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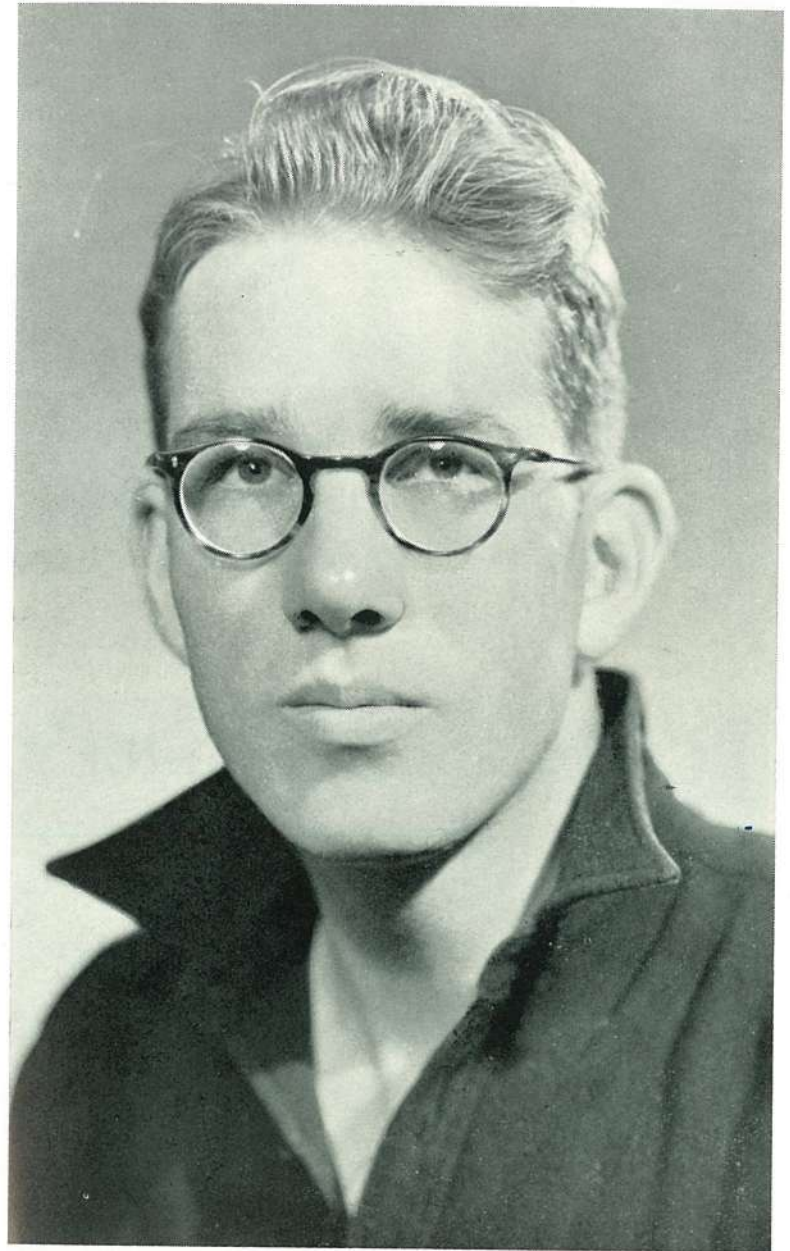
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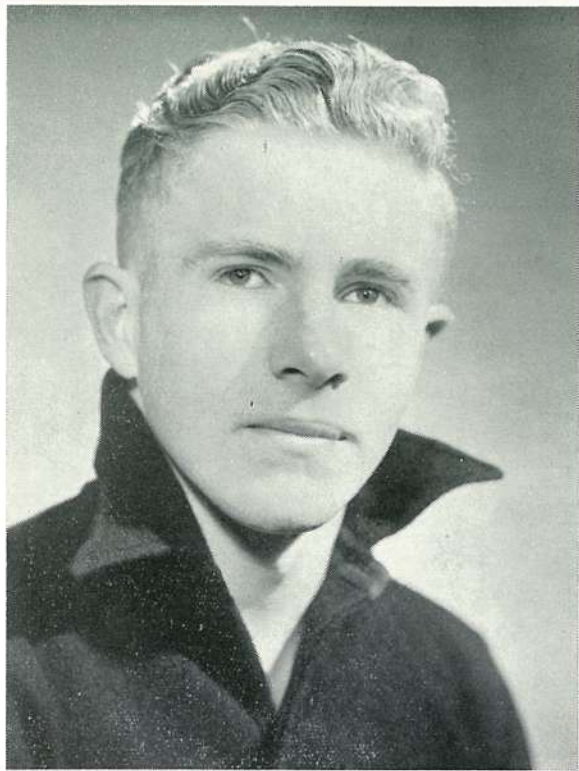
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## EDITORIAL

### THE HERITAGE OF THE JUBILEE

THE seventy-fifth Jubilee of a school is always a most important event and we can look back nine months to last Easter and see that ours was a truly great occasion. From this distance we can see how one thing above all stands in lofty eminence as our greatest single heritage from the celebrations. This must be the strengthening of the bonds between the Old Boy and his School. To him the greatest pleasure in attending the jubilee arose from reliving the experiences of his schoolboy days with the men who had shared them with him. He returned to School and met his friends from the classrooms, his rivals from the playing fields and the men who had taught him. This surely is the "comitate" of our motto. As the Headmaster said in his foreword in the Jubilee Magazine it is not possible for all of us to attain the "virtus" or the "sapientia" but we can, every one of us, respond to the "comitas" and this Jubilee has certainly shown that it is not a word with an intangible meaning but a vital force that binds our Old Boys to their School. When they left the gates to face the world they might have left the School in person but they obviously remained in spirit. It is this linking of the two that distinguishes between a School and a great School like ours, and a Jubilee and a great Jubilee. A school depends on the support and the goodwill of its Old Boys and the Easter celebrations convinced us that no School could possibly have more of this most important element—its loyal ardent Old Boys—than ours has.

We cannot, however, be unaware of the fact that during the celebrations many of the friendships that were renewed at Easter had been formed on the battlefields of Africa, the Middle East, or the Pacific,



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or had been forged in the air or on the sea. Our permanent reminder of this is the War Memorial Building given by the Old Boys in memory of their fallen comrades and dedicated during the Jubilee in a simple but stirring ceremony which was the highlight of the celebrations. With its striking stained window, its hallowed shrine, its beautiful auditorium theatre and modern classrooms, it is more than a memorial—it is an example of the continued support shown by our former pupils to a School which served them so well and of which they are so justifiably proud.

The Memorial was erected to the memory of our 224 Old Boys, who in the Second World War at the call of duty and in defence of the ideals of their country, paid the Supreme Sacrifice. It expresses the gratitude that we, the survivors of the struggle, have for the nature of the sacrifice paid by those who gave all that they had—their lives. To the present generation of schoolboys and to all those who will look on this shrine in the future, it will remain as a symbol of sacrifice, courage and devotion to duty. It should also be a reminder to us that there will be occasions in our lifetime when ulterior forces will arise in the world and threaten our ideals of freedom, and that we must oppose these with the same steadfastness and determination that our fallen showed on the battlefield. It is a sobering thought, however, that we must be reminded that such a costly sacrifice should not be in vain, and that it is part of our living duty to see that the ideals which cost so much to retain are not threatened or lost again in our lifetime.

It was only twelve years ago that the "Taranakian" published an editorial of the greatest importance. The year being 1945 it is a relatively simple matter to guess its theme—Peace, Victory and the plea for future generations to make themselves worthy of the sacrifice made by the many during the five preceding years of turmoil and strife. A weary, war-ravaged country welcomed the peace (that happy natural state of man) rapturously. Yet the people wondered could this peace be a real peace, just in its conception and lasting in its age, or was it to be a replica of that mad nightmare which followed in the wake of the First World War. Time alone, they thought, could supply the answer.

And what answer has the last twelve years supplied? Since the war we have had the cold war in Europe, a hot war in Korea, a perpetual tepid sub-war in Malaya and now the Middle East is laced with political schemings. Were the hopes and aspirations of those exhausted people in 1945 all due to come to nothing. Surely we ponder, when we see the blood-stained pages of history, man has learnt his lesson. But the last century has refuted this suggestion. He has had many chances to learn by experience. But despite these opportunities man has continued to experiment with the atom, investigate the possibilities of nuclear warfare and now is entertaining the idea of conquering space. West and East, totalitarian states and democracies, are in constant political discord. Although pacifists are numbered in their ranks they are guided not by humanitarian motives but by the personal and the selfish. The hypocrisy and deceit of human nature have almost conquered the worthy ideals of the United Nations' Charter.

We still have the opportunity to make the sacrifices our Old Boys made worth the price they paid. With the close of the war mankind had two paths to choose from. One was the broad, straight easy way to the Pit of Destruction. Man is not too far advanced along this road to

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return, through faith, to the crossroads and there make a start along the narrow dangerous way, that is marked with milestones of self abnegation and opens out on to a luxurious plain where bloom the blossoms of peace.

It is still a possibility. If men were willing to give up their lives so that we could have the immutable privileges that we enjoy today as free people, there must still be hope. Our War Memorial is a shrine of reverence and gratitude, a constant reminder to posterity of loyalty and devotion to duty. By its message may we defend the eternal values of Life—Truth, Beauty, Goodness, Generosity, Loyalty and Kindness with the same knightly virtue as they defended us and their ideals in the war.

D. W. Hinch.

## BREAKING - UP CEREMONY

The Opera House was crowded for the Annual Breaking-Up and Prize-Giving Ceremony held on the afternoon of December 6th. Those on the platform were the Mayor, Mr. A. G. Honnor, and Mrs. Honnor, Mr. E. P. Aderman, M.P., and Mrs. Aderman, the Chairman of the Board, Mr. L. M. Moss, and Board Members. The academic prizes were presented by Mr. Honnor and other awards by Mrs. Aderman.

In beginning his annual report, the Headmaster, Mr. G. J. McNaught, said he did not foresee democratic peoples adopting the Soviet Union's drastic plan of directing that 60 per cent. of all graduates of the physics, mathematics and chemistry faculties, should work as teachers, but that procedure did stress the urgency of the problem of the teacher shortage.

Changes in schools followed, in general, the social and economic changes that took place 30 years before, he continued. One big change in New Zealand's economy was referred to by Mr. Algie, because it was beginning to create a problem for educationalists. It was a change few people foresaw. It showed that in the last twenty-five years the employment in factories had doubled and employment on the farms had shown a decrease.

Science and technology were playing a vastly bigger part in industry, including farming, and automation was being developed more and more widely, even in New Zealand.

"The effect of these two changes is that we are awakening rather late to the necessity of providing many hundreds more technologists and technicians," continued Mr. McNaught. "Highly industrial countries are desperately at work on the problem, and we have to be also."

Mr. McNaught said that headmasters were already concerned about the standard of mathematics, which seemed to have slipped. It was not only that arithmetic in primary and intermediate schools had in the last ten years suffered from loss of up to 40 per cent. in the time devoted to it, but the lack of specialist teachers in many high schools was aggravating the problem.

Mr. McNaught went on to say that at the top levels of the schools, the standard of mathematics was much higher than 30 years ago. Less than 50 per cent. of the candidates sat in mathematics and results were not good. The percentage at this school is about 60 per cent.

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One of the big disadvantages of a big school was that many day boys were lost in the crowd and missed the feeling of "belonging." The Headmaster made this comment after expressing his pleasure that three day-boy Houses had held social evenings and dances and that Country House, comprised of pupils who travelled to school by six different buses, had won the House Choir Competitions. They had been coached by parents and friends.

Reporting on the School's more unusual activities, Mr. McNaught praised the singing of a madrigal group, said £200 was needed to buy new instruments for the brass band, a boon to the School Battalion, reported that the School had its strongest pipe band on record, and described the talent in the School as "somewhat remarkable."

The biggest institution was the Cadet Battalion. Although he had considered reducing its size by not having third formers, he thought it would be rather a shame to do so and had asked Major Penney to carry on.

Rowing was now firmly established as a School activity. The four took part in the Head of the Harbour race at Auckland and performed creditably. The School had now purchased an eight and it appeared that the School would soon want a shed of its own, said the Headmaster.

Praising the work of the Old Boys' Association, Mr. McNaught said the Wellington branch had given a cup for swimming as a memorial to Mr. F. J. Eggleton.

He congratulated an Old Boy, Mr. H. R. Billing, on receiving the M.B.E. and praised his 33 years on the High School Board, 32 of them as Chairman. His wise guidance, sane philosophy and sense of humour, that gave balance to his critical and somewhat sceptical spirit, had been appreciated by all who knew him.

Examination results were up to standard, said Mr. McNaught, but at the top the School had not equalled previous years' record. One University National and two Taranaki Scholarships were obtained, and four of five boys gained sections of the B.Com. degree. Other results were: Higher School Certificate, 27; University Entrance, 52; endorsed School Certificate, 70; School Certificate, 96 (a record).

The Headmaster concluded by expressing his grateful thanks to all who had helped him during the year—the Board of Governors, the teaching staff, the matron and her staff, Sister Leitch, the ground staff, the Head boy and his prefects, the Ministers of Religion, all those citizens who had aided the School judging debates, and other contests, and the Officers of the Agriculture Department who have assisted the School's agriculture forms. He also thanked the parents of the boys whom he found to be very co-operative and for the boys, very self-sacrificing. It was indeed rare, he concluded, to find parents who were not doing their best for their boys.

## CLASS PRIZES

3 Ag.: E. P. Hey	3 G.1: J. J. Bowers
3 E.B.3: B. Thompson	3 P.2: L. T. Bregman
3 E.B.2: H. R. Baker	3 P.1: P. S. Simcock
3 E.B.1: M. G. Snowden	4 Ag.: M. A. Mills
3 G.2: I. O. Cattley	4 E.B.2: L. W. Knowles

## BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

4 E.B.1—	5 E: G. D. Mace (Engineering)
I. R. Alexander (Engineering)	T. J. Ashman (Building)
G. R. Shewry (Building)	5 G.2: D. A. Fowler
4 E: T. G. Wingate.	5 G.1: N. R. Sheppard
4 G.3: L. P. Vinsen	5 P.2: I. Raine
4 G.2: P. W. Savage	5 P.1: R. A. Hodges
4 G.1: I. R. Silver	6 Sc.2: H. K. Way
4 P.2: J. M. Miller	6 Sc.1: I. A. Ross
4 P.1: D. J. O'Dea	6 B: F. W. Worn and D. W. Hinch (1st equal)
5 A: P. A. Luckstead (Agriculture)	
G. T. Stubbs (General)	

## SPECIAL PRIZES

- Rex Dowding Memorial Prize** (3rd and 4th Form Essay): G. C. Pickett.
- Junior Oratory** (Cup and Books presented by L. M. Moss, Esq.): J. M. Halliday.
- Senior Debate** (Cup presented by Wellington Old Boys' Association): Pridham House (B. M. Cannell, R. M. Dodd).
- Drawing Prize:** R. A. Jackson.
- Music Prizes** (presented by Mr. H. C. Collier): J. S. Orams; (presented by Mrs. J. Davies), D. M. Smith.
- Singing Prize** (presented by an Old Boy): S. M. Cottier.
- Reading Prizes:** Reading in Chapel (presented by an Old Boy): T. F. Fookes. Reading in Assembly: C. W. Hamilton. Senior Reading (Mr. H. N. Hewson's Prize): S. M. Cottier and C. W. Hamilton, 1st equal. Junior Reading: D. W. Ware.
- Tabor Scholarships:** English: D. W. Hinch. Science: I. A. Ross. Mathematics: H. K. Way. Engineering: R. M. Cullen.
- Prize for Best Maori Student** (presented by Department of Maori Affairs): F. P. Bennett.
- Bendall Memorial Prize** (Senior Essay): J. C. Harvey.
- White Memorial Prize** (Senior Literature): E. G. Jones.
- Syme Prize** (Senior Latin): K. M. Comber.
- Senior French Prize** (presented by French Legation): D. R. Barker.
- Heurtley Memorial Prize** (Original Verse): D. W. Hinch.
- Dr. George Home Memorial Prize:** W. Rumball.
- John Brodie Memorial Prize** (presented by an Old Boy): M. N. Harford.
- General Excellence** (Dr. E. F. Fookes' Cup): J. R. Wood.
- Head Boys' Prize** (Cup presented by Mrs. Brookman): J. R. Wood.
- Dux Prize:** J. R. Wood.

## ATHLETICS

- Old Boys' Challenge Cup** (100 Yards Senior Championship): P. L. Penn.
- Herbert Smith Cup** (220 Yards Senior Championship): P. L. Penn.
- Beckbessinger Cup** (100 Yards Intermediate Championship): R. C. Johns.
- Bennett Cup** (100 Yards Junior Championship): T. N. Wolfe.

## BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

**Bryce Cup** (Senior Steeplechase Fastest Time): M. J. Sexton.  
**Easton Cup** (Intermediate Steeplechase Fastest Time): T. J. Clegg.  
**Osborne Cup** (Junior Steeplechase Fastest Time): L. Death.  
**Old Boys' Challenge Shield** (440 Yards Senior Championship): P. L. Penn.  
**Bothamley Cup** (440 Yards Intermediate Championship): M. R. Cole.  
**Harman Cup** (440 Yards Junior Championship): T. N. Wolfe.  
**Challenge Cup** (220 Yards Intermediate Championship): R. C. Johns.  
**Mason Memorial Cup** (880 Yards Senior Championship): M. H. Tizard.  
**Gilmour Cup** (880 Yards Intermediate Championship): B. N. Patten.  
**Noakes Cup** (Junior Steeplechase): D. I. Jones.  
**Old Boys' Cup** (Old Boys' Race): M. Mitchell.

## SWIMMING

**Sykes Memorial Cup** (Senior Championship): P. B. Strombom.  
**Challenge Cup** (Intermediate Championship): F. S. Ropati.  
**Fox Cup** (Junior Championship): M. G. Saxton.

## TENNIS

**Candy Cup** (Senior Singles): I. E. Webster.  
**Herbert Smith Cup** (Intermediate Singles): J. S. Richardson.

## SHOOTING

**Searle Cup** (Short Range Championship): D. C. Crossman.  
**Kelly Cup** (Long Range Championship): D. A. Christie.  
**McDiarmid Belt** (School Championship): N. T. Johnson.

## CADETS

**Sole Cup** (Best N.C.O.): D. K. Derby.

## GYMNASTICS

**Hosking Cup** (Senior Championship): J. B. Chapman.

## HOUSE COMPETITIONS

**Kerr Cup** (Rugby Football): Pridham.  
**Bates Cup** (Cricket): Moyes.  
**Hansard Cup** (Athletics): Central.  
**Stevenson Cup** (Tennis): Central.  
**Holden Cup** (Soccer): Central.

## DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS

**Pease Cup** (Rugby Football): Boarders.  
**Birch Cup** (Cricket): Day Boys.

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When School returned for its seventy-fifth Jubilee year on February 5th, there was a roll of 937, an increase of 36 on 1956. Six hundred and fifty of the total were old hands, and 287 were "new chums." The four boarding houses lodged 280 boarders. In the Upper Sixth 25 were to prepare for Scholarship and seven for a section of their B.Com. degree. Seventy-seven boys were seeking University Entrance qualifications, 282 "hopefuls" were preparing for School Certificate and 265 were veterans in their second year.

First day back and we were in Barracks Week. Each year sees an innovation and this year we had the formation of an intelligence platoon again after a lapse of a few years. They seemed to have a most enjoyable time drawing maps, preparing details for the combined manoeuvres that were held at Waiwakaiho, and having a holiday in the Ranges during the school-week.

The week finished with a ceremonial parade and march-past held before a large number of parents. The salute was taken by an Old Boy, Group Captain C. A. Turner, Commanding Officer of the Royal New Zealand Air Force Station at Ohakea. He expressed his pride and appreciation he felt when he was invited to take the salute, complimented the unit on its exceptionally fine turn-out and then told us of Old Boys who were at his station. He also arranged for Vampire jets, piloted by Old Boys, to fly over the School at Easter.

This year there was a notable omission from the annual Swimming Sports. After last year's debacle the masters declined to challenge the boys to a contest and consequently the spectators sadly missed the hopefuls and the not so hopefuls who look as if they are out to win a Mr. Universe title. As we have always looked forward to this parade we might concede the masters a victory next year if they can raise the courage to turn out.

We had two visits from the Transport Department during the year. The juniors were treated to films and lectures while the seniors were given practical demonstrations with model cars and a village. To watch the seniors during interval playing with the models made the pavilion look like a kindergarten and was an education in how not to drive.

The grounds this year have never been in better condition, thanks to the efforts of the ground staff. One invaluable improvement has been the installation of the new filter plant at the baths, which has drawn favourable comment from visitors both to the swimming sports and at Easter.

There have been comparatively few changes on the teaching staff this year. We do welcome, however:

Mr. P. A. Taylor, who helps fill the huge demand for mathematics and science masters.

Mr. D. Ball, who also works on the science side. Mr. Ball is an active supporter of the Tramping Club.

Mr. Wilkie, the "daddy" of the staff, leaves after a truly remarkable service of thirty-eight years. Mr. Wilkie was a day boy under Mr. Pridham, a boy and a master under Mr. Moyes, and a master under Mr. McNaught.

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Mr. Kerr and Mr. Wilson have both retired during the year but intend to carry on in a relieving capacity. We congratulate Mr. Alexander on his appointment as First Assistant and Mr. Veale, now Head of the Science Department.

We have a very fine acquisition in the War Memorial Building. In the third term in particular a very wide use was made of the facilities offering. Now that the floor has been raised at the back there is no difficulty in seeing the screen. Debating, singing, concerts and films are all held in the theatre. Mr. Halliburton and Mr. Ball are the lucky masters with new rooms.

The attack of Asian 'flu towards the end of the second term was almost welcomed by many. Its most serious consequence was not the alarming drop in the roll but the cancellation of the Auckland Grammar match, owing to sickness in their team. Boarders formed card and chess groups in the lounge for a few days but recovered amazingly when it was announced that they would not be allowed home if they were ill.

This year's appeal was for the Intellectually Handicapped Children and the boys raised £115 for them. Particularly commendable was the effort of Moyes House, who doubled the nearest total. Mr. Hatherly must have done some fast sales-talk behind the scenes. "Old Scrooge" in front of his rapidly climbing graphs on the notice-board and banging his money bag is an accepted part of the School life.

Mr. Hatherly has also been prominent with his auction sales in the hall auctioneering lost and unclaimed articles, bits and pieces, magazines and some things that you wouldn't associate with a School in your wildest dreams. It was noticeable that a certain type of magazine was most popular with the senior boys and brought the highest bids. These you would associate with a boys' school.

The singing in Assembly by the whole School and with the music from the Orchestra and the Band combined, has reached a standard that it has never attained before. The boys sing with enthusiasm and it is obvious from the stage that they are really enjoying themselves.

The School haka has been perfected for this year's college matches. A direct descendant from a ferocious Maori chieftain led the haka complete with greenstone mere and appropriate actions. It was an awe-inspiring sight from the playing field when the whole eastern terrace seemed to come alive as the boys did the haka.

The posting of the Accrediting Results resulted in the usual crowd around the notice-board. This year it was the Headmaster who posted the list. Apparently Mrs. Rasmussen decided it was not a job for a member of the weaker sex, as last year the mob closed around her and it took her several minutes to fight her way out. This year a path opened as if by magic for the Head, but as soon as he had gone it was like a football scrum again—but with close on a hundred boys in it. It was noticeable that members of the First XV, particularly the forwards, seemed to get to the front without any trouble at all.

In the musical sphere (we couldn't put this next to the haka) the School branched out considerably. Two concerts were held as well as an informal new-boys' concert at the beginning of the year. The boarders' concert was a particular success. Items ranged from pop tunes, skiffle,



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Back Row: J. S. Goudie, B. J. Davey, P. D. Ramsay, T. C. Puke, D. B. Sarten.

Middle Row: D. W. Hinch, I. A. Boese, T. F. Fookes, M. L. Wellington, R. A. Hodges, H. K. Way, A. J. Hills.

Front Row: R. M. Fenwick, D. A. Wallis, P. L. Penn, K. M. Comber, C. W. Hamilton (Head), I. A. Ross, R. C. Johns, S. J. Carryer.

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rock n' roll, calypso to the more serious, but just as well received, singing of the Carmina Vera Choral Group. This consists of our boys, and girls from across the Te Henui and it has reached a very high standard. In the third term it broadcast over Radio Station 2XP and its singing was enjoyed by many discriminating listeners. The concert had one reverse, and that was the lack of support from parents and friends. It is the duty of the day boys to get their parents to attend. We feel that most of the boys do not even bother to tell their parents of this other side of School life. The same fault was noticeable when the Drama Club produced three excellent plays in the second term. It was a most enjoyable evening—but again few parents knew of the production.

This year, strangely enough, we had only one after-Assembly address, but this one was most popular as it was unprecedented in the School history. The Ranfurly Shield was on display and a most enlightening and interesting account of the history of the "log of wood" was given by Roy Roper, an Old Boy (at School 1938-41, First XV 1940, Captain 1941) and an ex-All Black (Vice-Captain 1950) and Messrs. R. H. Brown and W. G. Grace. After Roy had finished Ross Brown gave some amusing information on how Taranaki won the Shield. We were very impressed by his deduction that as New Zealand are unofficial World Champions, and Taranaki are official New Zealand champions, and Old Boys won the Taranaki competition, then the Old Boys team is the world's best club team. By the same obscure process of logic we can congratulate our First XV on being the world's premier schoolboy team.

Reading in Assembly has its more amusing sidelights at times. One nervous sixth former enlivened proceedings by sitting down when he was supposed to be reading. Another, who was reading three times (and we can vouch for this), read the same piece twice on end. He did not notice that he was doing so until he was well into the reading, but the staff and boys did not seem to notice the error either. Yet another in Evening Prayers missed his mark and appeared to be all for setting a record when he had read three pages. The master's comment: "If you had read a bit slower it might have been easier to understand."

During the third term the School Prefects were the guests of the New Plymouth Rotary Club at one of their weekly meetings. After a very enjoyable dinner they were addressed by a Fulbright Scholar. The prefects were very impressed by the meal, the friendly atmosphere of the meeting, and the very informative talk.

Indoor Basketball has been introduced and is a very popular and successful sport. After a series of trial games a squad of nine was selected and trained regularly under the watchful eyes of Messrs. A. Gardiner and S. Morel, a former New Zealand 'Varsity representative and Old Boy of the School.

The climax of the season came with the team's entry in the North Island Secondary Schools' Basketball Tourney held in New Plymouth. School, after defeating Waiouru Cadets 48-17 and Feilding Boys' High 46-19, fell to Stratford Technical High in a close and exciting final, 34-29. The team was: R. Sharrock (captain), L. Berge, T. Burgess, J. Burton, T. Broughton, N. Wolfe, N. Titter, T. Clegg and J. Steffenson.

Congratulations to Ponty Reid on being captain of the All Black team to tour Australia. He is our star Old Boy in Senior New Zealand Rugby

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at present. Here, also, we must congratulate K. Briscoe on his selection for Taranaki Representative football, and his selection in the Colts team to tour Japan next year.

Even more notable is the selection of this year's First XV captain and flying wing, Lane Penn, to represent Taranaki in its representative fixtures when he had guided his team undefeated through a most memorable season. He is the fifth school-boy to play for the province and it is nigh on thirty years since the last one. The others came from the immortal teams of the 1920's: H. W. Brown in 1923, W. E. Alexander in 1924 and from the 1928 XV, C. Brown and R. Watson. From the same team K. Gibbons played for Wanganui and H. Fookes was selected for Taranaki but unable to play. Unfortunately Penn was not in the team that won the shield, but we still can be proud of his selection.

Several masters have celebrated this year by buying new cars and now there is quite a glittering array of chrome around the main block. The place is beginning to look like an automobile dealer's show-room. Much to the satisfaction of many, one master swopped an antique menace of a bicycle for a fairly late model car, but he is still occasionally heard going down the Cameron Street hill on his bike.

Moments such as running round the corner into the Headmaster's hedge on a wet day are now just memories. A long overdue concrete fence has been erected with considerable advice, helpful and otherwise, from the boys. The stone walls near the Memorial Building were partly built by the boys and considerably enhance the environs.

During the third term Mr. E. R. Duncan, of the Education Department, visited the School and talked to several senior forms on his impressions of the U.S.A. He surprised many of us by stating that 45 per cent. of over school boys in the U.S.A. go to school in their own car. Mr. Duncan overwhelmingly supports television, and says that it has a tremendous potential as a social and educational force. Any talk in New Zealand of the dangers of television he dismisses as being largely sour grapes.

We must congratulate R. Johns on his brilliant performance in coming second in the New Zealand Junior 120 Yards Hurdles Championship in the same time as the winner. Incidentally, the record for this event, one of the best in the book, was set by Mr. Eustace in 1945. It is up to R. Johns to better 14.2 seconds in next year's championships.

Another visitor whom senior forms were privileged to hear was Mr. M. Bennion, a District Officer from Nigeria, who incidentally works with Mr. Watt's brother, an Old Boy. Mr. Bennion was able to give us first-hand knowledge of how the British Government accomplishes the delicate transition of granting self-government to backward areas. He also gave an interesting talk on the geography of Nigeria and the number of diseases in that region of the world.

The Steeplechase this year, coming as it did a few days before the Lower Sixth exams, was marked by a less serious approach than usual, especially in the senior race. The intermediates and juniors had a more serious approach and we congratulate all those who took the honours in the three races. To counter the light-hearted approach of the seniors, Mr. Eustace set out on a "camera-check" but did not publicise the more dubious results as he thought this would be unfair since contestants had

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not been warned. Next year, however, he is going to issue a "summons" to all he finds resting, walking, taking shortcuts, smoking off the course, or waiting to join in the second lap. The first fifteen set out in single file but did not last for long in such a style. Apparently many individual races were at stake also, and there is a rumour that a number of ice creams, T.T. 2's and even money changed hands. A big bunch came in well back looking surprisingly fresh after a three-mile run and turned in a paralysing sprint over the last furlong.

Cyril has become a local celebrity. Cyril is the pet magpie of the Carrington House prefects and reached stardom when he appeared on the front page of a local paper in a large photograph accompanied by a survey of his life story. The same paper in a column headed "100 Years Ago" referred to the unbeaten record of the First XV. While the boys in the team would like to feel that they will go down in history beside the immortal teams the School has produced, they can see no need to hasten the process by the addition of a sudden century—although the First XI captain is looking hard for one.

The satellite weather, which prompted one boy to describe the blue sun in an essay, brought with it a power breakdown which caught some of the boarders on the hop, especially those who were trying to cook some toast. Unfortunately no similar emergency occurred during a prep-time.

Though only one film was deemed worthy for the whole School to see, what we lacked in quantity we made up for in quality. "Richard III" was an outstanding production and satisfied both the gory and the intellectual. It was probably one of the best films seen in the city for a long time. The setting, background, scenery, costuming and, above all, the acting were of an exceptionally high standard. The portrayal of the various characters by Laurence Olivier, John Gielgud, Cedric Hardwicke and Ralph Richardson, all of whom have been knighted for their acting, made it an outstanding Shakespearean film.

6A humour sometimes leaves a little to be desired. They hoisted a large yellow flag on the main block to celebrate some obscure occasion. They did succeed with one "suck-in," however, when they spread a rumour amongst the boarders that three parts of the satellite would pass over about eight o'clock. When sufficient boarders gathered on the top ground at the required time three satellites (sky rockets) were launched from the balcony near Room 1.

This year there has been an unprecedented number of clubs formed in the School. We now have a Chess Club, a Stamp Club, and an Astronomical Society. We wish every success to these clubs and hope they prosper during the future. As well as these the Debating Club is very active again, thanks to the keenness of some of the senior pupils, and held debates regularly during the year. The Drama Club is also in action again and although they did not hold an annual production they did put on a performance in the gym.

At one of the House Dances it was noticed that the Housemaster was extremely busy. No, he was not running the dance. He was playing as Koko from "The Mikado" and he had a little list. On this list he put

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those boys "going steady," so he could "execute" them with shows of "witticism" at school the next week. By the last waltz he had a sizeable roll ready but apparently decided not to use it when he found one of his senior prefects held pride of place as No. 1 on the Wit Parade.

The people of Inglewood say that they can hear the St. Pat's train three minutes before it arrives in the station, and that was in years when we have been defeated. We must have given them another two minutes' warning this year to tighten everything down because the traditional haka, when it did come, almost rocked the town.

We hate to admit it but it appears that the humour of boarders is running stale and is almost dried up. This year, April Fool's Day, to the satisfaction of some of the easier tricked masters, was marked only by the unoriginal incessant ringing of the School bell. Still, it's an old but very true saying, "You can't get blood from a stone."

Entertainment was plentiful this year. A Drama Quartet from the New Zealand Players gave an excellent revue of history in dramatical form which was very popular and skilfully presented. John Hunter rather embarrassed certain staff members with a remark about "bald-headed Busby" when he pointed in their direction.

School managed to fill two special trains this year, one to Stratford for the Inter-Sec. Sports and one to the St. Pat's match at Hawera. Toilet paper was abolished as a form of decoration but there was quite a colourful parade at Hawera.

Since School took seven titles and four records at the North Island Secondary Schools Swimming Championships, we must congratulate intermediate swimmer M. Saxton on his share, three titles and two records.

The Russians have seen fit to honour the occasion of our Jubilee by launching satellites into space. Unfortunately certain of the boys did not appreciate this action and wrote to the "Herald" declaiming the effect of the satellite on the weather. This letter, in the nature of a bait, provoked quite a controversy amongst the local intellectual circles.

Although the School did not take off school-time to see the "Merchant of Venice" or the National Orchestra, there was a good representation at night performances. The New Zealand Players' "Merchant of Venice," now probably the best known of Shakespeare's plays in the School, was especially well received.

First Fifteen tours and matches have had their share of humorous sidelights this year. There was the boy who when visiting our future Headmaster, Mr. Webster, leaned rather too close to a bar heater. Fortunately the resultant scorch mark went unnoticed. On the same tour, to King's College, another boy remarked that food tasted better when grace was said in Latin. The spirited School barracking at this match, thanks to loyal Auckland supporters, made the King's "Hi-ip-ray!" look very pale and weak.

6A Physics have recently been enlightened by the presence of two Girls' High pupils. It was once the custom for senior biology students to attend G.H.S. lessons but it is strange for girls to come to School. We hope that this practice is extended next year. Meanwhile 6A Arts is using any methods to attempt some form of reciprocal trading.

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In view of the excellent performance of both Band and Orchestra this year we can readily excuse the cacophony one morning when the Band and Orchestra started on rather different notes. The second attempt was more musical and successful.

The satellite was not the only subject of letters to the "Herald." There was a considerable controversy over our "sandpaper" suits during barracks week. The Headmaster was backed in his defence of our uniform by the greater part of the senior boys who could see the advantages it had. The "Herald" printed an excellent supplement to mark the occasion of our Jubilee. They also printed the highly successful and comprehensive Jubilee Magazine.

Once again there were three House dances this year. Apparently Central and East have found it is worth their while to follow the long established West lead. They were all pleasant breaks from the burdens of school work. Those at the West House Dance were entertained by the First XV singing their rendering of "Swing Low Sweet Chariot." It was a most popular item with the girls and the team harmonised outstandingly well. They looked not at all like the heroes of the Rugby field but very embarrassed, awkward school boys who were pleased when the item finished and hurriedly disappeared before they were called on to sing their "Stormy Weather."

The groundsmen struck trouble with the lights on the Memorial Gates when in high winds during the third term they were blown down alternately as fast as they were put back. The gates got a "dry scrub" and then were washed down for the Jubilee celebrations. An odd sight was presented by half-clothed boys busily climbing over them. The "shave and shampoo" worked wonders and the gates (plus lights) look as good as new again.

Yet another Jubilee improvement was in the redecorating of the dining room. Boarders were at first somewhat dubious about the effect of the modern colour scheme on their appetites but are now accustomed to it. What with the linoleum on the floor, and suits at breakfast on Sunday mornings, all they need is table cloths and serviettes and, of course, a two-page menu. (What is the French for "wet hash?"—Ed.)

Because inter-House fixtures went so far into the third term there was no time before the Steeplechase to hold the usual Boys Leaving v. Boys Returning match, which had promised to be very close. Unfortunately because of this cancellation the boys did not have the opportunity of seeing the combination of Stewart and Barton reproduce last year's questionable form.

Unknown to one master he had four extra pupils for a whole afternoon at his English periods. These four rated as the highest pupils in the School when they were trapped in the roof above Room 1 and spent an uncomfortable afternoon listening, too scared to make any noise whatsoever, above the master.

One morning in Assembly the masters provided an amusing sight to the boys. More masters than seats available appeared on the stage. After a scurry for the seats one master was in the "stew" when he was left in lonely eminence without a seat. He was offered various suggestions



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by masters and boys ranging from "sit on the floor" to "use the Head's chair" before he managed to squeeze into the back row and cause a most uncomfortable assembly for his fellow "back-benchers."

Another innovation this year is the extension and streamlining of the "Whistle" magazine. While the role of the "Taranakian" is to be a record of the year's activities the "Whistle" has become a fortnightly commentary on games played during that time, and has become something more than a rival to the local sporting magazines, it has become a School Institution. Besides reporting the football, cricket and other games it has featured articles for the guidance of third-formers about dancing class, debating and hints for camera enthusiasts. In addition it provides a contemporary record of happenings in the School and encourages expression of opinion. The lighter side of school life has been well represented by a regular column headed "Short Blasts"—in which masters, boys and the public feature in fortnightly comment. To Mr. Eustace, his hard-working committee, and 4G1, the School expresses its thanks for excellent services rendered and hopes the "Whistle" will go on to greater things.

Early in the third term the whole School was deeply shocked to hear of the deaths of Mr. H. R. Billing and Lieutenant-Colonel G. F. Bertrand. Four of the senior School prefects attended the two services with many members of the Staff, while the whole School paraded at the cemetery and lined the carriageway as a last respect to the two men who had been so closely connected to the School.

Mr. Billing has been called "Our greatest Old Boy." He was a pupil of the School from 1897-1900. He was appointed to the Board of Governors in 1923, was elected Chairman in 1924 and continued in this capacity until his retirement in 1956—a record 32 years of service. For this he was awarded the M.B.E. We were very happy that he lived to be present at the Jubilee where fitting recognition was paid to him.

Mr. Bertrand joined the teaching staff in 1920 and retired in 1950 after 30 years' service. During this time he proved that he was a stern disciplinarian. He was brisk and incisive in the classroom and played a most active part in the outside activities of School life. He was universally respected and few masters had so many friends amongst the Old Boys. After his retirement he continued to work and it was while travelling in the course of his employment that he was killed in a motor accident.

To the families and close relatives of these men the School extends its deepest sympathy.

D. W. Hinch, M. W. Burt and G. S. Ryan.

School is due to break-up on Thursday, December 12th in the Opera House again. To those who win prizes we offer our congratulations. To those for whom it will be the last "Break-up" we wish every success in their chosen careers. If it be further study at a University we hope they soon gain their degrees with the least of trouble. If it be into an occupation or trade we wish them success and promotion. To those returning next year in 1958 we wish a pleasant and profitable continuation of their School career, in a School of which they can be justifiably proud and to which they will find they owe so much.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

**Taranaki Scholarship:** M. N. Harford, E. D. Penny, W. Rumball, J. H. Slee, N. A. Tuffery, J. R. Wood.

**Higher Leaving Certificate:** D. R. Barker, F. R. Barrett, F. P. Bennett, W. T. Bussell, M. D. Butler, D. A. Christie, K. M. Comber, D. J. Davy, D. K. Derby, P. V. Dravitzki, V. G. Hareb, M. N. Harford, P. R. Harris, J. C. Harvey, B. L. Irvine, G. R. Jensen, E. G. Jones, J. S. Orams, E. D. Penny, A. M. Quin, W. Rumball, J. H. Slee, M. H. Smith, A. A. Tubman, N. A. Tuffery, D. L. Wheller, J. R. Wood, W. D. Woodward.

**B. Com. Passes:** D. J. Davy, V. G. Hareb, P. R. Harris, G. R. Jensen, A. A. Tubman.

**University Entrance:** J. S. Barrett, W. H. Bygrave, B. M. Cannell, S. J. Carryer, P. A. Catchpole, J. B. Chapman, P. J. Chicken, R. M. Clegg, S. M. Cottier, D. C. Crossman, R. M. Cullen, S. L. Dickson, R. McK. Dodd, R. M. Fenwick, T. F. Fookes, D. W. Geary, J. S. Goudie, B. L. Hains, C. W. Hamilton, I. D. Hay, A. J. Hills, D. W. Hinch, M. S. Hutchings, R. A. Jackson, W. N. Johnson, P. J. Komlos, D. A. Lambourne, I. D. Lobb, S. J. Lovell, R. E. Maskery, D. G. Medway, G. D. Miller, I. G. McNickle, G. M. Parker, L. A. Paton, G. R. Pelham, P. L. Penn, G. L. Petersen, R. O. Rackley, P. D. Ramsay, I. A. Ross, D. B. Sarten, M. J. Sexton, A. M. Smale, B. W. Smith, M. H. Tizard, L. R. Vowless, G. G. Voyce, H. K. Way, I. E. Webster, M. L. Wellington, W. M. Wingate, L. J. Woodhouse, F. W. Worn.

**School Certificate:** T. J. Ashman, E. J. Barnes, I. D. Bayly, M. J. Beale, G. J. Berry, R. J. Beveridge, W. A. Broadmore, A. G. Brown, L. Brown, J. O. Burford, T. R. Burgess, P. A. Cattle, B. J. Davey, W. J. Davies, D. R. Denham, N. J. Dravitzki, R. L. Edwards, R. T. Elliot, D. A. Fowler, G. D. Fulton, G. A. Gibson, K. V. Gilbert, M. D. Grant, C. D. Griffiths, E. K. Hamilton, P. T. Hancock, T. M. Hannon, J. G. Healy, D. M. Hill, R. A. Hodges, J. Holt, G. P. Houghton, G. W. Howse, J. A. Hutchison, P. K. Jantke, R. C. Johns, N. T. Johnson, G. O. Jones, L. C. Jury, P. A. Luckstedt, G. D. Mace, A. C. MacKenzie, J. B. Matthews, J. W. Meads, R. K. Miscall, G. E. Morris, T. L. Nickson, W. G. Oliver, R. E. Olsen, L. J. Pauling, J. E. Penney, J. W. Perham, R. J. Pitcairn, I. Raine, G. S. Ryan, G. M. Sanders, W. B. Sanderson, N. R. Sheppard, D. M. Smither, W. Steward, G. H. Street, G. T. Stubbs, J. R. Taylor, R. G. TeAriki, D. A. Tuckett, T. J. Viver, M. L. Wellington, A. Wendt, A. L. Wilson.

## FOOTBALL

The Jubilee season has been a great one in many aspects. The First XV had a memorable record and some of the ability displayed by large numbers of promising young players in the lower grades suggests that we may confidently look forward to good results for some years to come.

The policy of entering as many teams as possible in lower grades was continued. School teams competed in the top grades and House teams in the lower grades. The intention was to give as many boys as possible a chance to play during the winter months and accordingly twenty-four teams were entered in the Northern Taranaki competitions. The only weakness in this system is that it requires only sickness, injury or the slightest falling off of interest to strain the system and cause difficulty in fielding full teams and remain in the competitions.

Each team had one mid-week practice and a mid-week inter-House game that enabled the boys to get some match practice and combination, and their coaches the opportunity to give advice and criticism before the Saturday matches. Most teams had one competition match a week—Saturday mornings for the lower grades, afternoons for the top grades. School teams met with moderate success. They won the Fifth Grade and runners-up in the Fourth and Eighth Grades. The School teams formed the core of the competitions in most of the lower grades.

It was not a particularly wet season and the Firsts used the Gully for every practice but one, when they used the gym. Although they did not use the racecourse it was used extensively during the second term by the lower grades, and it stood up well to its terrific use as a training ground and a venue for competition games. It was also used in the third term for the inter-House competitions. So it is vital to School interests that the racecourse does not shift from its present position.

Both Senior and Junior House competitions were most interesting this year. House spirit was very high throughout the School and even Day Boy teams received unusual vocal support. The number of drawn games necessitated a revision of the rules and next season in the event of a drawn game both teams will go through to the next round without a re-play. The number of games needed to find the winners of the Senior competition took the season well into the third term with the result that there was no time this year for a Boys Leaving v. Boys Returning game.

A pleasing aspect in the lower grades was the number of Day Boys v. Boarders matches that were played and this friendly rivalry is a good thing for School Rugby.

The Second XV, with two teams from the Second Group, played in the fourth grade. The Second XV had the material available and on some occasions turned in really good displays, and on others very poor ones, as on the day they lost to the "C's." This was the "C's" only scalp this year. The "B's" had a mixed season, breaking even in wins and losses. The Second XV was runner-up in the competition. A fourth grade team picked from the three teams substituted for the Firsts in a junior match when the pressure of college matches was too hard for them and defeated the Tikorangi side.



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1957

Back Row: R. G. Sharrcock, D. W. Hinch, K. M. Comber, B. J. Davey, R. M. Elliot, T. N. Wolfe.

Middle Row: T. Ioane, J. L. Bithell, R. M. Dodd, J. J. McCnachy, R. G. Te-Ariki, G. D. Hayes, F. S. Ropati.

Front Row: M. V. Geary, R. A. Hodges, R. C. Johns, P. L. Penn (Captain), J. A. Ross, B. C. Shotter, D. A. Wallis.

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The Fifth Grade consisted of five School teams and three outside teams. The Day Boys White team shared the championship with Tukapa after a play-off had resulted in a draw. It was a well-balanced side with excellent backs and some outstanding forwards. Unfortunately they tended to play too loose, but there is some promising material here for next year's First Group. Black, Gold and Green all broke even in their games and finished on equal terms in the middle of the competition while Maroon never really settled down at all.

A fifth grade team travelled to Wanganui and were most unlucky to lose their game in the last few minutes. An Under 16 team easily accounted for a Stratford T.H.S. team and an Under 15 soundly outplayed a Wanganui Collegiate team.

The lower grades produced one or two attractive sides. East appeared in their own scarlet jerseys and now all the teams have distinctive colours. Senior players helped with the coaching of some teams because we are still short of master-coaches. The younger boys do not need the coaching so much as instruction in the principles of the game. In the sixth, seventh and eighth grade most of the School teams finished in blocks in the middle of the tables, but Carrington Eighths, a most attractive side, were unlucky not to win their grade. They did, however, finish runners-up.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Taranaki Rugby Union, the Northern Taranaki Management Committee, the Referees' Association, the St. John's Ambulance, the Taranaki Jockey Club, and all those who helped by billeting the Collegiate team, those who billeted our XV in Hawera and Hastings and all those who made our trips to Hawera, Te Aute and Auckland so interesting and enjoyable.

**The First XV:** The team began the season with ten of last year's team forming a solid nucleus, and the remaining places were filled not by young players but by matured players equal in stature to those who had left. This is a great advantage to a team, but there was sufficient youth in the team and it appears that several of the team will be back next year. Injuries were few but Johns had a recurrence of his knee injury and was lucky to play at all after an operation on it, and Penn contracted a complicated attack of mumps near the end of the season. Asian 'flu hit most of the team at some time, and there was the usual number of concussion cases, but all except Penn were in top trim to meet Grammar at the end of the season.

The basis of attack was strong, fast, vigorous forwards playing in front of very fast, clean-handling backs. The policy of attack was for backs and forwards to combine in attack. The backs stood very shallow, both on attack and defence and with sound passing this was a most effective formation. Such was the potential of the team that they frequently used the opposition's attempts at penalty goals to open up play from under their own posts and attack from there. Fierce rucking at the critical time often caught opponents out of position.

It was a great thrill for the team when their captain, Lane Penn, was selected to play for the Taranaki representative team. Its greatest disappointment was the cancellation of the Grammar match. It finished the season with an unbeaten record and its 20-point margin against Collegiate was the largest in college fixtures since 1938. After its

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display against King's the Press rated it the best Secondary School team in New Zealand. This naturally drew forth many arguments as to whether or not the Jubilee team could rate with the immortals of 1923, 1928, 1938 and 1948-49.

Its record that follows speaks for itself.

### INTER-SCHOOL GAME

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

(Played at Victoria Park, Stratford, June 1st). Won 14-13.

The game again proved that the Combined team can always be expected to provide hard opposition and the one-point margin that School had in hand at the final whistle was in keeping with the other narrow victories we have had in this fixture.

The Combined team was much heavier than the School pack and they closely marked our backs, giving them little room in which to move. Consequently the School inside backs lacked their usual cohesion, but had more speed in the three-quarters. The black and white forwards, although heavily pounded by the opposition, paved the way for the victory, as they won one line-out after another. School's points came from three tries, one converted, and a penalty goal, to Combined's two converted tries and a penalty goal.

The teams were:—

**Hawera-Stratford.**—M. Bayly, J. Bourke, T. Stoddart, N. Campbell, E. Gibson, G. Ngarawa, C. Hagan, L. Clark, G. Landen, G. Robinson, B. Askew, T. Tietze, R. Gardiner, W. Tuck.

**School.**—M. L. Wellington, P. L. Penn, K. M. Comber, D. A. Wallis, I. A. Ross, T. N. Wolfe, M. V. Geary, G. D. Hayes, T. Ioane, B. C. Shotter, R. A. Hodges, F. S. Ropati, R. M. Dodd, B. J. Davey, D. W. Hinch. J. J. McConachy replaced Shotter early in the first spell.

### THE PLAY

Combined set the early pace and drove into School territory where Bayly kicked a penalty goal for Combined to take the lead. A few minutes later Shotter left the field with a broken vein in his hand. School were still hard pressed in their own twenty-five when Geary worked the blind side towards Penn, whose perfect centre was taken by the whole pack and a lovely passing movement ended with Ross scoring an unconverted try.

With five minutes remaining Wellington kicked a penalty goal but Combined took the lead again a minute later when Askew scored and Bayly converted, to make the half-time score: Combined 8, School 6.

In the second half the School forwards broke through the opposition and a quick ruck let Comber in for a fine try that capped a beautiful movement. School attacked again and again and then received a severe setback when Clark, the opposing No. 8, intercepted a pass and raced fifty yards unopposed to score under the posts for Bayly to convert.

Now down 9-13 School launched many desperate attacks but the defence held. Then with time almost up School won a tight head and Geary, going on his own from the base of the scrum, touched down for a try. Wellington's kick hoisted the winning points from a really difficult position as full time sounded: School 14, Combined 13.

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### COLLEGE GAMES

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

(Played at Hicks Memorial Park, Hawera, July 6th). Won 8-6.

After the game against Combined and the marked improvement shown by the School team after that game, the team was expected to gain a win even though they had not won the fixture for five seasons. But as usual the final score was very close, there being little between the teams until the final ten minutes. The match was played in near perfect conditions before a record crowd.

School obviously had the faster and better combined back-line, but after the first few minutes with St. Pat's closing the game up the game became a struggle between two strong packs. The result was that although the quality of the football was high it was not as spectacular as had been predicted.

Credit must go to the School pack for cracking the opposing eight in time to clinch a victory. While the backs played a game entirely out of character the forwards gradually asserted dominance in the line-outs, in the scrums in the loose and on cover defence and deserved their triumph, even if by not over-spectacular methods.

The teams were:—

**St. Patrick's College.**—S. Norgate, I. Bloor, G. Stevens, M. Dennehy, J. Kingsheer, L. Reeves, D. Mahoney, N. Transom, J. Dobson, G. Gordon, M. Smith, P. Morgan, C. Baker, P. Murphy, R. Wells.

**School.**—R. G. Sharrock, P. L. Penn, K. M. Comber, D. A. Wallis, I. A. Ross, T. N. Wolfe, M. V. Geary, G. D. Hayes, F. S. Ropati, R. A. Hodges, B. C. Shotter, D. W. Hinch, J. J. McConachy, B. J. Davey, R. G. Te-Ariki.

### THE PLAY

School swung immediately into attack and Ross kicked a penalty. A St. Pat's attempt at goal fell short and School daringly opened up an attack from under their own posts that ended with a forward pass on the St. Pat's line. Play moved to the centre of the field where Transom kicked a nice goal to equalise the scores. The play now tightened up into the forwards with School attacking but two penalties eased the position for St. Pat's. Ross missed an attempt at a penalty from the twenty-five. Sharrock kicked an up and under, collected the ball again in front of the St. Pat's full-back and started a combined back and forward passing movement that ended with Shotter just failing to score.

St. Pat's struck back and Transom kicked another long-range penalty and the half ended with School defending and the score at: St. Pat's 6, School 3.

In the second half St. Pat's and then School attacked. Sound backing up and deadly tackling by both sides kept the score the same. The half wore on and on and the hopes of a School victory seemed remote to the supporters. Both packs were locked in a tight struggle in the centre of the field. Scrum followed scrum, line-out followed line-out without either side giving ground. Then with less than ten minutes to go Transom made a break and was stopped on the School twenty-five. It was St. Pat's swan song for in the next scrum they cracked as they were pushed back ten yards to lose a tight head. The ball swung along

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the School chain for the first time to Penn whose centre-kick was accepted by the forwards under the St. Pat's posts. From the resulting scrum Geary worked the blind, linked with his breakaways and Ropati crashed over to score in a handy position. Ross easily converted.

For the final few minutes School won scrum after scrum and attacked again and again but to no avail and the whistle sounded with the score at: School 8, St. Pat's 6.

### v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

(Played at School Gully, July 23rd). Won 20-0.

The game was played in excellent conditions—little sun but a hard, fast ground. Once again the forwards proved the deciding factor. They scored five of the six tries.

The Wanganui team did not settle down properly and did not look like scoring after an initial burst. Wanganui missed with several penalty attempts. Had Wanganui had a long-range goal kicker they could have been much closer. As it was they eased the pressure on the Wanganui line and kept School's total down.

The teams were:—

**Wanganui Collegiate.**—D. Crombie, D. Martin, A. Kilmister, S. Veitch, G. Henry, I. Mackenzie, S. Stone, R. MacLean, S. Blathwayt, W. Hosking, M. Barton, G. Gardiner, R. Haynes, W. Stratford, J. Bunny.

**School.**—R. G. Sharrock, P. L. Penn, K. M. Comber, D. A. Wallis, I. A. Ross, T. N. Wolfe, R. M. Elliott, G. D. Hayes, F. S. Ropati, R. A. Hodges, B. C. Shotter, J. L. Bithell, J. J. McConachy, B. J. Davey, R. G. Te-Ariki.

### THE PLAY

Wanganui kicked off and Mackenzie came close to scoring when he charged down a clearing kick but the ball was dead. From then on School launched attack after attack, and drop-out followed drop-out. Bad luck, mishandling and Wanganui's stout defence stopped School from scoring. Then Penn broke clear, passed to Hayes who kicked ahead. The Collegiate full-back missed the ball and Ropati won the race for the ball. Ross converted it to make it 5-0. Almost immediately Comber accepted a beautiful centring kick from Wolfe and touched down under the posts to cap a fine movement. Ross' kick was charged down. Wanganui attacked for a while and a penalty attempt led to a School passing rush but the whistle sounded for half-time.

School camped almost all the second half in Collegiate territory. They pressed in fast passing rushes with backs and forwards combining down mid-field but failed to cap off many of the movements. Wolfe suddenly broke through, passed to Comber who kicked ahead for the corner. Hodges took the ball in his stride, passed to Davey and he scored wide out. Hayes missed the kick.

School were playing bright open football but the score was not mounting as stout defence kept them out. Eventually Ropati broke from a scrum and with the ball at his toe headed for the line. Wolfe scored when he beat Ropati in a dive for the ball. Ross missed the kick. Then Wolfe worked the blind and passed to Hodges and the big forward dived over the line smothered in white players to make the score 17-0.

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School was still attacking both back and forward and was outplaying Collegiate technically, baffling them with their passing rushes that swept the field. Shotter and Te-Ariki combined in a barging rush and Shotter scored. Again the kick missed. Had the kicking been up to its usual standard, and the handling better, the score could have been higher. School 20, Collegiate 0.

### v. KING'S COLLEGE, AUCKLAND

(Played at King's College, Auckland, July 27th). Won 16-3.

School accepted an invitation from King's College and travelled to Auckland for the game. King's were unbeaten and leading in the Auckland Secondary Schools' competition. This year's match was a well-deserved victory for the School XV, who were too strong in the forwards and too pacy in the backs for their opposition. Their handling of the ball in the very greasy ground and into a strong breeze was almost perfect.

The team by this time had developed into a well co-ordinated unit, and the all round standard of team play reached a peak seldom seen in schoolboy Rugby. But they had to fight every inch of the way as King's also turned on their best display of the season, and this made the School victory even more meritorious.

An outstanding feature of the game was the high standard of refereeing that was maintained during the match, the referee giving his decisions clearly and confidently without slowing up the game. Consequently the game was fast, open, hard and closer than the score suggests.

The teams were:—

**King's College.**—D. Meredith, A. Gilbert, D. Wilson, K. Tapper, R. Kemp, W. Davies, B. Hume, G. Caughey, T. Davies, T. Chilsom, A. MacDonald, N. Brown, J. Richardson, J. Wallace, N. Howard.

**School.**—R. G. Sharrock, P. L. Penn, K. M. Comber, R. C. Johns, I. A. Ross, T. N. Wolfe, M. V. Geary, G. D. Hayes, F. S. Ropati, R. A. Hodges, B. C. Shotter, T. Ioane, J. J. McConachy, J. L. Bithell, R. G. Te-Ariki.

### THE PLAY

School played the first half with the strong breeze behind them. It looked to the spectators that owing to the conditions and the brilliant boot of Davies, King's captain, School would need to be fifteen points up at half-time. King's moved into the attack from the kick-off but by using the wind to advantage School forced them back. From a scrum on the King's twenty-five Geary worked the blind with Johns who moved down the sideline. He flicked the ball infield with his foot and Geary dribbled the ball over the line to score wide out. Ross converted with an excellent kick. Ten minutes later Penn came into the back-line and cut the defence wide open with his superior speed. He passed on to Johns who had a clear run unopposed to the corner. Again an excellent kick by Ross and School led 10-nil. King's now moved into the attack but the wind was helping School and they finished the half on attack, but only 10 points up.

In the second half School were soon in danger and Davies soon hoisted King's first points with a difficult long-range penalty. They kept up the pressure but the School rock-like defence kept the line intact.

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Sharrock was saving brilliantly time after time, and even broke away once to ease the pressure. Davies then missed with two more penalties and two dropped goals.

With the hands of the tower-clock creeping round all too slowly, the terrific potential of the School team became apparent. Ross gained the ball from set play, kicked over the full-back, Comber carried it on to Penn who scored well out. The conversion missed and School led 13-3 with time almost up. But back they came with another brilliantly executed try. Penn made fifty yards up the sideline, centre-kicked and Comber was first there to force the ball as it rolled over the line. The final whistle sounded soon afterwards with the score: School 16, King's 3.

### v. TE AUTE COLLEGE

(Played at Nelson Park, Hastings, August 3rd). Won 13-3.

The outstanding feature of the match was the close marking by both sets of backs. Te Aute again produced their characteristic pack of huge forwards, with fast breaking flankers who busted the School XV into costly errors. The outside backs were quick to their men and gave the faster School wings little room to move in. The ground was fast and a light breeze favoured Te Aute in the first half. This kept the first half scoreless, but in the second half the combination and finesse of the School team overpowered the more rugged strength of the Te Aute pack.

Te Aute had the honour of scoring the only College try against the School XV, but this did not match School's three tries, and by converting two of these School had a ten-point margin at the final whistle.

The teams were:—

**Te Aute College.**—W. Ngawaka, A. Rolleston, W. Joseph, G. Keenan, P. Te Mati, W. Naera, S. Lambert, B. Webb, W. Whangapirita, N. Ngawaka, P. Vivili, B. Matthews, R. Tuheka, S. Parpoe, W. Fox.

**School.**—R. G. Sharrock, P. L. Penn, K. M. Comber, R. C. Johns, I. A. Ross, T. N. Wolfe, M. V. Geary, G. D. Hayes, F. S. Ropati, R. A. Hodges, B. C. Shotter, J. L. Bithell, J. J. McConachy, B. J. Davey, R. G. Te-Ariki.

### THE PLAY

School began vigorously into the wind and soon had Te Aute stubbornly defending their line. Te Aute worked their way towards the School line and an attempt at a field goal by Ngawaka swung wide. Te Aute kept the pressure up and for the rest of the half School's defence was sorely tried. Towards the end of the half School was gaining more and more possession. Long line kicks by Sharrock and numerous penalties eased the pressure on the line.

Johns and Penn tried to break away but they were closely marked and grounded heavily. Shotter, Hayes and Ropati led a dribbling rush up the sideline but Te Aute forced them back and ended the half on attack. The half-time score was nil-all.

With the wind behind them in the second half it soon became obvious that a try was imminent for the School team. First Penn intercepted and after making ground centre-kicked to his forwards under the posts but Te Aute forced. A minute later he was in as an extra man and sent Johns away but he was forced into touch in the corner. From the line-out

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Hayes pounced on a loose ball and registered the first points. Then followed a quick ruck, the Te Aute backs were caught on the wrong side of the ruck and with all the backs handling Johns touched down under the posts unopposed. Hayes converted it easily.

Te Aute came back but a dropped pass with the line open robbed them of a certain try, and the speed of the School wingers stopped any breaks. With the half almost up the big Te Aute forwards charged down the field. Keenan was stopped by Sharrock but the huge Vivili was following up to score.

Time was running out when School came up with a beautiful movement. The Te Aute forwards caught Sharrock in possession, but he wriggled free and made fifty yards before giving the ball to Shotter who found himself clear with no support. He put the ball high in the air and the School forwards started a chain passing movement on the Te Aute line, ending with Te-Ariki scoring in the corner. Ross's conversion was a fine sideline kick.

The School team was now functioning like a well-drilled unit and completely outplaying the Te Aute team, but the whistle sounded with no addition to School 13, Te Aute 3.

### v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Much to the disappointment of the School team the annual fixture against Grammar was cancelled because of an outbreak of Asian 'flu in Auckland. Grammar could not field a full-strength team. Although School was hit hard by the 'flu at the same time, the fifteen was at key fitness and ready to take the field. They were eagerly awaiting the game and were very confident after four college victories. Lane Penn with a complicated attack of mumps, was the only player unavailable. The School team was announced for the match as follows: R. G. Sharrock, D. A. Wallis, K. M. Comber, R. C. Johns, I. A. Ross, T. N. Wolfe, M. V. Geary, G. A. Hayes, F. S. Ropati, R. A. Hodges, B. C. Shotter, D. W. Hinch, R. M. Dodd, B. J. Davey, R. G. Te-Ariki.

### CLUB COMPETITIONS

v. Old Boys	Won 35-0	v. Old Boys	Won 31-3
v. Uruti	Won 31-5	v. Urenui	Won 35-3
v. Urenui	Won 24-12	v. Okato	Won 14-12
v. Tukapa	Won 14-9	v. Tukapa	Won 14-8
v. Marist	Won 22-8	Played	12
v. Clifton	Won 15-11	Won	12
v. Tikorangi	Won 76-0	Points for:	336
v. Star	Won 25-8	Points against:	79

The First XV won the North Taranaki Junior Open Grade but did not contest the Taranaki final as the match was set down for two days after the Auckland Grammar fixture, and this was considered to be too close for such important fixtures.

### DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS

This year's match promised to be a very interesting affair since the Day Boys were on equal terms with the Boarders in numbers in the First XV for the first time for many years. With ten capped players on

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each side the final result was fittingly a scoreless draw. As was the case last year the controlling factor was the weather. A heavy downpour before the game, and intermittent showers during the game left the Gully treacherously slippery, with big pools of mud or water lying all over it. After a few minutes the forwards were unrecognisable in a uniform of mud.

But in spite of the adverse conditions the Rugby produced by both teams was of the highest quality. The game was hard-fought, fast, tough and considering the conditions, open. Play swung from one end of the field to the other in rapid succession.

The teams were:—

**Boarders.**—A. G. Brown, D. A. Wallis, D. W. Geary, P. L. Penn, R. M. Elliott, I. A. Ross, M. V. Geary, G. D. Hayes, R. M. Dodd, R. A. Hodges, M. M. Colson, T. Ioane, M. A. Mills, R. G. Cathie, R. G. Te-Ariki.

**Day Boys.**—R. G. Sharrock, C. W. Hamilton, K. M. Comber, R. C. Johns, R. Ruru, T. N. Wolfe, N. W. Titter, B. N. Patten, J. L. Bithell, B. C. Shotter, J. J. McConachy, B. A. Masters, R. M. Fenwick, B. J. Davey, D. W. Hinch.

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**Junior Competition.**—The competition was most interesting this year. Moyes beat West in the final, but their victory was entirely against the run of play. They were penned on defence for almost the entire game but won because each time they entered West's half they gained points.

Moyes Junior XV: G. P. Lyford, J. Guy, D. J. Brown, M. H. Tizard, T. L. Sweetman, R. L. Broughton, D. A. Lambourne, H. J. Porteous, T. F. Fookes, A. C. Aitken, N. T. Johnson, G. D. Miller, J. R. Taylor, T. H. Wood, G. T. Stubbs. Also played: I. L. Armstrong, C. D. Ekdahl.

### Results—

First Round: Moyes 14 v. Central 3; Pridham 6 v. East 3; Carrington 9 v. Niger 9; (Replayed, result 6-6).

Second Round: Moyes 30 v. Carrington 0; West 6 v. Pridham 0.

Third Round: West 11 v. Niger 6.

Final: Moyes 11 v. West 10.

**Senior Competition.**—The senior competition was most interesting this year. On paper Pridham was clearly superior to any other team in the competition, with West ranking second, then Central. Repeated draws caused extra re-draws and re-plays. Pridham showed that they were a fine weather team but not at all at home in the wet. With three teams in the last two rounds they struck a wet day against Central and only just held Central to a draw, had a fine day and fast ground against West and then poor conditions again against Central in the final. In the end their experience, weight and speed gave them a win.

Pridham XV: A. G. Brown, R. N. Gardiner, P. L. Penn, W. S. Wakelin, D. W. Geary, R. G. McCutcheon, M. V. Geary, G. D. Hayes, W. N. Johnson, J. R. Lissington, M. M. Colson, R. A. Hodges, R. M. Dodd, R. G. Cathie, R. G. Te-Ariki.





FIRST ELEVEN, 1956

Back Row: A. H. Donnelly, R. Ruru, C. W. Hamilton, F. W. Worn, B. A. Bridge, W. A. Brcadmcre, K. M. Comber.  
Front Row: T. N. Wolfe, B. J. Davey, L. A. Paton, J. R. Wood (Captain), M. L. Wellington, D. J. Davy.

## CRICKET

### Results—

First Round: Pridham 20 v. East 6; West 18 v. Moyes 3; Central 13 v. Carrington 3; Niger 36 v. Country 0.

Second Round: West 6 v. Central 6; Pridham 22 v. Niger 3.

Third Round: Central 9 v. Pridham 9.

Semi-final: Pridham 26 v. West 3.

Final: Pridham 6 v. Central 3.

D. W. Hinch.

## CRICKET

Cricket has continued to flourish in the School, with practices or matches provided for about 220 boys. At present net practices are available for six groups with ample coaching given by masters. One notable decline is in the number of day boys playing house cricket. This may be accounted for by the majority of the players in groups being day boys. With the boarders bearing the responsibility of house cricket the competition provides plenty of interest to those taking part. Another recent feature was the introduction of Saturday morning cricket for boys under the age of 15. At the present time about 40 boys play in this competition, with the boarding houses entering their own teams and the day boys combining.

Even though the numbers of players are many, the standard of cricket in the School at present is not as high as in previous years.

The First XI has had a lean season, losing two of its college matches to Wanganui and Wellington, and gaining an "honourable" draw in the third against Nelson. Better results might have been obtained had the School possessed an experienced off-spinner and a good "swing" bowler. Because of these deficiencies, the bowling was steady but lacked the hostility required for success. The batting was capable of good performances but lacked solidity against good bowling. If School lost a couple of quick wickets the innings failed dismally, owing to the inability of the later batsmen to consolidate the position. The team attained a moderate standard in fielding but had no real finish.

The Second, Third and Fourth Elevens put up good performances in their grades and the future for some of these players seems bright. The Third Form Eleven has continued to be an able nursery for prospective First Eleven players and the majority of these players show considerable promise.

Because this is the Jubilee Year a special effort was made to put the top ground in good order. During the winter seats were erected around the edge of the ground and these are an added attraction to the spectator.

Vast improvements have been made in the practice wickets and the main wicket and outfield are in first-class order. Hedges and trees have been removed to make way for neat fences and these alterations improve the surroundings of the School.

The new scheme of issuing gear has proved successful and the method at present in use is to be continued. With this new method the loss of gear has been greatly reduced and the looking after and repairing of damaged gear is controlled in a more efficient manner. With these improvements the general cost of cricket has been reduced.

## CRICKET

This year four "old caps" returned to School. They were M. Wellington, K. Comber, R. Ruru and B. Davey, while three other players, N. Wolfe, A. Donnelly and A. Broadmore had had previous college match experience. In addition to the college eleven, R. Sharrock and F. Ropati are members of the First Group.

### COLLEGE GAMES

#### v. NELSON COLLEGE

(Played at Nelson on December 11th and 13th, 1956. Result: Drawn.)

School won the toss and elected to bat on a firm, fast wicket. Nelson struck an early blow when Davy was dismissed with only 13 runs on the board but Paton and Wellington set about to retrieve the position and the partnership produced 48 runs. After the dismissal of Wellington, the only School batsmen to offer resistance to the Nelson attack were Paton and, to a lesser extent, Donnelly and Worn. Paton batted freely and scored 82 runs. Some lusty hitting by Worn and steady batting by Donnelly produced 30 runs in a last wicket partnership. School were finally dismissed for 184 runs. Shaw and Houghton were the most successful of Nelson's bowlers, gaining three and four wickets respectively.

Nelson's innings started quietly but they were soon in trouble with four batsmen gone for 55 runs. Martyn, Best and Park provided stern opposition and with some hard hitting by Martyn in particular, who scored 64, the innings finally closed with 161 runs scored. Ruru, Worn and Donnelly bowled well for School and each secured three wickets.

School started badly in their second innings with three down for 19 but some steady batting by Davey, Comber, Davy and Ruru retrieved the position gradually. After a shaky start Davey scored well with some good off-drives and was finally bowled for 65. Comber (30) and Ruru (19) helped the score along and School declared with eight down for 182.

Set 206 runs to win in 140 minutes, Nelson started quietly and seemed satisfied to play for a draw. After a couple of quick dismissals School were on top but Nelson finally recovered and at the close of play had scored 126 for the loss of six wickets. Martyn was not out with 34 runs and other scorers were Hunter 28, Wilson 24 and Hughes 20 not out.

#### SCHOOL

First Innings—		Second Innings—	
M. L. Wellington, b. Shaw	23	I.b.w., b. Martyn	3
D. J. Davy, b. Park	6	I.b.w., b. Martyn	27
L. A. Paton, b. Shaw	82	b. Park	3
J. R. Wood, b. Houghton	1	I.b.w., b. Martyn	0
B. J. Davey, c. and b. Houghton	5	b. Park	65
C. W. Hamilton, b. Houghton	0	c. Best, b. Houghton	2
K. M. Comber, run out	10	b. Houghton	30
R. Ruru, b. Hunter	1	not out	19
T. N. Wolfe, c. Houghton, b. Shaw	0	not out	6
A. H. Donnelly, not out	28		
F. W. Worn, c. Wilson, b. Shaw	15	b. Shaw	7
Extras	13	Extras	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>Total (8 wkts. decl.)</b>	<b>182</b>

## CRICKET

### Bowling for Nelson

First Innings—					Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
P. Park	15	3	21	1	17	1	54	2	
R. Martyn	15	7	28	-	16	3	38	3	
P. Houghton	13	1	41	3	8	3	18	2	
G. Shaw	18.4	4	67	4	11	3	24	1	
R. Hunter	4	1	5	1	11	4	29	-	
P. Wilson	1	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	

### NELSON

First Innings—					Second Innings—				
R. Hunter, lbw., b. Worn	5				c. Wolfe, b. Comber	28			
G. Dee, c. Wolfe, b. Donnelly	12				b. Worn	1			
P. Wilson, I.b.w., b. Donnelly	4				I.b.w., b. Ruru	24			
E. Bashford, c. and b. Worn	6				b. Donnelly	4			
R. Martyn, I.b.w., b. Donnelly	64				not out	34			
A. Best, run out	24				c. and b. Donnelly	2			
P. Park, b. Ruru	22				b. Ruru	0			
D. Hughes, c. Comber, b. Ruru	5				not out	20			
R. Lowans, b. Ruru	0								
P. Houghton, b. Worn	2								
G. Shaw, not out	0								
Extras	17				Extras	13			
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>				<b>Total (6 wkts.)</b>	<b>126</b>			

### Bowling for School

First Innings—					Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
R. Ruru	20	11	20	3	11	4	24	2	
F. Worn	17.1	3	58	3	11	4	35	1	
K. Comber	7	1	25	-	5	2	15	1	
A. Donnelly	11	1	33	3	13	3	40	2	
L. Paton	5	3	8	-	-	-	-	-	

#### v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

(Played at Wanganui on the 13th and 14th of March, 1957. Result: Lost by an innings and 175 runs.)

This was School's poorest display of the season. Wanganui fielded a strong team both in batting and bowling. The bowling was particularly good and was ably supported by excellent fielding.

After winning the toss School began their innings in ideal conditions, although the wicket was damp with overnight frost. School failed dismally to the hostile swing bowling of R. Barton and good leg-spin bowling of Crombie. The innings closed with the total at 36.

Wanganui batted slowly and solid innings by Veitch 58, D. Ritchie 52, Duncan 32 and Haynes 27 not out consolidated the Wanganui position. School's bowling was steady but lacked penetration. Donnelly was the most successful bowler, claiming four wickets for 45 runs. Wanganui declared overnight, having scored 250 runs for the loss of nine wickets.

## CRICKET

In the second innings School failed again against the bowling of R. Barton, Crombie and Hosking, and were dismissed for 37. Hamilton, in scoring 13 runs, offered the only resistance to the attack. Wanganui thus ran out the winners by an innings and 175 runs.

### SCHOOL

First Innings—		Second Innings—	
M. L. Wellington, b. Crombie	9	c. Duncan, b. R. Barton	4
T. F. Fookes, b. R. Barton	0	l.b.w. b. R. Barton	3
C. W. Hamilton, c. Hosking, b. P. Barton	8	c. Veitch, b. Hosking	13
B. J. Davey, b. Crombie	1	b. R. Barton	0
A. W. Broadmore, b. R. Barton	6	b. Crombie	3
K. M. Comber, c. Ritchie, b. R. Barton	0	b. Crombie	0
T. N. Wolfe, b. Crombie	0	l.b.w. b. Crombie	0
A. H. Donnelly, st. Ritchie, b. Crombie	2	st. Ritchie, b. Crombie	0
R. Ruru, st. Ritchie, b. R. Barton	0	l.b.w., b. Hosking	4
J. Ruru, b. R. Barton	3	b. Hosking	0
T. Ioane, not out	0	not out	0
Extras	7	Extras	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>

### Bowling for Wanganui

First Innings—				Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Barton	12	5	10	5	7	5	2	3
R. Haynes	6	3	4	-	5	1	8	-
P. Barton	6	4	3	1	3	2	1	-
T. Hosking	3	1	4	-	3	2	2	3
S. Crombie	8.1	2	9	4	7.1	1	14	4

### WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

First Innings—		Second Innings—	
S. Veitch, c. Davey, b. R. Ruru	58	l.b.w., b. Paetz	27
W. Strang, c. Davey, b. A. Donnelly	7	b. Perkins	0
S. Crombie, b. A. Donnelly	12	c. Hastings, b. Paetz	1
P. Barton, c. and b. J. Ruru	19	b. Perkins	7
N. Duncan, c. J. Ruru, b. A. Broadmore	32	l.b.w., b. Paetz	29
R. Barton, b. R. Ruru	0	b. Paetz	0
D. Ritchie, c. Wolfe, b. J. Ruru	52	b. Paetz	4
C. White, c. Fookes, b. A. Donnelly	13	c. Thawley, b. Paetz	1
R. Haynes, not out	27	c. Maunder, b. Paetz	13
T. Hosking, l.b.w., b. A. Donnelly	0	not out	6
G. Ritchie, not out	9	b. Paetz	0
Extras	22	Extras	11
<b>Total (for nine wickets declared)</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>

## CRICKET

### Bowling for School

First Innings—		O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Ruru	21	8	35	2	
J. Ruru	14	4	31	2	
A. Donnelly	16	1	45	4	
K. Comber	7	2	26	-	
M. Wellington	5	-	31	-	
A. Broadmore	15	4	29	1	
T. Ioane	11	3	32	-	

### v. WELLINGTON COLLEGE

(Played at Wellington on the 18th and 19th of March, 1957. Result: Lost by eight wickets.)

After winning the toss School commenced their innings in bright weather and were quickly in trouble with four wickets down for 46 runs. Little and Broadmore gradually retrieved the position, the partnership realising 57 runs. With this partnership broken School lost three quick wickets but some hearty hitting by Wolfe 21 and J. Ruru 15 not out, redeemed the position and the innings closed for 175 runs. Broadmore batted solidly for his 49 runs and Little scored well with drives in his bright 38. Perkins was the best of the Wellington bowlers, claiming seven wickets for 52.

Wellington were quickly in trouble, losing two wickets for four, but recovered slowly with good batting by Stewart, Hastings, Maunder and Paetz. Wellington's innings closed for 145 runs. Comber and Ruru were School's best bowlers, claiming five and four wickets respectively.

In School's second innings Paetz caused the batsmen plenty of trouble with his off spinners. He was assisted by the pitch which was taking a large amount of spin. The only batsmen to offer resistance were Davey 29, Wellington 27 and, to a lesser extent, Wolfe. School's innings faded and only 99 runs were scored. Paetz bowled well, taking eight wickets for 37.

Set 130 runs to win in even time, Wellington attacked the bowling and hard hitting innings by Boshier 58 not out, Hastings 35 not out and Stewart 21 saw the necessary total reached with 20 minutes to spare. School's bowling was not good and Wellington deserved their win.

### SCHOOL

First Innings—		Second Innings—	
M. L. Wellington, c. Wright, b. Perkins	1	l.b.w., b. Paetz	27
T. F. Fookes, b. Perkins	13	b. Perkins	0
C. W. Hamilton, b. Wright	1	c. Hastings, b. Paetz	1
A. W. Broadmore, c. Neal, b. Perkins	49	b. Perkins	7
B. J. Davey, c. Dawson, b. Perkins	8	l.b.w., b. Paetz	29
R. W. Little, b. Perkins	38	b. Paetz	0
K. M. Comber, c. Boshier, b. Perkins	9	b. Paetz	4
R. Ruru, b. Wright	4	c. Thawley, b. Paetz	1
T. N. Wolfe, c. Hastings, b. Perkins	21	c. Maunder, b. Paetz	13
J. Ruru, not out	15	not out	6
T. Ioane, c. Allan, b. Paetz	3	b. Paetz	0
Extras	13	Extras	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>

## CRICKET

### Bowling for Wellington

	First Innings—				Second Innings—			
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. Wright	23	5	63	2	11	3	16	-
J. Perkins	25	10	52	7	19	7	35	2
D. Paetz	9	2	31	1	20.2	7	37	8
B. Thawley	6	1	12	-				
B. Hastings	2	-	4	-				

### WELLINGTON

First Innings—		Second Innings—	
W. Boshier, c. Davey, b. R. Ruru	0	not out	58
E. Stewart, c. Wolfe, b. T. Ioane	29	b. Ioane	1
P. Neal, c. Wellington, b. R. Ruru	0	c. Fookes, b. K. Comber	21
B. Hastings, c. R. Ruru, b. K. Comber	27	not out	35
L. Maunder, b. R. Ruru	24		
P. Dawson, l.b.w., b. K. Comber	14		
A. Wright, c. Broadmore, b. K. Comber	13		
D. Paetz, c. Hamilton, b. K. Comber	25		
R. Allan, b. R. Ruru	0		
B. Thawley, not out	0		
J. Perkins, b. K. Comber	0		
Extras	13	Extras	15
Total	145	Total (for 2 wkts.)	130

### Bowling for School

	First Innings—				Second Innings—			
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Ruru	18	8	30	4	15.4	2	42	-
J. Ruru	6	2	18	-	2	-	13	-
T. Ioane	16	4	36	1	8	-	30	1
K. Comber	17.4	5	48	5	5	1	30	1

### v. AN OLD BOYS TEAM

This match was part of the Jubilee celebrations and the pitch conditions were not good because heavy rain had fallen and the wicket was soft.

School batted first and declared with the total at 102 for nine wickets. Chief scorers for School were: Davey 33, R. Ruru 23, Wellington 14, Hamilton 12. The most successful bowler for the Old Boys was W. E. Alexander, who claimed three wickets for four runs.

Old Boys fielded a strong batting side, including L. Miller, E. Meuli and J. Lay. Chief scorers were: Miller 56, Lay 27 not out and E. Meuli 27 retired. At the close of play Old Boys had made 133 for the loss of four wickets. Donnelly was the most successful bowler with two wickets for 39 runs.

### HOUSE CRICKET

#### Bates Cup

A feature of the games this year was the lack of any outstanding batting performances and the scoring in most games was low. In the elimination round East defeated Country while Central defeated Moyes (holders).

## CRICKET

### Results—

East: 91 (B. Davey 24, R. Sharrock 18, W. Murdoch 12, J. Burton 10).  
Bowling for Central: A. Donnelly nine for 45, W. Hamilton one for 14.  
Central: 92 for five wickets (N. Wolfe 43, W. Hamilton 36 not out).  
Bowling for East: B. Davey two for 31, A. Broadmore two for 32, T. Medley one for two.  
Central team: W. Hamilton (captain), N. Wolfe, A. Donnelly, P. Phillipps, D. Oliver, R. Little, B. Chapman, M. Croxson, A. Baeyertz, R. Paton, P. Ramsay.

### DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS

Day Boys regained the Birch Cup from the Boarders by the narrow margin of one wicket.

Boarders: 106 (M. Wellington 38, J. Wood 14).  
Bowling for Day Boys: F. Worn five for 17, R. Ruru two for 17, K. Comber two for 29.

Day Boys: 119 for nine (B. Davey 51, D. Davy 29, R. Sharrock 12).  
Bowling for Boarders: T. Ioane five for 24, A. Tubman two for 49, J. Wood one for six.

### SECOND XI

At the end of the 1956 season the team finished well in the annual match against Stratford. Although the match ended in a draw, it was almost a win for us.

Although not many outstanding performances have been recorded a good spirit has been shown in all our matches.

This term the team has improved a great deal.

The team this year was as follows: I. A. Ross (captain), M. S. Croxson, D. A. Lambourne, A. G. Brown, P. V. Rere, R. Worn, C. Fullerton-Smith, J. Burton, J. Ruru, N. Spedding, P. Phillips, D. Olliver.

### THIRD XI

The Third XI performed very well and had a very successful season, winning all its games. J. Lissington, D. Brown and T. Broughton served the team well as bowlers and turned in some good performances. E. Coleman, J. Rothery and P. Adlam proved to be the best batsmen and show bright prospects for the future. Owing to bad weather the game against Stratford T.H.S. last season was cancelled.

The team was: J. Workman (captain), J. Lissington, T. Broughton, J. Rothery, D. Brown, P. Adlam, E. Coleman, N. Henderson, N. Greiner, A. Hills, A. Baeyertz, J. Martin, G. Struthers.

### THIRD FORM XI

The 1956 Third Form XI was a disappointment because its best players are now playing for outside clubs. Stockwell and Hinz were the best batsmen, the latter scoring a very forceful near century in a competition match. Mana, Greiner and Rona were competent, solid batsmen who were always reliable. Stockwell, Fullerton-Smith and Hinz were the eleven's pace attack and Struthers, supported by Mana, provided the slow guile.

## ATHLETICS

In the annual match against the Primary School XI J. Ruru's pace gave the Primary Schools a well-merited first innings win. Although our attack was adequate it was not incisive enough to prevent our opponents passing our very modest total.

To date the 1957 Third Form XI has revealed a good potential. Murdoch, Medley and Paton are good stroke players; Morrison, Ingles, Paton, Medley and Crowe form a balanced attack of pace and spin; Viver, Wood, Lobb, Struthers and MacDiarmid are players who should benefit from competitive play. This year's team is fortunate in having Murdoch a sound 'keeper, to stand behind the stumps.

B. J. Davey.

## ATHLETIC NOTES

As everybody had hoped, Jubilee year produced an exceptionally high standard in the field of Athletics. Not only were School athletes remarkably successful in outside competition but progress is also evidenced in the number of records broken or equalled, particularly in the senior events.

The primary reasons for these results are the improved coaching facilities and the adoption of modern techniques, the enthusiasm and willingness of staff members to sacrifice their time in aid of the School club and, above all, the general keenness of the boys to take advantage of the facilities at their disposal.

This year the School Sports were held on the 16th of March and, as has become the habit over past years, the venue was the gully ground. Another habit which the School could well adopt is the excellent weather which has prevailed over the sports days of more recent years. This year was no exception to the rule and this, combined with the general good order of the track, made for an excellent day's sport which was thoroughly appreciated by a good attendance of spectators. Fresh records were set by: M. Tizard, 880 Yards Senior; M. Sexton, One Mile Senior; R. Johns, 120 Yards Hurdles Senior; and L. Penn, 220 Yards Senior. The distance events were dominated by R. Humphries, M. Sexton and M. Tizard in the Senior, P. Savage and B. Patten in the Intermediate and K. Wakelin in the Junior. In the sprints R. Johns and L. Penn figured in the Senior, N. Wolfe in the Intermediate and G. Harrold in the Junior. Field events again proved popular with Ropati, Teariki, Hodges well to the fore in the Senior and Tagipo and Whittle prominent in the Intermediate. Several of the School athletes competed in the provincial West Coast Centre championships with distinct success. Provincial titles were won by M. Tizard, 880 Yards (record), R. Humphries, 440 Yards, R. Johns, 120 Yards Hurdles (record), L. Penn, 100 Yards, and J. Chapman, Pole Vault. In the West Coast Centre championships R. Humphries won the 880 Yards, R. Johns 100 Yards and 120 Yards Hurdles (record) and L. Penn 220 Yards. These three boys were selected to compete in the National Championships at Dunedin where Johns was second in the 120 Yards Hurdles and Penn and Humphries were placed in their heats.

The custom which is most appreciated by the boys, that is, the hiring of a special train down to Stratford for the popular "Inter-Sec." sports was continued this year. These sports have become a fixture



SCHOOL TEAM: INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS, 1957

## NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS, 1957

EVENT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	TIME, HEIGHT DISTANCE	SCHOOL RECORD
<b>SENIOR—</b>					
<b>Championships</b>					
(a) 100 Yards	R. C. Johns	P. L. Penn	D. W. Geary	10.6sec.	10.4sec. J. R. Watson, 1927
(b) 220 Yards	P. L. Penn	D. W. Geary	M. L. Wellington	23.8sec.	23.3sec., P. L. Penn, 1957
(c) 440 Yards	R. W. Humphries	D. W. Geary	I. A. Barry	54.4sec.	52.4sec. J. A. Ross, 1948
(d) 880 Yards	M. H. Tizard	M. J. Sexton	R. W. Humphries	2min. 2.9sec.	2min. 2.1sec. M. H. Tizard, 1957
One Mile	M. J. Sexton	M. H. Tizard	G. R. Milne	4min. 41sec.	4min. 41sec., M. J. Sexton, 1957
(e) 120 Yards Hurdles	R. C. Johns	W. N. Johnson	T. F. Fookes	15.1sec.	14.8sec., R. C. Johns, 1957
Long Jump	R. C. Johns	K. M. Comber	J. B. Chapman	19ft. 7½in.	19ft. 7½in., A. G. MacIntyre, 1937
High Jump	R. G. Te-Ariki	M. W. Burt	P. G. S. Crichton	5ft. 1in.	5ft. 6¾in., J. C. Gordon, 1929
Hop, Step and Jump	R. G. Te-Ariki	A. J. W. Hills	J. B. Chapman	40ft. 2in.	43ft. 6in., L. J. Croxson, 1952
Throwing the Discus	R. A. Hodges	R. N. Gardiner	F. S. Ropati	104ft. 6½in.	130ft. 11½in., J. K. Lay, 1955
Putting the Shot	F. S. Ropati	R. G. Te-Ariki	A. Wendt	38ft. 3½in.	43ft. 0½in., J. K. Lay, 1955
Throwing the Javelin	R. G. Te-Ariki	T. R. Burgess	F. S. Ropati	147ft. 4in.	175ft. 8in., J. K. Lay, 1955
<b>Handicaps</b>					
100 Yards	K. M. Comber	I. A. Ross	R. J. Brooking	10.8sec.	
220 Yards	I. A. Ross	A. G. Aitken	K. M. Comber	24.5sec.	
440 Yards	H. W. Wilson	C. W. B. Hamilton	P. J. Woodcock	53.9sec.	
880 Yards	L. J. Pauling	G. R. Milne	M. L. Honeyfield	2min. 12.3sec.	
(f) One Mile	D. E. McPherson	G. D. Hayes	W. J. Davies	5min. 3.4sec.	
<b>INTERMEDIATE—</b>					
<b>Championships</b>					
(g) 100 Yards	T. N. Wolfe	A. M. Harris	W. A. Johnstone	11.0sec.	10.6sec. J. C. C. Kjestrup, 1937
220 Yards	T. N. Wolfe	A. M. Harris	H. W. Lilley	24.7sec.	24.2sec., O. A. Greensill, 1948
(h) 440 Yards	T. N. Wolfe	W. A. Johnstone	A. M. Harris	55.8sec.	55.2sec., D. G. Lloyd, 1953
(i) 880 Yards	P. W. Savage	B. N. Patten	J. J. Rothery	2min. 12.2sec.	2min. 11.3sec., B. N. Patten, 1956
(j) 120 Yards Hurdles	W. A. Johnstone	A. M. Harris	B. A. Masters	16.2sec.	15.4sec., R. C. Johns, 1956
(k) Long Jump	T. N. Wolfe	A. M. Harris	S. Mataio	18ft. 5in.	20ft. 8½in., C. C. Kjestrup, 1937
Hop, Step and Jump	A. M. Harris	T. J. Clegg	S. Mataio	37ft. 1in.	40ft. 2in., J. K. Lay, 1953
(l) High Jump	M. S. Croxson	R. D. Clarke	R. D. Gordon-Stables	4ft. 10in.	5ft. 2½in., A. A. Keller, 1932
Throwing the Discus	L. F. Whittle	T. Iaone	T. I. Russell	96ft. 1½in.	120ft. 3in., R. A. Hodges, 1956
Putting the Shot	T. Iaone	J. Ruru	T. I. Russell	37ft. 11½in.	38ft. 6in., F. P. Bennett, 1955
<b>Handicaps</b>					
100 Yards	J. J. Rothery	A. J. Crofsky	J. W. Hughes	11.2sec.	
220 Yards	O. R. Woodhouse	P. Riley	R. A. Fowles	26.3sec.	
440 Yards	M. J. Reid	O. R. Woodhouse	B. W. Taylor	58.8sec.	
880 Yards	J. M. Miller	I. K. Gray	W. M. Whiteford	2min. 8.8sec.	
(n) One Mile	P. W. Savage	M. J. Reid	J. M. Miller	4min. 51.6sec.	
<b>JUNIOR—</b>					
<b>Championships</b>					
(o) 100 Yards	G. J. Harrold	K. L. Wakelin	T. Loorparg	12.1sec.	11.4sec., A. R. Hill, 1954
220 Yards	G. J. Harrold	R. J. Hickey	K. L. Wakelin	27.4sec.	25.5sec., T. N. Wolfe, 1956
(m) 440 Yards	K. L. Wakelin	R. L. Sexton	T. Loorparg	62.2sec.	58.6sec., T. N. Wolfe, 1956
880 Yards	K. L. Wakelin	R. L. Sexton	G. P. Lyford	2min. 27sec.	2min. 24.4sec., B. N. Patten, 1955
80 Yards Hurdles	R. G. McCutcheon	L. T. Bregmen	R. H. T. Hamilton	13.6sec.	New Event
High Jump	R. G. McCutcheon	D. R. Martin	B. Coleman	4ft. 8in.	4ft. 10in., R. A. Clarke, 1956
Long Jump	T. Loorparg	K. L. Wakelin	R. J. Hickey	15ft. 0in.	17ft. 5in., T. N. Wolfe, 1956
<b>Handicaps</b>					
100 Yards	J. M. Scott	N. M. Hayton	R. Hall	12.2sec.	
220 Yards	H. T. Mills	B. S. Knuckey	M. W. Crook	27.0sec.	
880 Yards	P. R. Honeyfield	J. S. Halcombe	H. T. Mills	2min. 23.7sec.	
<b>Other Events</b>					
75 Yards, Under 13½	D. B. Wood	R. Hall	C. W. Bussell	9.6sec.	
100 Yards, Under 13½	D. B. Wood	J. W. Ryan	W. J. Lobb	12.9sec.	
220 Yards, Under 13½	D. B. Wood	P. A. Johns	D. C. Irvine	29.0sec.	
Boarders v. Day Boys Relay	Boarders P. L. Penn D. A. Wallis D. W. Geary M. L. Wellington F. S. Ropati T. F. Fookes			1min. 10.2sec.	
(p) Old Boys' Race	C. Keig	G. J. Patten	R. Mells	11.5sec.	

### TROPHIES INDEX—

- (a) Old Boys' Cup.
- (b) Herbert Smith Cup.
- (c) Old Boys' Shield.
- (d) Mason Memorial Cup.

- (e) Mr. Noakes' Cup.
- (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.



## ATHLETICS

that the public and competitors look forward to with understandable enthusiasm. This year's sports were held in ideal conditions which were reflected in no small way by the quality of performances registered by those taking part. School athletes performed with distinction, particularly so in the senior track events where all the titles were won by School. In the senior section three records were established and these were by R. Johns in the 120 Yards Hurdles and L. Penn in the 100 Yards and 220 Yards. Titles were won by M. Burt (High Jump), M. Sexton (One Mile), R. Johns (100 Yards, 120 Yards Hurdles and Long Jump), L. Penn (220 Yards), M. Tizard (880 Yards) and R. Humphries (440 Yards). In addition the relay team of L. Penn, D. Geary, M. Wellington and R. Johns broke the existing record for the event. The intermediate section provided us with one record by I. Tagipo in the Shot and four titles with N. Wolfe winning the 100 Yards, M. Harris the 220 Yards, W. Johnstone the 120 Yards Hurdles and I. Tagipo the Shot Put. The juniors were perhaps a little outclassed but G. Harrold won the 100 Yards and 220 Yards quite convincingly.

A trip was made to Pukekohe prior to the "Inter-Sec." Sports and School athletes ran against those from Auckland schools. As this event is commonly termed a "picnic" meeting there was not much significance attached to it but it provided a handy comparison and our athletes performed creditably, the principal win being in the senior relay. Special thanks must go to Mr. Humphries for providing boys with transport at great inconvenience to himself.

The School athletic season came to a close with the running of the Hansard sports in conjunction with the Jubilee celebrations. The cup was convincingly won by Central, which nearly doubled the score of its nearest rival, Pridham. Fine performances were put up by R. Johns in breaking his hurdles record and equalling the existing 440 Yards record, and M. Tizard in breaking his own 880 Yards record.

The School is particularly indebted to the New Plymouth A.A. and C.C. for providing not only officials and sporting equipment for the School sports but also the opportunities for boys to compete with them and in provincial championships. The dining room staff added to the harmony of the sports by catering for parents, officials and visitors and not enough can be said in thanking them for this effort.

Taken all in all the School can look back on a most successful season and the promise and ability shown by the younger boys augurs well for the future of athletics in the School.

P. L. Penn.

## THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE JUBILEE

Accommodation was difficult to obtain during the Easter week-end but one ageing Old Boy overcame his difficulty by booking in at a nursing home. Some of the services would no doubt be most acceptable.

At many functions the organisers had some difficulty in persuading enthusiastic Old Boys that the function was over and that it was time to go home. At the Jubilee Ball closing time was delayed while seven husky Old Boys in dinner jackets or tails demonstrated the advantages of the two-three-two scrum.

## STEEPLECHASE

Owing to bad weather on the Friday the Steeplechase was held on Monday, October 21st. The courses, starting from the top ground, were the same as usual except that they went via the back of Carrington House to the School farm. The distances were approximately one and a-half miles for Juniors, two miles for Intermediate and three miles for Seniors

Weather conditions were very favourable and the track surprisingly dry.

A fine performance was recorded by M. J. Sexton, who took first place and recorded a very fast time in the Senior event. The Intermediate event was won by M. J. Reid by about ten yards from D. E. Smith and the Junior event was won comfortably by D. W. Gadsby.

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

### SENIOR

M. J. Sexton (scr.), 17min. 3sec.	1
I. K. Roebuck (80sec.), 17min. 9sec.	2
R. W. Humphries (30sec.), 17min. 30sec.	3
L. J. Harris (120sec.), 17min. 48sec.	4
M. H. Tizard (40sec.), 17min. 54sec.	5
L. J. S. Pauling (90sec.), 17min. 56sec.	6
M. L. Honeyfield (90sec.), 18min. 4sec.	7
T. J. Clegg (40sec.), 18min. 10sec.	8
B. N. Patten (40sec.), 18min. 13sec.	9
R. M. Dodd (50sec.), 18min. 24sec.	10

Then followed: J. S. Workman, P. K. Koorey, J. J. Rothery, T. M. Reid, A. J. Campbell, R. M. Fenwick, J. C. Horrill, B. R. Burke, M. M. Colson.

### Fastest Times:

M. J. Sexton, 17min. 3sec.	1
R. W. Humphries, 18min.	2
I. K. Roebuck, 18min. 29sec.	3
M. H. Tizard, 18min. 34sec.	4
T. J. Clegg, 18min. 50sec.	5
B. N. Patten, 18min. 53sec.	6
R. M. Dodd, 19min. 16sec.	7
A. J. Campbell, 19min. 25sec.	8
R. M. Fenwick, 19min. 44sec.	9 =
J. S. Workman, 19min. 44sec.	9 =

### INTERMEDIATE

M. J. Reid (80sec.), 10min.	1
D. E. Smith (100sec.), 10min. 15sec.	2
J. M. Miller (60sec.), 10min. 25sec.	3
R. C. Rayward (80sec.), 10min. 27sec.	4
M. F. Jagusch (70sec.), 10min. 37sec.	5
G. J. Dravitzki (120sec.), 10min. 42sec.	6
N. J. Duncan (60sec.), 10min. 44sec.	7
I. L. Armstrong (80sec.), 10min. 47sec.	8
J. J. Bowers (70sec.), 10min. 49sec.	9
A. A. Walker (110sec.), 10min. 58sec.	10

Then followed: P. R. Carr, P. B. Perreau, J. Morine, C. J. Finikin, J. O. Jeffery, J. F. Roy, R. C. Wildermath, W. A. Mills, P. A. McNeice, A. G. Mackay.

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### Fastest Times:

M. J. Reid, 11min. 20sec.	1
J. M. Miller, 11min. 25sec.	2
L. Death, 11min. 30sec.	3
N. J. Duncan, 11min. 44sec.	4
R. C. Rayward, 11min. 47sec.	5 =
M. F. Jagusch, 11min. 47sec.	5 =
J. F. Roy, 11min. 50sec.	7
D. E. Smith, 11min. 55sec.	8
J. J. Bowers, 11min. 59sec.	9
W. A. Mills, 12min. 3sec.	10

### JUNIOR

D. W. Gadsby (70sec.), 8min. 29sec.	1
D. C. Harvey (50sec.), 8min. 40sec.	2
P. S. Thomas (80sec.), 8min. 41sec.	3
L. Birks (80sec.), 8min. 44sec.	4
G. R. Fowles (50sec.), 8min. 46sec.	5
G. M. Dryden (100sec.), 8min. 48sec.	6
R. J. Crow (80sec.), 8min. 53sec.	7
J. R. Beazley (50sec.), 9min.	8
K. A. Carey-Smith (70sec.), 9min. 1sec.	9 =
R. E. Cottam (50sec.), 9min. 1sec.	9 =

Then followed: E. P. Hey, J. D. Goodey, A. Hoffman, I. R. Cook, P. S. Simcock, M. P. Berge, A. M. Johnston, H. Vyver, R. W. Hibbel.

### Fastest Times:

H. Vyver, 9min. 26sec.	1
D. C. Harvey, 9min. 30sec.	2
G. R. Fowles, 9min. 36sec.	3 =
R. L. Sexton, 9min. 36sec.	3 =
D. W. Gadsby, 9min. 39sec.	5
J. D. Goodey, 9min. 41sec.	6
C. W. T. Henderson, 9min. 46sec.	7
J. R. Beazley, 9min. 50sec.	8 =
A. J. Roebuck, 9min. 50sec.	8 =
R. E. Cottam, 9min. 51sec.	10

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—With regards to the notices in Assembly, I think this excellent idea has a major defect. This concerns bus boys who often arrive after Assembly and thus fail to know what has been announced. When a boy asks his friends what notices there were how often is he told "I can't remember." This is natural because boys remember only what concerns them. In my opinion important announcements should be placed on the notice-boards.

Hoping that some action will be taken.

I am, etc.,

"Disgruntled," 6B.

## THE RETIREMENT OF THE HEADMASTER

The retirement of Mr. McNaught brings to a close another era in the history of the School and it is not without sadness that all those who know him contemplate next year without him. We take farewell of him as we would an old friend, grateful for the thousands of acts of service he has performed for the School and the individuals in it, boys and staff, and conscious of our own sense of loss. We wish him and Mrs. McNaught many prosperous and happy years of retirement and are glad to know that they intend to remain in New Plymouth so that their connection with the town and the School will not be entirely broken.

Tributes to the services of both of them have already been paid in the Jubilee Number and in the "Whistle." These are here reprinted as a sincere form of acknowledgment of the length and value of those services:

### GIFFORD JOHN McNAUGHT, D.S.O., E.D., M.A., HEADMASTER 1942-1957

The School's third Headmaster, Mr. G. J. McNaught, took over the control of the School at the beginning of the third term, 1942, and after fifteen years of devoted service retires on superannuation at the end of 1957. He came here with a distinguished record as a soldier, athlete and scholar. He was educated at the Wanganui Technical College and Otago Boys' High School. At both these schools he was a prefect and captain of the First Fifteen and First Eleven. He later gained his B.A. degree at Otago University and his M.A. at Victoria College, Wellington. He represented Otago University at Rugby, but he is best known as an athlete as a five-eighth in the famous New Zealand Army Team which at the conclusion of the First World War won the King's Cup against all-comers in Great Britain in 1919 and then toured South Africa. He has maintained his interest in cricket and finds relaxation these days at golf.

Mr. McNaught has had a distinguished military career. As a secondary school boy in 1912 he was one of a team of twenty cadets chosen to represent New Zealand in Canada in drill and shooting competitions against teams from all parts of the Empire. Although not of military age he succeeded in getting away to the 1914-18 war. He won his commission from the ranks while serving with a machine-gun unit in France. On his return he maintained his interest in military affairs while on the staff of Wellington secondary schools and when the Second World War broke out he left as 2 I.C. of the 22nd Battalion. With the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel he served in Crete on the Staff, and then commanded the 25th Battalion. He saw service in the desert, where his coolness under fire, able leadership and constant care for the welfare of his men made him one of New Zealand's best-known soldiers and gained for him the D.S.O. for gallantry in action. While trying to rally his battalion at the battle of Sidi Rezegh in December, 1941, he was severely wounded three times, bullets penetrating both knees and his thigh. These wounds caused him to be invalided home.

His teaching career began in 1922 when he joined the staff of Wellington College, and in 1926 he went to Hutt Valley High School. He became first assistant there in 1933, and held that position until he went away with the 2nd N.Z.E.F. in 1939. On his return from active service he was appointed Headmaster of this School and took over his duties in September, 1942.

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No man could have faced a more difficult task than he in following in the footsteps of his great predecessor. He was of course, quite aware of this and knew that the eyes of New Plymouth and of the Old Boys of the School would be focused on all he did and said. For a time it was inevitable that comparisons and criticisms would be made, but it is greatly to his credit that he maintained the same coolness and self-confidence as he had shown under fire in the Libyan desert, and gradually gained the confidence and appreciation of all those who have the best interests of the School at heart. Under his leadership the School has not only upheld its previous fine reputation, but has also gone on to further progress and new heights of achievement.

He has always been very conscious of the traditions of the School, and quite early he announced that he had found them good and that he would make changes only if he considered them necessary, and if such changes had the approval of the Board of Governors, staff, present pupils and Old Boys. It is true then to say that there has been no break in our way of life, in our traditions, and any minor changes that have been made have been for the good of the School.

Mr. McNaught has been most active in promoting the material welfare of the School. The southern block of classrooms, known to Old Boys as "The Morgue," has been completed with the addition of five fine rooms. The woodwork block has been extended by the construction of a drawing room and a metal-work shop. In the main building cloak rooms have been provided, a splendid central heating system introduced, a spacious new Common Room now caters for the staff, and the VI Form now occupies the old, while the Headmaster and his secretary have commodious quarters. In the boarding houses married and assistant masters have better equipped rooms, and Niger House has been purchased to take more boarders. A fine modern laundry, which does the work for both the Boys' and Girls' Schools replaces the old building. The baths have been connected up with the city water system and a filtration plant installed. The Gully ground, owing to subsidence, has been regraded. Mr. McNaught has also thrown his weight and that of the School into the fine efforts of the Old Boys' Association to collect funds, which have resulted in the erection of two magnificent buildings, the W. H. Moyes Memorial Cricket Pavilion and the War Memorial. He has always taken pride in the beauty of the environs of the School, and although many trees have had to be sacrificed to make room for new buildings, he has planted a new tree for every one cut down. He has given much of his time during holidays in doing manual labour to keep the grounds in good order.

On the playing fields the School has maintained its reputation for the quality of its football; more boys are playing cricket now than ever before and the overall standard is good; hockey and soccer now find a place in our games. But perhaps the greatest improvement has been in athletics. First-class athletes on the staff have introduced modern methods of training and so brought about a greater interest among the boys and a consequent improvement in athletic standards. Swimming and tennis too are in a flourishing state. Mr. McNaught has always been in favour of the house system in running our games, and he has given encouragement to the previously neglected country boys by forming them into Country House and enabling them to take a greater part in the athletic life of the School.

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It is on the cultural side that the School has perhaps made its greatest advance. The standard of music has been so improved that the School, in conjunction with the Girls' High School, has been able to present each year to the public of New Plymouth a very fine Festival of Music. The Brass Band and the Orchestra are also in a flourishing state and playing their part in the cultural life of the School. The Drama Club has produced some excellent plays and new societies recently formed are the Tramping Club, Chess Club, Forest and Bird Society, and a junior branch of the S.P.C.A. Mr. McNaught has always been in favour of religion in the School and has himself taken several forms in Bible reading lessons. He has introduced the singing of hymns as part of the daily morning prayers service, and with the Principal of the Girls' School has initiated a combined boys' and girls' service at St. Mary's on Sunday mornings.

The general standard of scholarship in the School is sound. Mr. McNaught is not one who believes that the main effort of the teaching staff should be concentrated on the winning of University Scholarships. Nevertheless, as the School's Honours Boards show, the number of these scholarships gained during his Headmastership has been well up to the former average. On the other hand he has devoted much time and thought to recasting the curriculum so that it confers the greatest good on the greatest number, and the average boy receives as much care and attention as the more brilliant. He has also given great encouragement to the slower pupils. The results accruing from this policy and the fact that our Old Boys are fully maintaining at the University the School's reputation for sound scholarship, are a source of great pride to the Headmaster and a complete justification of his educational ideals.

Mr. McNaught has taken a great interest in the Old Boys' Association, as he realises that no school can remain great unless it has the loyal support of its former pupils. Every year he has travelled long distances to attend Old Boys' functions, and his presence together with that of other masters, has been of the utmost value in maintaining the interest of Old Boys in their old School.

In spite of his manifold duties at the School, he has found time to make a valuable contribution to the life of the community. He has done fine work for Heritage, both as a member of the Executive and the President of the Taranaki branch. He has been an active worker for the Crippled Children's Society and served on its committee. The well-known path through the bush at Pukekura Park, known as Saxton's Walk, was constructed largely by him and a team of senior boys whom he took with him to the park on Saturday mornings. At the national level he has been President of the N.Z. Secondary School Teachers' Association, a member of the N.Z. Cadet Advisory Council, education representative of the Rehabilitation Department, and a member of the selection board for bursaries at Massey College. In such high regard is he held by the Education Department that he has frequently been called to Wellington to take part in educational conferences of the highest importance. All this work he has carried out quietly without ostentation, for he is not a seeker after publicity.

In all his work he has been greatly assisted by Mrs. McNaught. The position of wife of a headmaster of a great school is no sinecure, but Mrs. McNaught has carried out her duties with great ability; and in

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presiding at the many social functions she has endeared herself to all by her kindness and charm of manner. Many boys and masters, including the writer of this article, have reason to be grateful for many kindnesses extended to them by Mrs. McNaught, and everyone connected with the School will join in wishing both Mr. and Mrs. McNaught every happiness in their approaching retirement.

From the foregoing it will be seen that much progress has been achieved during Mr. McNaught's regime. But what of the man himself? The writer was privileged to serve on his staff for some twelve years, the latter part of which as his first assistant, and thus may claim to have a better knowledge of him than most people, and I think too that most of my contemporaries will agree with what I write. His foremost quality, I think, is his integrity. We have always found him a man of his word, a man of high ideals, a man who can be depended on under all circumstances. Secondly his calmness and courage in times of stress and difficulty. He never panics, but says or does what he considers is just and right whether it conflicts with public opinion or not. Thirdly his kindness. I have never heard him speak a harsh word to anyone or about anyone. Both boys and masters know that they can go to him in the sure knowledge that they will receive a kind and sympathetic hearing. At all times he has devoted himself to the welfare of all. Lastly his self-effacement. One could not imagine a person more selfless. He takes no credit for himself but bestows it on others, and he abhors the limelight. But do not think that his kind and gentle nature betokens a weakness in administration. In his work he is most efficient and likes efficiency in his subordinates. Despite his long service in the Army he is not a strict disciplinarian of the old type; he looks with tolerance upon the indiscretions and escapades of youth, but he can be quite ruthless if any one offends against the moral code, as some boys and parents have found to their cost. He has led the School not by the cane but by his own splendid example. Many a time as I have sat looking at his upright figure when he was addressing the School at morning assembly I have felt: "How fortunate the School to have this man, as straight in character as in bearing, as its Head!" Yes, indeed, a great Headmaster worthy of a great School.

A. J. Papps.

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During seventy-five years the School has had only three Headmasters. It is the third of these, Mr. McNaught, whom we farewell this year. Mr. McNaught is a man of many facets. Throughout New Zealand he is known as a sportsman, soldier and headmaster, and his associates know him as a gentleman.

### The Sportsman:

He was a prefect and captained the First XV and Cricket XI at both Wanganui Tech. and Otago Boys' High. He left school to enter (under age) the Army. At the close of the war he played football for the New Zealand Army Team which toured Great Britain, France and South Africa. It was in Cape Town that a bad knee injury ended his football career. He also played cricket for Otago University.

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### The Soldier:

At fifteen years of age he was one of twenty New Zealand cadets who went to Canada. From a machine-gun unit in France he rose from the ranks to a commission in the First World War. In the Second World War as Lieutenant-Colonel he was wounded in the Libyan battle, being shot through both knees and the thigh, but he refused to retire until he had informed his relieving officer of the position. As Colonel McNaught he maintained both the respect and the liking of his battalion, so remarkable were his powers of leadership. Shortly before he took up his post as headmaster he was awarded the D.S.O. for "conspicuous gallantry." It is not commonly known that he still suffers from some pain in his knees and finds sleep difficult in winter.

### The Headmaster:

The headmaster, then, is a man with a very wide range of experience. Well-travelled himself, he believes in the same for his pupils and the School has been well represented overseas by boys. This background gives him a broadness of vision and an essence of maturity not usually associated with members of the teaching profession. Over and above the "gentleman" in Mr. McNaught are further distinctive traits. It is reputed that he went into battle smoking a pipe, and something of the same imperturbability is always apparent in the head. This imperturbable calm gives him a consistency, so that he is always very approachable.

His every action is scrupulously fair, typified by an exhaustive thoroughness, and tempered with a Scottish caution and foresight. Disrespect of School property was once rife and eventually Mr. McNaught all but solved the problem by his insight in having the whole interior of the place redecorated. Such projects as the School laundry and re-levelling of the bottom ground, owe their success to Mr. McNaught's foresight and acumen. With certain other masters he spends much of his holiday working in the School grounds, showing a typical devotion to duty.

As a nationally important figure the Head has time and again aroused controversy. He does not favour boxing, and refuses to take any game as more than a game. He once created a stir by saying money is one of the most important things in life.

Mr. McNaught has always been very conscious of the influence of Mr. Moyes in the School, which has grown to almost legendary proportions. "Bill" Moyes, who thought very highly of his successor, once said that people thought more of himself than his worth. He saw that the job of Headmaster from his time on would call not so much for a man of his go-ahead and pioneering ways, but more for a consolidating and refining influence. He saw that the School even then reaching the limits of expansion, would call for a pilot rather than a captain, and in his own picturesque phraseology he pitied the new headmaster his job as a "rubber stamp."

True, Mr. McNaught has adopted a far less spectacular role in School life, but a role which is equally forceful in its way as that of his predecessor. The good reputation which the School earned during the



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Moyes era has unquestionably been sustained, and in many ways has been enhanced. Many masters feel that the general tone of the School has never been higher.

With a roll of over 900, few boys come into anything more than an "Assembly" contact with the Head. As a result some boys gain a wrong impression of him. When Mr. McNaught takes knife, fork and spoon in an evening Assembly and accepts, waiting in silence, the laughter of the boarders with a benign smile, many would see a weakness in his attitude. Here is a headmaster who deigns to pick up paper as he walks about the grounds. Such actions typify the quiet reserved dignity of the man, which paradoxically lies largely in the fact that nothing is "infra dig." Some boys, however, are blind to the character of these actions and so tend to disrespect their Head, which is a great misfortune.

Pressure of work, a desire to interfere as little as possible in the work of his subordinates, and a large roll, have made it virtually impossible for the Head to know well more than a few of the boys. Added to this, the work of the Headmaster is largely administrative. It has been said that he was once fairly shy; certainly he has a typically Scotch undemonstrative nature. Perhaps this, in part, explains his very reserved standpoint in the School. It was once his custom to lunch in the dining room, but pressure of work so delayed him that he eventually burdened his wife with his irregular habits, so that the boys see very little of him. From the boys' point of view it is perhaps tragic that contact between ourselves as the pupils and Mr. McNaught as Head, has been regrettably small, and that far too few appreciate to the full the man who is their Headmaster.

Although one should never take popularity as the criterion of success for a master, it is worth recording from a brief survey the views of the boys. The seniors overwhelmingly like and respect their Head, as do most of the juniors. Some juniors frankly admit that they do not know him, and a very few dislike him for no better reason than that he is Headmaster. Boys who have been in "hot water" with the Head are more sad than most that he is leaving. The most popular opinions of Mr. McNaught vary. Many—these are the boys who understand and respect more easily a strict disciplinarian of the old type—feel that he is "too easy," while others think he is too strict in some respects. His most unpopular ruling seems to be on 11.15 p.m. finish of dances.

All, however, staff, pupils, Old Boys and associates will agree that the School will sustain a great loss in the retirement of Mr. McNaught, now probably New Zealand's senior headmaster. On his great and varied achievements we all congratulate him and the Whistle Committee and 4G1 would like to join the School in wishing Mr. and Mrs. McNaught a long and happy retirement in New Plymouth.

M. W. Burt.

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## THE RETIREMENT OF MR. W. G. WILKIE

This year the School learned with regret that Mr. Wilkie had decided to make the year his last one at this School. In very few cases is the entirety of a teacher's service confined to a single school, but in Mr. Wilkie's case, he has not only had an unbroken teaching career at New Plymouth Boys' High School, but he also attended the School as a pupil for the whole of his secondary education. We are all sad to see him leave but are glad to record that his retirement is not forced by ill-health and that his record of service to the School has drawn to a natural close.

Born in Kaponga, Mr. Wilkie at an early age shifted to New Plymouth and in his early years attended the Hurworth Primary School in Upper Carrington Road. New Plymouth Boys' High School was his next step, and he remained here from 1910 to 1912, gaining a place in the Second XI and playing tennis with proficiency. He did not intend to teach when he left school but was more interested in electrical engineering so he joined the Electricity Department of the New Plymouth Borough Council. A serious accident made it impossible for him to continue with the trade so he returned to School in 1918 to be coached for his teaching exams. He began to teach at this School in 1919, teaching English, Maths. and French and, because Mr. Moyes thought boys should know something about them, he introduced Electricity and Magnetism.

It is true to say that almost every boy who has passed through the School has at some period been taught by Mr. Wilkie, and sons of Old Boys are usually astounded at the knowledge he displays about their own fathers.

Mr. Wilkie's interests in and out of school activities have been many and varied. When attending the High School, cricket and tennis took up most of his time while as a school teacher he took a great delight in pig shooting and went for many trips in the Rerekapa area, staying at Mr. Moyes' sheep farm. His interest in shooting also led him to coach target shooting in this School for a number of years.

Outdoor activities seem to have held a peculiar fascination for Mr. Wilkie as most of his spare time has been spent camping at Mohakatino. His equipment has grown from a small tent to a well-equipped cottage and when he is in residence the whitebait in the river keep a wary eye in his direction.

Radio sets present another form of pastime for Mr. Wilkie and his first regenerative set was built in 1924. In the days when Australian stations were the only ones that could be received, his electrical ability enabled him to obtain almost static-free reception.

Mr. Wilkie has long been associated with the "Taranakian," being general editor from 1919 to 1925 and business manager, except for short intervals, ever since.

Mr. Wilkie, affectionately known as "Wattie," has been a Housemaster in both Moyes and Carrington and has for the past ten years been Housemaster of East House. He has also had the unique experience of being in charge of two dormitories in the racecourse buildings, an arrangement made necessary by the fire in 1924.

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When Mr. Wilkie leaves this year he will be severing an active connection of 47 years with the School. He has the distinction of being a pupil under Mr. Pridham, a master under Mr. Moyes and Mr. McNaught and ends his service as Mr. Webster takes over.

In fact Mr. Wilkie has become so much a part of the School and its history that the news of his retirement comes as a great shock to all of us. In the words of the Chairman of the Old Boys' Association, "It is another of the Old Guard gone." The deep significance of this phrase expresses perfectly the position that Mr. Wilkie holds in the annals of the School and its history.

A man of integrity, Mr. Wilkie has made his presence felt, not in any obvious or intentional ways, but by setting such a fine example to those around him, both masters and boys. His high moral code and his fundamental sense of decency have earned him the respect and admiration of thousands of pupils of this School. He has always shown a keen interest in his pupils and endeavoured to make each and every one of them feel at home. Who of us did not look forward to his little interesting digressions, when he would lay his chalk and duster down for a moment and talk to us about the School, ourselves, and the past. This personal bond was achieved without any loss of dignity or of discipline because we were all aware of a basic high standard of conduct, a standard which was contagious. Mr. Wilkie's pupils were always confident of his sympathy and understanding and felt the warmth and essential humanity of his personality. He was not only a master, but also a friend.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie we extend our warmest wishes for a well-earned retirement and hope that in the years to come their association with the School may continue.

R. M. Dodd.

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### CHAPEL NOTES

The services this year have been conducted by Canon K. Liggett and the Rev. R. Eades. After the modification of last year's services there was again a slight change this year at the request of the senior boys. Communion is not now taken at St. Mary's during the Young People's Service but boarders attend a service in the School Library every first Sunday in the month.

A change was seen this year with the participation of boys in the service. They read the Commandments and the Collects as well as the Lessons, which have been read as usual by the prefects of the boarding houses.

The choir this year has led the singing very creditably under the careful guidance of Mr. L. H. Kerr. The numbers have been fairly strong this year, with a larger number of girls as well.

Classes have been conducted at School by the vicar, the Rev. R. Eades, and the Rev. F. Middlebrook. There have been no hymn practices this year. During the third term Mr. Eades showed slides and gave an interesting talk on St. John's College, the Anglican ministry training school.

This year many boys have attended the 7 p.m. Evensong on Sunday nights and been invited to the Vicarage for supper after the service.

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The most notable event this year was the visit to New Plymouth of a group of boys from St. Stephen's College for Maori boys at Bombay, Auckland, during the Maori-Pakeha week. On the Saturday night they took part in a concert at the Parish Hall which was attended by a few boarders. On the Sunday they sang at all the church services. At the School service the Rev. M. Cameron, the assistant Maori missionary for the Waikato Diocese, preached the sermon.

The annual carol service will be held on the last Sunday of the term. It is hoped also that during the last week of the term an inter-denominational service will be held, to which all pupils leaving School will be invited.

The following is the vicar's message:—

"A headmaster, wondering what advice to give to boys leaving school and wanting it to be telling, short and easily remembered, could not think what to say until the very moment he was entering the School Chapel. There it was on the Chapel door. It said 'Push.' Pleased with the inspiration he addressed the boys: 'Boys, if there is one thing more than another you will need in the life that is before you, it is written on the Chapel door.' At this all heads turned to read what was written there and what they saw to the headmaster's great dismay was 'Pull.'"

"Perhaps the best advice and something we can learn from this story is that given by Lord Baden-Powell as a motto to his scouts: 'Be prepared.' Never do anything in a hurry. Think twice. In thought, word or deed, the results will be better by thinking them over. We have two ears, two eyes and only one mouth, so we should learn to look and listen before we speak. A great weight can be shifted by many so we should learn to consider where our energy can best be applied before we act. Life is full of traps for the unwary. Our text for those leaving school is found in Proverbs 4,26: 'Ponder the path of thy feet and let all thy ways be established.'"

He had the following comments to make concerning the services during the year: "The singing in Church has improved and the quality of reading, saying Commandments and collects has been excellent. I would like to thank all those who have helped during the year."

Confirmation classes were held during the second and third terms. The Confirmation service was held on October 12th in St. Mary's. Those confirmed were: D. T. Alexander, B. J. Allen, R. T. Anderson, I. L. Armstrong, H. R. Baker, W. I. Bamford, M. A. A. Banks, D. Bryant, M. Bryant, W. A. Burton, K. A. Carey-Smith, G. M. Carter, A. J. Casford, A. S. Catchpole, A. B. Davidson, M. A. Davidson, L. Death, M. M. Dickie, J. W. Dyer, P. D. Ekdahl, R. A. Ellis, I. A. Gilmour, R. B. Hedley, R. H. Hicks, P. R. Honeyfield, R. J. Insull, H. G. Johnson, D. E. Jonas, D. S. W. Julian, B. S. Knuckey, N. B. Lange, D. J. Lobb, R. M. Lyndon, B. N. MacDiarmid, B. H. Martin, P. Masson, B. J. G. McCullough, A. J. McKenzie, I. L. Montgomerie, K. G. Neal, R. S. Paton, D. J. Paynter, M. L. Pease, A. W. Pidgion, G. C. Purdie, P. J. Rich, W. Rumball, C. L. Sarten, P. S. Simcock, H. J. Smith, P. J. Smith, J. E. Sole, D. N. Stevenson, A. S. Tarrant, P. J. Tulloch, A. A. Walker.

A. J. W. Hills.

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### CRUSADER NOTES

This, the sixth full year of the Crusader Movement in the School, has been one of interest and variety. Although normal attendances have risen slightly over previous years, the number does not usually exceed thirty. Regular Thursday lunch-hour meetings have continued to be held in the Music Room, and a welcome is extended to any one wishing to attend. In addition to our studies as conducted by Mr. Sanson and Mr. Corkill and group discussions, many outside speakers have varied our programme with interesting material. Our first guest speaker this year was Constable Alf Martin, from London. Speaking to an audience of about sixty the "Hallelujah Cop" gave some very interesting and first-hand accounts of English life both during and after the war.

On June 13th Mr. Walter Sim, a missionary from New Guinea, and incidentally an ex-Southland High School boy, screened a large selection of colour slides on New Guinea. Room 11 was packed to the door, and over seventy watched and listened as he described the life and customs of the natives, who had never seen white men before.

Owing to confused travel arrangements, Mr. Frank Cook, of the Christian radio station, HCJB (the Voice of the Andes) in Quito, Ecuador, was unable to meet a near capacity audience in the Memorial Hall on June 27th. Instead, the Rev. Rushbrook kindly gave a short address. On the following day, however, a special meeting was held, and Mr. Cook, in addition to a short talk, screened a 30-minute film featuring HCJB.

Our last guest speaker was Mr. Frazer Naismith, a Scottish minister. Able and confidently he fully answered from the Bible many questions fired at him by those attending the meeting.

In addition to our guest speakers and normal meetings, three films have been screened throughout the year. These, from the popular "Fact and Faith" series, have drawn record attendances in the Memorial Hall. In order, the films were "God of the Atom," "God of Creation" and "Time and Eternity."

Socially, we commenced on February 28th with a "Sausage Sizzle" and "Eeling Expedition" at a river near Mr. Sanson's residence.

Over twenty attended and a very enjoyable evening resulted. A combined squash with the Girls' High and the Waitara High was held at Waitara, and the meeting was addressed by Mr. Malcolm, the new travelling secretary replacing "Doc" Martin. Though only a few attended, a lively End of Term Squash was held in the Baptist Hall. Finally, an excellent squash was organised by the Waitara Union, and rounded off by a devotional service in the adjacent Anglican Church.

Our very sincere thanks again go to Mr. T. Sanson and Mr. K. Corkill for their unflinching help and instructive talks throughout the year.

All N.P.B.H.S. Crusaders, both present and past, unite to thank Mr. McNaught for the assistance he has given to the Union since its foundation in the School, and we would wish him a very happy retirement.

To Mr. Webster, on his appointment as new Headmaster to our School, we give our heartiest congratulations, and hope that his time as Head of the School may prove enjoyable to him, and profitable to all.

R. L. Edwards.



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### THE CARMINA VERA CHORAL GROUP

This vocal group, formed last year, has made admirable progress and owing to the genuine enthusiasm of the members, has produced some highly polished work. Practices were held at the Girls' High School every Sunday afternoon from two till four-thirty, during which time a great deal was accomplished.

The group, which consisted of many of last year's members supplemented by newcomers, presented their initial programme at the 7th Annual Music Festival, and received warm applause. Their next performance was at the School Concert where they demonstrated their versatility in turning on for the boys some first-rate modern harmonising as well as their skilled presentation of Monteverdi's "Dear Heart When I Behold Thee" and "Three Chorals" by J. S. Bach. The Girls' High School Concert was their next appearance and once again they were very well received. The work accomplished during the year was to a large extent illustrated by an eagerly awaited radio broadcast from Station 2XP in mid-November, a broadcast which proved to be widely appreciated. At present the group is hoping to sing at an evening church service some time before the end of the term.

Works mastered this year are the Madrigals "Shall I Strive With Words to Move" and "What If I Never Speed" by John Dowland, "Spin Spin," a Swedish Traditional, and Monteverdi's "Dear Heart When I Behold Thee," and the "4 Chorales" by J. S. Bach, one of which, the only accompanied piece in the year's work, is yet to be publicly performed. These songs, difficult part pieces, produced and polished to perfection, are no slight achievement for school girls and boys, and yet the group themselves feel that with more time and opportunity at their disposal, they could produce something of professional standard.

The Carmina Vera Choral Group is now an established part of the School's cultural life and is presenting work which is at once stirring and beautiful in its sincerity and intensity.

R. M. Dodd.

### ORCHESTRA NOTES

The Orchestra commenced its 1957 year with a return of 16 of last year's players. During the year 12 boys have joined us to give us a grand total of 28 players, the largest number since the war.

The members of the Orchestra for this year are the following boys:—

First Violins: J. S. Barrett (leader), J. L. Brodie, L. J. Sunde, P. G. Hains.

Second Violins: P. A. Darke, R. N. Lange, A. P. Butler, R. M. Dodd, E. Hey.

Third Violins: J. E. Sole, J. Spellman, M. Fenwick, L. Birks, N. B. Lange, R. Fountain.

'Cellos: P. V. Riddle, D. C. Barrett, G. C. Stace.

Bass: I. D. Lobb, J. C. Horrill.

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

Flute: B. H. Smith.

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

Oboe: N. G. Rush.

Piano: K. J. Deighton.

Practices were carried out during the year on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and Tuesday at lunch-time. A most encouraging feature of the third term rehearsals was the full attendances in spite of examination pressure.

Early in the year an Old Boy, Mr. P. D. Evans, donated a violin to the School. We hope this procedure will be adopted in the future by other Old Boys.

The Jubilee celebration was a memorable occasion for this year's Orchestra, which was required to perform in the open air. It accompanied the singing of the School song, "Comradeship, Valour and Wisdom" during the Roll Call, and was accompaniment for the mass singing of the hymns "O Valiant Hearts," the Twenty-third Psalm (Crimond) and the National Anthem, at the opening of the Memorial Building.

The noted Old Boy, Mr. Billing, attended a practice of the Orchestra during the celebrations and afterwards identified a violin he had made and a 'cello he had repaired. Both instruments are still being used.

The venue of the Boarders' Concert was changed from the School Gymnasium to the new Auditorium, and to enable all to be present, the concert was repeated. The opening performance was received with great enthusiasm, being a fitting end to a great day—the day Taranaki won the Ranfurly Shield. The second night brought to a close one of the School's most successful concerts, credit being due both to the high standard of the performers and to the industry of the stage manager, Mr. Stewart. The concert emphasises the potentialities of the theatre and proves that the limited stage space is no real handicap for the handling of large numbers of performers.

The Orchestra was the mainstay of the serious items, presenting three brackets of numbers. The first bracket included "Festival March," by A. Carse; "Crimond," the Traditional Hymn, and "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes," an old English tune. In the second bracket were a quick air from Handel's "The Water Music," "Assembly Hymn," tune adapted from Beethoven, and "The Ash Grove," a traditional Welsh tune. The final bracket included the English traditional tune, "Oh Dear What Can the Matter Be," and the Sonata in C by Mozart, transcribed for piano and orchestra with soloist, Ian Boese.

Even the most optimistic in the School did not foresee the heights to which the quality and tone of music in the School would rise. This rise has been reflected most noticeably in Morning Assembly when the School sings hymns to the accompaniment of the Orchestra or the Band. The most outstanding hymns were: "Assembly Hymn," "He Who Would Valiant Be," "The King of Love," "Crimond," and "Turn Back O Man."

This year the Orchestra will lose most of its senior members, but the future of the Orchestra is assured by the large core of young players now members.

J. S. Barrett.

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### MUSIC FESTIVAL

Once again the Music Festival was held in the last week of the first term, but this year it was unfortunate that the Opera House was available for only one day. Consequently the Girls' High School Gymnasium was used for one matinee and one evening performance and the shifting of the seating entailed considerable effort for those responsible. It seems a pity that visiting companies have a preference when booking for the Opera House, as three of the four days reserved for the Festival were forfeited to such a company and May 7th was the only available date.

Rehearsals started fairly late in the term but the enthusiasm shown by all concerned soon made up for any lost time and with practices every lunch time the items very quickly took shape. A noticeable swelling in numbers was noted about the time of the first combined practice at the Girls' High School but this always seems to be the custom.

The performance opened with Handel's "Music Spread Thy Voice Around," a difficult arrangement presented with competence by the massed choir. Wallace's "Maritana" followed and proved very popular with the audience, although lacking the finish of the following item, "The Lord's Prayer." This West Indian arrangement was sung most enthusiastically yet with great care and finesse.

The Girls' bracket included a Pastoral Song cycle and "Hansel and Gretel," a two-part song performed with obvious enjoyment and received with according pleasure and interest. The boys presented "White Wings" and Beethoven's "Morning Praise," sung with the help of a willing band of boy sopranos.

The 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 the experienced baton of Mr. W. Komlos, presented three brackets. They included "Barcarolle" (Offenbach), "Air in D Minor" and "Rondo" (Purcell), "Norwegian Suite" and Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance."

Various instrumental groups and soloists were well received and the standard of these items were well up to the standard of past years. In addition to these, the School Pipe Band and Brass Band presented items, and the Brass Band's rendering of "Home Again" on the tune commonly referred to as the "Skool March" was both forceful and awe-inspiring.

The Carmina Vera Choral Group presented a small but delightful bracket of Chorals and Madrigals which were very much appreciated by the more mature audiences and reflected great credit upon those who trained them.

The impression received from this year's Festival was that there is undoubted ability in the schools and that every effort is being made to develop and train that ability. Let us hope that next year we may see a greater number of performances in the New Plymouth Opera House.

R. M. Dodd.



W. G. WILKIE, 1919-1957

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### BRASS BAND

The Band Roll:—

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

**Bass Drum:** L. J. Sunde.

**Side Drum:** J. W. Fitzsimmons, D. N. Hinch, J. Guy, H. G. Rush.

**Cornets:** D. A. Fowler, I. A. Boese, D. M. Smith, E. R. Riley, I. A. Gilmoure, R. H. Tuck.

**Tenor Horns:** K. W. Roberts, J. D. Blackmore, R. J. Peel.

**Baritone:** W. L. Vincent.

**Euphonium:** M. A. Keegan.

**Trombone:** B. T. Simons.

This year the Band got away to a good start by getting five new brass players from the Citizens' Band. 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.

This year the Band was capable of playing in the Music Festival, and owing to a lot of hard practise we put up one of the most popular performances. We played two items. The first was a slow hymn, "Russian Hymn." The second tune was the familiar stirring march, "Home Again."

This year we tried a new scheme for practices. We had two a week, one on Wednesday and the other on Friday. These practices were before school in the morning, starting at 8 a.m. Although most of the players were not punctual, this scheme did prove more successful than no practices at all. They were very convenient because they did not interfere with sporting activities.

The Band usually played for the singing in Prayers once a week. During the first term we usually played "Eternal Father," but later on we built up our repertoire to about six hymns.

During the third term we successfully combined with the Orchestra. This combination enriched some of the beautiful singing of the boys.

Next year should prove very successful because most of the players are coming back.

I. A. Boese.

### LIBRARY NOTES

During the past year there has been a general improvement in the attitude of many of the senior boys towards the Library. This has had a corresponding impact on the junior school who should in the future help considerably to improve the existing standards.

All forms have been able to use the Library in the lunch hour except during the winter term when third and fourth formers used it on Mondays and Wednesdays and the fifth formers on the remaining days. This rule only applied, however, when the Library was over-crowded.

Owing to the generous grant by the Board of Governors, we have bought over four hundred new books, thus enabling any boy to take out

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two books at a time. The Dewey System, which has been in operation for the past two years, is functioning well except that some boys are apt to be careless when replacing books on the shelves.

Early in the year a new set of shelves was placed at one end of the Library and we are also indebted to the ladies of the Sewing Room for providing us with colourful curtains.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking the many Old Boys who donated books throughout the year and also the Brodie family whose gift to the Library of a handsome cabinet containing some of the works of John Brodie was much appreciated. Unfortunately this set is incomplete and we would be grateful for any help in procuring the remaining volumes.

P. C. Rea.

## CADET NOTES

Military activities started on the second day we were back at School when Barracks Week started. As is usually the case the first two days were occupied in the issuing of gear to the third-formers. Progress was generally good and the new recruits soon picked up the basic essentials. One disquieting feature, however, was the fairly low standard, the lack of knowledge and the lack of confidence shown by the junior N.C.O.'s.

Again there was a slight re-organisation of officers. Captain J. A. Clouston took over command of B Company and Lieutenant A. Wilson is now in charge of E Company. Second-Lieutenant D. C. Ball is in charge of the recently reformed Intelligence Platoon. The specialist units—the Medical Unit and the Mortar Platoon—that were formed last year are still active.

The week culminated in a most impressive ceremonial passing-out parade. The salute was taken by a distinguished Old Boy, Group Captain C. A. Turner, Commanding Officer of the R.N.Z.A.F. Station, Ohakea. He complimented the battalion on its turn-out and the R.S.M. on the way he handled the unit, and then spoke of the necessity for a country to be prepared in the event of any threat to its ideals. He also told us of Old Boys stationed at Ohakea and arranged for a squadron of Vampires, piloted by Old Boys, to fly over the School at Easter.

The policy of keeping aside a half-day a month for drill was again continued. The arrangement of the battalion was the same as in previous years. B Company consisted of three platoons of senior boys who covered an extensive syllabus including basic training, fieldcraft, manoeuvres, L.M.G. and rifle training. The fourth platoon consisted of the very active mortar platoon, and the fifth of the intelligence platoon who concentrated on map work. C Company is composed of second year cadets who concentrate on revision of first year and advanced weapon training. The N.C.O.T.U. was again large but very keen and as usual produced a high standard of work. D and E Companies were instructed in basic drill and weapon training fundamentals. They made quite creditable progress for first year cadets.

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This year the traditional Anzac Service at the Memorial Gates coincided with the holiday given to the School after the Jubilee celebrations and the battalion could not parade. Day Boys were asked to attend and a small gathering of onlookers and about 100 boys paraded for a short, simple service. Wreaths were laid by Dr. I. D. Auld, President of the Old Boys' Association, the R.S.M., W.O.I C. W. Hamilton, the Head Day Boy, K. M. Comber, and Captain T. N. S. Watt, on behalf of the staff.

N.C.O. camps were held during the School holidays at Trentham and Linton. In January a senior N.C.O. camp was held at Trentham. It was attended by W.O.I C. W. Hamilton, who took the R.S.M. course; Staff-Sergeant K. M. Comber, who took the drill instructors' course; and Staff-Sergeant D. W. Hinch, who attended the weapon training course and shot second in the camp's L.M.G. shoot. In January and again in August a number of cadets from the N.C.O.T.U. attended a junior N.C.O. promotion course in preparation for next year's vacancies in the battalion.

Thirty-six junior N.C.O.'s sat the sergeant's promotion examination at the end of the year. The standard apart from the top few was not very high and throughout the year the standard had been very low. The main fault is a lack of technique in demonstration and a nervousness in front of the squad.

Results:—

Those qualifying for promotion to Sergeant were: M. S. Croxson, I. G. Stubbs, M. P. Tamati, P. V. Rere, T. N. Wolfe, H. W. Lilley, D. J. Oliver, J. Morine, G. R. Hassell, I. D. Dickson.

The Sole Cup was awarded to the R.S.M., W.O.I C. W. Hamilton and consequently he was examined in October as a candidate for the William Friar Memorial Prize for the top N.C.O. in the Central Military District.

A guard of honour was picked from B Company to parade at the opening of the War Memorial Building and it practised a period every day for a month before the event to be man perfect when the occasion came. It was a hundred strong and coached by N.C.O.'s from the Regular Army and senior instructors from the School and looked most impressive on the day of the ceremony.

The Battalion Parade held in conjunction with the School's Reunion was most impressive. Following a battalion "fall in" on the top ground an impressive ceremonial was carried out before a most appreciative audience of Old Boys. After a full March-Past the parade was handed over to the President of the Old Boys' Association, Dr. I. D. Auld. He addressed the assembled unit and congratulated them and their commanding officer, Major Penney, on the high standard they had produced. It was a fitting reward to the cadets, to their instructors, and ample compensation for the practice that had gone in to it. It ended with an exchange of cheers between the cadets and the Old Boys. It was undoubtedly the highlight of the cadet activities for this year.

D. W. Hinch.

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### A.T.C.

The A.T.C. this year consisted of one Flight Sergeant, three Sergeants, ten Corporals and 72 Cadets and was divided into two flights, one of first year cadets (fourth formers) and the other of fifth formers.

Thirteen new N.C.O.'s were made at the beginning of the year as only one of last year's N.C.O.'s returned. This made things, to start with, a bit difficult but after some concentrated coaching from the two visiting Air Force instructors the N.C.O.'s were soon able to teach foot and rifle drill. The accent in the beginning of this year was on foot and rifle drill in preparation for the parade during the Easter Jubilee celebrations. The usual high standard was attained after a little practice during Barracks Week, a morning's drill once a week and the last period off each day for some weeks.

Dress this year was an improvement on previous years, probably because all cadets had to have a complete uniform for the Jubilee parade.

Lectures during the year were given on Elementary Navigation, Principles of Flight, Signals (Morse) and other general subjects.

Some cadets went to the usual N.C.O. camp at Ohakea during January and others sat the School N.C.O. promotion examinations.

In the Waterhouse trophy for Shooting, among A.T.C. squadrons we came twelfth out of twenty-one.

We thank Flight-Sergeant Outtrim and Sergeant Minnett for their help during the year.

W. N. Johnson.

### SIGNALS

This year there were the usual large number of applicants, from which about thirty of the keenest were chosen. During Barracks Week a fair standard was reached, the seniors on the radio sets and the juniors practising on the line equipment. Although we practised hard for the annual exercise which was held this year at the mouth of the Waiwakaiho River, the standard was not as high as in previous years. Next year we hope to improve considerably on this.

The year has not been particularly good because of the Easter celebrations, which restricted our first term signals training to marching. This has, however, been beneficial to our marching and rifle drill which has now reached a reasonable standard. Since Easter the training has been restricted further because most of our equipment was being serviced by the Army. We have still to receive some of it back. It is to be hoped that next year we can do far more work on the equipment than has been done this year.

During the year several N.C.O.'s attended training camps at Linton. This helped to raise the standard of instruction. We look forward next year to a very interesting year with plenty of instrument work. This should be fairly easy as most of this year's N.C.O.'s are returning, so a high standard should be within our grasp next year.

D. R. Denham.

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### SHOOTING

The standard of the shooting at School this year has been generally high. We apologise for not publishing the results of this year's championships as the events will be shot after the School examinations. For this reason we are printing the results from last year's .303 championship events.

#### Results—

**McDiarmid Belt** (.303 rifles): N. T. Johnson. Searle Cup 91, Kelly Cup, 60 out of 65. Aggregate 151.

**Searle Cup** (.303 short range): D. C. Crossman 93.

**Kelly Cup** (.303 long range): D. A. Christie, 61 out of 65.

**Hamblyn Cup** (.22 miniature range): Under 17 Championship: K. Gibbons, 51 out of 55.

**Loveday Cup** (.22 Miniature range): Under 15 Championship: I. Hamilton, 51 out of 55.

**McLeod and Slade Cup** (.22 miniature range): Under 14 Championship: J. M. Scott.

This year all cadets have had a shoot in the Classification Shoot, and B. Company have all shot on the long range at Rewa Rewa. By the end of the year all senior pupils will have been on the .303 range.

The School range is now in excellent condition and is functioning very smoothly, thanks to the efficiency of the range staff. It is now possible for a whole company to shoot in less than a day.

In 1956 a School team was entered in the Press Shield competition and in averaging 83.2 the 10 shooters earned a Distinction Award for the Battalion. This was well below the 97 of the winning team, but as this was the first year that School had entered for a long time it was a satisfactory score. Another team shot this year and improved to 85.6, but were disappointed because they had been averaging over 90 in their practice shoots.

We are still a long way from the glories of the 1916-28 era, but because of revised rules it is increasingly difficult for a big School to win the major trophies. We do hope, however, to soon improve our ranking considerably.

D. W. Hinch.

### SOCCER

Five School teams competed in the North Taranaki Soccer competitions this year. The First XI were third in the Acheson Cup competition and second in the Parkinson Cup. The third grade competition was very close as each of the three School teams beat the winners, Waitara, at some stage in the competition.

The School First XI was considered unfortunate to be beaten in the annual match against Wellington College, played in Wellington this year as the curtain-raiser to the test match between the Austrian Fussball Klub Team and New Zealand. School were beaten 2-1 in a very close, hard and fast game played on an ideal ground under near perfect conditions at Athletic Park. School were unfortunate to miss a penalty at a crucial stage of the game. Afterwards the team was treated to a very fine exhibition of power shooting, accurate passing and brilliant ball control by the Austrians in the test match.

## SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS

The annual match against Mt. Albert Grammar, this year played on Western Park, was lost 4-1. The game should have been much closer and possibly in favour of School as Mt. Albert fielded a weaker team than those of recent years. The team lacked the determination to win, this being the deciding factor in School's loss.

Wanganui Technical School fielded a clever team who romped home to win to the tune of 10-1. The game was played at Wanganui on a good ground at Spriggins Park. The School team, depleted because of the Asian 'flu, just did not have the skill and determination to stop the clever Wanganui forwards.

A game against the Waiouru Cadets, played on the racecourse, in the rain, was drawn, one goal each. At the conclusion the School team was treated to a generous meal by the Army at "Te Ara." Another friendly game against Hawera Technical High School was won by School 6-1.

Seven of the First XI were selected to play for the Taranaki Under 16½ Representative Team, and played in a North Island tournament at Hamilton during the August holidays. We congratulate T. Broughton on his selection for the North Island team.

The Inter-House competition for the Holden Cup was won convincingly by East. In the three rounds they scored nineteen goals and conceded three. In the final played on the racecourse East beat West 6-1. The game showed the clear superiority of the East defence whose strong clearing kicks proved to be the stumbling block of the West team.

The prospects appear quite bright for next year as about seven of the younger members of the First Group will probably return and should prove to be quite a good nucleus on which to build a strong team. As well there are several third grade players who show promise and could fill the First Group.

T. R. Burgess.

## HOCKEY NOTES

Hockey is now firmly entrenched among the School's winter sporting activities, and this year fifty boys played to form three regular teams.

The Senior team had a very successful year and won the North Taranaki fourth grade competition. Most of the boys had been in the senior group last year and were well acquainted with the game. As a team, the play in the early part of the season was spoilt by individualist tactics but we soon settled down to form a well-balanced team. The backs were generally safe but the forwards lacked the final drive to score goals.

In the second term J. Clarke, P. Simonson and C. Whittaker were selected for a Taranaki Secondary Schools team after two trial matches.

In the inter-college game against Stratford T.H.S. we lost a very fast game 2-0 as a result of our inability to score goals. Our right wing attack proved very successful in this match.

We travelled to Wanganui this year to play Wanganui Tech. Countless goal-scoring opportunities were thrown away and we were lucky to get a 2-2 draw because of this. The backs played a very solid game. A week after this game the whole team went down with 'flu.

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The game against the Girls' High School was revived this year, and in a very light-hearted game the School team won 7-0. The games against Opunake and Hawera High Schools were not played.

In the August holidays the School team participated in the Hawera section of New Zealand Secondary Schools' tournament. Weakened by an attack of the 'flu we did extremely well in the circumstances because we drew the strongest section of the tournament. We played King's College, Gisborne High School and Hawera Technical School in the first round and although we did not win a game these teams were the cream of the North Island Secondary Schools. We put up a good showing in general play but again could not finish off our movements. P. Simonson was selected for the "tournament team," which was a tribute to his ability as a half.

Junior Hockey under Messrs. Taylor and Macdonald was also of a good standard, although inconsistent attendance at practice never let them attain a high standard. The Third Form team were runners-up in their competition. A mixed fifth grade team beat Stratford Technical High School 4-2 in a game where the left wing G. Jones starred as a goal-scorer.

Next year the Senior team will be greatly weakened by many boys leaving, but there are some promising juniors coming up who will have to realise that practice is very important.

J. E. Penney.

## SWIMMING NOTES

The sports this year were held under perfect conditions. The heat was not too great for the spectators and was very pleasant for those competing. The baths have been greatly improved this year by the addition of a filter plant and by the painting and resealing of the pool. A very noticeable feature of the championship events was the predominance of the Day Boys among the place-getters. The standard of swimming in the School was the highest seen for many years. Central House had an overwhelming majority of the swimming points, gaining 212 points. West with 54½ points was second and East with 34 points third.

J. R. Healy, M. G. Saxton and C. W. Henderson were the winners of the Senior, Intermediate and Junior championships. W. H. Robson was the winner of the Senior Diving, although he was eligible for the Intermediate section. The Intermediate was won by A. G. Pepperell and the Junior by J. C. Coldwell.

Saxton showed himself to be the most promising swimmer in the School by winning all the events he entered in, including the Open Butterfly.

On Wednesday, March 6th, the first Taranaki Inter-Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships were held at the Municipal Baths. Both New Plymouth High Schools dominated their events. Our School won all but three events. Our intermediate boys were perhaps the most outstanding swimmers, the most notable being Saxton and Healy, each one winning three titles. P. B. Strombom swam a very good race to win the 100 Yards freestyle from a Stratford boy. W. H. Robson won the diving in which the standard was very high. This is the first year such a meeting has been held but it was extremely successful and should be so in future years.

## SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS

The titles won by swimmers from the School are:—

### Junior Boys

H. F. Jackson: 50 Yards Breaststroke.  
J. E. Cousins: 50 Yards Backstroke.  
C. W. Henderson: 100 Yards Freestyle.

### Intermediate Boys

J. R. Healy: 100 Yards Freestyle, 100 Yards Backstroke, 220 Yards Freestyle.  
M. G. Saxton: 440 Yards Freestyle, 100 Yards Medley, 100 Yards Breaststroke.

### Senior Boys

P. B. Strombom: 100 Yards Freestyle.  
R. J. Quail: 100 Yards Breaststroke.  
J. S. Barrett: 100 Yards Medley.  
P. J. Chicken: 100 Yards Backstroke.  
The Diving was won by W. H. Robson.

For the second year in succession the School has sent a team to Palmerston North to compete in the North Island Inter-Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships. The team of twelve boys and Mr. Lynch travelled by bus down to Palmerston on Friday, 15th March, and returned on Sunday. Over 40 schools were competing and many close finishes were witnessed and some excellent times recorded. Our School was perhaps the most successful, gaining seven titles and four records.

In the Under 14 Years events, Cousins won the 66 2-3 Yards Backstroke and also the 100 Yards Backstroke, the latter being a record.

In the Under 16 Years events, Saxton did particularly well, winning three events and creating two new records. They were the 100 Yards Breaststroke and the 220 Yards Breaststroke. He also won the Open 133 1-3 Yards Medley.

Two senior titles were won by our swimmers, these being the 220 Yards Breaststroke by Quail in record time, and the 66 2-3 Yards Breaststroke by Chicken.

The School team was: Juniors: J. E. Cousins, C. W. Henderson, W. T. Lawson, D. J. Paynter. Intermediate: R. Cleland, N. G. Henderson, M. G. Saxton. Senior: J. S. Barrett, P. J. Chicken, J. G. Healy, R. J. Quail, P. B. Strombom.

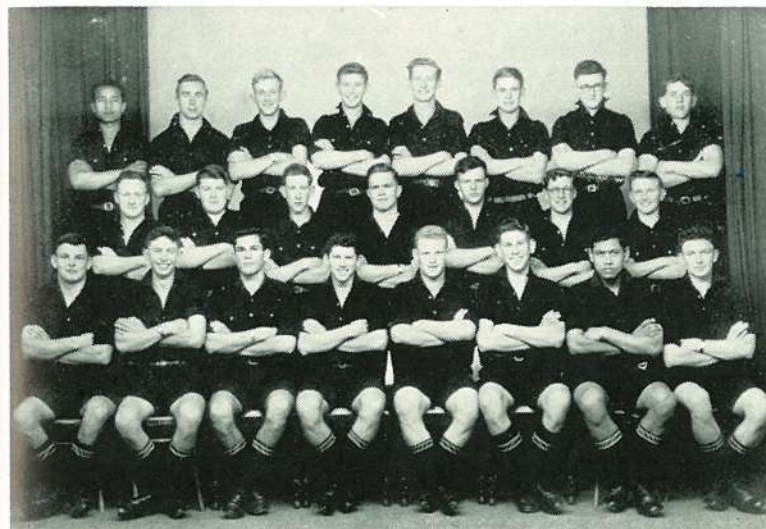
This year's sports have shown that the School has many promising swimmers, especially in the Intermediate and Junior classes, which indicates that the high standard will remain for some years yet. There has been an increase in the number of boarders training for this sport and the School baths are now becoming quite crowded before breakfast with boys training under supervision. Next year, perhaps, we shall see some boarders included in the team for Palmerston North.

The School extends its congratulations to J. S. Barrett for gaining second place in this year's Flannagan Cup.



DAY BOY HOUSE PREFECTS, 1957.

Back Row: R. Ruru, P. C. Rea, D. R. Denham, J. O. Burford, P. B. Strombom, W. M. Wingate, M. D. Grant.  
Front Row: R. M. Clegg, J. B. Chapman, N. J. Dravitzki, P. J. Chicken, R. J. Pitcairn, P. A. Hancock, M. J. Sexton.



BOARDING HOUSE PREFECTS, 1957.

Back Row: A. Wendt, A. S. Wilson, I. M. Green, N. T. Johnson, G. D. Miller, G. M. Sanders, C. D. Griffiths, W. J. Davies.  
Second Row: P. A. Luckstedt, R. S. Pease, M. L. Honeyfield, E. K. Hamilton, I. A. Bayly, G. T. Stubbs, D. A. Lambourne.  
Front Row: J. G. Stubbs, P. J. Woodcock, W. N. Johnson, M. V. Geary, D. W. Geary, R. M. Dodd, R. G. Te-Ariki, W. S. Wakelin.

## SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS

The results of the Annual Swimming Sports are:—

### Freestyle Championships

#### Senior—

- 440 Yards: P. B. Strombom 1, J. G. Healy 2, J. S. Barrett 3. Time, 6min. 3.2sec.  
220 Yards: J. G. Healy 1, P. B. Strombom 2, H. J. Porteous 3. Time, 2min. 42.6sec.  
100 Yards: J. G. Healy 1, P. B. Strombom 2, J. S. Barrett 3. Time, 1min. 3sec.

#### Intermediate—

- 440 Yards: M. G. Saxton 1, J. E. McLean 2, J. Steffensen 3. Time, 6min. 3.2sec.  
220 Yards: M. G. Saxton 1, J. E. McLean 2, R. L. Watkins 3. Time, 2min. 45.4sec.  
100 Yards: M. G. Saxton 1, B. N. Patten 2, R. Cleland 3. Time, 1min. 3.4sec.

#### Junior—

- 220 Yards: C. W. Henderson 1, W. T. Lawson 2, D. J. Paynter 3. Time, 3min. 11.4sec.  
100 Yards: C. W. Henderson 1, W. T. Lawson 2, D. J. Paynter 3. Time, 1min. 15.7sec.  
50 Yards: C. W. Henderson 1, B. A. Cleaver 2, W. T. Lawson 3. Time, 32.4sec.

### Diving

- Senior: W. H. Robson (14.5 points) 1; P. V. Rere (12 points) 2, W. B. Sanderson (8.9 points) 3.  
Intermediate: A. G. Pepperell (14 points) 1, J. G. Stubbs (8.6 points) 2, D. J. McNeile and J. Fredsberg (7.5 points) equal 3.  
Junior: J. C. Coldwell (10.4 points) 1, R. G. Ham (8.6 points) 2, J. W. Richardson (7.9 points) 3.

### Other Events

#### Senior—

- 100 Yards Backstroke: P. J. Chicken 1, J. G. Healy 2, J. S. Barrett 3. Time, 1min. 20.7sec.  
100 Yards Breaststroke: R. J. Quail 1, P. J. Chicken 2, J. Holt 3. Time, 1min. 23.7sec.  
100 Yards Medley: J. S. Barrett 1, P. J. Chicken 2, R. J. Quail 3. Time, 1min. 18.9sec.

#### Intermediate—

- 100 Yards Backstroke: R. L. Watkins 1, H. J. Hosking 2, P. B. Connell 3. Time, 1min. 24.3sec.  
100 Yards Breaststroke: M. G. Saxton 1, N. G. Henderson 2, G. D. Mace 3. Time, 1min. 25.4sec.  
100 Yards Medley: M. G. Saxton 1, R. L. Watkins 2, G. D. Mace 3. Time, 1min. 17.5sec.

#### Junior—

- 50 Yards Backstroke: J. E. Cousins 1, C. W. Henderson 2, P. J. Dempsey 3. Time, 36.6sec.  
50 Yards Breaststroke: D. J. Paynter 1, H. F. Jackson 2, C. W. Henderson 3. Time, 43.6sec.  
100 Yards Medley: C. W. Henderson 1, D. J. Paynter 2, B. A. Cleaver 3. Time, 1min. 26.2sec.



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Open—

**33 1-3 Yards Butterfly:** M. G. Saxton 1, P. B. Strombom 2, J. S. Barrett 3. Time, 20.7sec.

### Relays

**Inter-Form:** 6B 1, 3 P.2 2, 4B 3. Time, 1min. 31.5sec.

**Inter-House:** Central 1, Niger 2, West 3. Time, 1min. 13.7sec.

**Day Boys v. Boarders v. Old Boys:** Day Boys 1, Old Boys 2, Boarders 3. Time, 1min. 50.5sec.

### New Records

**33 1-3 Yards Butterfly:** M. G. Saxton, 20.7sec. (Old Record: D. G. Swan, 21.7sec. (1954).

**100 Yards Freestyle (Intermediate):** M. G. Saxton, 1min. 3.4sec. (Old Record: J. G. Healy, 1min. 6.3sec. (1956).

**100 Yards Backstroke (Senior):** P. J. Chicken, 1min. 20.7sec. (Old Record: P. J. Chicken, 1min. 21.7sec. (1956).

**100 Yards Breaststroke (Senior):** R. J. Quail, 1min. 23.7sec. (Old Record: P. J. Chicken, 1min. 24.4sec. (1956).

P. J. Chicken.

## TABLE TENNIS

The Club had a successful season with a membership of 98. Owing to other School activities many of these members could not play regularly, making it difficult to find enough players for club games.

The standard among the players was high but many of the members were not sufficiently interested to turn up regularly, causing a drop on the previous year's standard.

It was decided that there were not enough experienced players for an "A" grade team in the North Taranaki club competition. Instead two "B's," a "C" and a "D" were entered.

At the end of the season, the places held on the ladder were as follows:—

A. Wendt 1, P. Hector 2, I. Boese 3, P. Rere 4, D. Lambourne 5, M. Wellington 6, W. Shearer 7, P. Fredsburg 8, B. Dickie 9, T. Rumball 10, N. Walter 11, I. Jones 12.

This year there were many competitors in the School championships. The outstanding player was R. Yeates, who took four titles. The results were as follows:—

**Senior Singles:** R. Yeates beat P. Hector 21-16, 21-18.

**Senior Doubles:** R. Yeates and J. Legge beat P. Hector and I. Boese 21-14, 21-14.

**Intermediate Singles:** R. Yeates beat I. Jones 21-12, 21-8.

**Intermediate Doubles:** R. Yeates and A. Banks beat J. Legge and R. Wilson 21-10, 21-12.

**Junior Singles:** C. Prestige beat T. Medley 13-21, 21-18, 21-19.

**Junior Doubles:** C. Prestige and T. Medley beat J. Marsden and C. Dingle.

C. P. Hector.

## SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS

### ROWING NOTES

This year our Club has made considerable progress. A week before School started nine boys came back and laid the foundations for our new shed, which the building boys finished off during the winter term. This showed what could be achieved by a few boys with enthusiasm.

Our rowing this year has been confined to the Waitara River and thus a major problem was transport. We are very grateful for the assistance given to us by many members of the staff. When cars were not available we were transported out to the river at considerable cost to the School.

The eight group for the season was: D. Denham, D. Griffiths, R. Stevens, D. Harries, G. Stubbs, S. Carryer, D. Wilson, R. Hodges, A. Smale with G. Thorrold as cox. At the same time a four was selected consisting of P. Crichton, W. Whiteford, D. Fulton, A. East with J. Jamieson as cox.

Our first competitive venture was at the Waitara Regatta a week after School started. School entered three crews who rowed well but finished well back.

These two crews settled down to hard training in preparation for the forthcoming regattas.

We travelled to Karapiro for the New Zealand Championship meeting and through a misunderstanding the eight was disqualified while the four rowed very well, but found the opposition too strong. We had an enjoyable time and were thrilled when Clifton won the fours championship. At Wanganui we raced again and this time both crews went better.

A fortnight later the two crews went to Auckland, the eight to contest the Maadi Cup and the four the open fours championship. Here we were rowing against crews of our own size and age and as a result our training showed up to better advantage. The eight came home fifth out of a large entry, while the four were lying second when they caught the wash of the officials' launch and could not complete the course. We feel that this was a very good performance because we had only two experienced rowers and the rest were novices, so perhaps even better things can be expected this coming season.

We wish to thank the Clifton Club for the valuable assistance given to us during the year, especially by Mr. B. Old and Mr. G. Topless in the way of extra coaching. Clifton were always ready to help us. They allowed us to take part in their trophy races and they supplied us with boats at the regattas.

We are also indebted to Mrs. Jackson and her staff for their assistance with numerous late meals and lunches.

D. R. Denham.

### GYMNASTIC NOTES

As in former years, special Friday afternoon classes were held. At first, there was a general lack of interest but as the year progressed a greater number attended. This was particularly noticeable after the football season. There was considerable promise shown by many boys towards the end of the year and this augurs well for next year.

## SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS

A squad from the gymnastics class provided an item for the boarders' concert. The Taranaki Gymnastics Championships were held once again in the School gym. at the beginning of November. There were fewer competitors than in previous years but the standard was generally higher. The three top gymnasts in New Zealand were present and they treated spectators to a brilliant exhibition. Set exercises were of greater difficulty than in previous years and this resulted in a higher standard of work. The School entered teams in the junior and intermediate sections and both performed creditably.

The junior team secured first on the mats, second on the long box and gained first place in the aggregate points award. The intermediate team gained first place on the horizontal bar, mats and long box and second on the cross box and parallels. They also won the teams' aggregate points award in their section.

Results of the School Championships held during November are:—

**Third Form:** P. Adair (75.3) 1, B. A. Cleaver (74.5) 2, B. R. Jury (71.1) 3.

This event was of a good standard with very close competition between the leaders. Adair overhauled Cleaver in the final movement.

**Fourth Form:** W. Rumbell (77.3) 1, J. W. Longbottom (75.4) 2, I. E. Dingle (74.7) 3.

The standard of this event was quite good although not as high as last year. Rumbell maintained a handy lead throughout the exercise with some very good work.

**Fifth Form:** R. G. Shepherd (74.9) 1, W. H. Robson (73.6) 2, C. G. Whittaker (72.6) 3.

This event reached an excellent standard and a very close competition resulted, there being only five points between the six finalists. Shepherd's greater experience allowed him to gain a narrow lead over Robson and Whittaker.

**Open:** J. B. Chapman (73.9) 1, W. H. Robson (72.9) 2, R. G. Shepherd (71) 3.

This event was of a better standard than last year and a most interesting competition developed.

J. B. Chapman.

## READING, ORATORY

### Reading

This year the finals of both the Junior and Senior sections were held in the Memorial Theatre with Mr. J. H. Fullarton as the judge. The Junior piece was a relatively easy passage that was pure narrative and description. The standard was fairly high but could have been higher because of the simplicity of the passage. The Senior passage was a short but very difficult passage to interpret, consisting of abstract thoughts on life and death. The final marks showed that the Senior standard was a lot higher than that of the Junior competitors.

**Junior:** P. J. Dempsey, 3P1, 1.

**Senior:** R. M. Dodd, 6A, 1; J. B. Matthews, 6Sc.1, 2. These two were fairly close, and Mr. Fullarton did not place a third contestant because the following marks were all together.

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### Junior Oratory

The finalists from the third and fourth formers spoke in the Memorial Building before Mr. J. D. Quirke. They were: G. V. Jury, 4G1, "Cobber Kain"; J. A. Codd, 3P1, "Winston Churchill"; D. N. Hinch, 3P1, "Adolf Hitler"; P. J. Dempsey, 3P1, "The Retreat from Dunkirk"; T. P. Dobbie, 4P1, "Albert Schweitzer." Mr. Quirke placed Codd first, because although his material was old, he was the only speaker to use real oratorical power with a good voice and good use of inflexion, and to interest his audience. He placed Hinch second and Dobbie third, although both spoke a little too quickly, as if in a recitation.

### DEBATING

Activities were varied during the year. Four-man team debates were reformed under the guidance of Mr. P. O. Veale. About a dozen seniors took part in numerous debates during the first and second terms. Activities were curtailed in the third term because of pressure from inter-House activities and outside exams.

Activities were varied during the year. Four-man teams debates were held on "That New Zealand presents an ideal way of life" and "That censorship is desirable in New Zealand." An Oxford debate was held on "That America is rightfully the leading nation of the world." These were most enjoyable evenings and proved most successful. We sincerely hope that younger members of the School will join up next year to try and improve themselves at public speaking.

The best debaters proved to be D. W. Hinch, P. D. Ramsay and D. B. Sarten. These three formed the team picked to contest our first inter-school debate against Stratford T.H.S. on "That disunity in Churches has hindered the Christian Faith." The date was set for the night of the Auckland Grammar match and so Ramsay moved to leader and A. J. Hills joined the team when Hinch withdrew. The debate, however, was cancelled when the Stratford team went down with the Asian 'flu.

Sarten was chosen to represent the School in a North Island Secondary Schools' oratory contest and with his speech on Churchill did reasonably well at Palmerston North.

The inter-House debates were the main activities in the last term. In the first round with the subject "That Euthanasia Should Be Legalised" Central (negative) beat Nige convincingly, Country (affirmative) beat Moyes, Pridham (affirmative) beat Carrington and East (negative) caused an upset when they surprisingly just beat the very highly favoured West team. For the second round there was no necessity to change the subject and both Central and East had easy wins to qualify for the final.

The subject for the final was "That the introduction of television into New Zealand is now desirable." Ramsay (leader) and Sarten for Central took the affirmative, and H. K. Way (leader) and P. C. Rea took the negative for East. The standard of the debate was lower than in previous years. The Memorial Building was excellent for the debate and the acoustics are much better than in the lounge. In awarding the debate to Central Mr. Quirke said there had been little between three of the speakers but Ramsay carried the issue for Central. He said it was disappointing that there had been no arguing with both sides merely stating their cases, and neither side's arguments were at all convincing.

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Central won because they did put their case more emphatically and more convincingly. All speakers were very good but at times East were difficult to hear while Central were much more eloquent and oratorical.

D. W. Hinch.

## DRAMA CLUB

Owing to the departure of the producer, Mr. Harris, the Drama Club this year decided against performing in the Opera House and devoted its time and attention to re-equipping the gymnasium stage. As a result of many hours' conscientious work by Mr. A. Wilson, R. Paul and many others, the stage now again boasts a full set of stage and foot lights, a cyclorama, and a new set of drapes.

In the winter term, the club presented three one-act plays to a near capacity audience in the gymnasium. Although none was a polished production there was a good display of talent and the plays were well received. The first was "A Good Shot," presented by the junior club members and produced by Mr. Wilson. "Thread O' Scarlet" was presented by the senior boys and produced by Mr. Gardiner. The third play, "The Crimson Coconut," was also presented by senior boys and produced by Mr. Wilson. The second, "Thread O' Scarlet," must take full marks for sheer acting ability and originality of sound effects. Hamilton and Ramsay both performed well, as did Sarten in the last play, a farce. Ellett and Farquhar as female impersonators were skilful and contributed largely to the play's success, though one cannot mention them without also praising R. Dodd, G. Apps and A. Worth.

The highlight of the year was a visit paid us by four members of the New Zealand Players. Their programme was presented in the gymnasium and took the form of a review of the different types of plays written and the different types of characters portrayed. The performance was excellently done and proved very popular with the boys and we are looking forward to the Players' next visit.

The Drama Club has had a good season and we can only wish that the same interest that has been shown this year will continue to be shown in the future.

R. M. Dodd.

## TRAMPING CLUB

After a period of little interest the club was revived again last year and is now enthusiastic and strong, having a membership of 70. The club has been fortunate in having the leadership of Mr. Ball and Mr. Whitfield, and with the help of a very able committee a most interesting programme has been carried out.

During the year activities of the club have been varied and included trips to the Pouakai Ranges, Kaitake Ranges, Dawson's Falls, Bell's Falls, summit of Mt. Egmont and skiing.

We have been fortunate to have granted to us the Mangorei hut, in the Pouakai Ranges, by the Egmont National Park Board. The hut was in a bad state of disrepair and there have been working parties who have built a chimney and fireplace, bunks and a woodshed. Members carried all the repair material, a somewhat arduous task, but the result has been well worth while. At the same time the Mangorei Track has been "disced" and eventually we hope to have the whole of the Pouakai Ranges plainly marked for safe tramping.

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## BLAZER AWARDS

During the year two film and three lecture evenings were held. The lectures were supplemented by slides, photographs and maps. For these evenings we must thank Mr. A. B. Scanlan and particularly Mr. R. Scott, who has also accompanied us on many of our trips and proved of valuable assistance.

We hope that quite apart from the pleasure of the trips, our members will have gained experience in tramping and mountaineering which should make it possible for them to go on trips in other parts of New Zealand.

P. K. Jantke.

## BLAZER AWARDS

The following qualified during the year for School Blazers:—

C. W. B. Hamilton, Head Boy, First XI.  
K. M. Comber, Prefect, First XV, First XI.  
B. J. Davey, Prefect, First XV, First XI.  
R. C. Johns, Prefect, First XV, Athletics.  
P. L. Penn, Prefect, First XV, Athletics.  
D. W. Hinch, Prefect, First XV.  
R. A. Hodges, Prefect, First XV.  
I. A. Ross, Prefect, First XV.  
B. C. Shotter, Prefect, First XV.  
D. A. Wallis, Prefect, First XV.  
M. L. Wellington, Prefect, First XI.

### Prefects—

I. A. Boese  
S. J. Carryer  
R. M. Fenwick  
T. F. Fokes  
J. S. Goudie  
A. J. Hills  
T. C. Puke  
P. D. Ramsay  
D. B. Sarten  
H. K. Way

### First XV—

J. L. Bithell  
R. M. Dodd  
R. M. Elliot  
M. V. Geary  
G. D. Hayes  
T. Ioane  
J. J. McConachy  
F. S. Ropati  
R. G. Sharrock  
R. G. Te-Ariki  
T. N. Wolfe

### First XI—

W. A. Broadmore  
A. H. Donnelly  
R. Ruru  
T. N. Wolfe

### Shooting—

N. T. Johnson

### Athletics—

M. J. Sexton  
M. H. Tizard

### Hockey—

J. R. Clarke  
P. Simonson

### Soccer XI—

T. Broughton  
I. Raine  
J. J. Vijver

### Swimming—

J. S. Barrett  
P. J. Chicken  
J. R. Healy  
R. J. Quail  
M. G. Saxton  
P. B. Strombos

### Gymnastics—

J. B. Chapman

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### REX DOWDING MEMORIAL ESSAY—1956

(Written under Examination Conditions.)

#### THE WRECK

Like a lonely sentinel at his post the slowly decomposing hulk of the brigantine "Antagonist" lay forlorn and forgotten on the brown wastes of the mudflats. The setting sun loomed redly above the broken and twisted hull, casting deep shadows on the mud. As we approached the "Antagonist," we could discern the jagged gash where she had rammed the barge, which now lay forever covered, in the silent, shifting silt of the estuary.

The tall masts with their sagging spars, some with shreds of canvas still clinging to them, gave the vessel a gaunt, sinister appearance as ropes hanging from them swung gently as the soft, salt-laden wind blew gently from the sea, ruffling the waters of the thin strip of dirty water that was the river at ebb tide.

We climbed on to the listing deck and clawed our way along it. Flakes of rust fell with every touch of the hand to iron stanchions. At the stern of the "Antagonist" we stopped and looked at the salt-encrusted brass plate and the large, old-fashioned wheel, with many of its spokes missing like a nearly toothless old man. We stood in silence, thinking of the many hands that had grasped it and the many feet that had trod the weathered and now rotting decks.

As we stood thinking, two gulls wheeled around the masts, crying plaintively to each other, breaking our reverie. We slowly walked back along the deck, dropped to the mud, and turned to gaze once more at the "Antagonist" before trudging back through the mud, which had claimed so many fine ships.

G. Pickett, 4P1.

#### A THIRD FORMER'S IMPRESSION OF DRILL

The day arrived, welcomed by some, dreaded by others. It was the first day of drill for the Thirds and it was eagerly anticipated by many.

Orders came to go down to the lower ground. Arriving there we were soon formed into two long lines. Numbering started and all went well till some fools started numbering to three. This was soon squashed by the masters concerned.

Sergeants and N.C.O.'s were sorted out and this found us on the road, marching down to the Army Hall, where we were held up by the T.A.B. After a long delay we found ourselves ushered into a large room with uniforms galore, size minuses to size pluses. Large and small were duly fitted out with much wriggling and panting. Soon we were on the road again, marching back to School.

Our first taste of serious drill was given to us on the next day, with screaming C.S.M.'s and Company Commanders explaining, and contradicting, while we got hotter and hotter! Left turns, right turns, shun! ease!—we crowded them all into our day of Drill. So ended our First Day.

T. Fookes, 3P2.



SCHOOL BAND, 1957.

Back Row: D. Hinch, G. Rush, L. Sunde, J. Fitzsimmons.

Middle Row: M. Keegan, K. Roberts, R. Peel, W. Vincent, B. Simons.

Front Row: I. Bcese, D. Fowler, D. Smith, R. Reilly, D. Gilmour, R. Tuck.



SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

Front Row: J. Brodie, P. Hains, L. Sunde, D. Barrett, P. Riddle.

Second Row: A. Butler, G. Purdie, R. Fountain, L. Birks, J. Spellman, G. Stace.

Third Row: E. Hey, N. Lange, J. Sole, G. Rush, B. Smith, D. Smith.

Back Row: R. Langley, P. Darke, R. Rayward, P. Strombom, J. Matthews, I. Boese, K. Deighton, J. Cousins, I. Lobb.

Absent: J. Barrett, R. Dodd, M. Fenwick, J. Horrell.

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### A PERIOD OF LATIN

"Yes," went on the Head Fly, speaking at the Flies' Convention behind the rubbish-bin in Room 3, "this year's 5P2 are really the last straw."

Our little band had been living in the main block for years, but the Head Fly had never spoken like that before.

So when the meeting was over I flew across the Hall and made a tour of the timetable. Sure enough, 5P2 were due at Room 6 for a period of Latin. I found Room 6 and settled myself high on the wall to await events.

The boys ambled in; the master came in; books rustled and bags crashed; but at last all were settled. "I think," said the master concerned, "that we should do a little bit of this." This being a rather difficult piece of Latin into English. He gave a page and a number. "Could you have a shot at this, er . . ." The master's eye roves slowly around the form. Heads are bowed, all is still waiting for the final judgment. Then the side-tracking began before he could pass it.

"Please sir, who wrote this?"

"Oh, it's just an old piece from the creation of the calendar, I think; there are some delightful stories about that . . ." With sighs of relief twenty-nine individuals pressed him for more. "Did you ever hear the story about Janus and company? Didn't you? But surely you know that?" Text books were forgotten. "Well, Janus and company were created by Zeus, and . . ."

At that moment the door opened and a late-comer entered the room.

"Please sir, I . . ."

"Oh, that's perfectly alright, old chap. Sit down."

Winking at his mates, the late-comer does so.

"Now, where was I . . . By Jove, yes. Janus and Co. were created by Zeus, and they looked exactly like two people sliced longways down the middle—you know, down both sides like this—and then jammed together back to back. They thus were the proud possessors of four arms and four legs, and had the enormous advantage of being able to travel equally well in both directions without turning around, and that must have looked "screamingly" funny . . . but let's have no more argy-bargy and get on and do some work. Could you have a shot at this, Holmes? "Cum duo amici . . ."

Holmes tried valiantly. "When two friends, who were making a journey one after the other." He stopped, uncertain. "Is that right, sir?"

"Almost, old chap, but it's actually 'When two friends, who were travelling together!' You see, you have to avoid all that jiggery-pokery by looking further on and deciding whether . . ."

But some character down below was attempting to dislodge me with a pencil, so I decided I had better be going. As I flew out the door there was a yell behind me that was reminiscent of all 5P2's: "For the love of Mike, shut up—!"

The Head Fly had been right.

J. F. Holmes, 5P2.

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### AFTER SPUTNIK

"What's that, son? You want to know the truth, eh? So you come to me, an old man, to learn it. Well . . . times have changed.

"Looking back now, I well remember the excitement and apprehension which rocked the world when it was known that a "Red" satellite was circling the globe. Russian prestige rose enormously and America's extravagant boasts were rudely shattered. That was the beginning of the end as far as the democracies were concerned. It was also the beginning of our present situation.

"Soon after that first satellite, another one, this time containing a dog, was launched. In vain the democracies looked to America for a lead and the promised satellite. Neither was forthcoming. Encouraged by a shocked silence from the Western Powers, satellites of varying but ascending degrees of intricacy and size were sent up every three weeks. This continued until the close of 1957, the end of the International Geophysical Year. Then the culmination—Russia's ultimatum to the world. "There is now circling the earth a group of satellites which together are capable by means of nuclear missiles of destroying all traces of Western civilisation if there is no capitulation. We demand universal surrender to the Communist regime."

"I guess you know the rest, son. What's that? You want me to keep going? Alright then.

"Yes, as required, the world surrendered. Western countries, recognising the superiority of the Communist forces and military powers, refused to bring on mankind what would have been the final war and reluctantly, oh so reluctantly, surrendered. The long dreaded Communist world State was a reality.

"But did you know son that the greatest of Western scientists are missing. They cannot be found! Of course, while the scourge of all our old Democratic customs, ideals and peoples was in progress there was much confusion, but even when strict supervision was instituted and registration for everyone became compulsory, these great men were never found.

"Where did they go? How these Russian swine would like to know. What enormous sums they are willing to pay to learn. But even now they are very few who know the answer. The Russians were baffled when all those who might have known and who had had close associations with the missing men gradually disappeared as well.

"How? Where are they now? I'll tell you. Seeing the inevitable approach of the disasters that are now upon us, these men built a craft, out of their own finance, capable of carrying them to a far-off planet. That first ship was crude by today's standards but they got there. They improved the rocket, rebuilt it and transhipped the others to the planet, secretly, furtively and without ever being caught or seen. Now all have gone except me.

"How do I know all this? Why can I tell you this? Well, son, they are coming for me tonight!"

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Among red sands brilliantly glittering in the last failing pink fingers of light from a distant sun, a little man-made community squats alone in an alien land, rebuilding its democracies away from the horrors of Red domination.

R. L. Edwards, 6Sc.1.

### A DELINQUENT

"You just stay away from me, Baton O'Casey!" she snapped. "I'll not have a thing to do with you." She glared at him savagely and stalked haughtily away. O'Casey, a dirty 'kerchief slung around his neck and two wide dark side-burns running past his ears, stood there, watching her go.

"She's a very pretty girl," he murmured. Jauntily now, he stood there, taking in the lot of her beautiful, clean appearance, with a half-amused expression. Here was an upstart, rangy and reckless, son of a drunkard and a long-dead mother, in his early twenties, but still the mental age of twelve. He was king in his kingdom, and his kingdom was his motor-cycle . . .

His thoughts were in a turmoil. "Isn't going to have a thing to do with me, eh? Goddamn hussy!" he slowly gritted. "I'll show her; fix her, fix her for good."

He whirled suddenly and with a curt curse made for his great five hundred c.c. Kicking it into life, he opened wide the throttle and roared off down-town.

Across the way from the Natural History Museum and right next to the Ice Factory, sprawled out on a half-acre of grimy nakedness, there was a rat-infested, trash-infested, lout-infested little section called Harper's Lot. Nobody had any idea who Harper was, and an equal number never really cared; but everyone around knew his lot, and Johnny Callaghan.

Just as milk goes with a Health Department, so does Harper's Lot go with Johnny Callaghan.

Johnny was only a little man to look at, but really, he was big. Big because of his loud voice and a leering, Presley smile. Big because he could shove himself around and had a lot of contacts at the top. Big because he had been in the ring and had a squashed, broken nose to show for it. And big, too, because he had a mob.

"A dozen real fine guys," he'd bellow, a big, fat hand waving wildly in the air and a cigar sticking straight out of big, thick lips, the ash falling steadily on a blue bow-tie, in a dirty kind of way.

If you are able to handle a stripped-down, two-wheeled, unsilenced, half-finished hot-rod like a master, are able to cat-call, wolf-whistle and totally degrade a pretty, young woman in a glancing moment, are able to butcher, bully and take orders from a ham like Johnny Callaghan—then you too, are a "real fine guy."

There was Moose, fresh from up the river, who had cut his girl friend's throat up in Rhode Island. Little Isaac Goldstein, a Jewish heroin-peddler's kid, who would always tell you to go to blazes. Buddy, with

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only one hand, an unfortunate reminder of the occasion when he had had the other blown off one night "on business," and young Jimmy Givens, who had spent most of his meagre years in various borstals. In this world, this urban Hell, lived the young, uncared-for, restless, jobless, moneyless, tough young person of Baton O'Casey.

More than once he had cut up a cop or spent a boozy night in the local suburban gaol. Not a bad kid, really, but somewhere, somewhere along the line he had come off the rails . . .

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On one sweltering summer morning in early March down on the lot, Johnny in his bleary den, telling himself what a good sort he was, took a long, half-embarrassed survey of himself in the glass and waddled out slowly into the sunlight, his heavy, pulpy features unfamiliar with the tang.

His boys stood around talking and listening about nothing very much. All were thoughtfully kicking at the ground and wondering what to do.

Johnny bravely took a deep breath of "the great outdoors," nearly choked to death on the spot, and promptly went back inside. Up in the sky, a pigeon screeched at something . . .

Not five minutes had elapsed, when Murphy, the deputy, appeared with the announcement that they were going for a ride.

Bikes were quickly prepared; sirens added and silencers removed. O'Casey grabbed a stick of gum, crammed it into his mouth, jumped astride his machine and with Murphy and the rest, screamed off along the street in a cloud of stinking, uneconomical exhaust fumes.

It was on the boulevard, near the bridge, that he first spotted her. She was with a little girl, a niece, or something, he thought, because she wasn't married; here was a chance to show her—and fix her. He opened up, releasing everything, and roared away from the rest. She was crossing over the street now, holdly tightly the little girl's hand.

"It's only for the fright," he kept repeating, "only for the fright . . ."

"Just across the front of them. G-d, she'll jump!" He felt suddenly light-hearted and exultant. The speed rose. Fifty, sixty, eighty miles per hour. The people at the shops turned to stare wide-eyed at the thing.

"What a fool! The silly, stupid fool!"

He was close now, less than a dozen yards, and then she turned at the noise and saw him. Suddenly the little girl ran ahead on an impulse. The woman screamed. Murphy somewhere behind, bellowed. And at a fantastic speed, with a thousand watching all around, O'Casey hit the child. He swerved, braked, skidded, bucked, broadsided, tumbled over and over and over . . .

He lay still, a little distant from the twisted, smouldering wreckage.

The little girl stood up, unharmed, with tears running down her face. The woman ran over to where he lay, all thrown about unnaturally. Kneeling down beside him, she kissed him on the cheek. His eyes fluttered and slowly opened. He smiled . . . and then, so did she. In that instant, he felt no pain. And as he fell back at the last, they were the only two people in the world.

T. G. Wingate, 5E.

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### PASTORAL LAND

Weary farmer homeward turns, tired teams glad tread  
Drums from fathomed-furrows red  
Passing where bronze-bellied sheep graze  
In beautiful brass-bright haze.

In kitchen wide grooved-golden pumpkins sheen  
And rosy apples palest green  
Are small gay suns whose moon-light  
Mocks high roofs dull night.

Beside bustling fire love-laced lambs bleat  
Then run on clacking noisy feet  
To kneel, and in bowls of mellowed milk  
Dip minute mouths of coarsest silk.

In hail-green sky, glass-clear as silver rain,  
Above cool hills and plentiful plain,  
Above follows full dark as plums  
The star-studded scene comes.

Tendrils of mist entwine the moonlit wheat,  
Noises of small, white, slender feet  
Scurrying through bleached-glass grasses  
Swans swoop, owls out, peace passes.

Nights purple vine trellis traced on sky  
Bright grapes hung heavy on high  
Mirroring winsome-waters hold  
Rare fruits of glittered gold.

Cold south wind drifts by sleepy farms  
His young wife waits with lifted arms  
With her he finds in that hand  
Lies the pledge of his pastoral land.

D. W. Hinch, 6A.

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### DEEP, DEEP, DOWN

Deep, deep, down in the fathomless brown  
Of two calm steadfast eyes:  
Far, out of sight in a dream of delight,  
My soul's little palace lies.

Deep, deep, down where no smile or frown  
Of the world can ever find me:  
Where the roar for gold by the bought and sold  
Is life far away behind me;

Deep, deep, down where no victor's crown  
In the world's hot race allures me:  
Where sick and faint of the tinsel and paint  
I drink of a potion that cures me;

Deep, deep, down where the senses drown  
In ecstasy of rest;  
Where the desolate soul attains her goal  
And the heart to the centre is blest;

Deep, deep, down in the clear warm brown  
Of two calm steadfast eyes  
Far out of sight in a dream of delight  
'Tis there that my kingdom lies.

D. W. Hinch, 6A.

### CRISIS

Mind reels clouded in bewildered darkness  
Thoughts settle—disturbed mud of a pool  
Clammy with nameless dread—the insipid caress  
Tightens with torment of realisation  
Dank tentacle of Depair!

Cruel sucking mouth's loathsome movement  
Dribbles fear as corded soul strains  
Grips hope like hand on haft, bent  
Mind with stab of truth  
Straightens, strengthened in experience.

M. Tizard, 6A.

### A CEMETERY

A cemetery dark and sombre in its veil of night  
Where spirits play among their ghostly haunts  
And silent tombstones tell their age by mould upon their sides;  
A passing man is looked upon by immortal eyes  
And scorned for passing in their land by night.

R. W. Short, 3G1.

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### THE NORTH TRAIN

At the station a latecomer leaps  
From the din of yelled farewells and ringing bells,  
And is helped aboard red of face  
As slow the monster gathers pace,  
Fighting it seems not the laws of motion  
But the maternal clutch of the parent station.  
Slowly first, then faster past the glittering lights go by,  
Till dusky fields, occasional pines, and hedges distant die.  
Off into the night unknown; away from rules and on to home.

Though till Stratford false loud the exuberant cheers  
Journey's first flush soon after disappears.  
Order from chaos by guitar and uke is won,  
Ties removed, seats swapped, for the hours yet to come.

All through the night the train goes twisting on;  
Lights now are off but still the noise is strong.  
Sleep is a dream, a sin, a social crime,  
While adults curse the trip we reckon precious time.

A poor little third former in vile clouds choking,  
Watery eyes, dizzy head, but worth the trouble smoking!  
All in an hour from nonentity to fame,  
A near-equal now, at School another name.

The music echoes now, a sad and lingering note  
Of a longing deep yet hopeless, strong and yet remote  
For time its track to alter, for younger days again,  
For something to delay the parting at the end.

M. W. Burt, 6B.

### THE TIDE

Relentless and powerful, regular as time itself,  
Rolls the tide.  
It will not stop for anything that man may do;  
Unless he destroy the world, a feat so great  
That it is beyond the realm of imagination;  
So still we remember  
With joy and heartbreak  
The tide.

It has in its power great ships of the sea and little fish.  
It is unconquerable, uncontrollable,  
Its power is of a million giants  
Moving in unison across the sand.  
Overwhelming all.

B. R. Purdie, 4P1.



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### THE SOLITARY REAPER

A current one-act problem play.

#### Scene:

Universe: In the right earth, in the wrong Sputnik I and II. On top of world is Khrushchev; on the bottom, Eisenhower and Macmillan.

(To create atmosphere Sputniks should travel through Milky Way and missiles fly about and occasionally explode. The moon should not be shown, as a Communist nuclear weapon will soon make it red.)

#### Eisenhower:

My intestines twist when I behold  
A satellite whizzing by.  
There were none when my life began  
There are two now I am a man,  
Thousands when I shall grow old,  
So let me die!

#### Macmillan:

Behold me! single in the field,  
Yon solitary U.S. has  
Been sowing and reaping by herself  
I.C.B. missiles en masse.

#### Rest of West:

Will no one tell us what Khrushchev means,  
Apart from destalinising Bulganins.

#### Sputniks:

We wander lonely as a cloud,  
That spins on high o'er threats to kill,  
And all the time transmits a crowd  
Of Western waves through symbols still.

#### Dog:

Woof! Woof!

#### Eisenhower:

For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In my usual vacant mood;  
Sputniks flash upon the inward eye  
The result of U.S. solitude.  
And then my mind with pleasure fills  
And I talk to you without those spills.

#### Macmillan:

Dear old Ike! I have heard,  
I hear thee and rejoice.  
Oh bleep-bleep, shall I call thee foe,  
Or but distracting noise?



FIRST HOCKEY ELEVEN, 1957.

Back Row: C. Whittaker, J. Penney, L. Pauling, T. Hannon, J. Roy, P. Simonson.  
Front Row: K. Gunn, B. Roberts, J. Clarke, R. Shepherd, R. Rayward.



FIRST SOCCER ELEVEN.

Back Row: G. Dally, E. Coleman, R. Worn, D. Oliver, A. Veale, C. Sarten, G. Wall.  
Front Row: R. Nolan, W. Broadmore, J. Vijver, I. Raine, T. Broughton, T. Burgess.

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### Khrushchev:

Palmerston! thou should'st be living at this hour,  
England hath need of thee. She is a fen  
Of stagnant science. Test-tube, bunsen, pen,  
Navy, the heroic wealth of oil and bowser  
Have forfeited their ancient English dower  
Of imperialistic happiness.

### Sputniks:

The Red is father of the man  
For he has willed his regime to be  
The Solar System's deity.

### Dog:

Woof! Woof!

### Khrushchev:

Never did Communism more subtly seep,  
Through rally, word or goodwill tours.  
Ne'er saw Stalin, never felt a power so deep.

### Chorus of Non-Communists:

Oh! new found brothers. The earth we pace  
Again appears to be  
An unsubstantial theory-place  
That will soon be all for Khrushy.

M. D. Grant 5B.

## BAD FOR YOUR NERVES

The graveyard at Tankard  
So I've been told,  
At 12 o'clock midnight,  
Glitters like gold.  
With skeletons waltzing  
And ghosts rock'n'rolling  
And giants and dwarfs  
Their thunderballs bowling.  
A merry young ghost  
With an axe in its head,  
Is as commonly seen as  
Fish, wine or bread.  
Your passport's your head,  
You simply walk in  
With it under your arm  
And a horrible grin.  
With blood from a wound  
You're sure to be welcome,  
But if you died natural  
Heaven's your home.

G. C. Purdie, 3G1.

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### THE COLOUR BAR

Christian ethics I observe and follow,  
 Am I then a true civilised being?  
 I ponder, and seek for the answer.  
 Am I honourable, upright, true to mankind?  
 Do I love my neighbour?  
 But who is my neighbour?  
 My White Brother?  
 "Yes"! My heart cries out  
 But Doubt, domineering Doubt whispers,  
 "No! No! You are black,  
 Your ancestors were savages.  
 You were not made for the white man's world.  
 They despise you.  
 The doors of society are shut against you,  
 You are inferior, inferior, inferior."  
 "No!" I try to protest, "It cannot be true, they are Christians."  
 Did they help me in sheer pity?  
 But pity arises in cases of sickness and deformity,  
 I am neither sick nor deformed,  
 "Savage you must be brought into the light," Christian answers.  
 Why are the doors of society barred against me?  
 What is my crime against society?  
 I am not a murderer,  
 I am not a Shylock,  
 The answer dawns and awakes the drunken mind.  
 "It is your colour  
 You are black, that is your crime,  
 That is your crime."  
 When savage is converted,  
 Christian proudly proclaims,  
 "Savage you are lucky,  
 You have been brought into the light,  
 You may dwell among us now,  
 But limitations there must be,  
 You must not fall in love with my daughter,  
 Think of what my friend will say,  
 My reputation to endanger I cannot afford.  
 I am a gentleman, a true Christian.  
 You cannot enter my club—"European Society"  
 Because you are inferior,  
 Remember, you are inferior."  
 Poor savage,  
 Poor savage.

A. Wendt, 6B.

### SUBSEA FEVER

(With apologies to J. Masfield)

I must go down to the sea again  
 To the sea and the rolling tide  
 To the surge's hiss and the deep blue mist  
 And the surface for a sky.

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And all I ask is a rubber mask  
 With a window to look through  
 At the waving weed and the fishes' speed  
 And the sponge's coloured hue.

Oh the rubber's tang and the bottles clang  
 And the bubbles burble free  
 Where sound is short, and sharp, and hard,  
 And muffled by the sea.

Where lost ships lie and rot, and die  
 And no man stays for long;  
 Where the depths hold death, and the shallows light—  
 The surface life for me.

M. D. Smithers, 6B.

### FLIGHT

(By an Old Fogey)

O Daedalus, first man to fly, I often sadly rue  
 That, not content to just invent your grand adhesive glue,  
 With stolid pluck you boldly stuck upon each shoulder blade  
 Those sorry things that you called wings, and impiously essayed  
 To cross from Crete to Sicily; for when you tempted fate  
 You lit a fire of wild desire in man to aviate.

I wish that in the deepest depth beneath the Icarian wave  
 Father unwept with son had slept, each in his watery grave;  
 And all who emulated them beside them too had lain,  
 For then I bet the world would not have seen an aeroplane,  
 Adding to terrors of the earth those of satellite space  
 So now we dwell in quite a . . . well . . . a terribly warm place!

Now when I take a walk abroad, I hear "toot toot" behind  
 I turn about, in front of a shout, "You fool sir are you blind?"  
 The hedge I seek! a narrow squeak! Then from the vaulted blue  
 A voice: "Ahoy! Look out old boy, I say Smith is that you?"  
 We're washing up and throwing out bones and scraps and that  
 Just shift a bit or you'll be hit—By jove I got your hat!!"

Now advertisements we see—or shall see very soon!  
 Week-ends to Mars, Tours round the Stars, Quick trips to the Moon!  
 And who's to cope if your girl elopes with Cupid in the skies?  
 And who's to catch the thieves who snatch your cash and heavenward  
 rise?

My pondering on these problems deep but one conclusion brings:  
 If the Lord had meant man to fly the Lord had given him wings!

D. W. Hinch, 6A.

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### THE STEEPLECHASE

Some jolly schoolboys  
Once had a thrill,  
Each race the others would  
Up the hill.  
Out of their blues  
They slipped right soon,  
And neat and nicesome  
Put each his shoon.  
One, two, three,  
And away they go  
Not too fast  
And not too slow.  
Along to the dining hall  
Down past the gym.  
Calling on muscle  
And straining on limb.  
Across the farm  
With arms well bent  
Singlets aflapping  
They running went.  
By Northcote's meadow  
They did their mile  
They each had a dandy  
Fancy style.  
A mile and a mile  
And a mile they went  
Till all were weary  
And all were spent.  
Down the roadway  
They were bound  
Up through the gates  
And across the ground.  
And everyone knew  
This lap would tell,  
On all the chaps  
Who'd taken a spell.  
And here they come  
With Sexton first  
Leading the field  
With a brilliant burst.  
He is into the shute  
And nearly done,  
But he holds the honour  
Of having won.

P. Honeyfield, 4P1.

### THE BUSHFIRE

"Beware the comin' season," spoke Jackson to MacLain.  
"Now, don't you be a pessimist, the rain will come again."  
"Don't say I didna' warn ye," Jim was deliberate,  
But little were they then to know the deadly coming fate.

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It started in the ranges, and it spread from left to right.  
Bravely and heroically the men put up a fight,  
It raced right down the valley, and nought could check its flight,  
The wave was now unbreakable by men, try as they might.

It scoured the land to blackened scars and stumps and lifeless sand,  
It raged up to the Flinders, and leapt that watery band,  
It whistled through the grasslands, from grass to tree to grass,  
The animals were burnt alive, and oh, that death was fast.

It raged for many miles, from the Flinders up it fought,  
Countless years were cast away, and lives were dearly bought,  
Until the mighty wall of flame came face to face the Norman,  
And there, the great devourer stopped, the muddy river barring.

Behind it was a great black mark, that years would take to claim,  
Behind it was a wasted land, a land that once held fame,  
Behind were lamentations for those now gone for good,  
As if the very devil had passed, and left behind his hood.

T. Rumball, 4G1.

### TRAINING RUN AT NIGHT

The black arch of trees closes over the path  
Soft as a light switch.  
No foetid smouldering African hearth  
With sultry restlessness—  
Slimy fingers of terror creeping snake-like  
To the subtle pulse of drums;  
No sound, quick pounce and kill, sharp spike  
The grim survival  
But peace of native bush asleep, despite man's arrival.  
The tired ferns droop, their energy sapped,  
Strawlike, the hot breath of day.  
Moonlight cobwebs upper branches, lapped  
By a sea of shining leaves.  
A ray slants through the curtain of fronds  
To the white bed of leaves below.  
Supple jacks are tousled hair, light blondes,  
The matted confusion of undergrowth;  
Caressing rata swaddes young trees like a sloth.  
In the air of limp oblivion man awakes  
With senses sharpened  
Fragrant bush tang, swirls round nostrils, makes,  
Concentrates perception  
Yet curiously relaxed his smooth limbs flow—  
Intensity of freedom  
Tensions, cooled by the crisp air silently go.  
The day's work done  
Young mind revels in joys of life to come.  
After the first keen plunge of the runner  
Heightened perception is numbed

## ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

With soft hypnotic rhythm of stride, dreamier  
For the fantastic sequence  
Of somnabulent greenery mingling with thoughts of the day  
The ego merges with the calm  
While body moves on, inexorably gay . . .  
Bare streets, an open door  
Friendly light spills out, the shower is cold,  
Sleep is law.

M. Tizard, 6A.

## 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," "St. Andrew's Collegian," "Waikato Diocesan School for Girls," "Opunake High School Magazine," "The Palmerstonian," "Nelson Girls' Collegian," "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 Rongotai," "The Scindian," "The Postman," "St. Peter's Chronicle," "The Hawera Technical School Magazine," "Albertian," "Wairarapa Collegian," "New Plymouth Girls' High School Magazine," "Te Reo Kura," "Pegasus," "Blue and White."

**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," "Marlburian."

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

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

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

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

**Ceylon:** "Royal College Magazine."

**U.S.A.:** "Springfield College Bulletin."

## JUBILEE SECTION

The 75th Jubilee of the School was held at Easter of this year from Saturday, April 20th, to Tuesday, April 23rd.

Planning began in September, 1956, when a strong committee representative of Old Boys, Board of Governors and the Staff was assembled. The committee was as follows:—

Chairman: Dr. I. D. Auld. Secretary: R. W. Baunton. Treasurer: M. G. Macdonald. Committee: L. M. Moss, C. H. Stromborn, C. R. Parker (High School Board); G. J. McNaught, V. E. Kerr, W. E. Alexander, T. N. S. Watt (Staff); G. A. Bendall, J. S. Hatherly, D. R. Hay, R. B. Johnston, P. B. Powell, M. A. Shearer, V. S. Shotter, B. E. Sykes, M. H. Sykes, H. P. Webster.

## CONVENORS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

**Accommodation:** B. E. Sykes. **Assembly and Roll Call:** V. E. Kerr. **Opening of Memorial Building:** C. R. Parker and J. S. Hatherly. **Jubilee Ball:** H. P. Webster. **Reception:** D. R. Hay. **Magazine:** W. E. Alexander. **Sports:** P. B. Powell, V. S. Shotter. **Publicity:** T. N. S. Watt. **Ladies' Committee:** Mrs. I. D. Auld. **Debutantes:** Mrs. W. E. Alexander.

## PROGRAMME

The programme for the Jubilee was arranged as follows:—

Friday, April 19th—

Assembly.

Saturday, April 20th—

8.30-9.45 a.m.: Registration and Enrolment.

10 a.m.: Assembly and Roll Call. Addresses by: Mr. L. M. Moss (Chairman of the Board); The Mayor, Mr. A. G. Honnor; The Headmaster; Dr. I. D. Auld (President, Old Boys' Association).

1 p.m.: Rugby. Two Old Boys' Teams.

1.45 p.m.: Rugby. School v. Old Boys.

3 p.m.: N.P.H.S. Old Boys v. Auckland Grammar Old Boys (annual fixture).

7.30-10 p.m.: Reception at the Agricultural Hall.

Sunday, April 21st—

2.30 p.m.: Official Opening and Dedication of the War Memorial. Guest of the School: Rt. Hon. Sir William Jordan, P.C., K.C.M.G.; LL.D.

Officiating Minister: The Very Rev. D. N. MacDiarmid, M.B.E., M.D.

7.45 p.m.: Concert in the Gymnasium.

Monday, April 22nd—

10 a.m.: School Battalion Parade and March Past.

11.15 a.m.: Annual General Meeting of the Old Boys' Association.

12.30 p.m.: Buffet Lunch in Dining Room.

1 p.m.: Golf at Westown Golf Club.

Bowls at East End Green.

Tennis at School.

Cricket at School.

Shooting at School.

Visit to Pukeiti.

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8.30 p.m.: 75th Jubilee Ball at the Agricultural Hall,  
Presentation of Debutantes.

Tuesday, April 23rd—

10 a.m.: Inter-House Athletic Sports.

## REGISTRATION

Times for registration on arrival were provided for on the programme but no one anticipated the extent of the enthusiasm of Old Boys. The first arrivals occurred early on Friday afternoon and by nine o'clock that evening 800 Old Boys had arrived. The reunion scenes which everyone expected to witness at the Saturday morning assembly occurred in the hall. No one who was present will forget the animation of the scene as hundreds of Old Boys greeted each other. Registrations continued on Saturday morning and indeed throughout the whole of the Jubilee until they reached the wonderful total of 1520, which in itself ensured that this function would be the greatest in the history of the School.

## ASSEMBLY AND ROLL CALL

The animated scene of Friday afternoon was repeated at the official assembly and roll call held on the top ground on the Saturday morning. The present School also took part in this function so that there were some 2300 present and past pupils of the School assembled on the ground. In addition the function was attended by many wives and families of Old Boys, past and present staff and friends of the School. The original intention had been to assemble the Old Boys in decades and ask them to march past the School before forming up for the official part of the function but the response was so generous that the numbers could not be handled in the time available. Old Boys were therefore assembled in the following decades in front of the School: 1882-1899, 13; 1900-1914, 85; 1915-1925, 197; 1926-1935, 194; 1936-1945, 301; 1946-56, 346. The numbers indicate those present in each decade at the beginning of the proceedings. These numbers were considerably increased by later arrivals.

Because of the large numbers present it was not possible to carry out the traditional roll call except for those who belonged to the first decade. The names of these were called and as they answered in turn they received a warm reception from the rest of the assembly. One original pupil answered the roll call. He was Mr. E. L. Humphries, of New Plymouth, at School from 1882 to 1885. He was followed by: Mr. G. Ryan, 1884; Mr. F. S. Veale (Hamilton), 1888-1889; Mr. F. T. Bellringer, 1890-1895; Messrs. A. Bewley and H. L. Cutfield (New Plymouth), 1896-1900; Mr. H. R. Billing (New Plymouth), 1897-1900; W. E. Billing (New Plymouth), 1896-1897; and the five MacDiarmid brothers.

## THE FIVE MACDIARMIDS

The highlight of the assembly function and indeed of the whole reunion was provided by the presence of five brothers of the one family who were all at the School in the first decade. They all seemed to be bursting with good health and their obvious enjoyment of their own family reunion and the proceedings in general gave a lift to the whole celebrations. The five brothers were: Mr. G. N. MacDiarmid, 1897-1902; the Most Rev. D. N. MacDiarmid, 1897-1902; Messrs. A. M. MacDiarmid, 1893-1895; A. C. MacDiarmid, 1892-1894; C. L. MacDiarmid, 1890-1892.



THE OFFICIAL PARTY ARRIVING AT THE UNVEILING AND DEDICATION CEREMONY.



MEMBERS OF THE FIRST DECADE OF OLD BOYS AT ASSEMBLY.



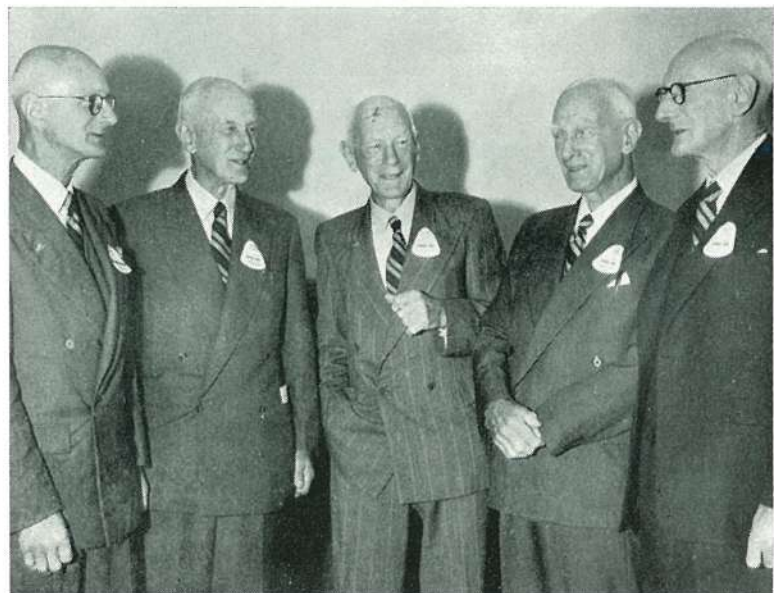
SIR WILLIAM JORDAN DELIVERING HIS ADDRESS.



DEBUTANTES AT THE JUBILEE BALL.



THE MEMORIAL SHRINE.



THE MACDIARMID BROTHERS.



THE MEMORIAL FROM THE MAIN SCHOOL.



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### APOLOGIES

Many apologies were received from prominent Old Boys who were unable to attend, two notable ones being Mr. T. Wilson, of Waipukurau, at School in 1884, and Mr. G. M. Fraser, at School in 1897 and Chairman of the Old Boys' Association on the occasion of its 50th Jubilee. Messages of goodwill were received from Te Aute College, Wellington College, Nelson College, Wanganui Collegiate Old Boys' Association, and from many individuals in New Zealand and in Nigeria, Malaya, Australia, Fiji, Samoa, U.S.A. and Great Britain.

### PROCEEDINGS

The Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr. A. G. Honnor, welcomed the Old Boys on behalf of the citizens, spoke of his pleasure at being a former pupil of the School, the prominent place the School took in the community, the way it and the city had always worked in harmony and said both had made such progress that they were "bursting at the seams."

The Chairman of the New Plymouth High School Board, Mr. L. M. Moss, spoke of his regret at not being an old boy of the School, of the problems the board was facing in the establishment of a completely new high school and paid tribute to the service of Mr. and Mrs. McNaught. He paid tribute, too, to the work of the Old Boys' Association which, he said, was always most ready with advice and assistance.

The School Song, "Comradeship, Valour and Wisdom," conducted by Mr. N. Lynch and accompanied by the School Orchestra, began shakily when the Old Boys in the most recent decade did not follow the beat. But the second attempt was well worth hearing.

A special welcome to Sir William and Lady Jordan was extended by Dr. I. D. Auld, President of the Old Boys' Association and Chairman of the Jubilee Committee, who paid tribute also to other distinguished Old Boys—the Very Rev. D. N. MacDiarmid, Mr. H. R. Billing and Mr. Honnor.

He thanked Mr. McNaught for maintaining and furthering the traditions of the School. Expressing pleasure at the presence of the School's present pupils, he urged them to take a full part in the life of the School and later of the community, to maintain their interest in the School when they became Old Boys and not to forget the benefits earned for them by earlier generations.

On behalf of the Old Boys, he presented Mr. McNaught with a Jubilee gift—a cheque for £1400. Mr. McNaught promised the Board would spend it well.

The Headmaster in his remarks discussed noises. Noises—his most vivid recollection after 14 years at the School and of his first few years as headmaster.

Most of the noises, he said, concerned boarders. They were:—

- The noise of the scraping of chairs when the boys got up from a meal.
- The noise at any time during a meal which, though the boarders were only talking quietly, was "tremendous."

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- The noise the boys made when they had finished their "prep"—a shrill yell as they dashed out for prayers.
- The noise from the chatter of 900 pupils just before assembly. Some years ago he had offered the head boy a whistle to obtain silence but this had been rejected in favour of a strong voice.
- The noise from the shuffling of feet as the boys left the Assembly Hall and the "extraordinary sight" of them moving in all directions.

The method of dispersal had had to be altered because the masters had been "knocked about." Now the staff left before the pupils but, Mr. McNaught assured the past and present pupils of the School, the change had not been made because his teachers were any less "tough."

Mr. McNaught was about to continue his address when the start of a shower was brought to his notice. Smilingly, he told the gathering they would not be given the benefit of his stories and ended by thanking Dr. I. D. Auld, Chairman of the Jubilee Committee, and the committee for the "extraordinarily good job" they had done in organising the celebrations.

And so the morning's function was brought to a sudden close by a typical piece of Taranaki climate. We were deprived of the remainder of the Headmaster's remarks which had promised to be so interesting. The rain also prevented the taking of the group photographs, which was the only regrettable feature of the whole Jubilee. They were taken later but by no means represented the total assembly that had been achieved on the Saturday morning.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

As perhaps was fitting in a School with a Rugby reputation, its Old Boys chose to spend a whole afternoon of their Jubilee celebration playing and watching Rugby. In spite of intermittent showers, a large crowd thoroughly enjoyed the three games which revealed a very high standard of talent, a tribute to the quality of Rugby for which the School has a reputation.

In the first game a team of Old Boys from Taranaki met a team drawn from those living in the rest of New Zealand. New Zealand Old Boys won by 15 points to 3. The teams were:—

**N.Z. Old Boys:** K. Aitken; J. Harford, A. McLeod, M. Kinsella; B. Roebuck, R. Alexander; R. Smith; T. Saunders; E. Jones, D. Fleming, L. Thompson, M. Gray; M. Hutchins, P. Dallison, B. Arthur.

**Taranaki Old Boys:** P. Street; A. Paton, G. Keightly, L. Woodhouse; B. Boddy, B. Hunger; D. Tuckett; D. Kruse; M. Waite, K. Denham, A. Locke, C. Barclay; D. Whitehead, T. Ashman, E. Corkill.

In the second game a strong team of Old Boys played a Present XV. In a fast and open game in which the Present XV gave glimpses of the form that they reproduced in college games later in the season, the Old Boys team finally triumphed by superior speed and experience. The score was 17 to 11.

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The teams were:—

**Past:** D. Jensen; C. Osborne, G. Jensen, T. Wynyard; J. Davies, J. Wood; D. Christie; G. McGlashan; D. Wood, D. Thurston, R. Graham, J. Graham; A. Poletti, D. Hayes, B. Smeaton.

**Present:** R. Ruru; L. Penn, N. Wolfe, R. Johns; I. Ross, H. Lilley; M. Geary; G. Hayes; B. Patten, B. Shotter, R. Hodges, F. Ropati; R. Dodd, B. Davey, J. Stubbs.

The third game of the afternoon was the annual fixture between our Old Boys Senior Club and Grammar School Old Boys from Auckland. It was particularly pleasing that this game could be included in the Jubilee celebrations because our football friendship with the Auckland Grammar School is one of our oldest. The local team was successful as the result of sustained drive in the forwards and astute generalship by Ross Brown in the backs.

The teams were:—

**New Plymouth Old Boys:** L. Hikaka; B. Moorehead, J. Waitere, D. Crofskey; I. Montgomerie, R. Brown; B. Lake; J. Harty; D. Jensen, T. Jenkins, H. Roberts, W. Morton; B. Darney, R. Boon, I. Flavell.

**Auckland Grammar Old Boys:** A. Dalton; L. Russell, N. Southerland, R. McMullen; J. Sibun, R. Irwin; D. Meek; D. Craigie; B. Hibbard, B. Sweetman, D. Craig, D. Gardiner; R. Moekaa, J. Rea, T. Easterman.

## THE RECEPTION

On the Saturday evening an informal reception was arranged at the Agricultural Hall. Here the Ball Committee and the Reception Committee had combined to decorate the three halls which were to be used for both functions. Those responsible for the decorations by a combination of organisation, energy, thought, skill and artistry transformed the halls into the perfect background for both the convivial expression of the joy of celebration and for solemn reminiscence. The accommodation was so planned that guests were grouped in each hall according to the years they were associated with the School. This proved a necessary arrangement as the response to this most popular function was staggering. One thousand nine hundred people thronged into the halls but there was no confusion and many afterwards stated that they saw more people they really wished to see at this function than at any other stage of the celebrations. This was the result for which the committee had planned and the inclusion of such a function in the programme no doubt influenced the outstanding response of Old Boys because it encouraged so many to bring their wives, knowing that there was a function in which they could take a full part. During the evening the guests honoured the Loyal Toast and a toast to the School.

The President of the Association, Dr. I. D. Auld, and Mrs. Auld, received the guests and associated with them on the official platform were: Sir William and Lady Jordan, the Most Rev. D. N. MacDiarmid and Mrs. Balharry, Mr. L. M. Moss, Chairman of the Board, and Mrs. Moss, the Headmaster and Mrs. McNaught, His Worship the Mayor of New Plymouth and Mrs. Honnor, Mr. E. P. Aderman, M.P., and Mrs. Aderman, Miss Allum, Headmistress of the Girls' High School.

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SUNDAY, 21st APRIL

The morning of Sunday was free and in the afternoon the main ceremony of the Jubilee celebrations took place, the official opening and dedication of the War Memorial. The weather was fine but a gusty wind blew from the west. The ceremony was conducted from the platform which is an architectural feature of the building facing the north-east. On it were assembled the official party, members of the Board and of the Staff. Four hundred next-of-kin were seated on the terrace facing the building, the present boys were assembled on the Gully ground and the western terrace was packed with Old Boys, their wives and friends, and friends of the School. Altogether 2500 people had assembled to pay tribute to the sacrifice of our 225 Old Boys who gave their lives in the war.

The official party left the platform and went to the Shrine for the unveiling and dedication which were broadcast. The impressive Order of Service was as follows:

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### INTRODUCTION

Chairman of the Board of Governors, L. M. Moss, Esq., B.A., LL.M.

#### ADDRESS AND OPENING OF MEMORIAL

The Rt. Hon. Sir William Jordan, P.C., K.C.M.G., LL.D. St. Andrews, LL.D., Cambridge, High Commissioner for New Zealand in London, 1936-1951.

#### UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL WINDOW

Past Chairman of the Board of Governors, H. R. Billing, Esq., M.B.E., LL.B. Chairman 1924-1956. At School 1897-1900.

#### DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL

Very Reverend D. N. MacDiarmid, M.B.E., B.A. Past Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. At School 1897-1902.

#### PRESENTATION OF MEMORIAL

President of the Old Boys' Association, Dr. I. D. Auld, M.B., Ch.B. At School 1928-1935.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF MEMORIAL ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL

The Headmaster, Lieutenant-Colonel G. J. McNaught, D.S.O., E.D., M.A.

#### INTRODUCTION . . .

In extending a welcome to those present, the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. L. M. Moss, shall say:—

"Sir William Jordan, Lady Jordan, The Very Reverend Mr. MacDiarmid, Dr. Auld, Mr. Headmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen and Boys of the New Plymouth Boys' High School:

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"We are gathered here to do honour to the 225 Old Boys of our School who gave their lives in World War II. We are to open and dedicate this building which has been erected to their memory. We also remember those from other schools who gave their lives, and welcome their relatives and friends to our service.

"We are grateful to Sir William Jordan for coming to New Plymouth today to participate in this ceremony. Sir William met and helped many New Zealand Servicemen during the War and he knew personally many of our Old Boys. I have much pleasure in asking him to address you and to declare our Memorial Building open."

### ADDRESS AND OPENING . . .

Address by the Rt. Hon. Sir William Jordan.

The Chairman shall then say: "The President of the Old Boys' Association shall now lead the Official Party to the Shrine and preside over the ceremony of unveiling and dedication."

While the Official Party moves to the Shrine, the rest will rise and remain standing throughout the ceremony.

The President of the Old Boys' Association shall say: "I now ask Mr. H. R. Billing to unveil the Memorial Window on behalf of the next-of-kin."

The Twenty-third Psalm (Crimond) shall now be sung.

The President shall then say: "Reverend Sir, this building has been erected in memory of the Old Boys of this School who, in World War II, at the call of duty and in defence of our country and the cause of freedom, were faithful unto death. We therefore ask you to dedicate it to the Glory of God."

To which the Minister shall respond: "I shall reverently dedicate it to God and in honour of the faithful and gallant lives to whose memory it has been built."

The Headmaster shall then read the names of the fallen.

## Roll of Honour - World War II

ANNAND, James Bertram	BITHELL, Robert MacFarlane
ARMITT, Gordon Napier	BLACKMORE, Herbert George Percy
ARTHUR, Vincent Thomas Merrill	BLACKLEY, David Ian
BAIRD, Victor Horton	BLANCE, Ian Edward
BARNARD, Gordon Leonard	BLUNDELL, John Crayley
BARNITT, Heslop Miles Frederick	BOOKER, Leonard Percy
BELL, Maurice Perrott	BOSWORTH, Laurence Brien
BELL, Peter Garvin	BOWIE, Valence Trent
BELL, Ronald James McLean	BRADMORE, Alan Edmund Wilkie
BELLINGER, Trevor Claude	BREWER, Philip d'Arcy
BENDALL, George Clifton	BRIGHTWELL, John Mostyn
BENNETT, Leonard William	BROOKE, Cyril George
BERG, Maurice Lloyd	BROOKMAN, Richard Waller
BILLING, Kelvin Cholwill	BROWN, Roy Ian
BIRCH, John Hampton	BROWNE, Barry Stewart

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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  
 DACRE, Desmond Aubrey  
 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  
 HARDCASTLE, John Burnett  
 HARDGRAVE, Derek Robert  
 HARDGRAVE, Maurice Edward  
 HARDWICK, William  
 HARGRAVES, Desmond Laurence  
 HARVIE, Guy de Laval  
 HARVEY, Douglas Munro  
 HASTIE, James Robert  
 HAYTON, Gilbert McLean  
 HEAL, Norman John  
 HEALD, Kenneth Fenton  
 HENDERSON, Cyril Griffith William  
 HENDERSON, John Iveson  
 HIRSTICH, Bruce MacKenzie  
 HOGG, Bruce Allan  
 HOLDER, Donald Fraser  
 HONEYFIELD, Esme Reginald  
 HORE, Lawson Robel  
 HOWLETT, Arthur Douglas  
 HUGGETT, Arthur Gordon  
 IBBOTSON, Jack Kendrick  
 JAMES, Frank  
 JASPER, John Whiteside  
 JILLET, Gordon Grant  
 JONAS, Donald Hugh  
 JONES, Owen Kenyon  
 JURY, Conrad Walter  
 KASPAR, Reuben Henry  
 KELLER, Hubert John  
 KELLER, Ronald Frederick  
 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, Donald  
 LUXTON, David Newberry  
 LYNCH, James  
 LYSONS, Markham Carthew  
 McCAULEY, John Glen  
 MacKENZIE, George Waltham  
 MACLEOD, Ian Norman  
 McNEIL, John Hugh  
 MALLETT, James George Gardiner

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MALLON, John Charles  
 MALLON, Thomas Alexander  
 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  
 PENNMAN, Wilson  
 PEPPERELL, Jack Radford  
 PHILLIPS, Alex James  
 PHILLIPS, John Mandeno  
 POTTER, Ronald Allen  
 POWER, John Andrew  
 PULLEN, Clifford George  
 PURCIVALL, John William  
 RABONE, Paul Watling  
 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 Terence  
 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 Royce Watson  
 SYKES, Ian Murray  
 TERRY, George Harold  
 THOMSON, Alexander Nielson  
 THOMSON, Donald Pearson  
 THOMSON, John James Warden  
 THOMSON, Keith Alexander  
 TUNBRIDGE, Victor Arthur  
 ULENBERG, Felix Patrick  
 VALENTINE, 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 William  
 WILLIAMS, Neville  
 WILSON, William Service  
 WILSON, Wynn Wallace Percy  
 WINFIELD, Cyril  
 WIPITI, Bert Sam  
 WOOD, Henry William Carmichael  
 WRIGHT, David Richard  
 WYNYARD, Henry Cuthbert  
 WYNYARD, James Gladwin  
 YATES, John Melville

The Minister shall then say: "Let us in silence bow our heads and recall our Lord's words, 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.'"

Silence shall be observed for one minute.

"Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, without whom no work of ours availeth, accept, we pray Thee, this memorial which we have built in our School and now dedicate to Thee. Bless it, that it may be a constant reminder to successive generations of loyalty and devotion to duty. May the quiet beauty of this Shrine speak to the hearts of all who enter here and lift them to worthier endeavour, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Response: Amen.

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"Eternal Lord God, in this School where our fallen Old Boys once worked and played, we draw nigh to Thee in thankful remembrance of their selfless valour. Speak to us through their example, that we may defend Thine eternal values in peace, as they defended them in war. And grant that we may all hear the call to nobler living which comes from their sacrifice, and so dedicate our lives anew to the building of Thy Kingdom on earth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Response: Amen.

"Unto Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be all the glory, now and evermore.

Response: Amen.

"In the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ, I now dedicate this Shrine and this Memorial Building to the Glory of God and in memory of all those from this School who, in World War II, laid down their lives for their friends."

Response: Amen.

Then shall N. G. W. Henderson and C. T. Henderson, pupils of the School and sons of the late Flying-Officer C. G. W. Henderson, at School 1930-1932, lay a wreath at the base of the memorial tablet on behalf of the next-of-kin; and the President shall lay a wreath on behalf of the School's Old Boys; and the Head Boy of the School, C. W. B. Hamilton, shall lay a wreath on behalf of the School.

The Official Party shall now move to the balcony.

The hymn, "O Valiant Hearts" shall now be sung.

Then shall the President say, "Mr. Headmaster, on behalf of the Old Boys of the School, I give this building and Shrine into your care."

Then shall the Headmaster say, "On behalf of the School I am proud to accept this building and Shrine to be worthily kept as a sacred trust in memory of our fallen Old Boys."

Then shall the flag be lowered and the "Last Post" sounded.

Then shall the flag be hoisted and the "Reveille" sounded.

Then shall be sung the National Anthem.

## ADDRESS BY SIR WILLIAM JORDAN

Mr. Moss, Colonel McNaught, Dr. Auld, Members of the Old Boys' Association, the Old Boys, the students, ladies and gentlemen, I take this as a great compliment to be invited to be here today to take a part in the celebrations of the 75th Jubilee of this great School.

Seventy-five years sounds a long time, but we may say that the School is still in its infancy. When we think of some of the famous schools in older lands—say Eton which is 500 years old, Winchester 600, Rugby and Harrow both over 400—we realise time will go on and this School will look back over the centuries instead of the years. Yet young as it is, it has already played an important part in the education of the people and in the activities of this country. That is a factor we must admit in the reputation and inspiration of this School. Of course it has had its failures as all things human have, but when you meet the men of those great schools of Britain you become aware that they have the



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feeling that something is expected of them and they jump to a situation when it arises. And you find that the same thing can come, and does come, from the young schools of this country.

Yes, as Mr. Moss pointed out, it was my privilege to have the honour of meeting some of the men who spoke so highly of this School. My mind goes to that great airman, Wing-Commander Olsen—who lost his life during the conflict—and others who were with him in the famous 75th Squadron, Calder, Neville Williams, Arthur Hallet and from other squadrons, Burrows and Baker. I also think of Bellringer and of Bell, and of Jack Hilliard, now a Captain in the Royal New Zealand Volunteer Reserve.

Yes, the men of this generation have definitely shown, in spite of what is so often said about the deterioration of the people, that their courage, initiative and self-sacrifice equalled, even surpassed, anything that has gone before.

Thus we can have every confidence in the young men of today and we can say with every assurance that even as the Old Boys of this School have done great things so can we believe that the boys who will pass through this School in the future will show equal courage and initiative. Yes, I can remember the New Zealand men who took part in the Battle of Britain and faced death thousands of feet up in the skies—"Spud" Murphy, Jimmy Ward, V.C., "Cobber" Kain and many others—you could read down the seemingly endless list of men of whom their country can be really proud. As I said, I am sure that the boys of today will do greater things. We all, everyone of us, sincerely hope they won't be called upon to do it in war, but there are international factors that must be settled and it will be their duty to settle them.

Today this Memorial Building is being opened to perpetuate the glorious memory of 225 Old Boys from the School who lost their lives during the war, but still, as it was said while there were some who were lucky to win through in safety there were others stretched out on the track who whispered to God a cheerful good-night and became heroes who did not return. To these our sorrowing minds turn today. The Memorial Window in the Hall is to be dedicated by an Old Boy of this School, the Right Reverend Donald MacDiarmid, who has reached to be the temporal head of his Church, something of which his School as well as himself can be justifiably proud. In the Memorial Window are the pictures of the Saints Michael and George that have a society as you know. The motto of that society is: "A token of a better age to come," which was described long ago as "The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." This is a time we can look for. Through the message of this Memorial we can be grateful for what has been done, we can have confidence in the future and we can speak of a better age when there will be "Peace on earth—goodwill towards men."

And so to the lads of this School I say, "Be true to the spirit which pervades this building. Think of it as holy ground." And now with deep reverence and "To the glory of God, and with fond memories of the fallen, and as an inspiration to those who follow them through this great School" I declare open this Memorial Building of the New Plymouth Boys' High School.

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MONDAY, 22nd—

### BATTALION PARADE AND MARCH PAST

The Parade and March Past took place in fine, warm weather on the top ground. Following a formal battalion fall-in the cadets carried out a full ceremonial. When this had finished the cadets marched off the ground, around the Main Block, around the ground again and then passed before Dr. I. D. Auld in review order.

When the Parade re-formed Dr. Auld complimented the unit on its bearing and the standard of the discipline maintained. He called for cheers for Mr. McNaught. The Headmaster said Dr. Auld had beaten him to the gun and called for three cheers for the Old Boys and these were heartily given. Then with split second and perfectly-judged timing an Old Boy called on Old Boys to cheer Mr. McNaught and the present pupils and this third salvo was just as hearty as the two before it. The unit then dismissed under the watchful, critical, but proud eyes of the large number of spectators.

### ANNUAL MEETING

Old Boys packed the Assembly Hall for the Annual Meeting of the Old Boys' Association. Formal proceedings of the meeting are reported in the Old Boys' Section. Many Old Boys from a distance were able to take part in a discussion of topics affecting the well-being of the association for the first time for many years. At the conclusion of the formal business the Headmaster addressed the Old Boys. After the meeting about 250 Old Boys attended a buffet lunch in the School Dining Room as the guests of the Board of Governors.

## SPORTS

The afternoon was left for various sporting fixtures and many of the Old Boys competed with the former School friends on numerous sporting fields of New Plymouth.

### CRICKET

The main attraction was the Past v. Present cricket match played on the top ground, in which two former New Zealand representatives, L. Miller and E. Meuli, showed a large, appreciative crowd a wide variety of strokes. School batted first and made 102. Ten Old Boys had a turn with the ball and the veteran of the team and a member of the School teaching staff, W. E. (Wit) Alexander, was the most successful, taking three for four. Past XI made 140 for four, with Miller scoring 56 and Meuli 27 retired.

Details:—

**Present School XI** (First Innings): M. Wellington, c. Barclay, b. Paton, 14; T. Fookes, b. Miller, 2; W. Hamilton, c. Lay, b. Alexander, 12; A. Broadmore, b. Alexander, 6; B. Davey, c. Paton, b. Strawbridge, 33; R. Little, b. Alexander, 1; K. Comber, c. Barclay, b. Meuli, 2; N. Wolfe, b. Meuli, 6; R. Ruru, c. Sweeney, b. Strawbridge, 23; A. Donnelly, not out, 3; J. Ruru, not out, 1; extras (byes), 1; total (for nine wickets declared), 102.

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**Bowling:** C. Barclay, none for 12; L. Paton, one for three; J. Lay, none for seven; L. Miller, one for six; T. Sweeney, none for 12; W. Alexander, three for four; J. Ridland, none for 18; E. Meuli, two for 12; J. Davies, none for 13; M. Strawbridge, two for 15.

**Past XI** (First Innings): L. S. M. Miller, l.b.w., b. Donnelly, 56; T. Sweeney, c. Wellington, b. Donnelly, 13; E. Meuli, retired, 27; L. Paton, c. Wellington, b. Little, 9; J. Lay, not out, 27; M. Strawbridge, not out, 4; extras, 4; total (for four wickets), 140. Did not bat: C. Barclay, W. Alexander, J. Ridland, J. Davies, B. V. Kerr.

**Bowling:** R. Ruru, none for 11; J. Ruru, none for 11; A. Donnelly, two for 39; K. Comber, none for 23; B. Davey, none for five; T. Fookes, none for nine; M. Wellington, none for 21; W. Hamilton, none for nine; R. Little, one for five.

### SHOOTING

On the School's miniature range there were three events for those Old Boys who fancied themselves as marksmen. Three shoots, named Moyes, McNaught and Jubilee, were competed for. About 90 Old Boys took part, and in the McNaught Shoot 20 of the contestants returned the "possible" score of 30.

Results were:—

**Moyes Shoot:** R. B. McKenzie and D. K. Barnett, 49; A. W. Fookes, F. Atkinson, A. McKenzie, J. Joll, 48; H. Broadmore, H. T. Carter, 47.

**McNaught Shoot:** Possibles: I. G. Lander, A. J. Neil, T. Tompkins, A. N. Fookes, D. Aldworth, R. Bremwell, M. Munro, N. E. Skinner, E. F. Hart, A. F. Atkinson, A. E. Stewart, J. Joll, J. N. Terry, D. J. Davey, J. W. Broadman, N. S. MacDiarmid, K. MacMurray, M. R. McKenzie, D. K. Barnett, C. B. Johnson.

**Jubilee Shoot:** A. N. Fookes 46, H. Broadman and K. Carter 42, A. Aldworth 41.

### BOWLS

Four rinks comprising 30 of the School's older ex-pupils played a series of bowling matches at the East End Bowling Club's second green. Playing conditions were ideal.

The President of the Club, Mr. E. Nodder, welcomed the Old Boys to the club. Mr. A. Bewley, speaking for the Old Boys, thanked the club for allowing them use of the green.

Games resulted: Kyle 20 v. Hislop 20; Christie 25 v. Patterson 12; Ewing 25 v. H. Bayly 22; A. Bewley 23 v. D. Menzies 18.

For those who wanted a more active sport there was golf at the Westown Golf Club and tennis on the School courts. Quite a large number of Old Boys took advantage of these sports.

### JUBILEE BALL

The social climax of the celebrations was provided by the Jubilee Ball, held in the Agricultural and Queen's Halls on the Monday night. The gaily decorated halls were thronged by 1250 guests who took part in what must have been one of the most brilliant functions ever held in New Plymouth. Continuous music was provided and supper was served



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on a buffet system from 10.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Early in the evening in a most impressive ceremony, eleven debutantes, daughters of Old Boys, were presented by their fathers to Sir William and Lady Jordan. Associated with Sir William on the platform was the official party, consisting of: Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. McNaught, the Very Reverend D. N. MacDiarmid and Mrs. Balharry, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Honnor, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Aderman, Mr. H. R. Billing, Miss Allum, Dr. and Mrs. D. N. Allen, Dr. and Mrs. I. D. Auld.

The debutantes were:—

Miss Judith Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown, New Plymouth.

Miss Glyndwyr Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. O. S. Davies, New Plymouth.

Miss Rowan Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Davies, New Plymouth.

Miss Janet Fookes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fookes, New Plymouth.

Miss Mary Honnor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Honnor, New Plymouth.

Miss Dian Hutchen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hutchen, Mt. Albert, Auckland.

Miss Margaret Insull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Insull, New Plymouth.

Miss Shirley MacDiarmid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. S. MacDiarmid, Manaia.

Miss Raewyn Pease, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Pease, Eltham.

Miss Laura Lee Ritai, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ritai, New Plymouth.

Miss Beverley White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. White, New Plymouth.

## TUESDAY, 23rd APRIL

The Jubilee celebrations concluded with the Hansard Cup inter-House athletic meeting on the top ground. A large number of Old Boys were present in spite of the fact that many had had to leave that morning for home. The excitement of the present pupils during the events could not dispel the air of sadness that existed as Old Boys took a last reluctant farewell of school mates and masters.

Before a large crowd of Old Boys Central won the Hansard Cup in the inter-House competition, having almost double the number of points of the runner-up, Pridham. Points were: Central 102, Pridham 57, East 48, West 35, Moyes 32, Niger 30, Carrington 30, Country 8.

Three records were broken and one equalled during the events. Sprinting over 120 Yards Hurdles in 14.8 seconds on a dead track, R. C. Johns stole the honours. In making his brilliant run Johns sliced .4 of a second off his own record of 15.2 seconds. It is probably the fastest

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time returned by a secondary schoolboy for the event in New Zealand, and considering the damp state of the track, it was a remarkable performance.

In the senior 440 Yards Johns equalled the record with a time of 52.6 seconds.

M. H. Tizard also gave an outstanding exhibition in winning the senior 880 Yards in 2min. 2.1sec. He beat his own record of 2min. 2.9sec., set earlier this year.

A third record fell in the junior 880 Yards when K. Wakelin returned a time of 2min. 19sec. to better the existing record of 2min. 24.4sec. set in 1955.

The major event of the day, however, and the most interesting and amusing, was the Old Boys' race. Well over 50 starters faced the marksman, Mr. A. J. Papps, and he had the utmost difficulty in getting anything like a reasonable start. He finally got them racing after much chiselling, questionable tactics, cheating, foul play and false starts. The clash was won by J. S. Orams, and G. A. Neve was placed second and third. Both were new Old Boys, being at School last year. The time for the 100 yards was officially set at 9mins.

## JUBILEE NUMBER OF THE "TARANAKIAN"

The aim of the English Department of the School was to produce a magazine which would provide the starting point for the inevitable reminiscence that was associated with the Jubilee. The Editor's task was made much easier when the committee decided that the cost of the magazine should be included in the registration fee and that each Old Boy was to receive a copy on arrival. His only task was to produce a magazine worthy of the School and of the occasion.

The magazine contains a history of the School in narrative form, the narrative enlivened by quotations from all sources contemporary with the events described. This history includes a summary of all the records of the School brought up-to-date. A history of the Old Boys' Association follows and then the history of all the main School institutions such as football and cricket which are here put together for the first time. A most interesting section contains 16 contributions from Old Boys who have written reminiscences of their years at School. These are personal, lively and of considerable literary merit. The magazine is completed by a section called "Trivia or Do You Remember?" which is devoted to the lighter side of School life.

The whole is illustrated by an art section printed from 57 blocks which are a graphic record of outstanding personalities, incidents and activities in the life of the School. The whole production succeeds in giving an accurate and impelling impression of the great expansion and growth over the years and of the depth and richness of the experience of those who have lived part of their lives in this School.

Sufficient numbers were printed to ensure a supply for some years and Old Boys who still wish to possess one should write to the Editor at the School.

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### RETROSPECT

There was an air of sadness about the cricket ground on Tuesday morning in spite of the excited interest of the present boys in the results of the athletic contests. Old Boys who remained were taking farewell of each other with the knowledge that in some cases they might not meet again until the next Jubilee. They all agreed that the week-end had been a triumph of organisation, exciting and the most memorable event in the history of the School.

The thoughts of us all were summed up by statements given to the Taranaki Herald by the Headmaster and by the President of the Association, Dr. I. D. Auld.

Mr. McNaught said: "My thoughts at the conclusion of our festivities are mixed ones. There is relief that the efforts of the Jubilee Committee have been amply rewarded by the appreciation of Old Boys and their wives (some hundreds of the latter refused to be left behind at home); relief too that the celebrations are ended—for we all must have much sleep to make up.

"But, above all, there is the happiness that comes from having enjoyed the company of so many hundreds of Old Boys, all bent on finding the good in everything connected with the School and the celebrations arranged for them, and on passing over the imperfections with a friendly, uncritical eye.

"It was splendid to see the fine attendance of boys of all decades, many of whom came from long distances (even from Sydney). It was good, too, to receive the many cablegrams and telegrams from England, Malaya, Australia, Fiji, U.S.A. and various parts of New Zealand, as well as from schools with which we have close associations—Nelson College, Wanganui Collegiate, Silverstream St. Pat's, Wellington College and Auckland Grammar.

"If one is to judge from comments, the Memorial Service would take pride of place among the events of a notable Easter. The 460 next-of-kin who attended were, I am sure, deeply appreciative of the form of the service and well pleased with the shrine and the beautiful stained glass window which they donated to the School.

"The present boys have had a fine experience this Easter which they will talk about in the years to come, and the memories of all of us, past and present, will be, I am sure, pleasant ones to recall."

Dr. Auld said: "One of the most significant things about the reunion has been the enthusiasm of Old Boys of all ages and the impact of the large gathering of Old Boys on the present boys. At least one Old Boy, who was at School at the time of the 50th Jubilee, had been so impressed by the celebrations at that time that he made up his mind to be present at the 75th Jubilee.

"Old Boys, in visiting their old classrooms, dormitories and other haunts, have passed on their reminiscences to the present boys. These personal contacts have made a very important contribution to the School's traditions."

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The intense activity which began last year came to a climax at Easter, and the Jubilee Committee consisting of Executive, Headmaster, members of Staff and Board of Governors, which worked so well together has only recently disbanded.

All who were present at the Jubilee will have renewed friendships and been stirred by "visions of boyhood" and the sight of the School today. This was the purpose of the reunion. But the Association itself has benefited tremendously. We now have the addressed cards used for enrolment, of nearly two thousand interested Old Boys. If every one of those could match their thoughts of the past with our hopes for the future by becoming financial members, the various branches would be greatly strengthened. These cards have already been successfully used for a Newsletter. In this connection we find that even since Easter there have been many changes of address. Notification of changes would save much trouble and expense.

The Association had expected to lose money on most Easter functions, but this was not the case, because of a greater attendance than was budgeted for. We are now considering a gift to the School in addition to the £1400 Jubilee gift.

At the last meeting of the Parent Committee an Aerial Photograph of the School and environs was authorised. This properly scaled, will be valuable for the further development of grounds.

The Executive has arranged a farewell function for Mr. Wilkie and Mr. and Mrs. McNaught to be held in the School Lounge on the evening of Saturday, December 4th. At this presentations, for which Old Boys have subscribed, will be made. On this occasion Old Boys will have an opportunity of expressing to Mr. and Mrs. McNaught, and to Mr. Wilkie, their appreciation of devoted efforts and achievements in maintaining and furthering the traditions of the School. The Executive plans to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Webster officially at some later date.

The Editor of the Old Boys' Section (H. P. Webster, 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): M. Shearer, Box 131, New Plymouth.

**South Taranaki**: R. O. D. Henderson, Box 137, Hawera.

**Manawatu**: G. Kear, Perham Larson Ltd., Palmerston North.

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

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

**Waikato**: D. L. Snelling, River View Terrace, Hamilton.

**Wellington**: E. A. Batten, Box 524, Wellington.

**Auckland**: W. F. Shortt, Box 801, Auckland.

**Dunedin**: L. Croxson, Knox College, Dunedin.

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

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### PARENT ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting was held in the School Assembly Hall at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, April 23rd. Dr. Auld presided over a gathering of about 250 Old Boys, including representatives from all the North Island Branches.

The officers elected were: Patron, Mr. G. J. McNaught; President, Dr. I. D. Auld; Senior Vice-President, Mr. B. Sykes; Junior Vice-President, Mr. H. P. Webster; Secretary, Mr. S. Shotton; Treasurer, Mr. I. Webster; Committee, Mr. M. McDonald, Mr. M. Sykes; Assistant Secretary, Mr. M. Shearer. **Branch Delegates:** Auckland, Mr. S. James; Wellington, Mr. N. Leighton; South Taranaki, Mr. M. Shearer; Hawke's Bay, Mr. K. Denham; Headmaster's Representative, Mr. R. W. Baunton; Auditor, Mr. J. D. Ridland.

### ANNUAL REPORT

The President then read the Annual Report:

"Gentlemen, on behalf of your Executive Committee, I have pleasure in presenting the 38th. Annual Report of the Association.

The year under review has been a memorable one. We have seen the completion of the War Memorial Building and the celebration of the School's 75th. Anniversary.

Your Committee has met regularly and kept in touch with the Branches. Well-attended reunions have been held by the Auckland, Waikato, South Taranaki, Manawatu, Wellington and Dunedin Branches. The Hawke's Bay and Wanganui Branches have kept in touch with members.

**Annual General Meeting:** This was held on Sports Day and was well attended. The Association again wishes to thank the Board for providing a luncheon at the conclusion of the Meeting.

**Presentation to Henry R. Billing, Esq.:** After the Annual General Meeting your Association made a presentation of a painting to our fellow Old Boy, Mr. Henry R. Billing. The painting was inscribed as follows:—"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, 1924-1956."

We wish to congratulate Mr. Billing on being awarded the M.B.E.

**Annual Ball:** This was held on Easter Monday. As the attendance was not as great as was anticipated there was a small financial loss.

**South Taranaki Golf Tournament:** This was held on June 17th. at Hawera and 51 Old Boys took part. We would like to congratulate the South Taranaki Branch on the continued success of this function.

**Raffle:** Mr. J. S. Hatherly organised a second "Willing Shilling" Raffle which produced a profit of £804.

This very satisfactory result was largely due to the efforts of the schoolboys and the enthusiasm of Mr. Hatherly and Mr. Webster. The money has been given to the School as a portion of the Jubilee Gift.

**War Memorial Building:** The Building has now been completed and placed in the care of the Board of Governors. We are most grateful to Sir William Jordan for opening the Building and to our fellow Old Boy, the Very Rev. D. N. MacDiarmid, for conducting the dedication service.

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**Stained Glass Window for the Memorial Building:** We wish to thank the next-of-kin, of those Old Boys who gave their lives in World War II, for presenting to the School the very beautiful stained-glass window.

**75th. Anniversary of the School:** The Jubilee functions are still in progress but we should like to express our appreciation to all those who have attended to make this Jubilee such a success. Approximately 1500 have enrolled.

The Headmaster convened the Jubilee Committee, which was made up of representatives of the Board, the School, and the Old Boys.

We wish to thank Mr. Moss, Chairman of the Board, and Messrs. Strombom and Parker, two Old Boy members of the Board, for working with us on the Committee, and also Mr. Kerr and Mr. Alexander who have represented the School.

The Jubilee has entailed considerable work for the masters and we wish to express our appreciation to them. An added burden has been thrown on the Matron and her staff; the ground staff; Mr. Johnstone, and his staff. We are grateful to all these people for their enthusiastic assistance.

The Boys deserve special praise for the many tasks they have undertaken.

We hope that the enthusiasm shown at the Jubilee will continue and carry the School forward with renewed vigour in the years ahead.

**Jubilee Magazine:** Mr. Alexander has produced an outstanding Jubilee Magazine and we should like to thank him and all those who have assisted him.

**Resignation of Mr. McNaught:** Mr. McNaught has notified the Board of his intention to retire at the end of this year. He has done this at an early date to give the Board time to select his successor. In the future we hope to have the opportunity of suitably farewelling Mr. and Mrs. McNaught, but we should like to express our thanks to them for the help they have given our Association at all times and especially during this very busy Jubilee year.

### OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

**Subscription:** It was decided that the local subscription be 7/6 per year for the first two years and 10/- a year thereafter.

**Sporting Achievements:** Branches were asked to send in news of Old Boys who had distinguished themselves in sport, or gained representative honours.

## BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS

### SOUTH TARANAKI BRANCH

**Annual Meeting:** There was a very poor attendance at the Annual Meeting held in March. The following officers were elected: Patron, Mr. G. J. McNaught; President, D. N. McCallum; Senior Vice-President, W. Bottrill; Junior Vice-President, M. Strawbridge; Secretary, R. O. D. Henderson. Committee: A. Moss, D. Ekdahl, C. Robb, B. McMurray, G. E. W. Boon, P. Boddie, K. James, F. E. Clarke.

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**District Representatives:** A. Richards (Patea), G. Saxton (Meremere), J. Alexander (Waverley), N. Preston (Normanby), R. Snowdon (Manaiia), A. Wallis (Opunake), T. Death (Stratford), P. Boddie (Eltham).

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Sunday, June 30th, 63 players took part in the third Annual Golf Tournament. A welcome to Old Boys was extended by Mr. J. Warnock, President of the Te Ngutu Club. Mr. D. N. McCallum, in replying, thanked the Te Ngutu Golf Club for once again making their course available for this tournament. Trophy winners were: McNaught Cup, All-Day Stableford: Winner, N. Preston; runner-up, D. G. Brash. Morning Nett: Winner, A. Alsop; runner-up, R. Mason. Morning Gross: Winner, J. Lacey; runner-up, I. Murray. Morning Stableford: Winner, M. Walter; runner-up, D. I. MacCallum. Afternoon Nett: Winner, W. Mail; runner-up, R. J. Baxter. Afternoon Stableford: Winner, J. Walkinton; runner-up, P. McCallum. Teams Match: A. Alsop, W. Mail, J. Walter, J. Walkinton.

## ST. PAT'S GAME AND ANNUAL REUNION

As usual our Branch Reunion was held on the night of the St. Pat's game. With School's win over St. Pat's the attendance was a little larger than in recent years.

Immediately after the match both teams were entertained and welcomed to afternoon tea at the Carlton Dining Rooms. Speakers were D. McCallum, Mr. McNaught, the Rector of St. Pat's, Mr. Stewart, Father Durning, and the captains of both teams. M. Mahoney, Head Prefect of St. Pat's, presented a framed photograph of the college to Mr. Stewart, in return of a like gift to St. Pat's the previous year. While the reunion was in progress the teams were entertained to a picture party. This was evidently not appreciated as much as the usual dance, so we should see a change next year.

We were very pleased to have Mr. McNaught present at all our functions this year and wish him well in his retirement.

## AUCKLAND BRANCH

The year has been one with plenty of activities for Old Boys. The first on the year's programme was the 75th Jubilee at Easter and a large contingent of Auckland Old Boys made their way to New Plymouth for this. There can be no doubt that all who attended had a wonderful time and we would like to congratulate the Parent Association on the success of their efforts.

The Annual Meeting and June "Smoko" was held as usual in the Transport Board Club Rooms and the following officers were elected for the ensuing two years: President, Newton Roch; Vice-President, Bob Thompson; Secretary, Warren Shortt; Committee, Ron Niven, Bryan Bews, Selwyn Rawson, Clyde Colson and Harold Bartley.

Upon completion of the formal business supper was served and as one Old Boy put it, the more pleasant business of eating and drinking was resumed.

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The Branch continued its policy of holding a ball every second year and this function was duly held at the Tamaki Yacht Club on Saturday, 14th September. Over eighty couples were present and the ball proved to be more successful than the first one two years ago. Streamers in the School colours of black, white and gold with large replicas of the School badge were the main features of the ballroom decorations. The guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. Roch. Mr. J. S. Webster, the new Headmaster, and Mrs. Webster, were the guests of honour. During the course of the evening Mr. Webster was introduced to those present and was greeted with a rousing haka. A Monte Carlo on the programme was conducted by Mr. Colin McDonald.

## Personal Notes

Our congratulations go to **Bruce Bell** on representing New Zealand at the International Bridge Contest.

Two of our staunchest supporters over the years have been **Harry Calder** and **Ted Boulton**, both of whom are on the staff at Mt. Albert Grammar.

**John Wood** is now residing at O'Rourke Hall, where he should be at home amongst quite a number of other Old Boys.

**Clyde Colson**, **Jim Simmons** and **Dennis (George) Swan** are becoming very domesticated—they flat together and say they like it.

**David Gardiner** is still with the Bank of New Zealand, but has been transferred to the Ponsonby Branch.

**Graeme Sigley** has moved up to Auckland and has the salesman look written all over him.

**Graeme Brackebush** has been following the watchmaker's trade for a number of years now.

**Michael Watts** is with Gough, Gough and Hamer.

We were pleased to see **Tony Baker** come all the way from Rotorua for the ball. Tony has become very interested in car-racing.

**Peter Lovell** is working for a large firm of public accountants in Auckland and is also seen quite frequently around the University.

**Ashley Tubman** is also working for a firm of public accountants. He has been enjoying his cricket as a member of the University Club.

**John McFlinn** is working as crime reporter for the New Zealand Herald.

**John Graham** has again been prominent in football circles, representing Auckland consistently throughout the season, while younger brother **Bob** has had a couple of games for the Auckland Colts.

**Bob Thompson** is a chemist with Standard-Vacuum Oil. He has been elected Vice-President of the Branch and should be a tower of strength to the committee.

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### HAWKE'S BAY

This year's biennial General Meeting was held in the Farmers' Tea Rooms, Market Street, Hastings, on Saturday, the 3rd of August, following the annual match School v. Te Aute College at Nelson Park, Hastings. The dinner, as befitted the occasion, was a sit-down full-scale meal and the catering was of very high standard.

We were glad to have with us on the occasion of his impending retirement the Headmaster, Mr. McNaught, who was accompanied by Mr. Barton, who travelled with the team. In the chair was Mr. Claude Kyngdon, our President, and among those present were 28 or so other Old Boys. Mr. Webb, who is both an Old Boy and Principal of Te Aute College, joined us to our great pleasure. Among our guests was Mr. V. E. Kerr, who travelled over for the match and received the usual fullsome welcome which is his in this area.

The following were elected to hold office for the ensuing two years: Patron, Mr. McNaught; President, Claude Kyngdon; Vice-Presidents, Bob Ayling, Scott Henry; Auditor, Stan Murley; Secretary-Treasurer, Roger Bate; Committee, Callum Kirkpatrick, Les Grant, Doug. Murley and Lou. Greer. The office bearers were unaltered apart from the retirement of Bill Duncan, who has left this district and was replaced by Lou Greer.

Callum Kirkpatrick proposed the toast to the School which was replied to in a most interesting vein by Mr. McNaught, ably supported as he was by Mr. Barton, who dealt largely with the sporting sphere.

Old Boys from other parts travelled to Hastings for the match and dinner and received hearty welcomes. These included **Bruce Kerr** from Feilding and **Bryan Novak** from New Plymouth.

Towards the close of the evening Mr. McNaught was accorded three hearty cheers by the gathering and wished every happiness in the future and a long retirement.

#### Personal

**Tom FitzGibbon**, an ex Head Day Boy, is now a member of our Association and is school teaching in Waipukurau.

**Vern Shoter** has taken up an appointment with H.B. Farmers' Co-op. Association in Hastings, and will be a welcome acquisition to this district.

**Jack Westerman**, a well-known draper in Hastings, has now linked up with us also.

**Barry Mitcalfe** is school teaching at Te Aute College.

**Callum Kirkpatrick** is once more in the news having forsaken the ranks of bachelorhood in favour of the matrimonial stakes.

**Jack McMahon** is inspecting for the Hawke's Bay Education Board.

### WAIKATO BRANCH

Attended by 75 Old Boys, the Annual General Meeting of the Waikato Branch was combined with a buffet dinner and social. Starting immediately after the Taranaki v. Waikato football match, the evening finished about 8 p.m. and with the business disposed of in a short time there was plenty of opportunity for renewing old friendships.

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Among those present were **F. S. Veale** (1887-'88) and **C. MacDiarmid** (1890-'92), both of whom spoke briefly of early days at the School. The Branch was particularly fortunate to have Mr. J. S. Webster, the new headmaster, as guest of honour. Mr. Webster gave a speech and met many Old Boys and the retiring Branch President, **W. T. Luxton**, spoke for all present when he assured Mr. Webster that he had the complete confidence of Waikato Old Boys. **Mr. V. E. Kerr**, master from 1923, also attended and spoke, bringing us up-to-date with School news.

Officers elected were: President, P. F. L. Stephenson (1928-30); Vice-President, M. E. Hassall (1925-'27); Committee, G. Davidson (1949-'52), N. Fulton (1942-'45), E. W. Grant (1940), W. S. Harbutt (1926-'29), J. R. Michaels (1944-'48), H. Wall (1924-'26); Secretary, J. Snelling (1938-'40); Auditor, D. J. Lepine (1931-'34).

Other news of local Old Boys:—

**Robin Archer** (1943-'47) is an architect with the South Auckland Education Board. Married with one child, he is prominent in the affairs of the Hamilton Junior Chamber of Commerce.

**Don Irving** is now in the insurance department of Wright, Stephenson, Hamilton.

**Noel Fulton** and his Norwegian wife also live in Hamilton, where Noel has a joinery business.

**D. J. (Doug.) Lepine** (1931-'34) is assistant accountant at the New Zealand Co-operative Dairy Co. Ltd., and still plays regular cricket. Doug. recently celebrated the birth of his fifth child.

**D. L. (Jack) Snelling**, the new Branch Secretary, runs a dairy and grocery business in Hamilton and is a board member of the Hamilton Junior Chamber of Commerce.

**Gerry Davidson** is studying pharmacy.

**R. L. Anderson** (1944-'47) is Hamilton branch manager of the Allum Electrical Co. Ltd.

**John Michaels** (1944-'48), now living in Hamilton after two years in England, is married with one child. John is Hamilton representative for an Auckland firm of Public Accountants.

**Claud Hamilton** (1938-'41) is on the Administration staff of the South Auckland Education Board. Keenly interested in cricket, Claud is president of the Eastern Districts Cricket Club. He is married with three children.

Friends of **Basil Collinge** will hear with regret that he recently lost his wife after a brief illness.

**Peter Davidson** is sheep farming near Huntly. His son **Nigel**, also an Old Boy, is in the Post Office Workshops in Hamilton.

**Gordon Symes** is farming at Otewa, near Otorohanga. He has five sons and one daughter, his eldest son being a boarder at School.

**John Baddely** is in the Ministry of Works and is domiciled in Hamilton.

**Ted Foden** (1919-'22), a former Head Boy, is in the Rukahia Soil Research Station.

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**Arthur Betts** (1919-'21) is well known in the Te Awamutu district, especially in Rugby circles.

**Charles Collins** is a bank manager in Morrinsville.

**Brian Milne** (1943-'45), recently married, is doing accounting work in Hamilton. He has bought a few acres near Hamilton and proposes to be a part-time farmer.

**W. S. (Chum) Harbutt** has two farms in the Te Miro district which, together with his family of five, keep him busy. Chum is still keenly interested in football.

**A. R. (Pont) Reid**, nationally known All Black captain, is school teaching in Hamilton.

**Hugo Wall** is a bank officer in Hamilton and active in Operatic and Church circles. His son **Tony** is a boarder at School.

A few of the many Old Boys farming in the area are **E. P. Milliken**, **Brian Houston**, **Graham Bennett**, **Alan Neill**, **Frank Duncan**, **Don Fox**, **Anthony Stubbs** and **Eric Calvert**.

**R. A. Candy**, O.B.E., who has in recent years been deputy-chairman of the New Zealand Co-operative Dairy Co., Ltd., was recently elected chairman of the reconstituted New Zealand Dairy Products Marketing Commission. He is now in England as one of the members of the New Zealand delegation in the annual November trade talks. His son **Bruce** is a Public Accountant at Matamata.

**John Stranger**, who was at School during 1933, is proprietor of a restaurant and tea rooms in Hamilton.

**Ward Burchell** has a men's outfitters business at Te Awamutu.

**B. R. Dill**, who joined the School after the Napier earthquake in 1931, is on the staff of Dalgety and Co. Ltd., Te Awamutu.

**T. Hayward** and **G. Fromm** are farming near Morrinsville and Waihuroa respectively.

**T. Fisher** is a master on the staff of the Huntly College.

**John Ledgerwood** is secretary of the Y.M.C.A., Hamilton.

**Pat Stephenson** is in the Bank of New Zealand, Hamilton North, and has recently been honoured by the Hamilton Junior Chamber of Commerce in being made a Senator or Life Member of Junior Chamber International. He is also an active member of the Claudelands Church of England and Waikato secretary for the New Zealand Bank Officers' Guild.

## WANGANUI BRANCH

This Branch has not been active for some years but Old Boys in the district frequently discuss the old days whenever they meet. The district is very scattered and consequently functions are difficult to arrange.

**Joe Thomas** is still the very busy Life Insurance Manager.

**Ted Harman** is in charge of Harman's Motors, the Austin dealers for the district.

**Fred Read** has commenced business on his own account as an Insurance Assessor.

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**Derek Brown** is making dough for dough.

**Garland** and **Lindsay Horrocks**, from Makirikiri, have been prominent in the show circles recently.

**Ian Ford** is very much the bustling farmer these days, what with the coming of power to the Parihauhau property.

**Doug Burton** has recently transferred his business into larger and brighter premises in Victoria Avenue. He is always interested in selling sports goods to Old Boys.

**Noel Nielson** is still the busy farmer and does a tremendous amount of local body work.

**Herby Dyke** is the busy executive in a garage business.

**Sam Crone** has been collecting the odd golf trophy during the season.

## MANAWATU NOTES

Thirty-eight members of the Manawatu Association were present at the last reunion held in Palmerston North on December 8th, 1956, and we were pleased to have with us the Head, Mr. G. J. McNaught, Messrs. W. G. Wilkie, J. J. Stewart and Paddy Webster.

Following the toast to "The School" the Head spoke of the various ways in which the School was functioning and also of the ways in which Old Boys could assist the School. It was a grand evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

It has not been possible to hold a reunion this year through lack of suitable premises, but it is hoped to have one early in the New Year.

It may be of interest for readers to learn of the whereabouts of some of the Manawatu members.

**C. R. (Rusty) Carson** is General Manager of Watson Bros. Ltd., a large Palmerston North firm.

**O. W. (Owen) Adam** has transferred from Palmerston North to Raumati South, where he is in practice as a Public Accountant.

**E. B.** and **V. M. Anderson** are both farming at Alfredton Road, Eketahuna.

**P. A. Batchelor** is also farming out of Feilding.

**A. R. (Alastair) Brittain** is located in Eketahuna.

**S. B. (Syd) Cottier** is with the Bank of New South Wales at Eketahuna.

**C. V. (Cyril) Day** is in practice in Palmerston North as a Public Accountant.

**F. C. Deighton** is in Marton as is also **Mark Ingle**.

**E. L. Evans** can be found at Box 38, Palmerston North, and **T. K. Evans** at Box 26, Marton.

**E. H. (Ted) Ferry** is another Public Accountant in Palmerston North.

**D. V. Fitzpatrick** is living at 181 Park Road, Palmerston North, and is one of the big shots in R. and W. H. Symington and Co. Ltd., of that city.

**R. E. (Rex) Foster** can be found at Feilding.

**B. H. (Bruce) Galpin** is one of the wealthy farmers of Marton.

**J. C. (Jack) Forward** has moved to the west end of Palmerston North.

**A. E. (Alex) Gracie** is one of the leading lights of Feilding, where he has his own men's shop.

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T. C. H. Grant can be found at Box 70, Marton.

B. W. S. (Brian) Grey has recently been transferred by the Bank of New South Wales to its Upper Hutt Branch.

W. O'C. (Wynne) Griffiths is with Messrs. A. H. Dales Ltd., of Marton.

R. G. (Dick) Harper is well-established on his farm out of Palmerston North at Lockwood.

R. H. (Bob) Jenkinson lives at 64 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

R. W. (Ross) Jones is living at Kimbolton.

Norm. Langston's address is Broadway, Marton.

J. C. (Jack) Lawrence can be found at No. 9 Rural Delivery, Palmerston North.

R. D. (Ron) Looney is one of Palmerston North's smartest dressed men—and so he should. He has one of the smartest men's shops in the area.

A. A. (Alf) Mahon is a Commercial Traveller and lives in Palmerston North.

W. J. D. Millman can be located at 139 Ferguson Street, Palmerston North.

Allen Nichols is at Oroua Downs, R.D., Foxton.

A. L. (Alex) Rae is on the staff of Massey Agricultural College, Palmerston North.

Jim Perry is farming most successfully at Mt. Stewart.

D. H. P. Richardson has been in Malaya as a civic engineer with Messrs. Gammon (M) Ltd., Penang, and should be there for about another year.

G. A. (George) Shultz lives in Feilding on the Halcombe Road.

A. P. Seccombe is a citizen of Taihape and can be found at 45 Kaka Road.

T. H. Short is in Bluff Road, Kimbolton.

D. N. (Don) Sommerville also lives in Taihape.

Derek Thurston receives his mail at Taoroa R.D., Taihape.

Bruce Webster's address is the same as Derek's.

A. W. (Acton) Wylde-Browne is one of Palmerston North's foremost Architects.

L. D. (Len) Burgess is the Chairman of Directors of one of New Zealand's largest wholesale hardware manufacturers.

A. H. (Alan) Wilson, of "Waitio," Upper Makuri, Pahiatua, has recently been welcomed into this Branch.

It will be seen from the list that we have our share of farmers, public accountants, business executives and independent operators in the Branch and also that they are scattered as far afield as Taihape and Pahiatua.

A contingent from Manawatu who went up to New Plymouth last Easter is still loud in its praises for the organisation which went into making it the greatest reunion which has ever been held. The only complaint heard was the need for a complete rest afterwards to recuperate!

With this issue coming out right in the midst of the summer holidays, the Manawatu Branch takes the opportunity of wishing all Old Boys a happy holiday, together with a Merry Christmas and successful New Year.

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### WELLINGTON BRANCH

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch was held early in March and the following officers were elected: Patron, Mr. G. J. McNaught; President, Mr. R. S. V. Simpson; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. A. Nicholson, A. J. Papps, P. J. Power and H. J. Whittington; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. E. A. Batten; Committee, Messrs. B. R. Boon, J. D. Bathgate, S. A. Comber, P. J. Lloyd, L. M. Papps and P. A. Taylor.

After the successful Easter Jubilee Reunion at the School, the first "Smoko" of the year held in May proved to be an anti-climax and was not a success. However, the effects of the Jubilee had worn off by the July "Smoko" and it was an outstanding success and continued on at various localities until the early hours of the morning.

As usual the climax to our year's functions was the Annual Reunion held on Saturday, 28th September, 1957, at the Midland Hotel. The committee were particularly pleased with themselves for having held this function on the night of Taranaki's Ranfurly Shield win. The fifty Old Boys present therefore can be excused for seeming somewhat boisterous that night. The presence of the Headmaster, Mr. G. J. McNaught, and Mr. W. G. Wilkie, both of whom are retiring this year, gave added pleasure to the gathering and many tributes were paid to them. The Wellington Old Boys wish both men the best of health and a long and happy retirement. For the first time the Branch was privileged to welcome the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. L. M. Moss, to the Reunion and many members commented at the interest taken by the Board of the activities of Old Boys.

Arthur Wells is now Secretary of the New Zealand Dairy Board.

Barry O'Meagher has recently taken up an appointment with the Public Trustee and has been attending our Old Boys' functions.

Percy Mitcalfe is teaching at Hutt Valley High School.

Arthur Moody, an old member of the Association, has been along regularly and has delighted us with his reminiscences of his school days.

Herbert Martin is the Treasurer of General Motors (N.Z.) Limited.

Allan Ewart is a Parliamentary Reporter for the Evening Post.

Bob. Bradshaw has been on whirlwind visits to both South Africa and Australia this year.

Graham Boon has recently married and is with the New Zealand Forestry Service.

Men of leisure now are Stuart Comber and Barry Boon, both of whom have finished their law studies.

Dick Simpson and Lyn Papps continue to give sterling support to the Branch.

Full-timers in Weir House are David Davey, Peter Lloyd, Jim Smale, Don Barnes and Don Christie.

John Bathgate is a final year law student.

Bruce Brown continues to move around in Parliamentary circles.

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**Tom Buxton**, a local Public Accountant, continues to take a keen interest in the Branch.

**Bill Murray** now has his own practice as a Dentist.

**Bertram Noakes** is with the Guardian Insurance Company.

**Harold Short** has joined the ranks of the Public Accountants.

**Barry Wisneski** and **Eric Batten** are both with Public Accountants' firms.

**Jack Bertrand** is now with Her Majesty's Police and **Hugh Jackson** continues in the Pharmaceutical trade.

**Walter Hughson** is with the Dominion Laboratory D.S.I.R. at Lower Hutt.

Some of the Old Boys at the Annual Reunion were: **Ernest Dearnley**, **Ted Schroder**, **Dick Whittington**, **Alister Macleod**, **Charles Wood**, **Charlie Bedford**, **Arthur Lucas**, **Doug. Carter**, **Frank Tuck**, **Selwyn Dinness**, **Bill Linn**, **Ian Pryke**, **Phil. Taylor**, **Bob Taylor**, **Jim Sutherland**, **Evan Haine**, **Angus McDougall**, **Phil Power**, **Roy Urry**, **Wilson Evans**, **Tom McEwan**, **Jim Fa'asalafa**, **Faaitu Mailei**, **Tere Matiao**, **R. Edgely**, **Clem Boulton**, **Bill Pitt**, **John Tannahill** and **John Slee**.

## DUNEDIN BRANCH

The Annual Reunion held late in the first term was attended by 16 Old Boys and took the usual form of a dinner, followed by an informal discussion. Freshers **Don Derby** and **Ted Jones** gave us a vivid account of the anniversary celebrations and together with **Fred Bennet** and **Barry Cannell**, the activities of the School in the past year. **Don Calder** was elected President and **Richard Croxson** Secretary.

In retrospect the year has been most successful—and after the fine record of the School First XV, Taranaki's Ranfurly Shield victory (which was witnessed by many Old Boys), came as the summit.

**Dennis Woodward**, **Fyfe Bygrave** and **Peter Foreman** are also in their intermediate year for Medicine and Dentistry.

**Roy McGiven**, "Oss" **Ailao** and **Ian McPherson** are fifth year Meds. Oss has given up serious football—too old?

Up the road at Dental School **Lawrence Croxson** is in his final year, having completed a very successful term as Sports Rep. on the O.U. Students' Association Executive and personally representing O.U. at the Easter Tournament in Athletics.

**Bill Thomas**, **Rob Calder** and **Graeme Lawson** are all fourth year. Bill again represented O.U. in Athletics at Easter.

**Don Calder**, **David Gill** are third years and **Dick McClellan** second year. Don played several matches for 'Varsity A Rugby, which was premier club in the local competition for the fifth year running.

**Mike** and **John Simcock** are fourth and third year Meds. respectively, John having completed his B.Med.Sc. in August as well as earning an O.U. Blue for his shooting at Easter Tournament.

**Dave Bathgate** and **Richard Croxson** are both third year Meds. and are entering their Clinical Studies after passing 1st Pro. in August.

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**Kim Bathgate** is first year in the Presbyterian Theological Hall, having completed his Arts course at O.U.

**Captain R. I. Launder** has been appointed Adjutant to No. 1 Battalion, New Zealand Regiment, and is at present at Waiouru Military Camp prior to leaving for Malaya near the end of the year.

**Bruce Parkinson**, who is working at the Health Department in Dunedin, has been a welcome addition to the Branch.

**Dr. Arthur Veale** is continuing his research in the Medicine Department at Otago University.

## SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

There was an informal gathering of Old Boys on the 14th of March, 1957, at the Royal Automobile Club, Sydney. This took the form of an informal get together, comprising of dinner and "aftermath." The whole gathering was organised by **Peter Dent**.

Those present were:

**Peter Dent**: Peter Dent and Co., Shipping and Export Business, Sydney.

**Don Nielson**: Chartered Accountant, Sydney.

**Martin Donnelly**: Courtaulds Ltd., Sydney.

**Paddy Fenton**: Universal Business Directories, Sydney.

**D'Arcy Self**: Liquid Specialties, Sydney.

**Noel Brookman**: Centrefuge Engineering Pty. Ltd., Sydney.

It was decided that all present would meet again with wives on June 4th for dinner and dance at Newport Hotel, Sydney. Further informal gatherings are planned, with the expectation of locating and encouraging other Old Boys in Sydney to come along. If these functions are supported a Sydney Branch may be formed.

## Obituary

### PATERSON, DUGALD

Mr. Paterson died suddenly at his home at Tarata recently. He was aged 59. His contact with this School has been long, as he himself was one of the original boarders and five sons have passed through the School.

Son of pioneer residents of the Tarata district, Mr. Paterson served overseas in the First World War and then stayed overseas travelling for a business firm before taking up farming on Junction Road. He was chairman of the Tarata branch of Federated Farmers for some years and a prominent member of the local bowling club.

Educational matters occupied a considerable amount of Mr. Paterson's time and for many years he was a member and chairman of the Tarata School Committee. He was one of those instrumental in having the Inglewood High School built and was a member of the school's committee of management at the time of his death. Mr. Paterson had been Chairman of the Taranaki Education Board since 1956 and a board member since 1954.



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### HENRY REGINALD BILLING

The death of Mr. Henry Billing on August 10th of this year ended a notable life of achievement and sixty years' association with the School, leaving a niche in the School's history that may never be repeated, and a gap that will be very hard to fill.

His first contact with the School was in 1897 when he attended as a boarder. In 1900 he attained the comparatively rare distinction of leading the First Eleven and First Fifteen and being dux of the School.

Mr. Billing's legal career began in Inglewood in 1909. In 1913 he returned to New Plymouth where he was Crown Solicitor from 1915 to 1920 and was president of the Taranaki District Law Society in 1920, 1927 and 1934. Earlier this year he was a guest of honour at a special dinner held by the society.

In 1923 began the association with this School that caused the present Headmaster to regard and refer to Mr. Billing as our greatest Old Boy. Never has a pupil put so much back into his school. From 1924 to 1956 Mr. Billing was Chairman of the Board of Governors and in this important position gave outstanding service to both High Schools and indeed to the province of Taranaki. Last year, with his health failing, he decided to resign.

For his life-long work for the School and the legal profession he was, last year, awarded the M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Many Old Boys were delighted to see him at the Easter Jubilee. It was fitting that he was asked to unveil the Memorial to the Fallen of World War II, one of the 225 names being that of his son, Kelvin Billing.

### A PERSONAL TRIBUTE—HENRY BILLING

I first remember Henry Billing as a boy at the School during its earliest days. He was a big, burly fellow, rather slow and ponderous in his movements. Yet he had a very active mind and was the School's best scholar of his day. He took a full share in all games. At football he was a powerful forward who was at his best when the going was toughest. Cricket, however, appealed to him most. As a batsman he was what we called "a stone-waller" in those days, very hard to dislodge from the crease. He would bowl too—a rather innocent sort of ball, but full of guile. Though rather quiet and shy of disposition, he was liked by all and was a good friend and comrade.

After he left School he took up the study of law and later set up practice in Inglewood. Then he shifted to New Plymouth and we all came to look upon him as a very gifted lawyer. He kept up his cricket both at Inglewood and New Plymouth. He was an ardent supporter of football too, and never missed an inter-college fixture.

It was on the administrative side, however, that he did so much for his old School. He became a member of the Board of Governors and was for a very long time its Chairman. He found a kindred spirit in the new young Headmaster, Mr. Moyes, and backed him to the full to carry out

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all the plans the Headmaster formed for making the School one of the finest educational institutions in the country. The progress and welfare of the School became his greatest interest and he gave the best years of his life to this end. Nor did he neglect the new Girls' High School; to him the interests of the girls were as important as those of the boys. This unselfish and at times arduous service became recognised by all, especially the Old Boys' and Old Girls' Associations. To them he will always be what the present Headmaster once called "The School's Greatest Old Boy." No finer tribute could be paid to him than this!

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### FRANK L. H. DAVIS

Lieutenant-Colonel F. L. H. Davis died recently after a short illness. He was fifty years of age. He entered the Army in 1927 when appointed to a cadetship at Sandhurst, and was appointed to the New Zealand Staff Corps two years later. In 1939 he was posted to the 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force as Adjutant of the 20th Battalion, and served in Greece and Crete before returning to New Zealand as a Major in 1941. It was not long before Colonel Davis was overseas again, this time to the Pacific, where he commanded the 29th Battalion of the 3rd New Zealand Division.

After the war he served from 1946 to 1949 as Chief-of-Staff, Southern Military District, and as Camp Commandant at Burnham before becoming Area Commander in Christchurch, the position he held at the time of his death.

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### GEORGE FREDERICK BERTRAND

Soldier, school teacher and sportsman, Mr. G. F. Bertrand died on July 26th, thus ending more than thirty years' contact with the School. Old Boys and others who have served or worked with him, will find it hard to realise that such a personality has gone. The funeral, with its solemn military honours and representatives of many organisations, showed the respect which everybody who came into contact with Mr. Bertrand held for him.

During 66 years he never failed to show the basic requirements of manhood and these outstanding qualities stood him in good stead during the war. Here his indomitable courage inspired the men under his command. Mr. Bertrand modestly called this discipline.

During the First World War he served in Gallipoli and in France. After being wounded three times he returned with the rank of Lieutenant. With the outbreak of the Second World War he was appointed second in command of the 28th (Maori) Battalion with the rank of Major. His particular military religion was march discipline and his insistence on this had its reward in Crete when he marched the New Zealand Division over the towering White Mountains. In 1941 he gave up his appointment and was posted to New Zealand where as a Lieutenant-Colonel he organised and trained the Second Maori Battalion. His last war appointment was that of Commanding Officer of the Maori Training Unit.

As a school master Mr. Bertrand demanded strict discipline but won unflinching popularity, teaching at School from 1920 to 1950 and earning a reputation as a brilliant Mathematics master with junior and middle forms.

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As a sportsman he represented Taranaki at Rugby, playing on the wing 1912-13, and was later an administrator. He coached the Old Boys' team to win the Taranaki championship and also played an active part in the administration of swimming in North Taranaki. Fishing and shooting were a favourite pastime and he was a member of the Taranaki Acclimatisation Society. He made a considerable contribution to the School's Rugby and helped coach the teams that won the Moascar Cup. But he will be remembered mainly for his inherent qualities. He was forthright, courageous and single-minded, but he blended these qualities with that particular ability to be genuinely liked by all those he associated with.

### A PERSONAL TRIBUTE—GEORGE BERTRAND

At School George Bertrand taught me Maths. in the fourth and fifth forms. He was an excellent teacher, clear in demonstration, neat and effective on the blackboard, and forceful in all his methods. There was no chance of dodging work with him, and we knew it; so we did our work and passed our examinations. He was a strict disciplinarian and woe betide the boy who slacked or let him and the School down. Yet it was not a grim existence in his classroom. He was a man of unique character, stern at times, but at others bursting with fun and joviality. Such was his personality, so forthright his language that there was never a dull moment. He made us realise too that we were helping to build a great School, whose welfare was everything to him.

Later I was to know him as an Old Boy. Whenever he met his old pupils there was the hearty greeting. What a wonderful capacity for friendship he had! He always remembered us by our Christian names and he had a great faculty for recalling incidents, some happy, some not so happy, of our school days. I like to think of him at Hawera at the St. Patrick's College annual matches, searching out St. Pat's supporters to lay the odds on the School. He loved football, especially school football, and even after he had retired he was still the School's finest barracker. Altogether I think he must have played a large part in making the School what it is today.

I knew him too in the Army. Military life was his great love. He was the ideal soldier, efficient, brave and a born leader. Men trusted him and would follow him anywhere. As schoolboys we had felt in a vague kind of way that he was a "man's man" and now we came to realise in full how true this was. We shall never forget him, or fail to acknowledge what we, his former pupils, the School and the community owe to his splendid example.

### BRUCE ASHLEY IAN PARKER

Bruce Parker died recently as the result of an accident. He was thirty-four years of age. Before the war he had been employed as a surveyor on the Lands and Survey Department. During the war he served overseas for three years until a wound received in Italy forced him to return home and take up instructional work at Waiouru. At the time of his death he was engaged on the Ministry of Works survey of the new road through Haast Pass.

## OLD BOYS' SECTION

### THOMAS CLIFFORD FOOKES

T. C. Fookes died recently after a short illness, ending two years of ill-health. He was fifty years of age. In 1925 he joined the staff of the Bank of New Zealand and spent the remainder of his life in the Bank's service. He served on the committees of several local organisations and was for many years a vestryman of St. Mary's Church. He was one of the best-known and most popular citizens of New Plymouth. A patient in hospital at the time of the Jubilee, he greatly enjoyed visits from many Old Boys. He spoke affectionately of the School only a few hours before he died.

### JOHN VICTOR BURTON

Well-known in educational circles, Mr. J. V. Burton died recently. He was Principal of King Edward Technical College, Dunedin. After leaving School he entered Wellington Training College and in 1924 graduated B.Sc. from Victoria University College. His first position was in the Petone West Primary School and from there he went to Wesley College, Auckland, where he was first assistant for ten years. In 1934 he graduated M.A. from Auckland University and joined the staff of Wellington Technical College, which he left in 1949 to take up his appointment in Dunedin.

Mr. Burton occupied many varied positions during his career. As past-President of the New Zealand Technical Schools Teachers' Association he achieved much. In 1946 he was a member of the Consultative Committee on Teachers' Salaries and on the committee which revised the Primary School History and Geography syllabuses. He was the first Secretary of the Teachers' Refresher Course Committee and during its early years organised all the national refresher courses. He was a past-President of the Wellington branch of the Economic Society of Australia and New Zealand, and also of the Technical Education Association of New Zealand.

With his acumen and energy and his combination of things practical and scholarly, the School has lost an accomplished Old Boy.

### PETER HOOKER

Peter Hooker died recently at the age of thirty-two as the result of an accident. He had been employed as a clerk in the firm of Hooker Bros. During the war he did home service with the R.N.Z.A.F. He excelled in several sports, especially Rugby League, Tennis and Golf and was also a member of the New Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce.

### CLEMENT G. WHITE

A Judge of the Maori Land Court, C. G. White died suddenly at his home in Whangarei. He was fifty-four years of age. His appointment as a Judge was the culmination of long experience in Maori Land Court work.

In the war he served in North Africa with the New Zealand Armed Forces and then rejoined the staff of his old firm, then known as Nicholson, Kirkby and Sheat, and later was made a partner.

He held positions in St. Mary's Church as a chorister and secretary of the vestry, and was a past master in the Masonic Lodge. Tennis was his principal sport and he was a foundation member of the Waiwaka Club.

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**R. Gillespie** has returned to New Zealand after seven years in England.

**G. M. Easton** has written to the School from 23 Lagoon Road, Bognor Regis, Sussex, England. He sends his regards to Old Boys of his vintage.

**A. L. Herdman**, who was a prefect at School in 1916-17, has been appointed headmaster of Devon Intermediate School in New Plymouth. This new school is to be opened next year. The appointment follows a career of wide experience in primary and secondary teaching, and war service overseas.

**Dick Smith** ('49-'51) is teaching in the post-primary school on Niue Island.

**T. Pata** ('51-'53) is working in the Niue Administration, and is now married with one child.

**L. M. Miller** has been named as the player of the year in the annual Norwood cricket awards announced by the Chairman of the Wellington Cricket Association. He was also awarded the Redpath Cup, the annual award for New Zealand's top batsman, and in Plunket Shield cricket last season he headed the batting average for all players.

**R. A. Candy** has recently been elected Chairman of the New Zealand Dairy Products Marketing Commission.

**G. Saunders** has been studying music in Rome and London. He is at present in Suna, Italy, and from there learnt of his acceptance for the famous Radio Luxembourg Symphony Orchestra.

**Dr. W. R. Geddes** has been awarded a Social Science Fellowship for travel overseas in 1958 for research in Social Anthropology in Northern Thailand, Sarawak, Bornea and England.

**G. J. W. Boon** is now the Mayor of Stratford.

**J. B. Woodward** is now in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, where he is deputy chief of the United Nations Mission to deal with 17,000 Hungarian refugees who have entered Yugoslavia following the Budapest uprising.

**W. E. Parrott** is now in London and is Manager and Editor of the Australian Associated Press.

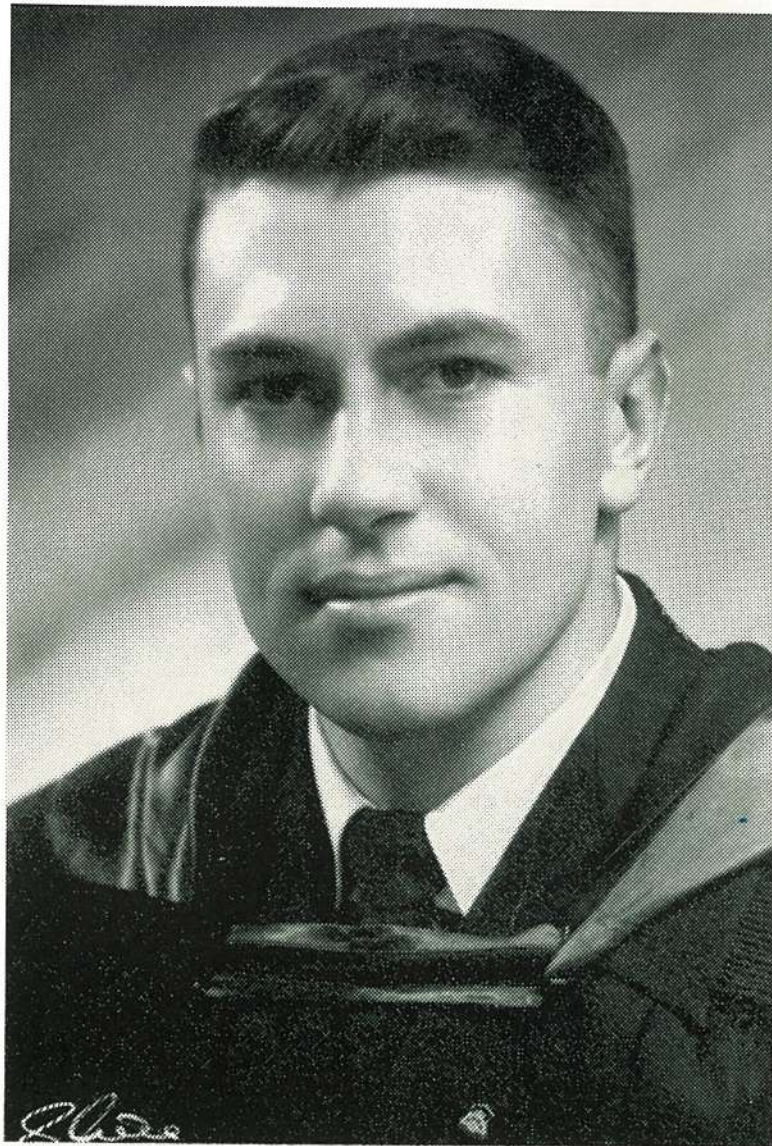
**R. G. Frean** was at Canterbury University College lecturing in English, but is now at Harvard University on the John Knox Memorial Fellowship.

**D. W. Wheeler** has returned from England after working there as a refrigerating engineer for four years. During his stay he also travelled widely on the Continent.

**D. E. Denny-Brown** is a Professor of Physiology at Harvard University, U.S.A. He recently returned to New Zealand after being absent from the country since 1920.

**Dr. David Sheat**, Ph.D., M.Sc., has arrived from England to take up a post at Lindisfarne College, Hastings, as a Science master.

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G. A. WRIGHT  
Rhodes Scholar, 1957.

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The oldest surviving former pupil and one of the earliest to attend School, **Mr. Charles Butterfield Shaw**, New Plymouth, recently celebrated his 90th birthday. He can remember when Devon Street was a dust bowl in the summer and a bog in the winter. For 12 years he owned a farm near Inglewood, has done clerical work, and ran a photographic business. He was a member of one of the six survey parties that put the Main Trunk through Straiford. Mr. Shaw ran the mile at Pukekura Park about 70 years ago, when the park was used for aquatic sports, and was also very interested in music, playing double bass, timpani and cornet, and singing as a light baritone on occasions.

## RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

As the "Taranakian" was going to press the School learnt that an Old Boy, **Graham Wright** (at School 1948-52) had been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship. Graham is only 23 and has already got his M.Sc., which he took with First Class Honours in Chemistry.

While he was at School he was awarded a Tabor Scholarship in Science in 1951. The following year he was a School Prefect and Head of East House, a W.O.II in the Cadet Battalion, was a lock forward in the First XV, won the Mile Handicap and took second fastest time in the Steeplechase. He also was very interested in debating, and swimming and took a very keen interest in the St. John Ambulance Corps. On the academic side of the School he was joint dux in 1952 and won a University Junior Scholarship in the same year.

He entered the University of Auckland in 1953 and gained his B.Sc. in 1955. Last year he won the Senior Scholarship in Chemistry and the Grace Phillipps Memorial Bursary. At present he is a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

When he is at Oxford he hopes to continue his interest in his scientific work and will read for a Doctrate of Philosophy in Chemistry.

The present School and its Old Boys will wish to join in offering Graham our congratulations and in expressing our sense of pride in the honour he has brought to the School and in extending our best wishes for a bright future.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**DERBY—WOODHEAD.**—June Mary, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Woodhead, New Plymouth, to Bruce John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Derby, New Plymouth.

**DIPROSE—SNOOK.**—Beverly Ann, only daughter of Mrs. L. H. Lakeman and the late Mr. G. F. S. Snook, to David William, elder son of Mrs. and the late Mr. A. W. Diprose.

**EDDOWES—KEEGAN.**—Tania Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Keegan, Auckland, to John William, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Eddowes, New Plymouth.

**FAIREY—WEBSTER.**—Shirlie Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Webster, Wellington, to John Lawson, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Fairey, New Plymouth.

**HENDERSON—BENSON.**—Maureen Agnes, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Benson, Dunedin, to Clive Thomas, second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Henderson, Lepperton.

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**JOLL—McLEOD.**—Beverley, younger daughter of Mrs. I. B. McLeod, New Plymouth, to Jack, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Joll, New Plymouth.

**O'KEEFFE—BELLRINGER.**—Beryl June, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Bellringer, New Plymouth, to Barrie, son of Mrs. Q. O'Keeffe and the late Mr. D. O'Keeffe.

**SHOTTER—BURNSIDE.**—Patricia Francis, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Burnside, Hastings, to Vernon Sydney, second son of Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Shotter, Okato.

**SUTCLIFFE—ASTBURY.**—Margaret Helen, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Astbury, Mangatoki, to Derek Graham Rawnsley, only son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Sutcliffe, New Plymouth.

**WESTON—HANNA.**—Lesley Laura, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hanna, Wellington, to George Crowley, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weston, New Plymouth.

**WHITEHEAD—HONEYFIELD.**—Margaret Ellen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Honeyfield, Tikorangi R.D., to Alan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Whitehead, Tikorangi R.D.

**WYNWARD—McNEILL.**—Shirley Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McNeill, Toronto, Canada, to Mark Clinton, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wynyard, New Plymouth.

## BIRTHS

**CALMAN.**—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Calman; a son.

**DEE.**—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Dee; a son.

**FAIREY.**—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Fairey; a son.

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**GREENSILL.**—To Mr. and Mrs. O. Greensill; a son.

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**HUGHSON.**—To Mr. and Mrs. I. Hughson; a daughter.

**McMURRAY.**—To Mr. and Mrs. R. McMurray; a son.

**MUNE.**—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Mune; a daughter.

**NOVAK.**—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Novak; a son.

**PIPE.**—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Pipe; a daughter.

**SWEENEY.**—To Mr. and Mrs. T. Sweeney; a son.

**SMEATON.**—To Mr. and Mrs. W. Smeaton; a son.

**TINGEY.**—To Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Tingey; a daughter.

**WEBSTER.**—To Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Webster; a daughter.

**WOOD.**—To Mr. and Mrs. C. Wood; a son.

**WOODWARD.**—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodward; a daughter.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

DEATHS

BELLINGER, Arthur Cyril Ward.—At New Plymouth, 3/6/57.  
 BILLING, Henry Reginald.—At New Plymouth, 10/8/57.  
 DAVIS, Francis Lionel Henry.—At Christchurch, 12/4/57.  
 FOOKES, Thomas Clifford.—At New Plymouth, 26/4/57.  
 HOOKER, Peter Franklin.—At Auckland, 7/5/57.  
 STRONGE, Charles Russell.—Of Opunake, at New Plymouth, 28/11/57.  
 THOMSON, James Scott.—At New Plymouth, 30/11/57.  
 WHITE, Clement George.—At Whangarei, 27/7/57.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 75th JUBILEE

Income and Surpluses:		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Enrolments	.....	1465	10	0			
Sale of Magazines	.....	219	19	6			
		1685	9	6			
Less Cost of Magazines	.....	769	3	0			
					916	6	6
Ball	.....	846	15	0			
Less Expenses	.....	711	8	4			
					135	6	8
Donations	.....				36	14	6
Commission on Ties Sold	.....				5	16	0
					£1094	3	8
Less Expenditure and Losses:							
Accommodation—Deposits Paid	.....	308	0	0			
Less Received	.....	299	0	0			
					9	0	0
Reception—Expenses	.....	971	2	3			
Less Received	.....	830	15	0			
					140	7	3
Pukeiti Trip—Expenses	.....	29	17	0			
Less Received	.....	23	13	6			
					6	3	6
Postages, Circulars and Stationery	.....	168	16	2			
Jubilee Advertising	.....	27	10	4			
Memorial Opening	.....	46	10	6			
Expenses Sports	.....	19	1	0			
Honoraria (Schoolboys)	.....	34	0	0			
Lapel Badges	.....	11	0	0			
Pennants	.....	12	8	0			
Public Address System	.....	25	0	0			
Insurance	.....	4	18	6			
Presentation Ladies and Function	.....	32	15	7			
Movie Films of Jubilee	.....	100	0	0			
Donations	.....	22	1	0			
Sundry Expenses	.....	22	16	2			
					682	8	0
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## OLD BOYS' SECTION

The oldest surviving former pupil and one of the earliest to attend School, **Mr. Charles Butterfield Shaw**, New Plymouth, recently celebrated his 90th birthday. He can remember when Devon Street was a dust bowl in the summer and a bog in the winter. For 12 years he owned a farm near Inglewood, has done clerical work, and ran a photographic business. He was a member of one of the six survey parties that put the Main Trunk through Stratford. Mr. Shaw ran the mile at Pukekura Park about 70 years ago, when the park was used for aquatic sports, and was also very interested in music, playing double bass, timpani and cornet, and singing as a light baritone on occasions.

## RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

As the "Taranakian" was going to press the School learnt that an Old Boy, **Graham Wright** (at School 1948-52) had been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship. Graham is only 23 and has already got his M.Sc., which he took with First Class Honours in Chemistry.

While he was at School he was awarded a Tabor Scholarship in Science in 1951. The following year he was a School Prefect and Head of East House, a W.O.II in the Cadet Battalion, was a lock forward in the First XV, won the Mile Handicap and took second fastest time in the Steeplechase. He also was very interested in debating, and swimming and took a very keen interest in the St. John Ambulance Corps. On the academic side of the School he was joint dux in 1952 and won a University Junior Scholarship in the same year.

He entered the University of Auckland in 1953 and gained his B.Sc. in 1955. Last year he won the Senior Scholarship in Chemistry and the Grace Phillipps Memorial Bursary. At present he is a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

When he is at Oxford he hopes to continue his interest in his scientific work and will read for a Doctrate of Philosophy in Chemistry.

The present School and its Old Boys will wish to join in offering Graham our congratulations and in expressing our sense of pride in the honour he has brought to the School and in extending our best wishes for a bright future.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**DERBY—WOODHEAD.**—June Mary, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Woodhead, New Plymouth, to Bruce John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Derby, New Plymouth.

**DIPROSE—SNOOK.**—Beverly Ann, only daughter of Mrs. L. H. Lakeman and the late Mr. G. F. S. Snook, to David William, elder son of Mrs. and the late Mr. A. W. Diprose.

**EDDOWES—KEEGAN.**—Tania Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Keegan, Auckland, to John William, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Eddowes, New Plymouth.

**FAIREY—WEBSTER.**—Shirlie Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Webster, Wellington, to John Lawson, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Fairey, New Plymouth.

**HENDERSON—BENSON.**—Maureen Agnes, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Benson, Dunedin, to Clive Thomas, second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Henderson, Lepperton.

## OLD BOYS' SECTION

**HORRILL—GRECH.**—Elizabeth Anne, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Grech, New Plymouth, to Charles Seton, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Horrill, New Plymouth.

**JAMES—WESTON.**—Marie Pamela, second daughter of Mrs. F. M. Weston, New Plymouth, and the late Mr. H. S. T. Weston, to Mark Parry, eldest son of Mrs. F. C. L. James, New Plymouth, and the late Mr. Mark James.

**JOLL—MCLEOD.**—Beverley, younger daughter of Mrs. I. B. McLeod, New Plymouth, to Jack, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Joll, New Plymouth.

**O'KEEFFE—BELLRINGER.**—Beryl June, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Bellringer, New Plymouth, to Barrie, son of Mrs. Q. O'Keeffe and the late Mr. D. O'Keeffe.

**SHOTTER—BURNSIDE.**—Patricia Francis, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Burnside, Hastings, to Vernon Sydney, second son of Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Shotter, Okato.

**SUTCLIFFE—ASTBURY.**—Margaret Helen, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Astbury, Mangatoki, to Derek Graham Rawnsley, only son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Sutcliffe, New Plymouth.

**WESTON—HANNA.**—Lesley Laura, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hanna, Wellington, to George Crowley, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weston, New Plymouth.

**WHITEHEAD—HONEYFIELD.**—Margaret Ellen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Honeyfield, Tikorangi R.D., to Alan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Whitehead, Tikorangi R.D.

**WYNYARD—MCNEILL.**—Shirley Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McNeill, Toronto, Canada, to Mark Clinton, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wynyard, New Plymouth.

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**WEBSTER.**—To Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Webster; a daughter.

**WOOD.**—To Mr. and Mrs. C. Wood; a son.

**WOODWARD.**—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodward; a daughter.

**OLD BOYS' SECTION**

**DEATHS**

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 BILLING, Henry Reginald.—At New Plymouth, 10/8/57.  
 DAVIS, Francis Lionel Henry.—At Christchurch, 12/4/57.  
 FOOKES, Thomas Clifford.—At New Plymouth, 26/4/57.  
 HOOKER, Peter Franklin.—At Auckland, 7/5/57.  
 STRONGE, Charles Russell.—Of Opunake, at New Plymouth, 28/11/57.  
 THOMSON, James Scott.—At New Plymouth, 30/11/57.  
 WHITE, Clement George.—At Whangarei, 27/7/57.

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