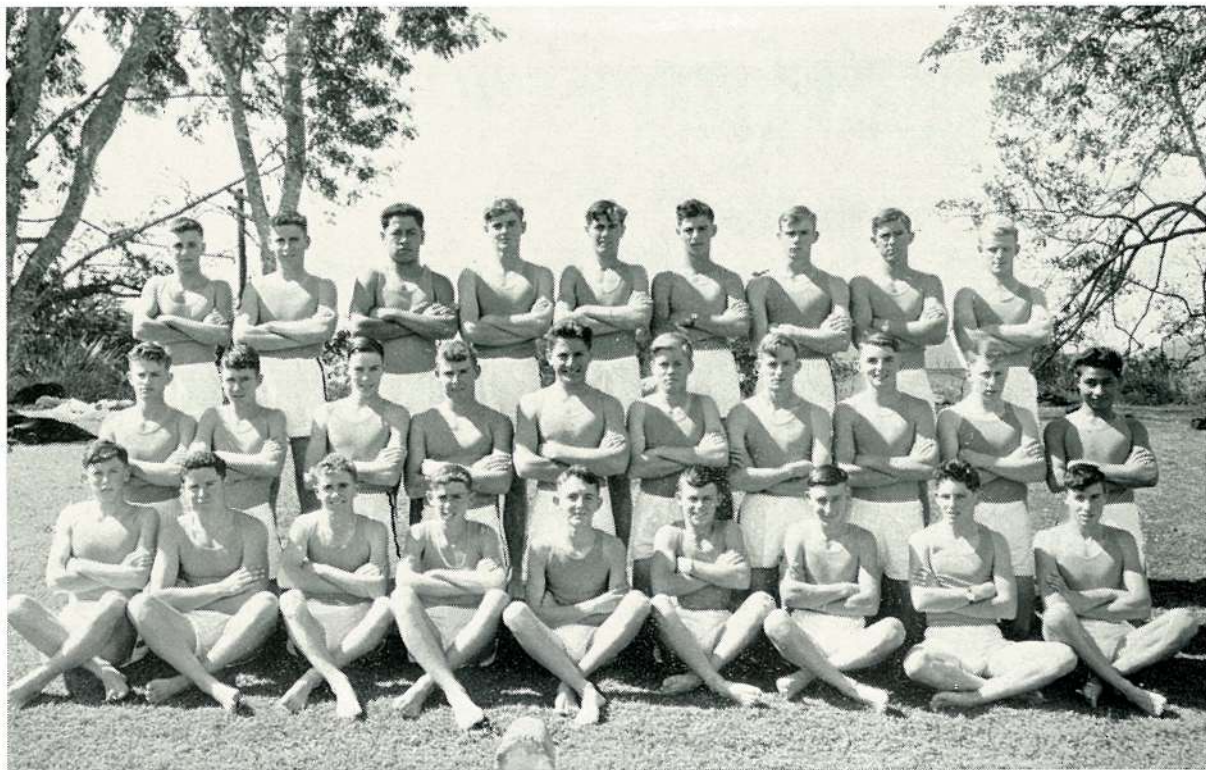
### INTERMEDIATE

D. V. Anderson (120sec.), 10min. 30sec.	1
B. Chayter (100sec.), 10min. 35sec.	2
H. R. Baker (80sec.), 10min. 36sec.	3
R. L. Wood (120sec.), 10min. 37sec.	4
M. I. Reid (70sec.), 10min. 40sec.	5
B. J. Bretherton (50sec.), 10min. 42sec.	6
D. R. Davies (90sec.), 10min. 45sec.	7
J. E. George (90sec.), 10min. 50sec.	8
S. J. Stewart (90sec.), 10min. 53sec.	9
R. J. Harding (70sec.), 10min. 56sec.	10

Then followed: A. J. Graham, J. J. Bowers, T. J. Clegg, T. Ioane, B. D. Hewer, L. C. Payne, R. J. Sanger, E. C. Roberts, W. S. Masters, J. Morine.

### Fastest Times:

T. J. Clegg, 11min. 30sec.	1
A. J. Campbell, 11min. 31sec.	2
B. J. Bretherton, 11min. 32sec.	3
B. N. Patten, 11min. 34sec.	4
A. G. Maine, 11min. 41sec.	5
M. I. Reid, 11min. 50sec.	6
L. C. Payne, 11min. 55sec.	7
H. R. Baker, 11min. 56sec.	8
A. J. Graham, 11min. 58sec.	9
W. E. Olson, 11min. 59sec.	10



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## NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS, 1956

EVENT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	TIME, HEIGHT, DISTANCE	SCHOOL RECORD
<b>SENIOR—</b>					
<b>Championships</b>					
(a) 100 Yards	P. L. Penn	D. W. Geary	G. A. Hyde	10.8sec.	10.4sec. { R. Watson, 1927. W. P. Revell, 1943.
(b) 220 Yards	P. L. Penn	D. W. Geary	M. S. Hutchings	24sec.	24sec. { L. B. Shrimpton, 1948. D. G. Lloyd, 1954. P. L. Penn, 1956.
(c) 440 Yards	P. L. Penn	M. S. Hutchings	G. J. Patten	54.6sec.	52.4sec., J. A. Ross, 1948.
(d) 880 Yards	M. H. Tizard	M. J. Sexton	C. E. Humphries	2min. 4.7sec.	2min. 3.8sec., C. Keig, 1948.
(e) 120 Yards Hurdles	C. E. Humphries	M. J. Sexton	R. W. Humphries	4min. 41.3sec.	4min. 41.3sec., C. E. Humphries, 1956.
Long Jump	G. A. Hyde	P. A. Cattle	R. G. Te Arika	16.7sec.	15.6sec. { M. B. Francis, 1952. 19ft. 8in., A. G. McIntyre, 1931.
High Jump	R. G. Te Arika	G. J. Patten	J. B. Chapman	4ft. 11in.	5ft. 6½in., J. C. Gordon, 1929.
Hop, Step and Jump	W. Bourn	R. C. Ellett	R. G. Te Arika	38ft. 6½in.	43ft. 6in., L. J. Croxson, 1952.
Throwing the Discus	R. G. Te Arika	J. B. Chapman	J. C. Harvey	113ft. 0in.	130ft. 11½in., J. K. Lay, 1955.
Putting the Shot	G. A. Hyde	F. P. Bennett	R. G. Te Arika	35 ft. 7½in.	43ft. 0½in., J. K. Lay, 1955.
Throwing the Javelin	R. G. Te Arika	F. P. Bennett	G. A. Hyde	156ft. 6in.	175ft. 8in., J. K. Lay, 1955.
<b>Handicaps</b>					
100 Yards	P. D. Ramsay	I. D. Lobb	J. W. Foote	10.8sec.	
220 Yards	P. A. Cattle	W. D. Woodward	G. G. Voyce	25.2sec.	
440 Yards	W. N. Johnson	E. F. Des Forges	W. H. Bygrave	57.3sec.	
880 Yards	R. M. Clegg	D. C. Crossman	E. D. Penny	2min. 12.0sec.	
(f) One Mile	M. H. Tizard	G. R. Milne	R. M. Dodd	5min. 0.4sec.	
<b>INTERMEDIATE—</b>					
<b>Championships</b>					
(g) 100 Yards	R. C. Johns	I. A. Finer	J. G. Murdoch	11.0sec.	10.6sec. { C. C. Kjestrup, 1937. W. J. P. Mitchell, 1946.
220 Yards	R. C. Johns	J. G. Murdoch	I. A. Finer	24.5sec.	24.2sec., O. A. M. Greensill, 1948.
(h) 440 Yards	M. R. Cole	B. N. Patten	T. F. Fookes	56.8sec.	55.2sec., D. G. Lloyd, 1953.
(i) 880 Yards	B. N. Patten	M. R. Cole	J. R. Lissington	2min. 11.3sec.	2min. 11.3sec., B. N. Patten, 1956.
(j) 120 Yards Hurdles	R. C. Johns	T. F. Fookes	A. M. Harris	15.4sec.	15.4sec., R. C. Johns, 1956.
(k) Long Jump	R. C. Johns	J. W. Guy	J. W. Guy	20ft. 5in.	20ft. 8½in., C. C. Kjestrup, 1937.
Hop, Step and Jump	R. C. Johns	A. J. Hills	J. W. Guy	37ft. 7in.	40ft. 2in., J. K. Lay, 1953.
(l) High Jump	T. Ioane	P. G. Crichton	G. C. Cochrane	4ft. 8in.	5ft. 2½in., A. A. Keller, 1932.
Throwing the Discus	R. A. Hodges	B. A. Hunger	D. A. Olsen	120ft. 3in.	120ft. 3in., R. A. Hodges, 1956.
Putting the Shot	R. A. Hodges	G. D. Hayes	A. J. Baeyertz	35ft. 11in.	38ft. 6in., F. P. Bennett, 1955.
<b>Handicaps</b>					
100 Yards	R. P. Revell	A. G. Brown	S. J. Carryer	11.3sec.	
220 Yards	R. A. Packer	S. Mataio	J. H. White	25.7sec.	
440 Yards	R. W. Harding	G. D. Hayes	R. L. Wood	57.0sec.	
880 Yards	M. J. Kirk	B. A. Muir	G. E. Morris	2min. 14.5sec.	
(n) One Mile	D. A. Olsen	B. H. Simpson	B. N. Patten	6min. 12.2sec.	
<b>JUNIOR—</b>					
<b>Championships</b>					
(o) 100 Yards	T. N. Wolfe	J. E. George	T. I. Russell	11.5sec.	11.4sec., A. R. Hill, 1954.-
220 Yards	T. N. Wolfe	J. E. George	T. I. Russell	26.2sec.	25.5sec., T. N. Wolfe, 1956.
(m) 440 Yards	T. N. Wolfe	K. J. Kelly	L. A. Death	58.6sec.	58.6sec., T. N. Wolfe, 1956.
880 Yards	R. A. Clarke	A. J. Campbell	W. S. Wakelin	2min. 26.6sec.	2min. 24.4sec., B. N. Patten, 1955.
80 Metres Hurdles	R. A. Clarke	T. I. Russell	R. D. Stables	13.4sec.	12.8sec., R. C. Johns, 1955.
High Jump	R. A. Clarke	R. D. Stables	L. F. Whittle	4ft. 10in.	4ft. 10in., R. A. Clarke, 1956.
Long Jump	T. N. Wolfe	J. E. George	J. W. Hughes J. G. Stubbs	17ft. 5in.	17ft. 5in., T. N. Wolfe, 1956.
<b>Handicaps</b>					
100 Yards	A. J. Roberts	C. B. Edwards	B. C. Marshall	12.0sec.	
220 Yards	C. D. Ekdahl	R. C. Wylde-Brown	M. S. Croxson	28.0sec.	
880 Yards	D. R. Davies	H. P. Baker	K. G. Pigott	2min. 22.8sec.	
<b>Other Events</b>					
75 Yards, Under 13½	C. G. McLeod	R. J. Hickey	P. J. Rona	9.6sec.	
100 Yards, Under 13½	R. J. Hickey	M. R. Herbert	R. J. Scott	13.4sec.	
220 Yards, Under 13½	C. G. McLeod	R. J. Hickey	P. J. Rona	29.0sec.	
Boarders v. Day Boys Relay	Boarders	Day Boys		1min. 12.0sec.	
(p) Old Boys' Race	B. M. Cannell D. W. Geary M. S. Hutchings G. A. Hyde P. L. Penn D. A. Wallis M. J. Mitchell	S. T. Chong	N. G. Jonas	9.421sec.	

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- (f) Dr. E. F. Fookes' Cup.
- (g) Mr. Beckbessenger's Cup.
- (h) Mrs. Bothamley's Cup.
- (i) Mr. Gilmour's Cup.
- (j) Mr. I. J. Marsh's Cup.

- (k) Mr. W. A. Cartwright's Cup.
- (l) Mr. P. M. Moran's Cup.
- (m) Mr. Harman's Cup.
- (n) Mr. Grieve's Cup.
- (o) Bennett Cup.
- (p) Challenge Cup.

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D. J. Jones (100sec.), 8min. 8sec. ....	1
G. W. Ellet (110sec.), 8min. 19sec. ....	2
N. G. Duncan (120sec.), 8min. 28sec. ....	3
G. G. Dally (70sec.), 8min. 31sec. ....	4
A. F. Farquhar (100sec.), 8min. 34sec. ....	5
D. C. Harvey (80sec.), 8min. 38sec. ....	6
H. B. Sharrock (80sec.), 8min. 39sec. ....	7
L. Death (scr.), 8min. 40sec. ....	8
G. E. Alexander (110sec.), 8min. 41sec. ....	9
W. S. Wakelin (60sec.), 8min. 45sec. ....	10

Then followed: D. E. Smith, D. M. Smith, J. R. Walker, R. A. Hinz, H. T. Mills, R. H. Hamilton, P. J. Cottam, C. W. Henderson, L. C. Burkett, R. A. Eagles.

### Fastest Times:

L. Death, 8min. 40sec. ....	1
R. D. Hinz, 8min. 47sec. ....	2
J. M. Miller, 9min. 40sec. ....	3
P. J. Honeyfield, 9min. 41sec. ....	4=
R. B. Hedley, 9min. 41sec. ....	4=
G. G. Dally, 9min. 41sec. ....	4=
C. W. Henderson, 9min. 43sec. ....	7
K. L. Wakelin, 9min. 45sec. ....	8
D. E. Smith, 9min. 47sec. ....	9
D. I. Jones, 9min. 48sec. ....	10

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—

I think school examinations for fifth formers should be continued. These examinations stimulate revision of work much earlier than tests. They also provide valuable practice in examination technique which is of vital importance at this time. If the questions are taken from old School Certificate papers they give the pupil an idea of what to expect when his time comes. Fourthly, they place the pupils in order of achievement for the purpose of reports, which has to be done anyway.

If masters feel that the examinations would not give a sufficient coverage of the work done they could conduct tests in conjunction with the examinations, but if a School Certificate examiner can cover three years' work in three hours, surely one term's work could be covered in three hours.

I am, etc.,

N. Dravitzki, 5P1.

## In Memoriam

The whole School was shocked by the news of the death of Graeme Ford in most tragic circumstances. He was drowned after he had got into difficulties in a strong undertow while swimming at the Fitzroy beach.

Graeme came to the School from Paraparamu at the beginning of 1955 as a boarder in Pridham House. He was placed in 3P1, and this year was a member of 4P1. Although in school he showed no promise of academic brilliance, the honest and conscientious quality of his work impressed all those associated with him.

His out-of-school interests were numerous and intense. His favourite game was football and he had already shown considerable promise as a second five-eighth in the Pridham House 8th and 6th Grade teams and in the House junior team which competed in the inter-House competition. His characteristics as a footballer were great courage and unflinching good-sportsmanship. His enthusiasm for games included athletics at which



**GRAEME FORD**  
Accidentally Drowned, 20th October, 1956.  
Aged 15 Years.

## RETIREMENT OF MR. H. R. BILLING

he represented his House as a junior sprinter in the Hansard Cup competition and extended to tennis which he played with the same keenness with which he approached all his activities.

But Graeme will be remembered best by those who knew him for remarkable personal qualities. He always impressed by a natural fastidiousness in his appearance and dress and in this respect he was a model for his contemporaries. He was always willing to undertake more than his share of service as a member of a House and of the School and approached this kind of duty with the same enthusiasm that he applied to his games. His eager mind and ease in conversation and general friendliness gave Graeme a wide circle of friends who recognised in him unusual qualities—a strongly developed sense of fairness and justice, a wisdom beyond his years and perfectionist standards of conduct and behaviour—qualities which are the mark of a natural leader.

At the usual service at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, 28th October, in the presence of representatives of the Girls' High School and of the Board of Governors, the Headmaster and members of the Staff, Mr. J. S. Hatherly delivered an address in which he referred to Graeme's personal qualities. The Commandments were read by boys from Graeme's dormitory, two collects by boys from Pridham House and the Lesson by the prefect of Graeme's dormitory.

To Graeme's parents the School extends its deepest sympathy in their sad loss and hopes the burden of their grief may be lightened by the knowledge that it is shared by many members of this School who knew and loved their son.

## THE RETIREMENT OF MR. H. R. BILLING, M.B.E.

This School has been very fortunate in its history in the quality of the service that has been rendered it by a number of great men and it is with gratitude that we acknowledge the services of Mr. H. R. Billing.

At the end of the first term Mr. Billing retired from the position of Chairman of the Board after an active participation in the control of the affairs of the School extending over a period of thirty-three years.

Mr. Billing was first appointed to the Board as a nominee of His Excellency the Governor-General in January, 1923, and his appointment thereafter was regularly renewed. In January, 1924, only one year after his first appointment, he was elected Chairman and continued in that office until February, 1956, a period of thirty-two years.

During this period the members of the School knew little of the work that Mr. Billing and the members of the Board were doing. We met him once a year when he presided at our prize-giving and in the few minutes at his disposal he told us briefly of what the Board had achieved on our behalf during the year and what were its plans for the future. We saw a new building commenced, a new member appointed to the staff or some improvement made in the amenities of the School without realising the hours devoted by the Board in attending meetings, acting on various committees and making decisions closely concerned with the well-being of the School.



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And for thirty-two years Mr. Billing has inspired and directed this activity with a wisdom and a devotion that must be rare in the history of any similar institution.

His work was recognised by the appearance of his name in the Queen's Birthday Honours List of 1956, when he was awarded the M.B.E.

We regret that the reason for his retirement was failing health. Not that we should or expect him to do more but we sincerely hope that his health recovers completely so that his interest in the School may continue undiminished. We would like to repeat the tribute made to Mr. Billing by the Headmaster who has stated more than once that, in his opinion, Mr. Billing is the School's "greatest Old Boy."

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### CHAPEL NOTES

1956 has been a year of experiment and change in our High Schools' service. Canon Walter Hurst left St. Mary's at the end of April and was presented with a rug as a parting gift from the boarders, together with their sincere wishes for his success as Dean in Dunedin. He was always an inspiration to the boys, and they will treasure his connection, long, close and friendly, with the School. We are deeply indebted to him for the innumerable ways in which he has helped the boarders. A sincere, cheerful manner endeared him to all, and it was with regret that we saw him go.

Canon Kenneth Liggett arrived from Cambridge at the beginning of the second term to succeed him, and since then has come up regularly to the School to conduct very interesting classes and many enjoyable hymn practices on alternate Friday nights. We congratulate him on his success with the choir of boys and girls combined.

He has sent the following message to the School:—

"What place have Chapel Notes in a school magazine?"

"A magazine without them would be incomplete, like an arithmetical sum without an answer or a discord without resolution, because religion is the life and soul of life. Not many boys are aware of this when they are at school when there is so much to occupy the mind and body. Going to church is a bore when the sun is shining and the heat inviting us into the water. The clergy talk about things that are not very exciting, and the Canon invites us all to sing and then bellows so hard himself that nobody else can be heard; but all the same, when it is considered that religion has played, and is playing such an important part in history it makes one pause and think.

"It is when you pause and think that religion comes in, because, whether you accept or reject, you cannot ignore it. Religion has made individuals and groups do things that are unreasonable by any other standards than spiritual. From the movement of Abraham and his family from Ur of the Chaldees to the division of India and Pakistan, and from the faithfulness of Daniel to the sacrifice of Captain Oates, men have been moved by the Spirit to do things, and the rest of the world has looked on and wondered. The greatest movement of all is in the life story of Jesus Christ.

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"When men turn their wonder into action and follow the dictates of the inner spirit they are answering the call of God. If this should mean personal sacrifice even of life itself, they have touched a dimension of life that is reality itself, but to the rest of the world a puzzle.

"Religion is the unravelling of the puzzle of life, and when it results in following the Christ—it is the answer."

Confirmation classes were held during the second and third terms, and the following boys, prepared by Canon Liggett, were confirmed in St. Mary's on Saturday, October 6th, by the Right Rev. J. T. Holland, Bishop of Waikato:—

G. E. Alexander, R. L. Allerby, W. M. Blackmore, N. D. Bluck, L. T. Bregmen, R. L. Broughton, C. W. Bussell, P. J. Chicken, T. J. Clegg, J. C. Coldwell, R. J. Cronin, K. J. Crossman, B. G. Dickie, C. D. Ekdahl, G. W. Ellett, D. R. Evans, I. D. Farquhar, J. H. Foreman, D. C. Frentz, W. G. Fullerton-Smith, I. B. Gyde, A. M. Harris, D. C. Harvey, G. R. Hasell, D. C. Hawke, D. B. Hicks, G. I. Jones, L. A. Knowles, E. G. Loten, G. D. Mace, R. G. McCutcheon, B. C. Marshall, W. S. Masters, R. S. Medway, W. A. Mills, S. Moore, R. C. Musker, J. A. Nolan, G. H. Page, A. W. Powell, B. R. Purdie, R. H. Purser, P. R. Putt, P. V. Riddle, N. W. Ritchie, K. D. Rhodes, A. J. Roberts, P. J. Rumball, M. G. Saxton, I. R. Silver, M. D. Smith, M. J. Stace, J. W. Steffenson, J. M. Stewart, H. W. St. George, T. J. Tier, B. W. Tuck, A. R. Watkins, R. L. Watkins, W. J. Weinberg, A. R. White, B. J. H. White, D. J. Wilson, O. R. Woodhouse, R. Wylde-Brown—sixty-five in all. Their first Communion was at the 8 a.m. service the following morning, which the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Canon Liggett and Rev. P. Burns, conducted.

At 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, October 28th, an impressive service, in which the sermon was preached by a master of the School and the lesson read by the boy's dormitory prefect, was held for Graeme Ford, of Pridham House, who lost his life in a drowning tragedy the previous week.

Soon after the new vicar's arrival in May, the School was withdrawn from the 10.30 family service and takes part in the 9.30 junior service. Although the arrangement is more convenient, it has disadvantages. To attend the Choral Communion, the boys are required to go to two morning services, which they are not usually prepared to do.

There has been little advantage from the new seating arrangement during the service, in which each House is allotted its block of pews. After a few weeks of this system, we see many boys using the Carrington section, in the centre of the church, for its obvious advantages.

W. Rumball.

### THE CRUSADER MOVEMENT

Throughout the year the Crusader Union has made considerable progress in the School. Although membership has been rather small, many boys have been helped by the direct and sincere messages from our leaders. As well as holding regular meetings in the Music Room on Thursdays, several interesting films have been shown to Crusader members and other interested boys. Another highlight of this year's activities was the visit of the evangelist Mr. Colin Graham and his team to the School. With the bright singing of the team and Mr. Graham's challenging

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messages many boys gained an insight into the Christian faith. The team's final meeting took the form of a discussion when members of the team answered questions submitted by boys. Attendances at Mr. Graham's meetings increased from about thirty to over a hundred at his final gathering, showing the attraction he was to boys not normally attending Crusaders.

A number of successful social functions have been held throughout the year. A trip into the ranges, however, had to be cancelled because of unpleasant weather conditions. On the 20th of September, a combined tea and rally was held in St. Mary's Hall. Mr. Bruce Lumsden, New Zealand Crusader General Secretary, gave a helpful message while Dr. V. C. Martin, North Island Travelling Secretary, showed films of Crusader activities in New Zealand and South Africa. Dr. Martin has also visited New Plymouth on other occasions during the year and spoken to our Union.

On 4th October, Mr. Bob King, of the Sudan Interior Mission, visited our Union and gave a most interesting and, in parts, amusing account of mission life in inland Ethiopia.

We thank Mr. Sanson and Mr. Corkill for their untiring efforts in making this year's activities so successful that boys leaving at the end of the year will not regret their participation in Crusader affairs.

D. R. Barker.

## ORCHESTRA NOTES

After the departure of Mr. Forrest from the School in 1955, the Orchestra was left to carry on by itself, so that it was with great pleasure that we welcomed Mr. N. C. Lynch, from Avondale College, to take over the conductorship of the Orchestra. It soon became evident that a year of hard work lay ahead of us and with Mr. Lynch's indefatigable enthusiasm the Orchestra was very soon back on its feet.

The ranks of the Orchestra were further weakened by the loss of several senior boys last year but younger, less experienced players filled their places.

Attendances at practices tended to be somewhat irregular, but these improved later in the first term. Rehearsals in the latter part of the year were held on Monday afternoons, and those held during the first and second terms were devoted to practising items for the School Concert held in August. Several boys also attended Orchestra rehearsals at the Girls' High School for the Annual Music Festival.

The School string group also held practices during the lunch hour.

Items played at the School Concert by the Orchestra included "Air and Rondo" by Purcell; "Minuetto," by Lully; "Scherzando," by Beethoven; a pianoforte solo played with the Orchestra by Ian Boese.

A new feature introduced by Mr. Lynch this year is the regular singing of hymns in Prayers each morning. By accompanying this singing, the Orchestra has been able to maintain a high standard of performance.

The balance of the Orchestra could be better, since string players, especially violinists and 'cellists, are still lacking. The woodwind and brass sections, however, are well represented.

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The lack of players next year will be more acute as several senior boys are leaving at the end of this year.

The Orchestra this year consisted of the following boys:—

First Violins: P. J. Komlos (leader), J. S. Barrett, P. D. Evans, J. L. Brodie.

Second Violins: R. M. Dodd, P. G. Hains, P. Darke, R. N. Lange, A. P. Butler, L. J. Sunde.

Viola: J. L. Brodie.

'Cellos: R. E. Olsen, P. V. Riddle.

Bass: I. D. Lobb, T. D. Walker.

Clarinets: P. B. Strombom, R. C. Rayward.

Flute: R. Wylde-Brown.

Trumpets: I. A. Boese, D. E. Smith.

Piano: J. S. Orams, K. J. Deighton.

P. J. Komlos.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Sixth Annual Music Festival was staged this year on the 26th and 27th of April, but unfortunately the Opera House was available for only three performances as compared with four in previous years—two matinees and one night performance.

The standard set by the Combined Choir and Orchestra was once again very high—possibly surpassing the standard of any of the performances given over the past five years.

Practices, which were held at lunch times for day boys and after tea for boarders, occupied much of the participants' spare time and these were increased in the latter part of the term when a practice was held twice a week at the Girls' High School.

The performance opened with the singing of Guhl's arrangement of Gounod's "Praise the Lord" by the massed choirs. It was a work which required the utmost concentration and a great deal of hard work, to which the choir responded excellently.

Perhaps the biggest effort of the choir this year was the presentation "By the Deep Nine," "A Nautical Fantasy" written by Alec. Rowley, which took most of the first half of the programme. From the enthusiasm with which it was received, it was felt that the efforts that had gone into it had been well rewarded. Excerpts from "Iolanthe," which were again of a high standard, were sung by the massed choir and were very popular with the audiences which filled the House for all three performances.

It would be difficult to say who enjoyed the unusual bracket of West Indian folk songs more, the choir or the audience.

The 37-piece combined orchestra presented a well-balanced selection of music which was wide in its scope and which in its performance required considerable skill and concentration. The orchestra, under Mr. W. Komlos, presented two brackets. The first included Beethoven's *Scherzo* (Symphony No. 2), one of Haydn's melodies arranged by Woodhouse, and the second,

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"Minuet and Country Dance," by Gretry, the well-known "Love's Old Sweet Song" which featured a trumpet solo, and Brahms "Hungarian Dance No. 5."

The Girls' Choir gave three numbers, "Twilight Interlude," "The Ride of the Witch" and "Nothing Fairer Have I Seen," which were all well received as were the various instrumental groups and soloists. The Boys' Choir was swelled by twenty-three sopranos for the singing of Robert Bridges' "I Love All Beauteous Things" after the sopranos had sung by themselves "The Watchman's Cry."

The quite remarkable improvement both in the quality of the singing and of the programme presented by the boys is a tribute to the work of Mr. N. Lynch, who took over the music in the School at the beginning of this year. His high standard and obvious enthusiasm have ensured an exceptional response.

The services of the members of both staffs were greatly appreciated in helping to prepare the orchestra and choirs and for their ceaseless enthusiasm which undoubtedly assisted in making this year's Festival a success.

A. C. Fullerton-Smith.

## MADRIGAL GROUP

A combined Madrigal Group was formed this year consisting of 12 girls and 10 boys.

This difficult, unaccompanied part-work proved to be slightly confusing at first but exceedingly enjoyable to sing and under skilled guidance the group progressed rapidly. Practices were held at the Girls' High School every Sunday afternoon from two until four-thirty, during which time a fair amount of work was usually covered.

The Group prepared two songs for the Annual Music Festival which were received with enthusiasm and it was felt that the efforts that had been put into the numbers had been well rewarded. The songs were "April Is In My Mistress' Face" by Thomas Morley, and a difficult four-part work by William Byrd, "Ave Verum Corpus."

The work accomplished by the group during the second and third terms was illustrated to a large extent by a radio broadcast from Station 2XP, New Plymouth, in mid-November, the songs being "I Love All Beauteous Things," from the poem by Robert Bridges with music arranged by Le-Fleming; "The Virgin's Cradle Hymn," Edmund Rubbra; "To Daisies," Herrick's poem set to music by a New Zealand composer, Janette Couch; "The Maid And The Mill," a folk tune arranged by W. G. Whittaker; and perhaps the biggest and most difficult work of the year, "O Magnum Mysterium," by Vittoria.

After a year in which the numbers of members fluctuated sometimes alarmingly, we hope the Madrigal Group, which has been most appropriately named "Carmina Vera" (true song) will establish itself firmly next year and increase its scope in the musical field.

A. C. Fullerton-Smith.



SCHOOL ORCHESTRA, 1956.

Back Row: T. Dobbie, R. C. Rayward, P. Hector, M. Stace, P. B. Strombom, R. Wylde-Brown, B. Smith, I. A. Boese.  
Middle Row: P. Riddle, T. D. Walker, I. D. Lobb, A. Butler, R. M. Dodd, P. Evans, P. Hains, D. E. Smith, R. Olsen.  
Sitting: E. Hey, P. Darke, J. S. Orams, K. Deighton, R. N. Lange, J. Brodie.  
In Front: L. Sunde, L. Shearer, R. Fountain.  
Absent: P. Komlos.



SCHOOL BAND, 1956.

Back Row: W. B. Sanderson, I. G. McNickle, J. Phillipps, D. E. Smith.  
Middle Row: T. Dobbie, H. B. Tuck, D. A. Fowler, I. A. Boese, D. R. Ranger.  
Front Row: H. R. Barr, T. Keegan, R. M. Saunders, J. S. Orams, I. A. Ferguson.

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### BRASS BAND NOTES

The Band Roll for 1956 was:—

**Drum Major:** I. G. McNickle.

**Bass Drum:** R. M. Saunders.

**Side Drum:** H. R. Barr, J. W. Fitzsimonds, W. B. Sanderson, I. A. Ferguson, J. P. Phillips.

**Cornets:** I. A. Boese, D. M. Smith, D. A. Fowler, H. B. Tuck.

**Tenor Horn:** D. R. Ranger.

**Euphonium:** J. S. Orams.

**Baritone:** M. A. Keegan.

**Trombone:** T. P. Dobbie.

This year the School Band made an enthusiastic start, encouraged by the efforts of our new music master, Mr. Lynch. We played for battalion parades during Barracks Week and throughout the year. In April we played for the Parade of Athletes at the Inter-Secondary School Sports held at Stratford, and on the Friday preceding Anzac Day for the New Plymouth Schools' Service at the Cemetery.

During the year some of our drummers left the Band to join the Pipe Band, resulting in some of the Band's spirit dying down.

However, during the third term, a new cornet was purchased by the School, and Mr. Hall, from the Citizens' Band, very kindly helped the Band during practices.

These practices succeeded in obtaining some new recruits for the Band, and also helped prepare it for the Music Festival next year.

I. A. Boese.

### PIPE BAND NOTES

This year saw the formation of a School Highland Pipe Band by Mr. M. G. Macdonald. Practices began early in the first term and since then the roll has steadily increased. Because of the great cost of a full uniform, an "undressed" uniform of grey slacks, a white shirt and a Mackenzie tartan tie were chosen for the band.

Our first engagement was the School Concert held at the end of the second term and we were proud to give the opening item for all three performances. Our items were "Scotland the Brave" and "The Boys' Brigade," both of which were well played and received hearty applause from the audience. Since then the prestige of the band has grown throughout the School.

On 4th November we paraded with the City of New Plymouth Pipe Band at Brooklands Park and once again gave a very successful performance.

We are also hoping that we shall be able to play for a Battalion Parade at the end of the year.

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The Pipe Band Roll is:—

Drum Major: G. G. Voyce.

Pipe Major: R. I. Butchart.

Pipe Sergeant: T. D. McNaught.

Side Drums: G. L. Anderson, B. A. Roberts, S. Horsburgh.

Tenor Drums: P. R. McKay, R. W. Towers.

We were sorry when Trevor Voss left us at the end of the second term.

There are a large number of learners of both the pipes and the drums and this will greatly increase the size of the band next year.

Our sincere thanks are extended to Mr. Macdonald and Mr. R. Wallace, our tutors, who have patiently coached us throughout the year, and also to the members of the City Pipe Band who have helped in the coaching of drumming and have lent us side and tenor drums.

G. G. Voyce and R. I. Butchart.

## DANCE BAND NOTES

Trumpet: I. A. Boese.

Clarinets: Mr. Macdonald and P. B. Strombom.

Saxophone: I. D. Lobb.

Bass: T. D. Walker.

Accordian: A. C. Fullerton-Smith.

Drums: I. G. McNickle.

Piano: J. S. Orams.

The Band was formed during the May holidays this year and supplied the music for the Boarders' Dancing Classes during the winter term. In July we played for the Y.M.C.A. "Hi Y" Dance and for the Wesley Bible Class Dance at Hawera. We also played two items in the School Concert at the end of the second term. The Boarders' Dance at "Scotlands" was the Band's first play-out in the third term, followed by the Junior National Party Dance at Labour week-end. The final performances for this year were at the Schools' Jazz Concert, where we played four numbers, and at the '56 Jazz Club.

Although the Band consisted of an unusual combination of instruments, a considerable amount of experience in dance band technique was gained, and all practices and play-outs were enjoyed by all the members.

J. S. Orams.

## LIBRARY NOTES

Once more the Library has given another year of valuable service to the School. Unfortunately, a noticeable disrespect for the books, especially amongst senior boys of the School, has resulted in many of the older books being removed from service.

During the year some 350 new books have been added to the shelves. These, attractively covered in plastic, are much sought after by

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the boys. However, many of the books are becoming outdated and urgently need replacement, although their condition does not fully warrant it. The School finds it impossible to replace these books, since replacement of damaged books, some of quite recent issue, is taxing library resources more than need be. Thus donations of books to the library from those boys leaving School are necessary to keep the shelves fully stocked.

For the second year, fifth and sixth formers have used the library for three days a week, while the remaining two lunch hours have been utilised by third and fourth formers. This year the librarian has nominated two assistants for lunch hour duties instead of the usual one. The system enables one boy to issue books while the other keeps order. During most lunch hours the duty master has made a visit to the library and this has been a deterrent to those boys wishing to create havoc. Together, the above-mentioned efforts have reduced to a certain extent the lunch hour racket which had become to be associated with the library. Silence in the library, and the careful handling of books now rests with the upper school who should set a better example than at present.

Books are still being issued upon a personal card system. The library assistant enters the boy's name, form and the date of return in the book. The Dewey number of the book and date of return are then entered on the boy's personal card. These cards are collotaped on to a board in form groups, enabling quick entry. This method has proved reasonably efficient, but too many books are apt to go missing, no doubt mainly through carelessness.

The library itself is now a very pleasant place to work in. Linoleum covers the whole floor and early in the year several fan heaters were installed to provide for the cold winter days.

Mr. Harris, the School's librarian, leaves us to take up a position in Wellington at the end of the year. We thank him for his unfailing attention to the library needs over the past seven years. Mr. Halliburton will be his successor.

The following boys have assisted with library duties during the year: S. J. Lovell, A. M. Fenwick, H. K. Way, P. R. Harris, D. W. Hinch, M. H. Tizard, V. R. Hareb, I. E. Webster, T. C. Puke, M. J. Esson, B. L. Irvine, D. L. Wheller, R. G. Christie.

H. K. Way.

## CADET NOTES

The 1956 Cadet year began with six days' barracks, held at the School, the first day being largely taken up in 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.

Again, this year there was a slight re-organisation of the officers in the Battalion. Lieutenant A. F. Gardiner, last year's commander of C Company, became the new Adjutant; Lieutenant J. J. Stewart became the new commander of C Company and Second-Lieutenant W. R. Halliburton became the new commander of the N.C.O.T.U.

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Barracks week went smoothly, with a high standard of foot-drill being established in most companies. B Company consisted of three specialist infantry platoons of senior boys who covered a very extensive syllabus—basic training, fieldcraft, L.M.G. and infantry being included. The fourth platoon of B Company was a newly-formed mortar platoon under the enthusiastic hand of Second-Lieutenant H. P. Webster. The N.C.O.T.U., now under Second-Lieutenant W. R. Halliburton, was once again large but as in the past they have set a very high standard in foot and rifle drill. C Company, which consisted of second year boys, have been instructed in more advanced drill and weapon training. D and E Companies were instructed in foot drill and weapon training and their progress during the year has been very creditable.

An addition to the unit this year takes the form of a Medical Unit under Second-Lieutenant M. G. Macdonald. Their syllabus consists of first aid, foot and rifle drill.

Barracks week ended with a march past, the salute being taken by Colonel G. P. Sanders, D.S.O., the Commandant of Waiouru Military Camp, who complimented the unit on its fine turn-out and spoke on the Army as a career.

During the year, the Battalion was visited by Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton, the Chief of Staff, and Major-General C. E. Weir, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., the Chief of the General Staff, who addressed the unit on "Compulsory Military Training."

This year, after the traditional service at the School Memorial Gates, the Battalion took part in the Anzac Day Parade. At the School service wreaths were laid by Dr. I. D. Auld (Old Boys' Association); the Head Boy, J. R. Wood; the Head Day Boy, D. K. Derby; and the R.S.M. G. R. Jensen.

N.C.O. camps have been held this year at both Trentham and Linton. In January a senior N.C.O.'s course was held at Trentham which was attended by W.O. D. K. Derby, who took an R.S.M. training course and was selected as R.S.M. of the course; Sergeant F. W. Worn, who took a weapon training instructor's course; and Sergeant Puke, who took a drill instructor's course. Sergeants Hamilton and Comber attended a camp for junior N.C.O.'s at Linton as instructors. This camp was also attended by a number of cadets from the N.C.O.T.U. who were completing their promotion course, which was held in August.

Thirty-six junior N.C.O.'s sat the Sergeants' promotion examination at the end of the year. The standard was an improvement on recent years but the main trouble still lies in their lack of technique in instruction.

### Results:—

Those qualifying for promotion to Sergeant: B. Davey, J. Burton, G. Sanders, A. Wendt, J. Perham, J. Horrill, P. Johnson, J. Hayton, R. Pitcairn, R. Quail, S. Carryer and I. Finer.

The Sole Cup, awarded to the School's best N.C.O., was won this year by W.O. D. K. Derby. In October, Brigadier A. H. Andrews examined W.O. D. K. Derby, 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.

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With the extended facilities on the new range, the Weapon Training Officer, Captain D. G. Barton, has given the unit more shooting instruction and for the first time for many years the School has entered a team of ten selected cadets for the Weekly Press Challenge Shield.

G. R. Jensen.

### A.T.C. NOTES

The Squadron this year consisted as usual of three flights and had an initial strength of 88. First, second and third year flights received an intensive course in Morse, Principles of Flight and Navigation respectively in addition to a general course on a wide range of service subjects. Drill has not been overlooked and the usual high standard of foot and rifle drill has been maintained.

Six members of the Squadron attended the N.C.O. Course at Ohakea and, together with many others at the Town Squadron Camp in August, flew in a Bristol Freighter, while Sergeant Papps was selected for a Vampire flight. The A.T.C. Flying Scholarship Scheme has been reconstituted and selected cadets from this Squadron will in future have the opportunity of learning to fly at the Basic Flying School, Wigram, during the School holidays.

At the end of this year the Squadron sat an examination in general knowledge of Air Force subjects. Congratulations go to the following place winners: M. D. Butler 1, L. R. Ranger 2, G. G. Epping 3. The Musick Medal goes to the winner.

This Squadron wishes to congratulate No. 8 Squadron, New Plymouth (Town Unit), who won the Wing nomination and were placed third in the New Zealand final of the A.T.C. Efficiency Trophy.

The Squadron also wishes to thank the two Area Instructors, Flight-Sergeant Outrim and Sergeant Bottomly, for their assistance and attention to our needs during this and past years. We wish the best of luck to all those who have applied for or have been selected for Air Force careers. We would like also to wish Squadron-Leader Kidson, our Area Commander, who is to leave the Service in the near future, a long and successful retirement.

The local A.T.C. Squadrons, together with others throughout the country, foster air mindedness among youth and provide a core of partly trained cadets for the Regular and Non-Regular Air Force.

D. K. Derby.

### SIGNALS NOTES

Applicants for the unit were chosen at the end of last year so that training was able to begin earlier in Barracks Week than usual. A high standard was set in operating the various instruments, this being partly due to the good servicing of the gear by Corporal Rodgers and the Army Department.

Six N.C.O.'s attended a course at Linton Camp in January and their knowledge was particularly valuable, both for instruction and during this year's field exercise with B Company in the area behind Paritutu. In addition, three junior cadets attended a pre-N.C.O. course at Linton

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in August, bringing back with them a good knowledge of drill which should serve them in good stead.

Over all, it has been a very successful year in which a high standard was reached, not only in the operation of the Signals equipment but also in foot and rifle drill, for which there was an unusual keenness.

E. G. Jones.

## SOCCER NOTES

Nine School teams competed in the North Taranaki Soccer competitions this year. The First XI was third in the Senior B competition for the Acheson Cup, in which the Second XI also competed, and third in the Parkinson Cup. The third grade was won by East and the fourth grade was won by School Red.

The First XI was a young team this year and proved inexperienced against Mt. Albert Grammar, to whom we lost 10-1. This game was played in Auckland under conditions to which we could not adapt ourselves.

We lost 2-0 to Wellington College after being 0-0 at half-time. This game was played in good conditions on Western Park.

The match against Wanganui Technical College was played on Western Park in wet conditions. The team played well in the first half, having a 4-3 lead at half-time, but in the second half the defence tired and we were beaten 8-4.

We congratulate I. Raine, F. Worn, W. Hamilton and G. Pelham on being selected for the Taranaki Junior National Cup team.

The Taranaki Third Grade Representative team was composed entirely of School players and had an outstanding season. They won all games played, beating Stratford Technical School 7-1, Hawera Technical School 8-0, a Wanganui representative team in July 3-2, and again in September 4-1. Outstanding players were centre-forward R. Worn, centre-half E. Coleman, left wing A. Veale, and the Newton twins as wing-halves. Several of these players have a big future in the sport.

The Inter-House competition for the Holden Cup was this year won by Central. In the first round East defeated Pridham, Central defeated Niger, Moyes defeated Carrington, and West had the bye. In the semi-finals Central defeated West 3-1 and East defeated Moyes 4-1. The final was won by Central, who defeated East 7-2, a result which was most unexpected but well deserved.

G. R. Pelham.

## HOCKEY NOTES

This year the Taranaki Hockey competition was divided into five divisions, according to the ability of the teams. The first eleven was placed in the fourth division and the second eleven in the fifth. The first eleven was the youngest for many years but all members were fairly well experienced and the team played well, gaining second place in the competition, losing only one game.

Three college games were played this year, resulting in two losses and a draw. The most exciting game was probably that against Wanganui

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Technical College, which was played in pouring rain with the field inches deep in mud. The score of 3-2 was a fair indication of a very even game, although School was unlucky not to draw.

The game against Hawera Technical School resulted in another loss for School. During the first half it appeared that School was the stronger team. They were unlucky not to score more often, after many strong attacks at goal with good co-ordination among the forwards, who were well supported by the halves. However, in the second half, School weakened considerably and some good passing by Hawera resulted in a win for them 4-2.

The third game against Stratford Technical School was drawn 0-0 on a hard, fast field. Both teams played well and showed some clever hockey. Stratford gained one goal but this was disallowed through a "sticks" penalty and a free hit was awarded to School.

There were no games played this year against the Girls' High School or Opunake District High School. We were fortunate in being able to play a team from H.M.N.Z.S. Hawea. Although all members of the Hawea team were bigger and faster on their feet than the School team, School showed better stick work and combined better on their attacks. This game was drawn 3-3.

We congratulate C. Whittaker on winning the stick for the most improved player, this year presented by Mr. Lynch.

The team was fortunate in gaining the valuable assistance of Mr. N. C. Lynch in the coaching of the first eleven.

A lack of keenness was a failing of the juniors this year and these boys must realise that as the first elevens of the future depend on them, it is important that they should attend practices and games.

H. R. Barr.

## SWIMMING NOTES

The standard of swimming in the School was considerably higher than that of last year, especially in the Intermediate section, where three records were broken. J. G. Healy won the 100 Yards in record time and F. Ropati swam well to break both the 33 1-3 Yards and 50 Yards records. Central House won the points championship by a clear margin from West, and Niger, the smallest House, was third.

This year, North Island Secondary School Championships were held for the first time and School sent a team of eight to Palmerston North to compete. Although M. G. Saxton and F. Ropati were the only ones to win a title, the individual members of the team swam creditably.

The results were:—

J. S. Orams: 3rd Over 16 220 Yards Breaststroke.

P. J. Chicken: 3rd Over 16 50 Yards Backstroke; and 3rd Over 16 220 Yards Breaststroke.

R. J. Quail: 2nd Under 16 100 Yards Breaststroke.

F. Ropati: 1st Under 16 50 Yards Backstroke.

R. L. Watkins: 3rd Under 15 100 Yards Backstroke; and 2nd Under 15 50 Yards Freestyle.

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J. G. Healy: 3rd Under 16 100 Yards Backstroke.

N. G. Henderson: 2nd Under 15 50 Yards Breaststroke.

M. G. Saxton: 2nd Under 15 50 Yards Backstroke; 3rd Under 15 100 Yards Freestyle; 2nd Under 15 100 Yards Breaststroke; 1st Under 15 220 Yards Backstroke.

Three boys won titles during the Taranaki Swimming Championships last February. P. B. Strombom won the 50 Yards and 100 Yards Under 17 Freestyle Championships; N. G. Henderson won the Under 17 100 Yards and 220 Yards Breaststroke titles; and M. G. Saxton was first in the Under 14 50 Yards Freestyle, 50 Yards Backstroke and 50 Yards Breaststroke.

P. B. Strombom and M. G. Saxton represented Taranaki at the National Junior and Intermediate Championships in Napier earlier in the year. M. G. Saxton won the Junior Boys' 50 Yards Butterfly and was second in the 100 Yards and 220 Yards Breaststroke Championships.

The annual Swimming Sports were held on the 3rd March in fine weather before a large crowd. The results were:—

### Championship Winners

**Senior.**—P. B. Strombom (15 points) 1, P. D. McCallum (6 points) 2, P. J. Chicken (3 points) 3.

**Intermediate.**—F. Ropati (13 points) 1, J. G. Healy (6 points) 2, R. L. Watkins (5 points) 3.

**Junior.**—M. G. Saxton (15 points) 1, T. L. Russell (6 points) 2, J. G. Stubbs (4 points) 3.

### Championship Events

#### SENIOR—

50 Yards: P. B. Strombom 1, P. J. Chicken 2, J. B. Tait 3. Time, 28.7sec.

100 Yards: P. B. Strombom 1, P. D. McCallum 2, R. G. Christie 3. Time, 1min. 2.7sec.

220 Yards: P. B. Strombom 1, P. D. McCallum 2, J. S. Barrett 3. Time, 2min. 49.5sec.

#### INTERMEDIATE—

33 1-3 Yards: F. Ropati 1, T. Ioane 2, R. L. Watkins 3. Time, 17.5sec. (Record.)

50 Yards: F. Ropati 1, R. L. Watkins 2, J. G. Healy 3. Time, 27.5sec. (Record.)

100 Yards: J. G. Healy 1, F. Ropati 2, R. L. Watkins 3. Time, 1min. 6.3sec. (Record.)

#### JUNIOR—

33 1-3 Yards: M. G. Saxton 1, T. L. Russell 2, J. G. Stubbs 3. Time, 17.6sec.

50 Yards: M. G. Saxton 1, J. G. Stubbs 2, R. A. Stevens 3. Time, 29.8sec.

100 Yards: M. G. Saxton 1, T. L. Russell 2, J. B. Law 3. Time, 1min. 7.3sec.



FIRST SOCCER ELEVEN, 1956.

Back Row: R. Orłowski, G. J. Collett, T. R. Burgess, C. W. Hamilton, A. Broadmore, I. E. Webster.

Front Row: J. J. Viver, E. F. Des Forges, G. R. Pelham (Captain), F. W. Worn, I. P. Raine.

Sitting: T. Broughton.



SOCCER: TARANAKI UNDER 14½ REPRESENTATIVE TEAM.

Back Row: E. Coleman, P. Newton, R. Cronin, Paul Newton, A. Veale.  
Front Row: R. Nolan, G. Dally, T. Moorhead, R. Worn, G. Wall, F. Mana, N. Spedding.



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### Diving Championships

**Senior:** W. B. Sanderson 1, P. L. Penn 2, J. B. Tait 3.

**Intermediate:** P. J. Philips 1, D. R. McIntyre 2, J. E. McLean 3.

**Junior:** A. I. Pepperel 1, P. C. Fredsburg 2, G. H. Thorp 3.

### Other Events

#### SENIOR—

100 Yards Backstroke: P. J. Chicken 1, J. Holt 2, R. Te-Ariki 3.  
Time, 1min. 21.7sec.

100 Yards Breaststroke: P. J. Chicken 1, J. S. Orams 2, J. Holt 3.  
Time, 1min. 24.4sec.

#### INTERMEDIATE—

50 Yards Backstroke: F. Ropati 1, K. L. Buckley 2, R. L. Watkins 3.  
Time, 33.3sec.

50 Yards Breaststroke: R. J. Quail 1, N. G. Henderson 2, R. A. Hodges 3. Time, 38.5sec.

#### JUNIOR—

50 Yards Backstroke: M. G. Saxton 1, J. C. Hoskin 2, W. Innes 3.  
Time, 36.4sec.

50 Yards Breaststroke: M. G. Saxton 1, J. G. Stubbs 2, R. Cleland 3.  
Time, 38.2sec.

#### OPEN—

33 1-3 Yards Butterfly: M. G. Saxton 1, P. L. Penn 2, B. N. Patten 3.  
Time, 22sec.

### Age Races

Under 13: 33 1-3 Yards: C. T. Henderson 1, W. Innes 2, G. H. Thorp 3.  
Time, 23sec.

Under 13: 50 Yards: C. T. Henderson 1, W. Innes 2, G. H. Thorp 3.  
Time, 31.8sec.

Under 15: 50 Yards: A. G. Maine 1, P. J. Philips 2, J. E. McLean 3.  
Time, 32.1sec.

Under 16: 50 Yards: W. B. Sanderson 1, R. A. Hodges 2, P. K. Jantke 3.  
Time, 30.4sec.

Under 17: 50 Yards: A. Wendt 1, L. Brown 2, R. I. Butchart 3. Time,  
29.2sec.

Over 17: 50 Yards: I. A. Ross 1, D. A. Tuckett 2, G. R. Milne 3.  
Time, 32.2sec.

### Relays

**Inter-Form:** 4 P.2 1, 5 P.1 2, 3 EB.1 3. Time, 1min. 25.6sec.

**Inter-House:** Niger 1, Pridham 2, Central 3. Time, 1min. 15sec.

**Day Boys v. Boarders:** Day Boys 1.

P. B. Strombom.

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### LIFE-SAVING NOTES

A feature of the School swimming sports this year was the inclusion of a life-saving event, in which teams of two used the first and second methods of rescue and release.

The results were: J. Holt and R. S. Wallace 1st, J. S. Orams and M. D. Butler 2nd, J. B. Tait and G. D. Mace 3rd equal, R. I. Butchart and J. W. Steffenson 3rd equal.

In the first term all third formers entered for Resuscitation Certificates, 211 being awarded. In addition there were 27 higher awards, consisting of two Intermediate Certificates, 21 Bronze Medallions, two Bars to the Medallion, one Bronze Cross, and one Award of Merit. It is hoped that this small number of higher awards will be increased in the future.

R. G. Christie and J. S. Barrett, members of the N.P.O.B. Life-Saving team, and R. G. Sharrock, of the East End Club, competed in the National Surf Championships at Oreti Beach, Southland, in February: their teams met with a moderate amount of success.

M. D. Butler.

### TENNIS NOTES

This year the School entered a team in each of the "A," "B" and "C" grade competitions. Each team had an enjoyable season and a certain amount of success. The "A" team was the most successful, reached the final of the "knock-out" competition before being beaten by Kawaroa after some very close games. The "A" team was: G. R. Jensen, R. H. Purser, I. E. Webster, J. S. Richardson and J. J. McConachy.

Last year the School was represented by I. E. Webster at the Auckland Junior Coaching School, held during the August holidays at the Auckland Teachers' Training College.

Our congratulations must go to G. R. Jensen and R. H. Purser on being selected for the Taranaki Slazenger Shield team, which played Wellington. Congratulations also to G. R. Jensen, R. H. Purser and I. E. Webster on their selection for the Taranaki Junior team, which played Manawatu at Palmerston North.

In January of this year, G. R. Jensen and I. E. Webster represented the School in the "B.P." Tournament held at Napier. This is the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Tournament. Both these players received considerable experience, although they were not successful in reaching the finals. The standard of play was very high as most players were the best in their own provinces and included such fine players as R. Wong, L. Gerrard and A. Houston.

This year a new tournament was introduced in the School—a Third and Fourth form tournament. It was a great success as the entries were larger than expected.

Results:—

#### Third Form—

**Singles:** C. T. Henderson d. T. Reid 9-1.

**Doubles:** C. T. Henderson and J. B. Law d. N. McEwan and G. Dally 6-3, 6-2.

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### Fourth Form—

**Singles:** H. F. Keats d. H. Wilson 9-5.

**Doubles:** M. A. Mills and B. A. Muir d. K. Kelly and J. Roy 6-5, 2-6, 6-1.

### Results of last year's School Championships—

**Senior Singles:** G. A. Neve d. G. R. Jensen 2-6, 6-0, 6-3.

**Senior Doubles:** G. A. Neve and G. R. Jensen d. T. Takai and R. G. Te-Ariki 6-1, 6-1.

**Intermediate Singles:** R. H. Purser d. R. H. Wallis 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.

**Intermediate Doubles:** D. E. Walter and R. H. Wallis d. R. H. Purser and M. S. Croxson 6-4, 6-2.

**Junior Singles:** M. S. Croxson d. W. Shearer 6-2, 6-2.

**Junior Doubles:** W. Shearer and J. Stubbs d. N. Titter and N. Wolfe 6-5, 3-6, 6-3.

### Inter-House Competition—

**First Round:** Central d. Moyes 6-0, East d. Pridham 5-1, Carrington d. Niger 3-3 on games.

**Second Round:** East d. Carrington 6-0, Central the bye.

**Final:** The result of the final was never in doubt, Central winning the final with only one match lost. Results (Central names first): G. R. Jensen d. I. E. Webster 9-3, R. H. Purser d. R. W. Thompson 9-7, J. J. McConachy lost to J. S. Richardson 6-9, M. S. Croxson d. N. Titter 10-8, G. R. Jensen and R. H. Purser d. I. E. Webster and R. W. Thompson 9-5, J. J. McConachy and M. S. Croxson d. J. S. Richardson and N. Titter 9-4. Central defeated East five matches to one.

I. E. Webster.

### TABLE TENNIS NOTES

The Club had a membership of 107 and once again enjoyed a successful season. Of the 107 members, many of them were junior or intermediate players. As a result the club games were not so successful as the previous year.

The standard among the younger players was kept high by the keen competition for a place on the ladder.

This year we decided not to enter an "A" grade team in the North Taranaki club matches because of the lack of experienced players. Instead we entered two "B" grade teams, and also a "C" and a "D" grade team.

At the close of the season the first twelve places on the ladder were filled as follows:—

J. Wood 1, D. Davy 2, I. Boese 3, L. Brown 4, A. Wendt 5, D. Lambourne 6, P. Hector 7, P. V. Rere 8, T. Ioane 9, M. Wellington 10, P. Woodcock 11, T. Coley 12.

The Club's annual championships attracted many competitors, especially in the intermediates. The results were as follows:—

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**Senior Singles:** D. Davy d. L. Brown 21-15, 21-10.

**Senior Doubles:** I. Boese and I. Ross d. J. Wood and D. Davy 23-21, 12-21, 21-13.

**Intermediate Singles:** T. Ioane d. P. Hector 18-21, 21-19, 21-16.

**Intermediate Doubles:** W. Shearer and B. Dickie d. M. Croxson and R. Purser by default.

**Junior Singles:** R. Chapman d. W. Dyer 21-18, 21-12.

**Junior Doubles:** R. Chapman and W. Dyer d. N. Walter and T. Rumball 21-12, 21-12.

D. A. Lambourne.

## ROWING NOTES

The 1955-56 Rowing Season started with only five of the original twenty in the club which re-formed in 1954. At the beginning of the year the School welcomed the new music master, Mr. N. Lynch, who is a University Blue in rowing and coxing. On his arrival he selected a first rowing four with the intention of going to Wanganui for the Maadi Cup. With his expert coaching the first four was quickly moulded into a strong, co-ordinated rowing team. They welcome their first cox, F. Thompson.

On April 13th the team was supposed to fly to Auckland, but owing to weather conditions the plane was unable to take off and we went by bus instead. On arrival at Auckland the team was billeted privately. On Saturday, at Seaside Park, Panmure, the first four took part in the Head of the Harbour Race. Rowing in a borrowed plywood boat, the four put up a very creditable performance to take fifth place out of ten competing. The crew was as follows: G. Christie (stroke), D. Denham (three), A. Smale (two), D. Tuckett (bow) and F. Thompson (cox). The four spent an enjoyable week-end in Auckland and returned by plane on Monday.

The club was sustained by six new boys, who showed considerable improvement in their short season.

The rowing this season was again at Waitara and we are indebted to the members of the Clifton Club for their expert advice and the generous way in which their boats and equipment are made available to us.

The School purchased a new plywood eight from the West End Club at Auckland, and this was very generously brought down by the Mount Albert Grammar School party on their way to Wanganui for the Maadi Cup. The School provided them with afternoon tea at Waitara before they continued on their way to Wanganui. Again the club is indebted to the Clifton Club for their provision of storage space and their maintenance of the eight to prepare it for the coming season.

At the beginning of the 1956-57 season the club has had its first intake of boarders, which number twenty-six. The club will still row at Waitara but the reinstated New Plymouth Club will provide rowing facilities again at the Port of New Plymouth.

The School now has its own dry boat, which is stored in the gym. Much of the work in repairs and fittings was expertly carried out by R. Quail.

Rowing is now a firmly established School activity, and with the purchase of its new eight, and in the future perhaps with more boats and its own clubhouse, the Rowing Club will be a credit to the School.

D. A. Tuckett.

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### GYMNASTIC NOTES

As in former years, special classes were held on Friday afternoons. At the beginning of the year general interest appeared to be lacking and the attendances were poor. A gradual build-up, however, took place throughout the year and a large number of good performances has resulted. The enthusiasm shown by junior boys, particularly among the fourth forms, promises well for next year.

A squad from the gymnastics class provided an item for the concert held during the second term.

The best stimulus to enthusiasm in the School was the Taranaki Gymnastics Championships which were held in the School gym during October. Approximately two hundred competitors from Taranaki clubs took part and additional interest was provided by a visit from the Hamilton Gymnastic Club, who are the present New Zealand champions. Set exercises were the same as for last year, but standards were exceptionally high especially on the intermediate parallel bars and horizontal bar. The School entered teams in the junior and intermediate sections and both teams performed creditably to secure a third place in the over-all points for each section.

Results of the School Championships held during November are:—

**Third Form:** W. Rumball (69.3) 1, D. Meuli (66) 2, J. Longbottom (65.8) 3.

The standard of this event was fairly high with keen, close competition. Rumball gained an early lead which he kept with some very good work.

**Fourth Form:** P. Dobson (81) 1, C. Whittaker (79.8) 2, V. Rere (79.6) 3.

This was undoubtedly the most interesting competition. The standard compared more than favourably with past years. Competition was exceptionally keen and close among all competitors. Dobson gained an early lead on the horse but Rere and Whittaker gradually caught him, making the points close.

**Fifth Form:** R. Shepherd (81.9) 1, M. Geary (77.3) 2, A. Wilson (74.6) 3.

The standard of this event was slightly lower than in past years but competition between the place-getters was keen and closer than the marks indicate. Geary gained a handy lead on the horse but Shepherd overtook him with some excellent work on the other apparatus.

**Open:** J. Chapman (79.5) 1, R. Shepherd (77.4) 2, C. Whittaker (74.1) 3.

The standard of this event was not as high as in past years but an interesting competition developed.

J. B. Chapman.

### READING, DEBATING AND ORATORY

#### Reading

The finals of both the Junior and Senior sections of this year's reading were held in the School Lounge. The judge was Mr. E. O. E. Hill.

In the Junior section, the passage to be read involved the question of dialect and Mr. Hill commented that a wrong pronunciation of many dialectic words resulted in lost chances for some boys. The Senior

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passage was relatively easy but some boys misinterpreted the subject of the passage and so lost marks. The final marks showed that those for the Juniors were higher than those for the Senior competitors.

**Junior:** D. W. Ware, 4P1, 1; S. Horsburgh, 4G1, 2. Mr. Hill declined to award a third prize, because the third boy was so close that another reading would have been needed.

**Senior:** S. M. Cottier and C. W. Hamilton, 1 equal; D. B. Sarten, 3.

### Debating.

School debating began in October with "The principle of amateurism is no longer desirable in modern sport" as the subject for the first round.

The teams were:—

Central: D. K. Derby, E. G. Jones.

East: M. D. Butler, H. K. Way.

West: F. W. Worn, D. W. Hinch.

Country: M. N. Harford, C. E. Humphries.

Carrington: I. A. Boese, R. P. Mahy.

Niger: S. J. Carryer, A. J. Hills.

Moyes: E. D. Penny, J. H. Slee.

Pridham: B. M. Cannell, R. M. Dodd.

In the first round Moyes (affirmative) defeated Central, Niger (negative) defeated Carrington, West (affirmative) defeated Country and Pridham (affirmative) defeated East.

For the second round Niger and West debated on the same subject, while Moyes and Pridham, having taken the same side in the previous round, changed to "Compulsory military training should be abolished." In this round West defeated Niger and Pridham (negative) defeated Moyes.

A new subject was chosen for the final between West and Pridham, "The invention of printing has been of more benefit to the world than the invention of electricity."

Mr. J. D. Quirke was the judge for the final and placed the Pridham team first. He complimented the speakers on the use of their voices and stated that there was an absence of blurring the words and mumbling, as is often the case. The speeches of both teams were well prepared but he remarked that the topic for debating was very difficult. He commended the teams for their efforts and said that all speakers spoke out well. West did not handle their material as competently as Pridham and this gave the latter team the win.

### Junior Oratory

The finalists for the Junior Oratory were R. A. Clark, 4E, "Bob Scott"; A. F. Farquhar, 3P1, "Louis Braille"; M. S. Croxson, 4P1, "Madame Curie"; J. M. Halliday, 4P1, "Disraeli"; and J. Morine, 4P1, "Africa and Livingstone."

The judge, Mr. J. D. Quirke, complimented the speakers on their speeches and placed J. Morine 1st and M. S. Croxson 2nd.

We are very grateful to all masters who have shown interest, and to Mr. Quirke, who has judged the debating on four occasions.

B. M. Cannell.

## ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### TRAMPING AND MOUNTAIN CLUB NOTES

During the third term a meeting was called by Mr. D. Whitfield to re-form the Mountain Club. The aim of the new club is to encourage tramping and climbing among boys in the School. We hope that boys who have no major summer sport will join us. Tramping is a very healthy sport and has many side lines such as photography, geology and the study of forest and birds.

Later this season we hope that trips will be made to the lower regions of Egmont and next year a few week-end camps will be held and possibly trips to the summit.

We hope that quite apart from the pleasure of the trips, our members will gain experience which will make it possible for them to go on tramping and climbing trips in some of the other beautiful places which are to be found all over New Zealand.

M. L. Honeyfield.

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### WARNING

In the olive darkness of the sea-pool  
The coral's faded sprig of blood  
Spreads like clouds or brains issuing  
From split heads of rock  
Or like fixed tongues of dead fire  
From the noiseless exclamation of a wound.

Child, do not dip your hand  
Too idly or too deep among  
These paralysing fans of weed!  
The dread contamination in the touch  
Of human flesh and ocean-blossoming blood  
Will turn your silences to salt or stone.

Will turn your fingers to a clutch  
Of jingling shells, your heart to smooth  
Sea glass, and your eyes to stinging jellies  
In the long sands of your lowered brow.  
And all the warm and flowing structure of your veins  
Be turned, like these, to rigid coral frames.

D. W. Hinch, 6B.

### DEATH

Oh Earth of thee before I tire  
Damned Death crawls carrionly,  
Me dragged, drawn down into a slough  
Of shade, shadow, discontent—impatiently.  
Shall I wake who never thought to wake again?  
Oblivion calls, loneliness wells within me.  
I must leave the laughter of men:  
Oh God, craven I cry to Thee.  
My torment ceases, comfort strides salvingly.  
No more I seek; I hope, I pray.  
To Him am I joined marriage-fast, bridgingly,  
And when He pleads patience, I obey.

E. G. Jones, 6A.

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### DISILLUSIONMENT (These Are the Facts)

These are the facts, observe them how you will:  
Forget for a moment the medals and the glory,  
The clean shape of the bomb, designed to kill,  
And the proud headlines of the paper's story.

Remember the walls of brick that eleven years  
Had nursed to make a neat though shabby home;  
The impertinence of death, ignoring tears  
That smashed the house and left untouched the dome.

Bodies of death are not magnificent nor stately,  
Bones are not elegant that blast has shattered;  
This sorry, stained and crumpled rag was lately  
A man whose life was made of little things that mattered.

Now he is just a nuisance, liable to stink,  
A breeding ground for flies, a test tube for disease:  
Bury him quickly, never pause to think  
What is the future worth to men like these?

People are more than places, more than pride:  
A million photographs record the works of Wren:  
A city remains a city on credit from the tide,  
That flows among its rocks, a sea of men.

D. W. Hinch, 6B.

## HOME

She,

like a mother; with open arms  
she waits, she waits for me,  
with her shimmering roads,  
some newly tarred  
with patches bubbling, sticky tar  
under the heat,  
the heat of the noonday sun.

Her fluttering palms slowly sway  
like cobras  
caressed by music,  
the music of an Eastern flute,  
or like weeping maidens waving  
goodbye to their lovers  
sailing, sailing away.

Protected, secure behind the skirts  
of the mother Pacific  
she waits, waits for me.

With a simple "Talofa"  
a lei and a kiss,  
she welcomes me back,  
back to the soil where I was born—  
who gave me words  
precious, precious words,  
"for birds feed their young with worms  
but men their own blood with words"\*

For She is to me a sacred-centre—  
Home—  
Home.

\* An old Samoan proverb.

A. Wendt, 5P1.



DAY BOY HOUSE PREFECTS, 1956.

Back Row: G. A. Christie, B. L. Irvine, F. W. Worn, M. D. Butler, P. R. Harris, G. J. Patten, S. J. Lovell.  
Front Row: I. E. Webster, D. A. Tuckett, L. A. Paton, M. H. Tizard, T. C. Puke, D. W. Hinch, C. E. Humphries.



BOARDING HOUSE PREFECTS, 1956.

Back Row: P. D. McCallum, R. P. Mahy, J. H. Slee, A. C. Fullerton-Smith, G. D. Griffiths, F. R. Barrett, J. B. Tait.  
Middle Row: W. H. Bygrave, A. Wendt, I. M. Green, I. A. Boese, W. T. Bussell, G. L. Petersen, G. M. Sanders, L. J. Woodhouse.  
Front Row: A. J. Hills, W. N. Johnson, D. W. Geary, I. A. Ross, D. A. Wallis, W. I. Taylor, M. S. Hutchings.  
Absent: J. C. Harvey.

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### GERONTION (with apologies to T. S. Eliot)

"From Room One is visible a sweeping panorama of sun-kissed beaches, emerald playing fields, and the municipal gas and tar works."—  
[Publicity Folder.]

Here I am, a young man in a wet month  
Looking out at the sea, waiting for surf.  
I was neither at Sinai,  
Nor fought in old Budapest,  
Nor over the wastelands, flying a Vampire  
Stricken by gravity, fought.  
Our School is an old school  
And Speed stands feet above us.  
He sees what we cannot see,  
Islands, bridges, railroads, factories, trends  
In depraved May, dogwood and bamboo, insignis  
To be planted, to be grown, to be torn out  
Among shouts by 5 Ag.  
With axe-filled hands, at maths time.  
Who walked by night in the third Lab?  
With such knowledge what gain? Think now,  
History has many cunning pedagogues, contrived questions  
And maths deceives with differential equations  
Guides us by hunches. Think now  
Our Physics though our attention is distracted—  
Lenses, the Cartesian Diver, Spectrometer—Primitive.  
And the revision tires the student, comes too late  
Round and round Kawaroa Park at one o'clock in the morning.  
I have lost my case, Wrenn, cap and TT-2  
How should I use them for greater learning?  
These with a thousand minor considerations  
Protract the tedium of our everyday drudgery  
Excite Emismellia where he has been laid  
With pungent liquids, odoriferous variety  
In a wilderness of diagrams. What will the Wog do—  
Suspend his operations? Will the Jew  
Delay? Eden, Eisenhower, Grunther, whirled  
Beyond the reach of the dying Bear  
In fractured satellites. 'Planes against the wind  
in the windy field.  
Off Chatham Isle, or running off the Bluff  
Surf on the sand, the sea claims,  
And a young man driven by the breaker  
To a worn corner,  
Inmates of the School,  
Thoughts of a crammed brain in a wet season.

M. D. Butler, 6A.

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### THE HIGH SCHOOL MASTER (with apologies to Oliver Goldsmith)

Beside yon corrider that skirts the way,  
With painted walls unprofitably grey,  
There in his noisy form-room, aged and worn,  
The high school master taught his little form,  
A master cruel he was, and quick to see  
All deeds of ill-concealed delinquency.  
I and the boding tremblers learned to trace  
Our lives and fates in that mysterious face.  
We did not laugh with counterfeited glee,  
At all his jokes, for never a joke had he.  
Full well the warning whisper circling round  
Conveyed some information, I'll be bound.  
The boarders all denied how much he knew;  
'Twas certain he could write in Latin too;  
French he could utter, compound interest find,  
And e'en the story ran that he was kind.  
In arguing, too, the master had no skill,  
For e'en though vanquished, he would argue still.  
Amazed, the gazing pupils ranged around,  
And still they gazed and still they did confound,  
That one small head should be so very wise,  
Yet always seem to be so otherwise.

G. Jones, 5P1.

### THE TALL STORY OF MICKETY MULGA

He worked with us at Wantigong—  
Old Mickety Mulga Jim.  
We'd all a-gone blue mouldy if  
It 'adn't been for him.  
He'd keep us yarnin' at the fire,  
An' laughin' by the hour  
At 'is amusin' anecdotes  
By George, he 'ad a power!  
He told us up in Queensland, where  
'E'd never go again,  
He came to some dry water-hole  
Upon a ten-mile plain.  
The tank was dry, and Jim was dry,  
But by a happy thought,  
He wrung 'is empty water-bag  
An' got about a quart:  
But couldn't find a stick of wood  
So stuck a match into the grass  
To bile his billy by,  
Which then was pretty dry.  
He 'eld the billy to the flame  
With a piece of fencing-wire  
But 'ad to go to foller it,  
So rapid run that fire.  
Five miles across that flamin' plain  
He raced that fire, did he,  
But when at last his billy biled,  
He 'ad forgot the teal!

D. W. Hinch, 6B.

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### THE BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL (Sung to the tune of "Rock Island Line")

Now this here's the story 'bout the B.H.S.  
The B.H.S. is situated on a big hill  
And just before you get along inside  
There's a big gate.  
And all the boys that go through that gate,  
Well, they got to raise their caps.  
And of course, if you raise your cap,  
You're okay, you don't have to do no ups.  
Just now, we see a boy, he's coming up the hill  
And when the boy comes to the gate,  
He raise his cap, and says to the prefect,  
"I've done maths, I've done French, I've done English,  
I've done science,  
I've done all my prep, I've done all my prep, I've done  
all my prep!"  
And the prefect say, "You're okay boy, you don't have to  
do me nothing!  
You go right on through."  
And the boy go through.  
And when he think he's safe on the other side,  
He shout back to the prefect,  
"I fooled you, I fooled you; I haven't done my prep, I  
haven't done my prep, I haven't done my prep.  
And I'll tell you where I'm going boy."

Chorus:

To the B.H.S. she's a mighty fine school  
The B.H.S. is the school to go.  
Yes the B.H.S. is a mighty fine school;  
If you want to go there  
Got to join it right and proper  
Fill a form in at the office  
At the B.H.S.

W. Steward, 5P1.

### VICTORY DAY

It was August 11th and the sky was grey,  
As the crowd packed the Park on that heroic day,  
The Springboks were here with their flag flying strong,  
For a fight with the men of the Ferdinand Song.  
And a huge roar arose from behind the stand,  
As Peter Burke led out his mighty band,  
Eight eager forwards and seven fleet backs  
Who were going to rip holes in the Springbok attacks.  
The whistle was blown, the kick-off was taken,  
And away went Taranaki after Springbok bacon.  
The battle was on and the crowd was roaring,  
As the forwards rushed through on the point of scoring.  
Down went a scrum and the ball came to Brown,  
Who raced down the touch and in-passed to Scown.  
Then came a ruck on the 'Boks twenty-five,  
The ref. broke it up, but the play was alive.

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And after a scrum which became a tangle,  
Bayly tried for a goal from a difficult angle.  
Alas! the ball fell outside the support,  
Just as the hopeful Springboks had thought.

The play was fierce and the line-outs were hard,  
The ref. gave a penalty against Jan Pickard.  
Full-back John Bayly came up for the pot  
On the twenty-five mark, and a difficult shot.  
The crowd was all silent; excitement took toll,  
Bayly moved in and . . . it was a goal!  
Came half-time with the score the same,  
In the greatest ever Taranaki game.

The battle restarted and the mud was a-flying,  
But Taranaki's spirit never looked liked dying.  
And then with only ten minutes to go  
The 'Boks came through with the ball at their toe.  
It was a Springbok try and the score three-all,  
In that magnificent game of Rugby football.  
The clock moved on, the fight was intense,  
Would the score stay the same? What a suspense!  
Till the last whistle sounded, loud and clear,  
For it signalled the end of a valiant fight,  
Which brought Taranaki into Rugby limelight,  
On that unforgettable victorious day,  
When they ventured forth, a great game to play.

J. Morine, 4P1.

## LIKE ANY OLD GAME

A great game's to be played in this brisk morning air,  
The boys yet are waiting, the field is clear,  
The whistle is blown, the game's now begun,  
The boys settle down, it is no time for fun.

A tackle, a kick, a cry, "Out here!"  
A break is made, an opening clear,  
A dash, a swerve, then a sickening thud—  
An unfortunate victim, his face in the mud.

The boys now are straining, dash after dash.  
Some breaks and some dribbling, but all their hopes dash,  
A kick clears a group and some cheer is now brought,  
But the full-back is trusty, their hopes are all nought.

More scrums and more rucks, but their wish is in vain,  
The ball's out to half-back, but fumbled again.  
The lads now are tiring—will their rush have succeeded?  
The whistle is blown—more practice is needed.

T. Rumball 3G1.

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### REX DOWDING MEMORIAL ESSAY—1955

(Written under Examination Conditions)

#### THE FLIGHT

"Whirrrr!" First the port engine, then the starboard, revving up for the take-off. The noise is deafening. Then both engines are going at top speed, and so great is the power of them that everything in the 'plane vibrates. It is as though this giant machine is struggling to control its power. Then the pilot frees the wheels from braking, and slowly at first, then with increasing speed, the monstrous thing gathers pace.

The ground flashes by us at a dizzying speed and then comes the realisation that we are air-borne. Even with an experienced traveller like myself, this moment has its thrills. We seem to have cut our last link with earth, not only physically, but also mentally, and excitement reaches such a pitch that we can barely refrain from expressing ourselves.

My first reaction is to watch the other passengers. That little boy, who is two seats up on the opposite side—obviously his first trip. The grave expression on his face is awful, for he is only about three years old. His mother is not with him and I wonder what strange twist of fate has been responsible for his travelling by himself.

My thoughts are broken by a whispered confidence between the young couple in front of me. She breaks into a nervous laugh and attracts attention, becomes embarrassed, and buries her head in one of the travel folders.

In the anti-climax that follows most people turn to their travel folders to relieve the tension, and the air hostess, whom I judge to be fairly experienced, enters at the critical moment and makes the young boy comfortable.

Being very attracted by the little boy's ready smile, and feeling the urge to come out of my shell a little, I beckon to the hostess.

"Is the seat by the little boy vacant for the whole flight?" I ask.

"Yes, that's a good idea," she replies, perceiving my intention. So I shift up to sit by him. For a moment the boy stares at me in grave wonder, and I can feel the eyes of the rest of the passengers looking at me.

"My name is Timothy," he ventures, before I have made up my mind quite what to say. I note that at least he doesn't use that terrible baby talk that some parents encourage.

"My name is Ross," I say. "Would you like a lolly?" He pauses, probably to see if that is something Mummy has told him not to do.

"Yes, please," he says simply, and very intrigued by his behaviour I proffer a bag, from which he selects one.

That is the beginning of our friendship, and all through the flight we chat about one thing and another. He in his grave exact tones, and I in an inquiring manner. He tells me all about "Mummy" and "Daddy" and "Terry," and through his eyes I see what adults are. I am led to reminiscent thoughts and a vague aching comes over me, that I can not be young again.



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The flight passes all too soon and at its termination I see my friend welcomed home by his parents. It is a scene that touches me deeply.

I walk away from the scene with a heaviness in my heart, and in me is formed a resolution, that I will marry, and through my children live again my own life.

So to that boy I must give my thanks for an education, and for my present happy family state.

M. W. Burt, 4P1.

## WHERE COOL WINDS BLOW

### 2 Days Before Departure

As I write these words, dusk has fallen, and the cool desert wind rustles the paper. I cannot help but wonder if the same caressing breezes blow on that blue planet now bright in the eastern sky. For that is our destination. Night after night, I have gazed inquiringly into the sky, and always the blue light of that far-away globe has shone brazenly back. What strange phenomena will be revealed to us when we arrive on that third planet from the sun? Its very name holds promise of danger—Sram, god of war. How like the clear blue of the lethal canal water is its light! Water is one of the deadliest poisons known to us, yet our ancestors deliberately spread it, by canals, over the entire planet, to further their conquests during the days of nations. Still—our craft taking us to the blue planet will be powered in part by that same water. But it has become too dark for further writing. I shall retire early—tomorrow will be my last day on my home world.

### Day Before Departure

I have spent as much as possible of this last day viewing the beautiful desert landscape. Only now do I realize how much the red desert sand, the pink tint of the sky, and the cool winds mean to me. And on Sram, that blue planet, is the sky blue instead of red? I recall with apprehension the theories of early astronomers that the third planet is covered by water. But Dari—my husband—assures me that land masses must exist.

Before we retired for our final night on the world, we took a last look at the night sky. The blue planet shone brightly as usual, in the east. Darl talked in glowing terms of what we would find there. But the mere sight of that ghostly blue star strikes a chill in my heart.

### Day of Departure

The ship left the launching site exactly as planned—already our home world is a steadily diminishing red ball, although the death carrying canals are still visible. Darl and the crew are extremely busy, checking our course before we retire into hibernation for the five-month journey. This is the last entry until I awake from my enforced sleep.

### 150 Days From Departure

Most of us awoke from our hibernation today, and are frenziedly preparing for a landing on the planet Sram. Already we have passed its desolate dead satellite. The land masses are clearly visible on the planet's surface, but much, as I feared, appears to be huge seas. Darl is highly excited, but I feel that the grim surface of the planet's moon is a bad omen.

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### 151 Days From Departure

We have gone into free orbit around the planet, and are choosing a landing site.

### 152 Days From Departure

We have landed! We chose the western tip of the northern of two islands, situated east of the great island continent in the southern hemisphere, to land on. We passed over a ruined city while landing—Darl is to explore it tomorrow. The day sky is a glorious blue, such as I have never before seen. A snow-tipped mountain cone dominates the scene. It is weird, yet, in its way attractive. The chief scientist has reported a high moisture content in the atmosphere—the only disturbing feature.

### Day After Landing

Darl explored the city but has been unable to decide the cause of its ruined state. He has already deciphered the language of its former inhabitants—they called their planet simply "Earth"—our world they named "Mars" (their god of war!). Before darkness fell, I observed a dark cloud mass, blown by a cool wind, banking up in the west. I fear for the morrow.

### 2 Days After Landing

An unbelievable phenomenon—water poured from the sky! All except three of us were caught in the open. Their bodies are swiftly decomposing. The water even enters the ship!

### 3 Days

I remain alone—Darl died in the night. Water is rising in the ship I must go soon.

### 4—

This is the last entry—my hand is all but decomposed. Still the water falls from heaven. This Earth is surely Hell!

S. L. Dickson, 6B.

## THE HORSE

The draught gelding lumbered through the gap, heavily rounded the turn in the track and plodded, panting, up the slope. As he reached the crest of the ridge he stopped and looked about him. His whole body trembled and his nostrils quivered as he stood, his long forelock whipping his face, his ears alert for the first sound of danger. Yes, there it was again—a high pitched, frightened, feminine whinny, coming on the fresh breeze down the valley. One ear pricked, then the other, as the great horse on the ridge turned his shaggy head in the direction of the sound. He began to jog heavily down the side of the hill into the valley, his massive hooves digging sharply into the spongy turf. Twice he stopped to listen, but no sound came. Only the gentle souging of the wind in the trees on the hillside disturbed the peace of the ravine. The draught plodded on past the copse and around the track into the pasture, where he came upon the object of his search; a young foal sporting with its mother. With a contented sigh the big horse lowered his head and began to feed voraciously on the lush grass.

F. Holmes, 5P2.

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### THE MOUNTAIN AND THE SEA

You probably won't believe me, but the mountain hates the sea. I can't tell you why because that's a secret, but I know it's true.

I often take walks along the shore to where the base of the mountain spills down and is engulfed by the sea, and I have noticed over the past few years that the mountain is pushing slowly out into the blue expanse and some day it will become rich farming land. But not yet—oh no. This can't be accomplished until the mountain's anger is subdued and their friendship has mended and fused once more.

The simple village folk who live on the upper slopes of the poor land believe that the mountain is only a dead and lifeless mass that has been reared from the surface by some fault of Nature's but I know the mountain has a soul. It has a mind and it can act and avenge with great terror. The poor fools they are. They will learn that to jest about the form that casts a gigantic shadow over the settlement in the late afternoon will be fateful in the future. I watched the cold relentless sea last night—it's trying to eat and destroy the mountain and in the thin mist with the watery moon trying to filter and penetrate through, it seemed as if the waves themselves were transferred into long spidery fingers snatching, tearing, rubbing, without ceasing, at the solid form of my friend, the mountain.

Soon those jagged, snow-crueted peaks will glisten no more in the early sun—the glory and terrible beauty of the mountain will have vanished. In its place—a blackened ugly volcano.

I have tried to warn the village folk and all the people who live with me, that the mountain will soon erupt and spew molten lava which will push back the sea, but they all laugh. Some are very sympathetic and kind, especially the ones in white coats, but the outsiders just say I'm mad. But I'm not really, am I? I think I'm very important, but no one else does, except the mountain. It's a pity I have to die with all the rest of the nice people in this place when the mountain does blow apart, but at least I'll go knowing that I told them to get out.

I'll have to stop writing now because the man in the white coat says my writing time is up and anyway he's nicer than the others so I'll give him my pen for a present. He's so nice—I will tell him to go before it is too late but he . . .

A. C. Fullerton-Smith, 6B.

### THE DEATH OF A SHIP

With the utmost caution Tony eased his head over the thin cold wall of steel. His eyes met a scene of utter chaos. Jagged pieces of metal poked skywards in grotesque shapes. Along the deck, where a lifeboat should have been, lay a few grey splinters.

Three minutes before, the M.T.B. "Langley" had been a proud little ship with a crew of forty. Now she lay pitifully on her side, with a great hole torn in her bridge and only seven who were not wounded or killed.

The U-boat had struck swiftly and without warning. It was just as the dawn sky was changing from pale pink to a ruddy glow that the torpedo had hit. Tony Armitt had been tying a gun cover down and missed the worst force of the blow.

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Now he gingerly swung down to the deck. He heard a voice shouting: "Anybody up aft?"

"Yes, sir!" yelled Tony and ran forward to see the third officer and five men silhouetted against the morning sky.

"Is this all that's left?" faltered Tony.

"I'm afraid so, Armitt," muttered the third. "Well, the first job's to collect the wounded."

Two hours later the seven men met in the galley for breakfast.

"How many wounded, Bill?" inquired a sailor.

"We've got fourteen, two of them serious."

After breakfast Tony went up to the bridge to help the third officer, who was straightening out the steering gear.

The sea was a flat, oily calm and only the sound of an occasional rattle could be heard.

"I hope the weather holds, sir," said Tony, as he gathered up the flags which had been strewn across the bridge deck.

"So do I; but I'm afraid it looks like a rough night."

The seven men toiled like slaves all day and by 6.30 the vessel was floating more evenly. At 7 o'clock the third told all hands that a storm was brewing, and by 8.30 the seas had become short, steep and confused. At 9.00 the wind, which till now had been light, began to increase steadily, until at 9.30 the sea was a mass of foam and the wind shrieked ominously. The men worked with a will and managed to keep her pumped fairly dry.

Suddenly it was as though a pack of hounds had descended upon the ship, yelping and snarling around her.

The little ship fought gallantly, but the men were tiring and she was making water fast.

Slowly but surely the mighty sea began to master the tiny vessel. Gradually she sank lower in the sea, then suddenly the final blow fell. She was in a trough when a mammoth wave hurtled upon her.

Gallantly she began to fight her way up the wave, then with a sigh of resignation that proud bow rose slowly into the air. Reluctantly she sank back, and slowly the sea crept up her sides. Then, in a sudden rush she plummeted backwards, and another battle had been won by the relentless sea.

E. J. Slyfield, 4P2.

### THE LAST OF THE WINDJAMMERS

I step over a mooring hawser, avoid a muscular "wharfie" carrying a crate containing cheeses, arrive at the end of the wharf and wait. As I wait I notice an old, but physically strong man with a grey woollen cap, hand-made pipe, and a wrinkled face with cheeks that are wind-beaten and sun and salt burnt, with two deep, brilliantly blue eyes and fine silvery hair that flows out from underneath his cap. An old sailor home from the sea.

It rounds the distant headland with its graceful clipper-bow and a soaring jib-boom that rises out and over the glassy sea like a victor's sword above the vanquished. And behind that graceful herald there are

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her engines. Great, bulging expanses of snowy canvas which glow a dull warm red in the rays of a dying sun. Four masts, each with its six great sheets of canvas, and with more sails between the masts, and more in front and more behind, climb up and up and up into the sky like clothed, thin spires. She glides silently towards me, slowly folding her wings until only five sails remained of her original forty. Gracefully she turned into the wind and, as she slows and stops, I hear a faint splash and she seems to chuckle to herself as the cable clatters out of the hawse-pipe. Even as the anchor is dropped the last of her sails are furled and I am struck by her regal stateliness. Those soaring slender rays of steel striving to reach higher, hindered only by their intricate, lace-like rigging and their burden of yards.

As she rests there a steam tug, rolling a huge white bow-wave before her, puffs and pants huge, black, dirty clouds from a salt-covered, smoke-blackened smoke-stack as she shoves and pushes her way up the harbour, screaming at every ship she passes with her piercing whistle. The outbound steamers all scream back at her but the windjammer keeps her silence with regal aloofness and, as the outward and inward bounders curtsy their flags to her as they pass, she nods her own in a faint sign of queenly recognition.

As the sun finally sets I wander slowly along the deserted wharf under the black gaunt cranes to the roadside and wait for the bus. And as I wait I notice an old, but physically strong man with a grey woollen cap, hand-made pipe, and a wrinkled face with cheeks that are wind-beaten and sun and salt burnt, with two deep brilliantly blue eyes and fine silvery hair that flows from underneath his cap. He stops. He turns and gazes back at the tall masts which glow in the last embers of a dying day. He slowly takes his cap off and slowly his two deep blue eyes moisten as he turns and walks slowly home, his cap still in his hands.

"The last of 'em," he mutters, slowly shaking his head.

J. Hayton, 5P1.

## THE PRIVATE PICNIC

One peaceful night while everyone was sleeping soundly in the house, I slipped away from my bed and went straight to the neighbouring house where some of my friends were preparing for the picnic which we were to have the following day. It was a very bright night, with the moon shining on our heads as we marched quickly to the shore. In ten minutes' time the other boys came with a canoe, and five of us got in. Two boys were paddling, one was steering the boat and another one played the guitar and sang beautiful tunes which I had never heard before. The time was four o'clock in the morning and here we were, moving along the vast Pacific Ocean with waves splashing behind us. I was lying in the bottom of the canoe, for I was very small at that time and also afraid of the sharks and other sea monsters. The two boys who were paddling talked about ghosts of the sea, which made me feel very strange, and scared too. After we had gone about three miles we saw an island like a cloud, not very big, ahead of us. The boy with the guitar, filled with excitement, called out to us.

"There's an island ahead of us!"

Without looking down at his seat he sat right on the edge of the canoe. In a minute he found himself having a bath in the sea, with the guitar floating beside him. He was very angry when we laughed at

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him, but it was not very long before his anger settled down. Getting near the island, the boy at the back steered the boat to a small channel where there was no coral growing, and in ten minutes we reached the land.

It was a very beautiful scene. We arrived there at seven o'clock in the morning. The island was approximately two square miles, with coconut palms growing all over it. When we had finished building a small shelter for the day, we started looking for food. I went fishing with one boy and the other two went and got some coconuts to drink. When we had finished our breakfasts we started having all sorts of fun on the island. We spent three days on the island, and when we came home, my father gave me six for not telling him before I went out.

S. Mataio, 3G1.

## MY FIRST JOB

"Have you used a motor-mower before, son?"

"No sir, but I think I could manage one."

"All right. This is how you start it." He pulled a handle, opened a vent, tightened a screw, adjusted three cords, dropped a lever and away it ran, with a master-hand skilfully guiding it from the rear. The mower stopped before me.

"Here you are, son," he said, thrusting the mass of live-wires into my shaking hands. "I'll be back in half an hour."

The stage was set. The curtains rose on the most humorous play the flowers and shrubs had ever witnessed. I twisted a lever, shut a vent, removed a screw, cut two cords, and dropped the lever. The monster bounded forward, and stopped abruptly to overturn in a cloud of grass cuttings. After separating the mower, the cuttings, and me, I tried, successfully this time, to mobilise the mechanical monstrosity. Away it roared on a non-stop, thirty-minute journey, dragging behind it the pitiful spectacle of a terrified boy, and leaving in its wake multitudes of lines of uncut grass. Three-quarters of an hour later my employer returned, and flourishing a ten shilling note in front of my eager eyes, remarked: "Excellent work, son. Now would you like to mow my lawns regularly?"

M. Croxson, 4P1.

## THREE LITTLE PIGS

In a small city in America there live three little pigs. Their story is now told on the three conquered planets as well as on earth.

"One day the three pigs had to leave home, and, as they were walking down the road they saw a man coming in a jetmobile. The man stopped and asked the pigs if they could use some fibre-glass. The youngest pig took it and built himself a small cottage, and left the other two pigs to go on their way.

"The second pig soon found a pile of sheet aluminium, and fashioned himself a small home.

"The third pig was alone, but he was not as lazy as his brothers, and found himself a job in a large factory which made atomic breakfast food. He worked in the 'Atom Crunch' factory for a while until he had enough money to build himself a house of reinforced fibre-glass of a much stronger type than his youngest brother had used.

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"One day a large green creature arrived in town. He was from the feared planet 'X.' He called at the youngest pig's house and, by using nuclear energy, knocked the poor pig's house flat. He caught the pig, thinking it would make good ham, and carried on to the second pig's house.

"He had a harder task this time but, by using super heat he melted the aluminium and caught the second pig, who looked very sunburnt because of the heat. But he had a hard job at the eldest pig's house. He used all the forces he had, but he couldn't even melt the cement. In a last attempt he tried to climb through the ventilator, but there was a super atom-speed fan in the way and he was chewed to pulp. The pig wrapped him in some aluminium foil and threw him in his nuclear 'wasterid,' then released his brothers.

"Today they live together, children, but as they are old they don't work in the 'Atom Crunch' factory any more. Goodnight."

T. L. Nickson, 5G1.

## THE LOST FISH

Graham Pertson wondered whether it was time to go home. He had been spending the day fishing at the creek near the bottom of the foothills. He had made quite a fair catch and was especially pleased with a large trout which he estimated to weigh at least fifteen pounds.

Yawning, he stretched and then lazily packed his gear in an old flour bag. As he whistled softly to himself, it suddenly occurred to him that he had better hurry home to be in time to cook his fish. So he set out at a brisk walk for home. Through the wood and down the steep track.

Blast! He had forgotten his sheath knife. Quickly he put down the bag under a stone and started off back to the creek.

At last he found the knife, wrapped up in an old newspaper he had thrown away. Returning as fast as he could to where he had left his bag, he was more than mildly surprised when he found that it had gone. He searched high and low, but in a few minutes had to give up, as it was nearly pitch dark.

As he made his way down the path, he was wondering what he should do tomorrow. He had promised to go over to a friend's place to help with the hay-making. Perhaps he could leave it till the day after? No, that wouldn't do. The fish would smell pretty high by then.

By now he couldn't see a thing and by the time he reached home he was a mass of cuts and bruises, having stumbled this way and that.

When he told his mother about his misfortune, she replied, "But my dear, I sent your brother to fetch you home for tea. He told me he couldn't find you. On his way home he found a bag full of fish under a stone. Funny places people leave things these days!"

Graham didn't know whether to be pleased or angry.

G. R. Hasell, 4P2.

## THE OPERATING THEATRE

I was wheeled, as I thought, to my doom on a high hospital bed, by a genial nurse. I could not help wondering, with a sort of foreboding, what was going to happen to me. We stopped outside a door for about three minutes, and then the door opened. A pleasant voice asked us in.

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When being wheeled I was struck by the odour that pervades all clinics and surgeries. The operating room was painted all white and scrupulously clean. There was a long, narrow, adjustable table in the centre of the room, hung over with large, powerful lamps. By the wall was a bench with drawers underneath and spotless chromium implements on its glass top, which made me shudder, involuntarily. There were also two small gas cylinders against the wall.

The doctor and three nurses padded round the room, silently, on their rubber-soled shoes, as they deftly transferred me to the table.

The doctor spoke kindly and reassuringly told me that I wouldn't feel a thing. Then he put a wad of cotton wool over my face, and I immediately became drowsy. I felt sick, suffocated and sleepy. I struggled, panic seized me, and I was falling . . . falling . . . falling.

T. P. Dobbie, 3P1.

## DANGEROUS DEPTHS

Down, down, down, he swam, his rubber swim-fins beating the opalescent water, dotted with shoals of tiny multi-coloured fish darting around outcrops of coral. Past the ledge of red coral, past the black menacing jaws of an undersea cavern, until at last he reached the deck of the sunken freighter "Dalton," which had been lying for two weeks on her side in the depths of the tideless Mediterranean. The "Dalton" had foundered while on her maiden voyage to Marseilles two weeks ago. In her strongroom were two precious boxes of Uranium 235.

Ned Jordan edged through the black, open gap of the doorway and into the dark vault of the strongroom. He peered through the glass of his face-plate at the interior of the room lighted only by the fitful beam of his underwater torch. He unslung the Leica waterproof camera, regulated the meter, and depressed the switch. The flash-bulb exploded into brilliance, lighting the whole room. Ned reloaded the camera and propelled himself through the doorway and up through the rigging.

As he slowly drifted towards the surface and passed the mouth of the black cave, a black tentacle shot out and grasped him around the waist. A second and then a third joined the first, and soon there were eight clammy corpse-like arms entwined around him. He felt their folds creeping and gliding over his flesh. He shuddered and struggled as the suckers with their cold adhesive touch glued themselves to him. It seemed as though nothing could make them relax. Despite his frantic struggles he could not free himself from the vice-like grip of the octopus, but suddenly he had an inspiration. He groped for the camera, which he slowly and painfully raised, and depressed the switch. The flash-bulb exploded into brilliance. The octopus emitted a cloud of sepia and whipped its tentacles away. Ned was free.

Ned surfaced amid a cloud of bubbles and a flurry of foam and climbed aboard the tender to report that his photograph would prove that the uranium was still safe in the lockers of the dangerous deep.

G. Pickett, 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 Wellington Technical College Review," "The Waitakian," "The Hamiltonian," "The Fideliter," "The Hutt Valley High School Magazine," "Farrago," "Gisborne High School Magazine," "Nelsonian," "The Palmerstonian," "N.G.C.," "Hokoi," "Waimate High School Magazine," "The Southlandian," "Otago Boys' High School Magazine," "Westonian," "Te Karere," "The Auckland Grammar Chronicle," "The Index," "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," "Albertian," "Wairarapa Collegian," "New Plymouth Girls' High School Magazine."

**Australia:** "The Jargon," "The Melburian," "The Unicorn," "The Record," "Journal of the Royal Military College of Australia," "The Scotch Collegian."

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

**Scotland:** "The Watsonian," "The Aberdeen Grammar School Magazine," "The Fettesian," "The Lorettonian," "Glenalmond."

**Wales:** "The Swansea Grammar School Magazine."

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

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

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## OLD BOYS' SECTION

The past year has been one of considerable activity for both the Parent Body of the Association and the Branches. Following a record attendance at the Annual General Meeting in March, the Executive have met frequently and on occasions been joined by the Headmaster, members of the Board of Governors, and members of the Staff.

Plans have already reached an advanced stage for the 75th Jubilee celebrations next year. Thousands of circulars have been posted to Old Boys but a large number have been returned through the dead-letter office. For the benefit of those who have not been reached we reprint the circular as follows:

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Boys' High School,  
New Plymouth.

Dear Fellow Old Boy,

As you are possibly aware, the School is due to celebrate its 75th Anniversary next year and the celebrations will be held over Easter, 1957. Another function at the same time will be the opening and dedication of the War Memorial Building, and all Old Boys will feel immense satisfaction at the completion of this project towards which they have so generously subscribed over the last ten years.

Other schools such as Nelson College and Christchurch Boys' High School have recently held anniversaries, great celebrations with attendances well into four figures. The committee is sure that our own Old Boys will be looking forward with enthusiasm to our celebration, and so has started to plan well ahead.

The committee expects that many an Old Boy will wish to bring his wife, and functions have been arranged accordingly. An outline of the programme is:—

**Friday, 19th April:** Travelling to New Plymouth.

**Saturday, 20th April:** 10 a.m., Assembly, Roll Call, Photos, etc.; p.m., Rugby—School v. Chosen Team. N.P. Old Boys v. Grammar Old Boys. 7.30-10 p.m., Informal Reception at Agricultural Hall (lounge suit, short frock).

**Sunday, 21st April:** Morning: Free for Church attendance, etc. 2.30 p.m., Opening of War Memorial Building and Dedication. After this, afternoon tea will be served to the next-of-kin attending the ceremony. Evening: The boys will hold a concert for the boarders in the gym. Old Boys are welcome to attend if they wish.

**Monday, 22nd April:** 10.30 a.m., Cadet Battalion Parade followed by Annual General Meeting. Those who wish to have buffet lunch afterwards in the School dining room may do so. p.m. Sports. We will endeavour to satisfy your requirements as indicated on the enrolment card. Visit to Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust. 8.30 p.m., Ball at Agricultural Hall.

**Tuesday, 23rd April:** School Inter-House Sports (Hansard Cup). Dispersal.

**Administration:** A committee has been set up with members from the Old Boys' Association, High School Board and School Staff. All communications, please, to—

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The Secretary,

New Plymouth High School Old Boys' Association,  
C/o Boys' High School,  
New Plymouth.

It will be realised that in order to organise certain functions, the committee requires to know how many participants to expect, and asks you to return the enrolment card without delay. **Payment for various items should be enclosed with the card.** Receipts and tickets will be sent out later.

There will be a general charge of £1 (called "Enrolment Charge") which covers all administration, and a copy of a special 200-page Anniversary Magazine, and a programme.

**Accommodation:** In order to hold the accommodation we have booked, the card must be back by 30th November with deposit.

An extra enrolment card has been included so that if you know of any Old Boy in your district you can ensure that he gets a card. If more cards are required, apply to Branch Secretary or this address. As we no doubt will miss quite a lot of individuals on account of changed address, etc., you can give very valuable help in completing our general coverage by checking Old Boys in your district. It is most important that you help in this way.

**Debutantes:** Any wishing their daughters to be presented as a debutante at the Jubilee Ball should notify us as soon as the decision is made.

**Teas:** Morning and afternoon teas will be offered by a catering firm at usual prices, probably in the lounge.

**Procedure on Arrival:** A central office will be established in Main School Block. Please register your arrival as soon as you can, preferably on Friday afternoon or evening. Those who have not enrolled by post will be enrolled when they register arrival. Early enrolment and registration will help to obviate any hold-up in Saturday morning's programme. The magazine and programme will be issued on registration.

The committee hopes to see each and every one of you here next Easter for a real "do"—one that will be remembered as a fitting celebration of seventy-five years of accomplishment.

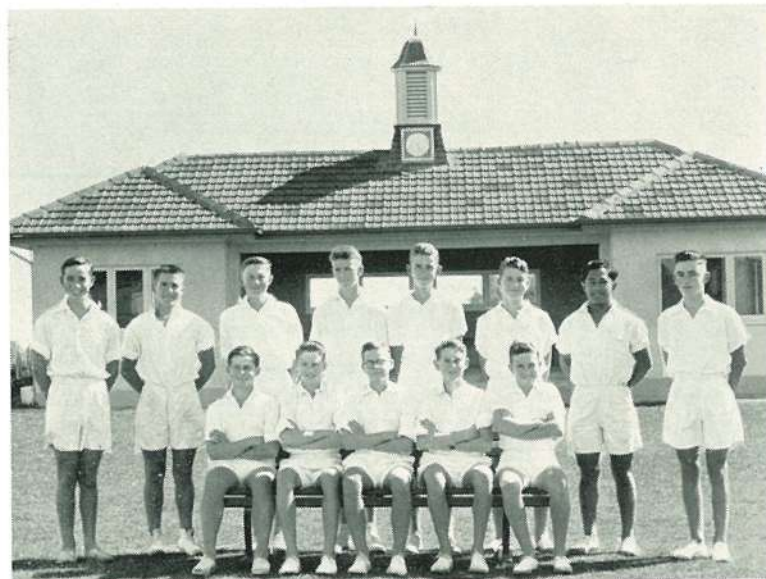
We would appeal to all Old Boys to fill in and return their enrolment cards as soon as possible. Those unable to attend the Jubilee celebrations should at least pay the enrolment fee, which will ensure their receiving a copy of the Jubilee issue of the "Taranakian." Those who have not received their circular and enrolment cards should notify the secretary without delay.

The results of the second Willing Shilling raffle are published elsewhere in this issue. The target of £600 was well exceeded. The Association intends to present a cheque to the Headmaster at the Jubilee roll call. The amount, representing the proceeds of the two raffles, will be at least £1400. In this way Old Boys will express their gratitude to the School for what it has done for them in the past and also their best wishes for its future.



FIRST HOCKEY ELEVEN, 1956.

Back Row: C. Whittaker, P. Simonson, T. Hannon, W. St. George, J. Penney, C. Budd, R. Shepherd.  
Front Row: K. Gunn, J. Clarke, H. Barr, J. Roy, L. Pauling.



FOURTH FORM CRICKET XI, 1956 (Winners New Plymouth Junior Competition).

Standing: A. Donnelly, R. Sharrock, E. Coleman, D. Oliver, N. Spedding, R. Worn, R. Parala, J. Rothery.  
Sitting: T. Coley, T. McNaught, M. Croxson, P. Stanton, M. Gernhoeffer.

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We would like to congratulate the Waikato Branch on its revival. From all accounts their reunion on the evening of the Springbok game was a great success. The Waikato Branch has also compensated this year for its failure to contribute to the Jubilee raffle organised two years ago. Its cheque of £56/2/6 this year was most encouraging to the committee. The parent body has also learned with deep satisfaction of the re-organisation of the Manawatu Branch.

Old Boys are notified that Mr. H. P. Webster, on the School staff, now has charge of the Old Boys' blazer badges. These are imported from England and may be obtained, postage free, for 36/-. Silver buttons bearing the School crest are obtainable from Whites Ltd., Devon Street, New Plymouth. The cost is 5/- for a set of three.

The editor of the Old Boys' Section (Mr. J. S. Hatherly, Boys' High School) 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 present secretaries of the Association are:—

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

**South Taranaki:** R. O. D. Henderson, Box 137, 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, Ridgway Street, Wanganui.

**Wellington:** B. S. Farquhar, Weir House, Wellington.

**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 17th, at noon. There was an attendance of nearly 100 Old Boys, many of whom had specially come to the School to witness the laying of the foundation stone for the new Memorial Building.

The balance sheet presented to the meeting showed a credit balance of £114/0/1. Income totalled £77/12/7. Accumulated assets were shown as £1432/3/9, the principal liability being £1229/2/3 in the Jubilee Fund.

The officers elected were: Patron, Mr. G. J. McNaught; President, Dr. I. D. Auld; Senior Vice-President, Mr. D. Hay; Junior Vice-President, Mr. B. Sykes; Secretary, Mr. R. W. Baunton; Assistant Secretaries, Messrs. M. Sykes and H. P. Webster; Treasurer, Mr. M. G. McDonald; Committee, Messrs. P. Powell and G. Bendall; South Taranaki Branch Delegate, Mr. M. Shearer; Honorary Auditor, Mr. J. D. Ridland.

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### ANNUAL REPORT

The President, Dr. I. D. Auld, then read the Annual Report as follows: Gentlemen, on behalf of your Executive Committee, I have pleasure in presenting the 37th Annual Report of the Association:—

The year under review started with a well attended Annual Meeting and enthusiasm has been high throughout the year. Two contributing factors to the live interest in the affairs of the Association have been the physical signs of progress on the War Memorial Building and the approaching 75th Anniversary of the School.

Your Committee has met regularly and kept in touch with the Branches. Reunions have been held in Auckland, Wellington, Hastings, Hawera and Dunedin. The Manawatu Branch, which has been inactive for some years, is being revived. It is hoped that the Waikato Branch will be revived this year.

**Annual General Meeting:** The suitability of Sports Day for the Annual General Meeting has been justified by the good attendance of Old Boys, many of whom now have sons at the School. The luncheon provided at the School for Old Boys after the Annual Meeting is much appreciated and its popularity is increasing.

**Annual Ball:** A loss was shown on the Annual Ball. This was due to a smaller attendance than was anticipated. The question arises as to whether Easter Monday is the best date for the Ball. Your Committee recommends that the Ball be held on Easter Monday this year because it is hoped to hold the 75th Jubilee Ball on Easter Monday next year. We appeal to Old Boys to attend the Annual Ball this year and are confident that they will enjoy themselves thoroughly.

**South Taranaki Golf Tournament:** This function, which is to be held annually, was sponsored by the South Taranaki Branch and proved a great success. The thanks of the Association are extended to Mr. G. J. McNaught for his generous donation of a trophy.

**Eggleton Cup:** Your Committee are pleased to report that the Wellington Branch has presented a cup to the School in memory of a well-known master, the late Mr. F. J. Eggleton. The Headmaster has recommended that the cup be presented to the Head Day Boy or Head Boarder, whoever is not Head Boy.

**War Memorial Building:** We are happy that this day has seen the laying of the foundation stone of the War Memorial Building by Mr. H. R. Billing. Your Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Board of Governors for consulting the committee at every stage of the planning of the building. The preliminary plans were submitted to this meeting twelve months ago and since that date we have formally approved the final plans and specifications. We have received the utmost co-operation from the architect, Mr. M. G. Harvey, and the builders, Messrs. Bowers and Schwieters. The Committee has exercised its best endeavours to make the building a worthy memorial to our comrades.

**Stained Glass Window for Memorial Building:** The specifications provide for a lead-light window in the shrine but it is your Committee's hope that at some time in the future a stained glass window will be installed. We are making investigations as to the cost and design of a stained glass window.

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**75th Anniversary of the School:** The 75th Anniversary of the School falls next year. We recommend that the Old Boys' celebrations be of a similar nature to those held for the 50th Anniversary. The Headmaster and the Board agree with the Committee that Easter would be the most suitable date for the celebrations.

A tentative programme has been drawn up to include:—

### Easter Saturday—

- (1) Roll Call, Photographs, Guest Speaker.
- (2) Sports.
- (3) Reunion Dinner.

### Easter Sunday—

- (1) Dedication of Memorial Building.
- (2) Sightseeing.

### Easter Monday—

- (1) Sports.
- (2) Ball.

Hotels and the Agricultural Hall are already booked.

Your Committee recommends that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Association be called later in the year to discuss the Anniversary Celebrations.

We appeal to all Old Boys to boost the Jubilee. One way of doing this is to invite old School friends and their wives to their homes for Easter, 1957, and now is the time to do this. We hope that you will attend the Special Meeting as many helpers will be required to make the Jubilee a success.

**Dedication of Memorial Building:** Your Committee considers that if this ceremony is held in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary then the largest possible number of Old Boys will be given the opportunity to attend. The recommendations of the Committee have been approved by the Headmaster and the Board of Governors.

**Resignation of the Chairman of the Board of Governors:** Your Committee wishes to place on record the grateful thanks of this Association to our fellow Old Boy, Mr. Henry R. Billing, who has served the School with loyalty and devotion as a member of the Board of Governors since 1923. Mr. Billing has been Chairman of the Board for 32 years and it has been under his wise guidance that this small provincial high school has developed into one of the foremost schools in New Zealand.

We extend to Mr. L. M. Moss our congratulations on being elected Chairman of the Board and assure him of our very willing support at all times.

In conclusion we gratefully acknowledge the assistance which has been given by the Headmaster and the Board of Governors in all that we have striven to do.

## OLD BOYS' LUNCHEON

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, those present had lunch in the School Dining Hall as guests of the Board. After the meal the President made a presentation on behalf of the Association to Mr. H. R. Billing. The gift was a Bernard Aris painting of the view from the cricket ground, showing the main School block against the background



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of Mr. Egmont. The picture bears the following inscription: "Presented to Henry R. Billing, Esq., by his fellow Old Boys in appreciation of his devoted service to the School as Chairman of the Board, 1924-56."

## LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONE

Just before the Annual General Meeting, a large number of Old Boys assembled at the site of the Memorial Building for the ceremony of laying the foundation stone.

The Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. L. M. Moss, spoke as follows:—

"Since World War II ended in 1945, it has been the earnest hope of all connected with the School that a Memorial should be raised to the memory of those boys of the School who served their country in its time of need, and, in their service, gave their lives. It is fitting that those who follow them as pupils of this School should have a worthy and permanent memorial to their sacrifice and example. The members of the Board join me in thanking the Old Boys' Association for its worthy contribution towards this Memorial Building, in raising a fund of £8000, which with a Government subsidy of £12,000 and funds provided by the Board, will enable the boys of the future to share and feel the high courage of those who went before them."

"You will, I know, share with the members of the Board, their pleasure that Mr. Billing is able to be present to lay this foundation stone—every boy whose name is enshrined in memory by this Memorial owed something to his life-long service to the School and you will, I know, approve our wish that his services be remembered with those he served so well."

The Headmaster then recalled that the stone was the only one which had been laid in his time at the School. "It has taken us ten years to get as far as this. Although in some cases stones have been laid for buildings and the work been abandoned, for this building the work will go on. I can assure you of that."

The final speaker was the President of the Old Boys' Association, Dr. I. D. Auld. "This is a day for which the Association has worked since 1943," he said. "Two years before the end of the war, it was agreed that a Memorial Fund should be started. Mr. McNaught and Mr. W. G. Watts acted as trustees."

"A deep sense of loss was felt by Old Boys, parents and friends and this was expressed in a spontaneous desire to contribute to the fund. Mr. McNaught generously offered to subsidise pound for pound the initial amount collected by the School boys. This scheme appealed to the boys who set out to 'bust the boss.' The boys made a great effort but I am pleased to report that 'the boss' was not quite 'bust.' Throughout, the boys have made a very considerable contribution to the Memorial Fund. They contributed work days and all their wages went to the fund. In addition to raising money, boys have removed the trees from the building site and carried out the excavations. The Old Boys are grateful to them and hope that they will feel a deep satisfaction in that they have contributed to a very worthy cause."

"We wish to express the thanks of all Old Boys to previous committees and to congratulate them on collecting over £8000. We also

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thank all those who contributed to the fund. We wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Harris and Mr. Horrill, who drew preliminary plans for us. These plans have formed the basis from which the present plan developed. We wish to thank the architect, Mr. M. G. Harvey, and his assistant, Mr. Collins, and the builders, Messrs. Bowers and Schwieters. Throughout we have received the utmost co-operation from the Board of Governors, who have succeeded in obtaining from the Government a very generous subsidy towards the cost of the building."

"Two hundred and seventeen Old Boys of the New Plymouth Boys' High School lost their lives in World War II. This building is being erected by their comrades and friends so that their sacrifice may not be forgotten and their example may be an inspiration to future generations."

"I hesitate to single out one Old Boy from the group, for every one did his duty. However, I would like to tell you about one who went missing in a bomber raid over Germany. His body was washed up on the shore of Holland but the remaining eight of his crew were never found. These men went out knowing the odds against their return. So great were the odds that their steadfast courage was remarkable. Of the 40 young men with whom this Old Boy trained in Canada only two survived the war."

"The Old Boy's name was Kelvin Billing. It is most fitting that his father, who has shown the same steadfastness to duty over his thirty-two years as Chairman of the Board of Governors, should be laying the foundation stone of this building."

Mr. Billing then laid the stone bearing this inscription: "World War II Memorial. This stone was laid by Henry R. Billing, Esq., Chairman, Board of Governors, 1924-1956."

## BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS

### SOUTH TARANAKI BRANCH

**Annual Meeting:** At the Annual Meeting held in March, the following officers were elected: Patron, Mr. G. J. McNaught; President, Mr. D. N. McCallum; Senior Vice-President, Mr. F. E. Clarke; Junior Vice-President, Mr. B. Mills; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. R. O. D. Henderson; Committee, Messrs. A. Moss, D. Ekdahl, C. Robb, B. McMurray, D. Cathie, G. E. W. Boon, C. E. Bottrill, K. James, B. Brockley, P. Boddie; Auditor, Mr. J. Booker.

**District Representatives:** Mr. P. Dickson (Ohangi), Mr. J. F. Alexander (Waverley), Mr. C. Bottrill (Normanby), Mr. R. Snowden (Manaia), Mr. A. Wallis (Opunake), Mr. T. Death (Stratford), Mr. P. Boddie (Eltham).

### ST. PAT'S GAME

Once again this game brought a large number of Old Boys to Hawera. After the match old acquaintances were renewed in the usual places while members of both teams were entertained by Mrs. Gray at the Carlton Dining Rooms where afternoon tea was served. Speakers included the Rector of St. Pat's, Mr. Stewart, and the captains of both teams.

An evening of dancing was arranged for the teams by the Branch and this was held in the Hawera Technical High School Assembly Hall.

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It proved to be a most successful evening, even down to the supper, which was served out by half a dozen or so Old Boys who had just attended the Branch Reunion.

Perfect weather prevailed on the Sunday when the teams made their annual trip to Dawson's Falls.

## ANNUAL REUNION

About 70 Old Boys attended this function, which was held in the Carlton Dining Rooms on the evening of the St. Pat's game. The Branch President, Mr. D. N. McCallum, presided, and the following toast list was honoured: The Queen, D. N. McCallum; The School, D. N. McCallum—Mr. Kerr; St. Pat's, K. James—Father Durning; Taranaki Rugby Union, A. Moss—Mr. Butchart; Kindred Associations, C. Bottrill.

Dr. I. Auld, President of the Parent Body, spoke briefly on the arrangements made for the 75th Celebrations, which take place during Easter, 1957.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

The second Annual Golf Tournament, arranged by the Branch, took place on the Te Ngutu Links on June 17th. Fifty-one Old Boys hit off. Trophy winners were: McNaught Cup, All Day Stableford, K. Wilson, 53 points; Gross Score (morning), T. Jeffrey on a count back from D. V. Sutherland, 73; Nett Score (morning), B. M. McCallum, 65; Stableford (morning), R. J. Baxter on a count back from B. Chong and E. Skipper, 33 points; Nett Score (afternoon), R. J. McCallum, 39. Stableford (afternoon), C. S. Robb, 19 points; Teams Match, D. Ekdahl, J. B. Scott, R. J. McCallum and K. Honeyfield.

The Te Ngutu President, Mr. J. Warnock, welcomed members and Mr. McNaught replied on behalf of the School. Mr. D. N. McCallum thanked the Club for the use of the course and also the ladies for their excellent catering.

The occupations of Old Boys who left during the past two years are as follows: **Michael Walker** is in the Commercial Bank, Hawera; **Bruce McCallum** is a clerk at R. B. Swan and Co., Hawera; **Roger Thompson** is farming with his father; **Peter Butchart** is in a shipping office in New Plymouth; **John** and **Bruce Clark** are dairy farming at Matapu; **George Saxton** is sheep farming at Meremere; **Peter Boddie** is farming at Rotokere; **Murray Johnston** is farming at Mangamingi; **Nigel Preston** is dairy farming at Normanby; **Maurice Blackwell** is sheep farming at Te Popo; **Peter Nicholls** is farming at Inaha.

## AUCKLAND BRANCH

The Annual Meeting and June "Smoko" was held on Thursday, June 7th, 1956, and was an outstanding success. Eighty-five Old Boys were present. When the formal business was completed a magician, Alan Mathews, gave an item. This was very well received and proved a popular innovation. After supper the smoko continued in the usual informal manner.

A Reunion was held on Saturday, September 1st, in the National Party Rooms. One hundred Old Boys attended. Many were from outside Auckland and were in the city for the fourth Test against the Springboks. We were fortunate to have present Mr. McNaught and five masters. They

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were Mr. Kerr, Mr. Baunton, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Barton and Mr. Forrest. The toast list included: The School, Mr. Ron Niven—Mr. McNaught; The Masters, Mr. Sel Hetherington—Mr. Kerr. Mr. Baunton also spoke briefly about details for the 75th Jubilee Celebrations.

In between speeches the "School Song" and "Forty Years On" were sung with great gusto. An entertainer gave his act, supper followed and the reunion then continued until about 12.30 in the usual vein of recollections.

The Branch, then, has again had a very successful year. The committee, consisting of Ron Niven, President, Newton Roch, Vice-President, Warren Shortt, Secretary, Selwyn Rawson, Bryan Bews, Peter Worth and Dick Still have now completed two years together. This continuity has been an important factor in strengthening the position of the Auckland Branch.

**H. S. Hurl** (1906-08), one of our oldest Old Boys, is still a keen supporter of the Branch.

**Newton Roch** is manager of T. C. Latham Ltd., at Newmarket.

**Sel Rawson** and **Bryan Bews** both have positions with Tasman Empire Airways.

**Ron Niven** is with Samuel Parker Ltd., plumbers' merchants. **Peter Worth** has started manufacturing jewellery.

**Dave Levene** is a director in a retail paint business in Karangahape Road.

**Harold Bartley** has a chemist's shop at Meadowbank.

**D. G. Hutchen** is with the Customs Street Branch of the Bank of New Zealand.

**Nigel Dingle** is working for Hallenstein Bros.

**Jim Poulgrain** is a partner in the firm of Miller and Poulgrain, Solicitors, Thames. Also in practice as a solicitor (in Auckland) is **John McKenzie**.

**Sel Hetherington** is working for a firm of solicitors in Auckland and should complete his LL.B. this year.

**Philip Little** and **Paddy Fookes** are studying Law at A.U.C.

**Hugo Bedford** is a car salesman for Campbell Motors.

First year 'Varsity types include **Ted Ward**, **Dennis Swan**, **Roger Davies** (all Medical Intermediate) and **Tony Smith** (B.E.).

Among those residing at O'Rorke Hall are **Gary Lloyd**, **Clayton Potter**, who is working for a law firm, and three other full-time students. They are **Terry Boon** (Architecture), **Maurice Denton** (Forestry) and **Alan Poletti** (Science).

**Paul Cooney** and **John Raines** are both taking Accountancy courses at 'Varsity.

**Graham Wright** is completing his Master's Degree in Science.

**Colin Lee** has completed his B.Com. and now has a position as accountant at Speedway Products.

**Bill** and **Brian Arthur** are living in Auckland since returning from a trip overseas.

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Form 6 Accountancy Old Boys include **Jim Simmons, Clyde Colson, Bob Graham, Brian Arthur, Warren Shortt** and **Garry Lloyd**, all of whom are working for public accountants. **Colin Osborn, Ross Brown** and **Peter Erskine** are working in commercial offices. **Albert Brownlie**, who has a Civil Service Scholarship, is completing his Master's Degree in Commerce and is also tutoring in Economics. **Colin McDonald** is Secretary of Frederick Stearns (N.Z.) Ltd. **Dick Still** is with a firm of sharebrokers. **John Maclean** is now working for a firm of Land Agents.

A large number of Old Boys have been associated with football in Auckland, especially University football. Among those who have been prominent are **John Graham**, who has represented Auckland throughout the season, **Brian Arthur, Andy Miller, Peter Erskine** and **Bob Graham**. Old Boys in other clubs who have made a name for themselves are **Bob Heale** (Ponsonby), **Trevor Wynyard** and **Roy Taylor** (North Shore).

## HAWKE'S BAY BRANCH

The Old Boys' front in Hawke's Bay has had its usual biennial recess this year, as of course it was not our turn for the Te Aute fixture. This, when it comes our way, is the occasion of our reunion.

**Frank Peach** works in Hastings for the New Zealand Aerial Mapping Limited.

**Claude Kyngdon**, our President, is manager of the branch of the A. & N.Z. Bank Limited, in Hastings.

Farming at Maraekakaho is **Doug Murley**, his brother, **Stan**, being in the firm of Accountants, Murley and Morrison.

**Lew Greer** is with Stewart Greer Motors Limited, in Waipukurau.

**Gordon Vogther** is still an active harrier.

We have been pleased to welcome to our Branch **Bob Mehrtens**, who has recently gone into business in Hastings.

**Cedric Campbell** is now the proud father of two girls and a boy. We also hear **Les Grant** has recently had a son, and **Barclay McGregor** a daughter.

We in Hawke's Bay wish the School every success for the coming Jubilee year and at the celebrations we are hopeful that we will be well represented.

## WAIKATO BRANCH

Our Reunion was held on Waikato's great day, June 9th, 1956, following the victory over the Springboks. Everyone of the 120 present agreed that the function was a success and are looking forward to the 1957 Reunion when Taranaki visits Waikato. Old Boys in attendance ranged from 1887 (**Frank S. Veale**) to 1953 (**Garric Belfield**) with the decade 1940-50 predominating. Another Old Boy present who attended the School in the last century was **Campbell L. MacDiarmid** (1890-92).

On arrival at the Reunion all gathered around the bar and many old friendships were revived between boys who had not seen each other since School days. When we were able to subdue the buzz of conversation we sat down for tea which was much appreciated by those who had spent many hours at the football match. After tea we were addressed

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by the three who had kindly driven up from New Plymouth for the occasion, Messrs. McNaught, Lucas and Wilkie. They spoke to many they had not seen since leaving School.

The Committee took the opportunity of presenting to Mr. McNaught a book for the School Library. It was a history of the first ten years of Hamilton by an Old Boy, **H. C. M. Norris** (1907-10). Congratulations were extended to **Ponty Reid** and **Jim Graham**, who both played in the victorious Waikato team. They were unfortunately unable to be present.

The Reunion came to a close after another hour of liquid gossip.

**T. F. Brake** (1940-42) is partner in a firm of solicitors in Morrinsville.

**Lewis Eggleton** (1932-37) is a Police Sergeant at Hamilton.

**Peter Clark** (1932-37) is with the A.N.Z. Bank, Te Aroha.

**Neville Fookes** (1925-27) is an accountant to N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Hamilton.

**Noel Guinness** (1939-43) is an electrician in Tauranga.

**Doug Huggett** (1937-40) is a recent arrival in Hamilton and is Inspector of Factories.

**Max McKenzie** (1947-51) is a carpenter in Hamilton.

**Harold Neilsen** (1950-52) is with the Bank of New Zealand, Otorohanga.

**J. B. Sturtevant** (1944-47) is an optician practising in Morrinsville. **Ian Scott** (1939-42) and **R. B. Guise** (1939-42) are in partnership as dentists in Morrinsville. This means the School is represented by a solicitor, an optician and two dentists in Morrinsville.

**Eric Law** (1934) is with the Bank of New South Wales and recently transferred from Hamilton to a new branch at New Lynn, Auckland.

**Jim Grant** (1940-42) is with the Bank of New South Wales and was recently transferred from Geraldine to a new branch at Victoria Street, Auckland. He is married and has two sons.

While on the **Grant** clan, we should mention this side of the clan in opposition to the Hastings clan mentioned in the 1955 Magazine. At **Rod Grant's** wedding in Rotorua in April the following Grants were present: Rod's father **Ian** (1908-10), **Don** (1911-15) and **Eric** (1940-41). Also present was **Doug Grant**, of Hastings, who is married to Rod's sister. **Eric Law** and **C. Potter** were other Old Boys present. **Rod** has a dentist's practice in Tauranga. **Ian** has retired to Tauranga from his legal practice in Inglewood. **Don** is a solicitor in Hamilton. **Eric** is with the South British Insurance Company in Hamilton.

**E. C. Coleman**, who has been Headmaster at the Korakanui Primary School for the past nine years, will leave shortly for the Wairarapa, having been appointed to the Masterton East School.

**Sergeant N. C. Waters**, of the Hamilton Police, has been transferred to Whakatane.

## WANGANUI BRANCH

For the past four years now the Wanganui Branch has been in recess owing to the lapse in the number of Old Boys. Even so there will be quite a big representation from here to celebrate the Anniversary next Easter.

**D. Dallison** is now teaching at the Tawhero School after a number of years in the country.

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**D. M. Brown** is now happily married and working in his father's bakery in town.

**K. Aiken** is also working in Wanganui and playing a prominent part in club football.

**P. Scott** is working on his father's farm up the Makirikiri Valley, as is **V. J. Caseley**.

**D. L. Burton** is still running a Men's Outfitters and Sports Goods shop.

**E. Hamling** is busy posting "blueys" for double parking.

**B. J. Rountree** is teaching at Tawhero School and taking an active part in winter activities on Ruapehu.

**Trevor Crone** and his brother, **Sam**, are accountants in Wanganui.

**Noel Nielson** is on his farm at "Mt. Zion," Okoia, and is very prominent in local body affairs.

**Ken Gibbons** has retired from Wright, Stephenson and Co. on account of ill-health. He is still as cheerful as ever and is improving rapidly.

**Garland** and **Lindsay Horrocks** are at Makirikiri. They are well-known Shorthorn breeders.

**Ted Harman** is still in the business at Harman Motors Ltd.

**Alan Walker** died last year after a long illness. He is missed by all the local boys for his happy nature and his interest in the School. His son **Tony** is at the School now. Alan always made the trek to see New Plymouth play at Hawera.

**Joe Thomas** is now the Agency Manager for the North Island for an Insurance Company. He sees many Old Boys throughout the country.

**Alan Beck** is a Chemist in his own business in Napier.

**Marcus Clarke** is Manager for the South British Insurance Company in Timaru.

**Jim Thomas** is in business on his own account in Pukekohe.

## DUNEDIN BRANCH

A party was held during the second term at **Rob Calder's** flat. Those present had a great time, **Pete Foreman** making certain that the piano didn't get cold.

The Annual Meeting was held early in this term in the form of a supper in **Laurie Croxson's** room at Knox College. Owing to the closeness of the exams, only 10 members were present but they had a good yarn and devoured some particularly appetising supper.

This year two freshers at Otago University are **Fyfe Bygrave** and **Pete Foreman**, who are doing Medical Intermediate.

Others located at the main University are **Hugh Paterson**, who is continuing with his B.Sc., and **Kim Bathgate** finishing off his B.A., both with a view to doing Divinity when they have completed their degrees. **Kim** played well for 'Varsity B's Rugby team.

**John Gould** was married in May and has since moved to Christchurch.

At the Medical School, **Richard Croxson** and **Dave Bathgate** are doing second year. **John Simcock** passed his 1st Professional exams. and is now on to a B. Med. Sc. **John** shot for O.U. at Summer Tournament and kept

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his mechanism well oiled. **Mike Simcock** gained his B. Med. Sc. degree and is continuing with his 2nd Professional studies.

In fourth year are **Roy McGiven**, **Ian McPherson** and **Oss Imo**, the latter due to injuries being unable to assist the 'Varsity A's this year with his dynamic low-level drive, which gains such useful yards. "**Mouse**" **Crawford** is doing fifth year.

In various years at the Dental School are **David Gill**, **Bill Thomas**, **Dick McClellan**, **Rob** and **Don Calder**, **Laurie Croxson**, **Terry Lealand** and "**Punch**" **McGeachen**, the latter two being in their final year.

**Laurie Croxson** is prominent in student affairs with accent on sport, being the current sports representative on O.U.S.A. Executive. He also performed well at Summer Tournament. Activity in other fields is indicated by **Laurie's** announcement of his engagement.

**Graham Lawson** and **Donald Calder** rowed for O.U. at Summer Tournament and the latter played Football for 'Varsity B. **Graham** is Treasurer of the Rowing Club.

**Bill Thomas** was a member of the Athletics team representing O.U. at Summer Tournament.

**Gavin Crowley** has gone over to U.S.A. on a research scholarship.

**Ian Launder** is now the Adjutant for the 1st Otago-Southland Infantry Regiment.

## WELLINGTON BRANCH

At the first function of the year, the Annual General Meeting, the following officers were elected: Patron, Mr. G. J. McNaught; President, Mr. P. A. Taylor; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. A. J. Papps, W. A. Nicholson, P. J. Power and H. J. Whittington; Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. S. Farquhar; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. A. Batten; Committee, Messrs. J. D. Bathgate, B. R. Boon, D. H. Brown, L. M. Papps, R. S. V. Simpson and S. F. Smith; Hon. Auditor, Mr. B. A. Waite.

Old Boys in Wellington have continued to show interest and supported functions which have been held during the year. This enthusiasm is again evident by our large number of financial members.

The most important function of the year was the Annual Reunion. It took the form of a buffet-style dinner, and was held in the Midland Hotel Lounge on Saturday, September 15th. The success of this function was undoubtedly due to the record number of masters in attendance, who proved their ability as after dinner entertainers. (Mr. Wilson did, however, stress the point that his speech was not prepared.)

## WEIR HOUSE NOTES

As residents of a University Hostel New Plymouth Old Boys have taken a full and active part in House life and activities. With fourteen fellow Old Boys, one never fails to win an argument over replays of School matches.

Elected President of the Weir House Association, **John Bathgate** has been working with **Jim Smale** as Treasurer. Others in the House are: **Don Barnes**, **Bruce Farquhar**, **John Hanning**, **Cecil Johnson**, **John Leitch**, **Peter Lloyd**, **Bob McCaw**, **Tere Mataio**, **Brian Quin**, **John Tannahill** and **Barry Webby**.

**Barry Boon** has been awarded a University of New Zealand Tennis Blue.

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**Barry Waite** has completed his degree in Commerce.

**Jim Smale**, now a full-time Commerce student, has been gaining high marks in his exams.

**Barry Webby** has completed his B.Sc.

**Bill Annand** is now stationed in Welling at Air Force Headquarters, joining **Grevis Gotz**, who has been there for some years.

**Phil Power**, mine host of Barrett's Hotel, and **Dick Whittington**, proprietor of a printing business, were only two of many Old Boys who made the trip to New Plymouth to see the Springbok match.

**Ian Jackson**, who is with Levin and Co. Ltd., was recently married.

**John Davies**, an employee of the New Zealand Shipping Company, Ltd., is a keen cricketer, playing for his Company in the Mercantile League.

Some of the older Old Boys at the Annual Reunion were **Bill Nicholson**, **Ted Pope** (who made a most entertaining and witty speech), **Bill Reeves**, **Herb. Martin**, **Bob Bradshaw**, **Roy Urry** and **Miles Ekdahl** (a visitor from Gisborne). Another visitor was **Doug. Hamilton**, who had been liaison officer for the Auckland Rugby Union with the Springboks and, therefore, had many interesting stories to tell.

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Many Old Boys have visited the School during the year. Among them were **B. Rountree**, **D. M. Brown**, **Brigadier A. H. Andrews**, **D. G. Hamilton**, **T. Boon**, **T. Lees**, **R. Whytcross**, **R. Lewis**, **R. Burgess**, **F. L. Bygrave**, **F. Mailei**, **J. Fa'asalafa**, **Group-Captain C. A. Turner**, **I. Hedley**, **D. D. Coleman**, **Hamish Purvis**, **R. K. Pearce**, **Roy Beach**, **I. Bayly**, **M. J. Outred**, **D. McCallum** and **D. Evans**.

Old Boys join in congratulating **A. G. Honnor** on his election as Mayor of New Plymouth.

**J. K. Lay** recently won the Lawson Cup for the best all-round trainee and the Hawea Trophy for the best all-round sportsman at the Taiari N.Z.R.A.F. station.

**Neil Waters** has been lecturing at Auckland University College for the past two years while writing a Ph.D. thesis.

**D. Paterson**, Tarata, has been elected Chairman of the Taranaki Education Board.

**Kevin Kirk** is farming at home in the Hawke's Bay while the Inglewood young farmers have **Colin Sattler**, **Bill Marsh** and **Bill and Alan Messenger** in their ranks.

**David Jensen** is working for **Jim Graham** at Putaruru, having replaced **John Olson**, who went on to Massey College.

The Meremere farm of the **Saxtons** now employs three brothers, **Murray**, **Bob** and **George**.

**Roger Wallis** is at home on the ancestral acres in South Auckland.

**J. F. (Lachie) McDonald**, who has been in Singapore since the collapse of China in 1949, has been appointed editor of the Bay of Plenty Times.

The death occurred recently in Auckland of **Sir Alexander Johnstone**, who was for many years a member of the Board of Governors.

**B. R. Boon** was one of this year's Victoria College nominees for the Rhodes Scholarship.

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**Brigadier A. H. Andrews** has been appointed senior N.Z. Army liaison officer in London.

**T. McKeon** recently won the North Island men's skiing title.

**Norman T. Elliott**, a member of the staff of Weeks Ltd., died recently in Wanganui.

**Murray F. Craig**, formerly on the staff of the Takapuna Grammar School, is now engaged as a Geologist with United Uranium Ltd., in Darwin, Australia.

**Pilot-Officer B. E. Gilliver** ('50-'54) has completed his training at Wigram and is stationed at Hobsonville. **Pilot-Officer T. G. Huggard** ('50-'52) is training on Vampire jet aircraft at Ohakea.

A letter has been received from **Mr. Bottrill** at Leigh. As usual he mentions being visited by several Old Boys. Recent callers were **Terry** and **Greig Barnett**, **Colonel H. H. Goss**, **Lance Bellringer**, **S. Wyborn**, **Edgar Coleman**, **Gus** and **Graeme Brackebush**.

**Gilbert Wilson** has been appointed deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank.

The death occurred recently in New Plymouth of **Edward Percy Webster**, one of our oldest Old Boys. He was one of Taranaki's leading businessmen and was greatly respected by all who knew him. He was for many years a Borough Councillor and a member of the High Schools' Board. At the time of his death he was a director of several companies, a trustee of the New Plymouth Savings Bank, and a committee member of the New Plymouth Golf Club. Throughout a long and active life he gave outstanding service to his city and province.

**L. C. Pruden** continues to compose music and recently had the honour of conducting the National Orchestra in a broadcast of his own "Soliloquy for Strings."

Old Boys in all parts of the world join in congratulating **Mr. H. R. Billing** on his award of the O.B.E. conferred in the Queen's Birthday Honours. This honour was a recognition of his distinguished service to Taranaki education as Chairman of the High Schools' Board for the past thirty-two years. We are pleased to know that Mr. Billing's health has steadily improved since his retirement.

In a recent letter from Pio Pio, **Rex Price** mentions other Old Boys in his district, **Cedric Verry** ('28-'30), **Robin Ross**, **Keith Lowe** ('40-'41), and **Arthur Harrison** ('38-'39).

**Edwin Shaw** ('40-'41) has been appointed editor of "Nuclear Engineering," Britain's newest publication on atomic energy.

The School and its Old Boys join in congratulating **Ronald O. Sinclair** ('17-'20), who was created a Knight Bachelor in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Sir Ronald, who is 53 years of age, is vice-president of the East African Court of Appeal. He was formerly Chief Justice of Nyasaland.

**B. J. Slyfield** was this year's winner of the New Zealand Monotype sailing championship.

**N. Bowden** was described as the outstanding player in the four-match World Cup Rugby Union series between the Universities of British Columbia and California. He accounted for 23 of the 32 points scored by the Californian team.

Old Boys learned with deep regret of the death last May of **Arthur Keller**. His outstanding record at School was followed by conspicuous

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war service which culminated in the award of the Military Cross. Two of his brothers, **Hubert** and **Ronald**, also Old Boys, were killed on air operations in World War II. In paying tribute to **Arthur** at morning assembly the Headmaster read the citation which accompanied his award of the M.C. At the time of his death he was operating a quarry supplying materials to the hydro-electric construction projects in the Atiamuri district.

**N. W. S. Brookman**, who has been in Sydney since the war, writes regularly to the School and is a generous supporter of all Old Boy enterprises.

**Ben Still**, now married, has a farm near Whangarei. His brother, **Dick**, is with a firm of stock brokers in Auckland.

**Dr. John Murray** ('35-'37) is on the staff of the University of Minnesota, U.S.A.

**D. Ritchie** graduated B.E. last year and has been granted a two-year scholarship in England with the British Electrical Company.

**Wing-Commander C. A. Turner** has been appointed Station Commander at Ohakea Aerodrome.

**W. G. Thomson** has graduated B.E. and has been appointed assistant Engineer to the Wanganui City Council.

**H. B. Gibson** was awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year Honours List for the Fijian Colony. He has been a member of the Fijian Legislative Council for the past 18 years.

**Clement G. White** has been appointed a Judge of the Maori Land Court.

At Massey College this year are **David Wood**, **Graham Hight**, **Rex Lewis**, **Bruce Gudopp**, while **Victor Knowles** and **Neil Leuthart** are to attend for the next two years. **James McCrone**, having passed his Diploma of Agriculture with distinction, is working at the college. On the staff, **C. C. Yates** is Registrar and **A. L. Rae** Professor of Sheep Husbandry.

**Warren Jonas** is doing his first year of Veterinary studies in Australia while his brother, **Noel**, is farming at home.

**John Wellington** is working as a power farming contractor and **Harvey** is farming at home in Inglewood.

**Ian Hedley** has had to give up farming owing to an injury and has entered a bank at Auckland.

**Graham Oxenham** has been running the family farm in the Bay of Plenty since he left School and is doing a remarkably good job.

**Les Marshall** is farming in Inglewood and has represented Taranaki at Rugby.

**Alan Elliott** is farming at home and his elder brother, **Frank (Mac)** is in the Navy.

**Nigel Preston**, **Brian Powell** and **David Clemow** are farming at home in South Taranaki, as **Ian Sampson** is doing in North Taranaki.

**Duncan Paterson** and **John Waite** are both farming at Tarata.

**E. G. Smith** has been appointed Headmaster of the Howick District High School, Auckland.

**Group-Captain H. E. Bellringer** has been made a member of the British Association of Dermatology.

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**E. G. Kedgley** was recently appointed Registrar of the University of New Zealand.

**Percy W. Gibson** ('40-'43) died in the Hamilton Hospital on October 10th, 1955. He had been severely injured when a car struck his cycle at night.

**Brigadier I. G. Goss** has been appointed first Commandant of the newly established National Police School.

**Graham Derby** has been granted a permanent commission in the R.A.F. with the rank of Pilot-Officer.

Many Old Boys will learn with regret of the death of **Mr. J. Scrimgeour**, who during the 'twenties owned the shop at the bottom of the High School hill. This, of course, was regarded as the School tuck shop before we had one of our own.

**Bruce M. Moss** ('40-'42) visited the School recently. For the past five years he has been a senior reporter for the "Vancouver Sun." He had news of **Mark Wynyard** and **Neil Brown**, who are also in Canada.

**R. G. Wood** ('37-'40) called to see the staff while on a year's furlough. He is a master at Shrewsbury School in England.

**MAGAZINE SUBSCRIBERS, 1956** (to November 20th): E. B. Anderson, M. R. Archer, Dr. I. D. Auld, Miss D. Barnitt, Mrs. F. H. Barnitt, E. A. Batten, B. Bell, H. R. Billing, D. Blair, A. Blundell, R. Boggust, A. R. Brittain, C. W. Broad, N. Brookman, R. R. Brown, R. A. Candy, N. Cannell, W. A. Cartwright, F. E. Chappell, F. Chatfield, S. L. Chong, D. A. Christoffel, R. Church, W. R. Cook, P. Craig, A. C. Crighton, L. Croxson, I. V. Dalgleish, J. H. Dudley, G. M. Easton, B. A. Edwards, R. G. Elley, P. R. Erskine, M. Ewart, S. Florence, P. A. Foreman, M. B. Francis, A. Furrrie, L. R. Gibbs, R. H. Graham, J. M. Hamilton, C. E. Harris, G. F. Haszard, D. M. Hatherly, J. S. Hatherly, Dr. A. C. Hayton, J. K. Heaton, P. E. Henry, W. T. Hone, B. R. Horner, B. L. Hoskins, Dr. A. B. Howes, G. Hughson, H. S. Hurlle, D. Hutchings, T. Hutchings, F. R. James, C. Johnson, E. L. Johnston, D. C. Jury, P. Keller, D. O. Kerrisk, H. T. Kershaw, E. R. Knuckey, T. R. Lang, Mrs. T. H. Lawn, R. Le Pine, A. E. Locke, J. J. Lomas, D. Lusk, D. Luxton, J. D. Morton, P. J. Miller, D. R. Morton, F. Morine, R. Mathews, R. D. MacRae, M. Munro, J. D. MacKay, J. W. Moorhead, W. S. McLeod, C. McDonald, D. S. Neilson, R. B. Niven, C. J. Osborn, L. A. Park, W. E. Parrott, J. Perry, Dr. G. S. Phillips, J. Plimmer, T. R. Quigley, J. D. Roulston, W. J. Scott, Sir Ronald Sinclair, N. Smillie, D. Sommerville, P. T. L. Stevenson, R. E. Still, A. Stormont, D. G. Sutherland, A. Tooman, J. Thomas, J. W. Thomas, J. G. Tod, C. Verry, P. J. Wahlstrom, J. Walkinton, B. D. Webby, I. Wills, D. H. M. Wilson, S. P. Wilson, Mrs. R. G. Wilt, R. G. Wood, I. M. Worth, G. A. Wright, R. H. C. Wynyard.

## OLD BOYS' RAFFLE

During the past three months a second "Willing Shilling" raffle has been conducted by the Association to raise additional funds for the Old Boys' Jubilee Gift to the School at the Easter celebrations next year. Over £600 of the 1954 raffle proceeds had already been set aside for this purpose. Our objective was to raise another £600 by this year's raffle. However, from the present figures, which are not final, it seems clear that the nett proceeds will be over £800.

A special word of appreciation must go to the boys of the School for their splendid effort in raising over £700.

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We wish to thank the following Old Boys who gave £5 donations to cover the cost of the prizes which had to be bought: G. M. Fraser; N. W. S. Brookman; G. J. W., R. A., A. H., and J. H. Boon; Dr. I. D. Auld; H. W. and H. M. Brown; J. S. Hatherly; Russell Matthews.

Most of the twenty-one prizes were given by Old Boys. The donors were: D. V. Avery, I. V. Dalglish, J. Corrigan, C. W. Cook, Dr. A. L. Lomas, H. M. Purser, R. J. Deare, D. Ward, S. M. White, M. Walker, P. G. Walker, T. Somerton, M. B. Neville, I. G. Hughson and C. B. Quay.

RECEIPTS			EXPENSES		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Day Boys	382	18 6	Prizes for Best Sellers	3	0 0
Boarders	355	5 0	Purchase of Raffle Prizes	33	14 8
Staff and Local Old Boys	24	7 0	Printing of Tickets	37	7 0
Waikato Branch	56	2 6	General Expenses		
Putaruru District	15	0 0	(Postage, etc.)	4	5 6
Palmerston North Branch	7	13 0			
Pokeno District	7	2 0			
Wellington Old Boys	6	0 0			
Donations for Prizes	35	0 0			
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Mrs. A. E. Mills		10 0			
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## ENGAGEMENTS

**BERTRAND—TAMATI.**—Noeline, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Tamati, Lepperton, to Jack, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Bertrand, New Plymouth.

**BESLEY—GEORGE.**—Gwennyth Doreen, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. George, New Plymouth, to Ian Douglas, third son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Besley, New Plymouth.

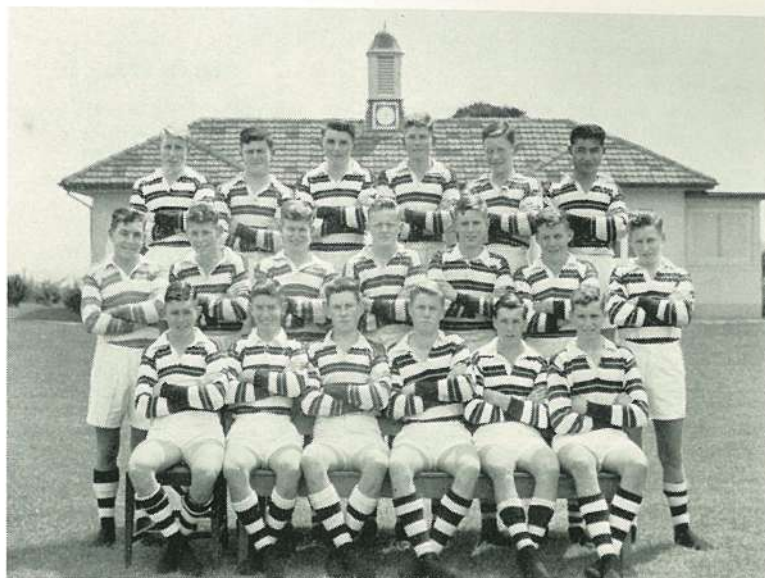
**BROWN—HESKETH.**—Dorothy Jean, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hesketh, Yorkshire, England, to Gilbert Trevor, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown, Waitara.

**BURTON—SMITH.**—Noel Rae, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. P. Smith, Wellington, to Wilfred Roger, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. C. H. Burton, New Plymouth.

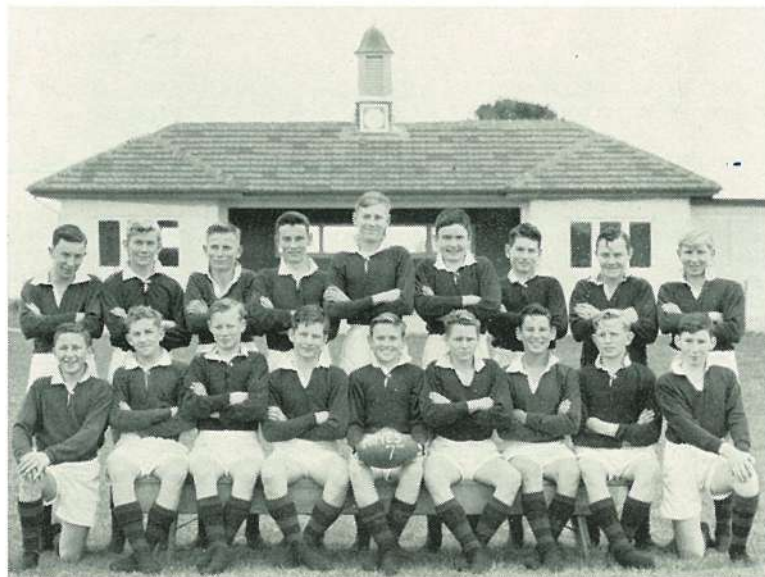
**CHILCOTT—STABLER.**—Patsy Barbara, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Stabler, Auckland, to Lawrence George, second son of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Chilcott, New Plymouth.

**CROXSON—JONES.**—Morva Olwyn, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones, Dunedin, to Lawrence James, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. E. Croxson, New Plymouth.

**DIPROSE—WATSON.**—Wynsome, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Watson, Auckland, to John, youngest son of Mrs. M. Diprose, New Plymouth.



5th GRADE "GOLD" TEAM (Winners North Taranaki 5th Grade Competition).  
 Back Row: J. G. Murdoch, B. R. Langley, I. A. Finer, G. D. Fulton, R. G. Cathie, T. Ioane.  
 Middle Row: T. J. Ashman, J. R. Lissington, R. Little, W. Mills, G. M. Sanders, R. P. Revell, W. J. Weinberg.  
 Front Row: R. H. Sutcliffe, P. J. Woodcock, R. M. Dodd, T. F. Fookes, W. N. Johnson, D. A. Olsen.



MOYES HOUSE 7th GRADE (Winners North Taranaki Competition).  
 Back Row: J. Guy, D. J. Brown, A. D. Murray, J. C. Treweek, R. H. Brown, C. Ekdahl, R. L. Broughton, K. T. Larsen, R. M. Elliott.  
 Front Row: K. S. Whitehead, G. Milne, P. J. Rich, T. Coley, D. A. Lambourne (Captain), M. B. Stokes, W. Armstrong, E. B. Symes, P. V. Riddle.

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- FRAZER—HOLDER.—Margaret Irene, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Holder, Marton, to David John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Frazer, New Plymouth.
- MONAGHAN—O'CARROLL.—Rohan, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. O'Carroll, New Plymouth, to Gerald, third son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Monaghan, New Plymouth.
- PATERSON—THOMAS.—Jennifer Anne, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, Lower Hutt, to Dugald McNeill, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Paterson, Tarata.
- PETERSEN—MUIR.—Annette Mavis, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Muir, Tarata, to Robin Walter, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Petersen, Matamata.
- SATTLER—SHALLARD.—Jennifer Margaret, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. D. Shallard, Inglewood, to Colin Clement, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Sattler, Inglewood.
- SMEATON—LOCKE.—Elsie Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Locke, New Plymouth, to Barry Colquhoun, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Smeaton, New Plymouth.
- STONNELL—HINZ.—Nola Mary, elder daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. E. A. Hinz, Kaimiro, to Richard Fredrick Stonnell, Lepperton.
- TITCOMBE—PEARCE.—Jennifer, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. C. Pearce, New Plymouth, to Rex Frank, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Titcombe, New Plymouth.
- UNDERWOOD—NEWELL.—Rachel Ada, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Newell, Paremata, to David James, younger son of Mrs. D. D. Underwood, Wellington, and Mr. H. J. Underwood, Inglewood.

#### MARRIAGES

- BROWN—RICKEY.—Pamela Isobel Noeline, the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Rickey, Turakina, to Deryck McAlpine, only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Brown, Wanganui.
- GRANT—POTTER.—Suzanne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Potter, Rotorua, to Rodney Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Grant, Tauranga.
- SIMPSON—WATSON.—Rae, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watson, Parnell, to Bryan, youngest son of Mrs. J. Humphreys, New Plymouth.
- WALLIS—ROBSON.—Nita Eileen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Robson, Dunedin, to Allen Osborne, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wallis, Opunake.

#### BIRTHS

- ADLAM.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Adlam; a daughter.
- BADDELEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. Baddeley; a daughter.
- BAYLY.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Bayly; a son.
- BERTRAND.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Bertrand; a daughter.
- BONE.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Bone; a son.
- BOSWELL.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Boswell; a daughter.



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BOTTRILL.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bottrill; a daughter.  
 BREWSTER.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Brewster; a daughter.  
 CHAPMAN.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Chapman; a daughter.  
 CORKILL.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Corkill; a daughter.  
 DEARE.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Deare; a son.  
 DOW.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Dow; a son.  
 DRAPER.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Draper; a daughter.  
 FALK.—To Mr. and Mrs. I. Falk; a son.  
 GRIFFITHS.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Griffiths; a daughter.  
 HAY.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Hay; a daughter.  
 HINE.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Hine; a daughter.  
 HOLDER.—To Mr. and Mrs. S. Holder; a daughter.  
 HOOKER.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Hooker; a son.  
 HUTCHINGS.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Hutchings; a son.  
 JACKA.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Jacka; a daughter.  
 JONES.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Jones; a son.  
 KERR.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Kerr; a son.  
 KNAPMAN.—To Mr. and Mrs. K. Knapman; a daughter.  
 KRUSE.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Kruse; a daughter.  
 LAGORE.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Lagore; a son.  
 LANKSHEAR.—To Mr. and Mrs. P. Lankshear; a son.  
 LEPPER.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Lepper; a daughter.  
 LOBB.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. Lobb; a son.  
 MEDWAY.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Medway; a daughter.  
 MOONEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Mooney; a daughter.  
 McDONALD.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. McDonald; a daughter.  
 McMURRAY.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. McMurray; a son.  
 McNAUGHT.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNaught; a daughter.  
 SHEAT.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Sheat, Loughborough, England; a son.  
 SOMERTON.—To Mr. and Mrs. T. Somerton; a son.  
 STONNELL.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Stonnell; a daughter.  
 SUTCLIFFE.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sutcliffe; a daughter.  
 SYKES.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. Sykes; a daughter.  
 TAYLOR.—To Mr. and Mrs. K. Taylor; a daughter.  
 THOMSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. Kai Thomson; a son.  
 TINGEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Tingey; a son.  
 VALE.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Vale; a daughter.  
 WARD.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Ward; a son.

## OLD BOYS' SECTION

# Roll of Honour

## WORLD WAR II.

ANNAND, James Bertram  
 ARMITT, Gordon Napier  
 ARTHUR, Vincent Thomas Merrill  
 BAIRD, Victor Horton  
 BARNARD, Gordon Leonard  
 BARNITT, Heslop Miles Frederick  
 BELL, Maurice Perrott  
 BELL, Peter Garvin  
 BELL, Ronald James McLean  
 BELLINGER, Trevor Claude  
 BENDALL, George Clifton  
 BENNETT, Leonard William  
 BERG, Maurice Lloyd  
 BILLING, Kelvin Cholwill  
 BIRCH, John Hampton  
 BITHELL, Robert MacFarlane  
 BLACKMORE, Herbert George Percy  
 BLACKLEY, David Ian  
 BLANCE, Ian Edward  
 BLUNDELL, John Crayley  
 BREWER, Philip d'Arcy  
 BOOKER, Leonard Percy  
 BOSWORTH, Laurence Brien  
 BOWIE, Valence Trent  
 BRADMORE, Alan Edmund Wilkie  
 BRIGHTWELL, John Mostyn  
 BROOKE, Cyril George  
 BROOKMAN, Richard Waller  
 BROWN, Roy Ian  
 BROWNE, Barry Stewart  
 BROWNING, Brian Mortimer  
 BUDD, Brian Hastings  
 BULLOT, Frank Reidhaar  
 BURGESS, George Galloway  
 CALMAN, Lawrence Gordon  
 CASEY, John Clutha  
 CARTER, Desmond Charles Reid  
 CAVE, Keith Hylton  
 CLARKE, Frederick Marsden  
 CLARE, William Thomas  
 COATES, John William  
 COOK, George Denys  
 COOPER, Howard Robert  
 CORKILL, Ronald John  
 CORNEY, Max  
 COUPER, Robert James  
 CRAWFORD, Hugh Dobson  
 CRAWFORD, Hector Hugh  
 CROKER, Leonard Francis  
 CROMPTON, Robert  
 CRUSH, Richard Hope  
 DARNEY, Jack Neville  
 DAVIDSON, Arthur Kelso  
 DAVIDSON, George  
 DAVIDSON, George Leslie  
 DAVIDSON, John Wentworth  
 DAVIDSON, Wilfred Ian  
 DAVIES, Evan Bertram  
 DAVIES, Ian Wynn  
 DEIGHTON, John Louis  
 DICKIE, John Galt  
 DOWDING, Leonard Rex  
 DRAKE, George Esmond  
 DRYDEN, Alfred Ernest  
 DUNBAR, David Alvin Hayes  
 EARLY, Clifford Wayland  
 EDGECOMBE, Loris Maynard  
 ELLICOTT, Royce William  
 EVANS, Cedric John  
 EVANS, Jack Cave  
 EVANS, Henry Robert  
 EVANS, Llewellyn Pugh  
 EVANS, Mervyn  
 EVERS-SWINDELL, Frederick Hornby  
 FAULL, Maxwell Robert  
 FENWICK, Terence Charles Robert  
 FLANNAGAN, Frank Patrick Joseph  
 FLORENCE, Ronald  
 FRANKS, Ian Harry Walter  
 GAMLIN, Frederick Ewart  
 GEARY, Walter John  
 GEDDES, Murray  
 GEORGE, Leslie Bernard  
 GIBSON, Eric Davies  
 GILES, Donald Henry  
 GILMER, Martin John  
 GOULD, William Herbert  
 GRANT, Ian Curtis  
 GRAY, Trevor Hedley  
 GRAY, Wilfred John  
 GRIFFITHS, Eustatius William Barton  
 HALPIN, Finlay James  
 HARDGRAVE, Derek Robert  
 HARDGRAVE, Maurice Edward  
 HARDWICK, William  
 HARGRAVES, Desmond Laurence  
 HARVIE, Guy de Laval  
 HARVEY, Douglas Munro  
 HASTIE, James Robert  
 HAYTON, Gilbert McLean

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HEAL, Norman John  
 HEALD, Kenneth Fenton  
 HENDERSON, Cyril Griffith William  
 HENDERSON, John Iveson  
 HIRSTICH, Bruce MacKenzie  
 HOLDER, Donald Fraser  
 HONEYFIELD, Esme Reginald  
 HORE, Lawson Bodel  
 HOWLETT, Arthur Douglas  
 HUGGETT, Arthur Gordon  
 IBBOTSON, Jack Kendrick  
 JAMES, Frank  
 JASPER, John Whiteside  
 JILLETT, Gordon Grant  
 JONAS, Donald Hugh  
 JONES, Owen Kenyon  
 JURY, Conrad Walter  
 KASPAR, Reuben Henry  
 KELLER, Ronald Frederick  
 KELLER, Hubert John  
 KENDALL, George Gregory  
 KNOWLES, William Leslie  
 KOPU, Richard  
 LANDER, Ronald Frank  
 LAW, Donald Newsham  
 LEALAND, Norman Percy  
 LEPPER, Harper Bryson  
 LEWIS, Keith  
 LUCAS, Eric Russell  
 LUNN, Douglas Vernon  
 LUXTON, David Newberry  
 LUXTON, Donald  
 LYNCH, James  
 LYSONS, Markham Carthew  
 McCAULEY, John Glen  
 MacKENZIE, George Waltham  
 MACLEOD, Ian Norman  
 McNEIL, John Hugh  
 MALLETT, James George Gardiner  
 MALLON, Thomas Alexander  
 MALLON, John Charles  
 MARSH, Frederick Arthur Bateson  
 MARTIN, Arthur John  
 MASON, Gordon John  
 MATHESON, Farquhar Duncan  
 MATHEWS, Douglas Bernard  
 MATHIESON, Rex Tawheta  
 MEDWAY, Leslie John Cecil  
 METCALF, Aylwin Gilbert  
 MOLLOY, Terence William  
 MONTGOMERIE, Leighton John  
 MOORE, Robert John  
 MOREY, Monte Ralph  
 MOREY, Walter Kendall  
 MUNDT, Harold Badley  
 NASH, Clement Walter

NEIGHBOUR, Cyril John  
 NEWMAN, Reginald James  
 NILSSON, Gordon Lindsay  
 OLSON, Edward George  
 PARKES, Harry Kineton  
 PAYNE, Ronald  
 PEDDIE, James Alister Dunbar  
 PENMAN, Wilson  
 PEPPERELL, Jack Radford  
 PHILLIPS, Alex James  
 PHILLIPS, John Mandeno  
 POTTER, Ronald Allen  
 POWER, John Andrew  
 PULLEN, Clifford George  
 PURCIVALL, John William  
 RAWSON, Gerald Edmond  
 REA, Kenneth Noel  
 RICHARDS, Leo  
 RICHARDSON, Eric Percy  
 RICHARDSON, George Winchie  
 RIDDLE, Ian Goodland  
 ROSE, David Gavin  
 ROULSTON, David John Chubbin  
 ROWE, Nelson Raymond  
 RYAN, Augustus Harold Jervis  
 RYAN, Leonard Terrence  
 SAMPSON, Basil Claude  
 SHAW, David Winfield  
 SHIRLEY-THOMSON, Selwyn Gibson  
 SHOGREN, Malcolm Edward John  
 SHOTTER, Malcolm John  
 SIMPKISS, Charles James  
 SMART, Charles  
 SMITH, Raymond Sidney  
 STEPHENSON, John Oscar Lloyd  
 STEVENS, Harold Roye Watson  
 SYKES, Ian Murray  
 THOMSON, Alexander Nielson  
 THOMSON, Keith Alexander  
 THOMSON, Donald Pearson  
 THOMSON, John James Warden  
 TERRY, George Harold  
 TUNBRIDGE, Victor Arthur  
 ULENBERG, Felix Patrick  
 VALINTINE, Denzil Alfred  
 WAKELIN, Neil Leo  
 WALKER, Murray Edgar  
 WALLS, Rex James  
 WALSH, John Arthur Ernest  
 WASHER, Alan Charles  
 WASHER, Graeme Wright  
 WEBSTER, John Dorset  
 WHITTINGTON, Cedric Nicholas  
 WILEY, Murray Milne  
 WILLIAMS, Lyn  
 WILLIAMS, Neville

OLD BOYS' SECTION

WINFIELD, Cyril  
 WILSON, Wynn Wallace Percy  
 WILSON, William Service  
 WIPITI, Bert Sam  
 WOOD, Henry William Carmichael

WRIGHT, David Richard  
 WYNYARD, Henry Cuthbert  
 WYNYARD, James Gladwin  
 YATES, John Melville

Would any person who knows of any Old Boy who has been omitted from the above list, or any inaccuracies in the list, please notify the Secretary.

Also would any next-of-kin of the above Old Boys who have not received an invitation to the opening and dedication of the War Memorial Building to be held on Easter Sunday, 1957, please notify the Secretary.

R. W. BAUNTON, Secretary,

NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION,

C/o Boys' High School, New Plymouth.

# NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

ESTABLISHED 1882

## FEES (per term)—

Board: £46, reducible to £45 if paid within 30 days.

Music: £5/5/-.

Dancing (Winter Term only): 12/6.

N.B.—In cases of removal, one full term's notice must be given to the Secretary, otherwise parents are liable for half a term's fee.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS (per term)—

Games—Boarders, 9/6; Day Boys, 7/6.

## SCHOOL TERMS—

The School year is divided into three Terms of approximately thirteen weeks each. The terms for 1957 are as follows:—

First Term - February 5th to May 10th.

Second Term - May 28th to August 23rd.

Third Term - September 17th to December 18th.

