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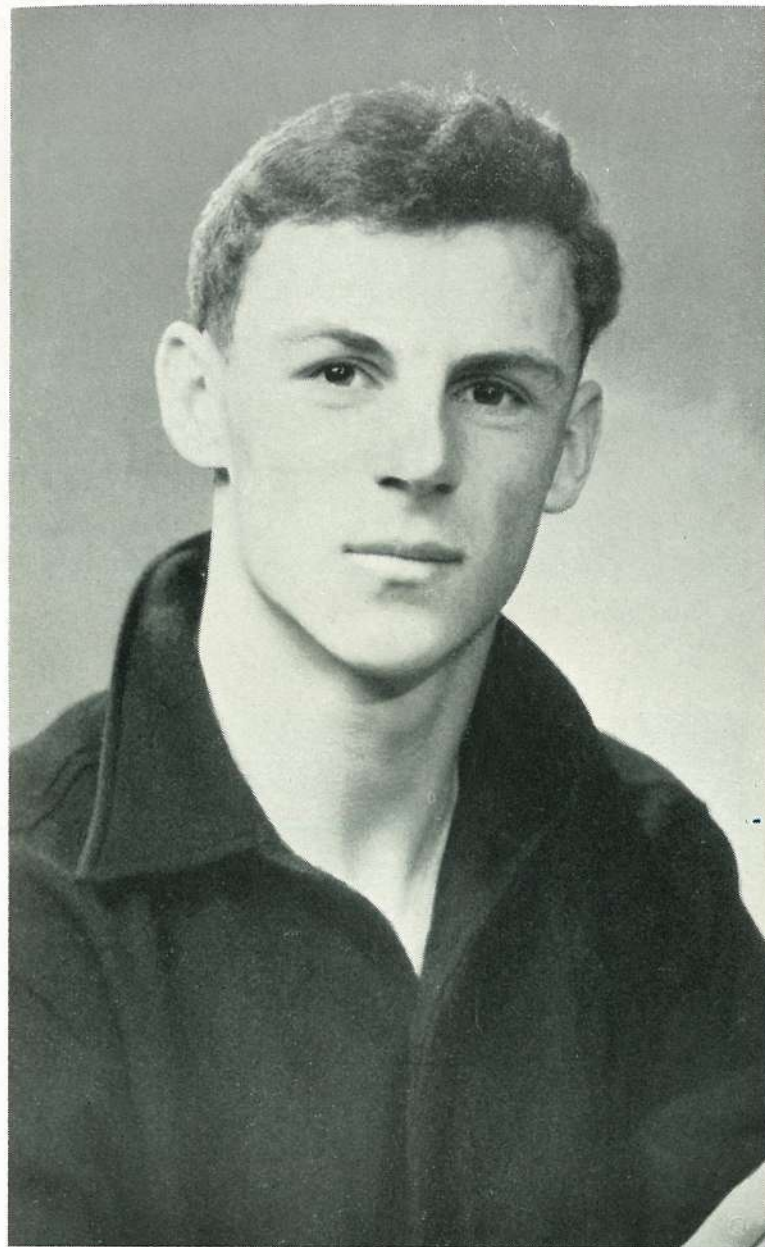
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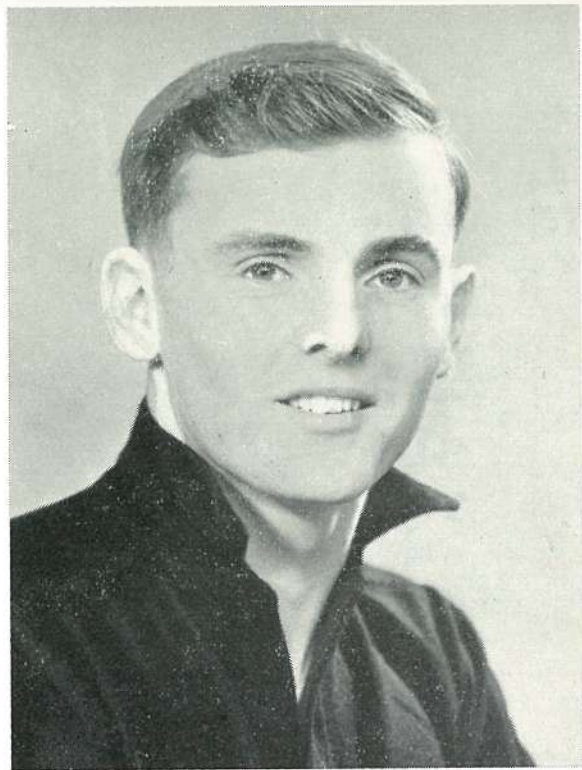
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EDITORIAL

THE POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE BODGIE

THE bodgie problem in New Zealand has grown to serious proportions particularly during the last few years, its gravity being demonstrated by the amount of discussion it has engendered both from New Zealanders and visitors to this country. There have been many theories suggested as to its causes, and remedies offered, some of which are practicable but many unrealistic and even vindictive. The causes have, however, been reduced by those who have expressed opinions, to several basic factors, one of which is the environment of the post-primary school. As all boys have to spend a certain time at a post-primary school it is clear that these schools must be considered as a factor. No opinion perhaps has suggested that the post-primary environment is as important an influence as the home, but when allied to home factors it does become important.

In a school such as ours, located in a smaller city, the position appears to be much less serious than it is in large industrial areas where there are likely to be conditions more liable to produce difficult home environments. The strong spirit of boarding life and the opportunity for supervision act as a deterrent to activities which do not comply with the school's attitude and rules. Quite as important as these two aspects is the effectiveness of the school staff and the opportunity it has to influence boys outside classes. Education is aimed amongst other things at preparing boys and girls to take their place in the community and many of the lessons will be learned outside of the classroom. So the

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staff of a school must do more than teach. Interest and sympathetic understanding in his pupils are two attributes without which a teacher cannot fulfil the whole idea of education. Thus the influence for good of a school will depend primarily on the size of the school, the type of home from which its students come and on the effectiveness of the staff.

Opinions which have suggested that the post-primary environment tends to produce the bodgie type have directed criticism particularly at three aspects of the post-primary school—discipline, the prefect system and school uniforms. The first of these is an oft-maligned word used in such a way as to suggest that discipline in our schools is harsh.

It is true that corporal punishment is still retained in many schools but it is sparingly used in these days and teacher-pupil relationships are generally on a very friendly basis. No child need fear his teacher and, providing that his behaviour approximates to the normal, neither need he fear the opinions or the fists of his classmates. It may be that there are individuals who find irksome this discipline considered necessary for the effective control of post-primary pupils in order that their efforts to grow and learn may be turned in the right direction. This attitude has little foundation as the bodgie type will have to meet discipline eventually and inevitably. Being disciplined is, too, a fundamental aspect of education as much as self-discipline is and an undisciplined person has no quality or use at all in society.

Arising out of the necessity to guide and direct is the compulsion which similarly can often be irksome and lead to frustration. Especially is this so in respect to the syllabus of study and to sport, where discipline can become compulsion. The boy who is not interested in subjects which he has to take suffers accordingly, especially when he may feel that his years at school have been of no practical use and that when he leaves he will forget everything he has learnt and take up those subjects in which he is interested. On the other hand such a boy will not have completely wasted his time even if it appears so to him because he will not have observed in himself the general development which his years at school may have produced.

Much importance is placed on sport in a school of any size and lack of skill or success in this direction can be the most frustrating of the elements which constitute the school environment. A boy who is uninterested in games, physically unable to play to any standard, or just no good, is likely to develop a sense of inferiority, especially if he feels ignored because of it and jeered at by his fellows. Such experience could produce bodgie tendencies and it is little comfort to the subject to point out that it should be possible in the whole field of school activities for him to succeed at something or to point out that in the post-school world he will not find that the same emphasis is placed on excellence at games.

The prefect system is one means by which discipline is imposed. Criticism is levelled at the authority given to individuals over others and the fact that this can lead in the same way to a sense of inequality or inferiority. On the other hand selection of prefects is taken very seriously by all schools and the type of boy is chosen for his personal performance in the school and for his potential as an influence on those younger than he is. With prefects such as these there is less likelihood that the boy-prefect relationship will be tyrannous or offer any serious

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faults which can be criticised. Compared with systems for imposed discipline that the growing boy will encounter when he leaves school this is surely a mild system with a democratic origin.

The third aspect of the school environment against which the bodgie is said to react is school uniform. Regulation school clothing has always existed in New Zealand for several reasons. On the practical side uniform was originally instituted to prevent class-consciousness and to eliminate the kind of competition which could develop from the desire to keep up with or outdress the Joneses. But it was also designed to encourage school spirit without which a school would fall short of its aims. Uniform ensures neat appearance relatively cheaply and it is suited to the growing age-group for which it is designed. Clothing in a bodgie's philosophy could be the easiest way to draw attention to himself or, putting it more technically, to express himself and relieve his repressions. He could revolt against school uniform because he cannot express his individuality, but two factors suggest that idea is unsound. If sports clothes were allowed at school it is probable that the bodgie type would be left behind in the race for self-expression by dress and no longer be able to draw attention to himself. Then it seems that all bodgies dress alike and tend to gather into gangs illustrating that their individual egos are subordinate to a fear of opposition and ridicule.

So, however sympathetically the problem may be approached, it would appear from the above that there is very little in the environment of the post-primary schools which would produce on their own account bodgie tendencies. There are, it is true, elements which would strengthen any tendency already developed against conforming to the normal or the average in attitude towards dress and towards excellence at games. In the case of dress it is hardly likely that school authorities will relax for the sake of the unfortunate few a custom which possesses such obvious advantages for the many. In the case of games it could not be fairly said that the prevalent attitude is engendered by school authorities. Rather is it fixed by the standards of the boys themselves and that opinion represents the kind of tribunal before which the actions of every individual of whatever age is finally tried.

M. D. Grant.

THE BREAK - UP

The Break-Up Ceremony and Prize Giving for the year 1957 was a memorable one in that it was the last such ceremony at which Mr. G. J. McNaught was present in his capacity as Headmaster. He retired at the end of the year and this was the last School function he took part in.

As in past years, the Opera House was crowded with both boys and parents. Present on the platform were Mr. A. W. Yortt, S.M., and Mrs. Yortt, 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 on behalf of the Old Boys' Association, Mr. S. F. Fookes. Also present was Mrs. McNaught, and other Board Members. The academic prizes were presented by Mr. Yortt and the sports prizes by Mrs. Yortt.

Other welcome visitors to the Break-Up were Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wright, and their son Graham, an Old Boy who had recently brought

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honour to the School by winning a Rhodes Scholarship. Mr. McNaught congratulated him on behalf of the School and wished him every success in gaining further honours in the scholastic field.

Mr. McNaught began his annual report by referring to the death of Mr. H. R. Billing, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and a very keen Old Boy. In tribute to him the Headmaster repeated what he had said the year before: "No one has been a better friend to the School. His wise guidance, sane philosophy and a sense of humour that gave balance to his critical and somewhat sceptical spirit, have been appreciated by all who knew him, and none more than myself."

The Headmaster continued his report by referring to the position of the School with respect to numbers, staff and examination results. The School, he said, had a roll of 939, 40 more than 1956. Of these 280 were Boarders. To assist in accommodating this number were the two new classrooms in the Memorial Building. In speaking of the staffing, Mr. McNaught welcomed four masters, Mr. Papps, who had returned on a relieving basis, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Morton and Mr. Oliver. He continued by saying that Mr. Wilkie's retirement because of ill-health was a sad blow to the School, as his term of service, 39 years, was a record. Mr. Kerr and Mr. Wilson had also retired but remained at the School as relieving masters.

Examination results for 1956 were very good, the Head continued. All five candidates had gained sections of the B.Com. degree, six won Taranaki Scholarships, 27 Higher School Certificate, 57 University Entrance, 67 Endorsed School Certificate and 97 School Certificate.

Next item on the report was the Old Boys' Section. The year 1957 had been an active one and a successful one with the Old Boys because of the 75th Jubilee celebrations. Mr. McNaught said the success of the celebrations was a great tribute, not only to the President, Dr. I. D. Auld, and his committee, but also to the affectionate regard the Old Boys have for their School.

A large section of the report dealt with extramural activities. The School Rugby XV was congratulated on having an excellent year, going through the season without losing a game. Lane Penn, the captain, was also congratulated on having gained a place in the Taranaki Rugby team and representing the province three times. Cricket was not as good as in previous years but was improving. Athletics and Swimming were flourishing, probably owing to the Inter-Secondary Athletic Sports in Stratford, and the Swimming Championships at Palmerston North. He also mentioned and congratulated R. C. Johns on his successful run in the New Zealand 120 Yards Hurdles Championship, where he gained second place in the same time as the winner.

Music in the School was rapidly progressing, said the Headmaster. School Singing, Choral work, Orchestra, Pipe Band, Brass Band, Dance Band had all appeared at concerts and had performed admirably. As a new sport Rowing was rapidly gaining support from the boys. A shed had already been constructed by boys and masters at Waitara.

The Head made reference to the visits of the Agriculture boys to the Waikato and Rotorua areas, and the visit the Science students made to Massey College. The School returned the hospitality of the Melbourne High School pupils by billeting 30 boys for ten days in Taranaki.

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There were two new prizes to be presented this year. One, named The Daily News Literary Prize, was made available by the Taranaki Daily News for the best Literary Student in Form V. The other was presented by the Auckland Old Boys' to go to the deputy Head Boy.

In closing the Head extended his sincere thanks to all those who had helped in the running of the School and especially to those parents who had co-operated so well with him in his decisions.

This break-up, being Mr. McNaught's last, gave us the opportunity of hearing more speakers than usual. Mr. A. W. Yortt, in beginning his speech, won the attention of the School by saying: "I have been through the mill and have had the same worries as you. The advice I have to offer has been learnt the hard way." He then went on to give some sage advice which could not have failed to help everyone. In finishing his speech he said: "From this School will come the future leaders of Taranaki and I can only emphasise, 'You will only get from life what you put into it.'"

On behalf of the City of New Plymouth Mr. A. G. Honnor, the Mayor, thanked Mr. McNaught for his capable Headmastership.

The next speaker was Mr. L. M. Moss, the Chairman of the Board. "It is the opinion of the Board," he said, "that Mr. McNaught would hand over having completed his task as Headmaster to the satisfaction of the community, and having won the respect of the boys."

He was followed by Mr. S. F. Fookes, who on behalf of the parents said that Mr. McNaught had gone through a trying time during a formative period in the School's history. He congratulated and thanked him.

CLASS PRIZES

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| 3 Ag.: R. H. Hicks | 5 Ag.: C. W. Lees |
| 3 E.B.3: P. A. McNeice | 5 E: R. W. Yeates (Building)
T. G. Wingate (Eng.) |
| 3 E.B.2: T. A. Barry | 5 G.4: P. W. Savage |
| 3 E.B.1: A. J. Clarke | 5 G.3: T. H. Sampson |
| 3 G.2: R. G. Wilson | 5 G.2: P. J. Rumball |
| 3 G.1: A. W. Pidgeon | 5 G.1: I. R. Silver |
| 3 P.2: D. C. Irvine | 5 P.2: N. J. Withers |
| 3 P.1: P. J. Dempsey | 5 P.1— |
| 4 Ag.: D. I. Jones | 1st in Form: Frazer Prize,
D. J. O'Dea |
| 4 E.B.: W. L. Fields (Building)
G. A. Webb (Eng.) | 2nd in Form: F. J. Morine |
| 4 E: N. M. Hayton | 6 Sc.2: 1st in Form, G. M. Sanders
2nd in Form: B. T. Simons |
| 4 B: N. J. Duncan | 6 Sc.1: R. J. Beveridge and R. A.
Hodges (1st equal) |
| 4 G.2: T. J. Tier | 6 B: G. S. Ryan |
| 4 G.1: C. W. Bussell | |
| 4 P.2: K. A. Carey-Smith | |
| 4 P.1— | |
| 1st in Class: George Prize,
W. A. Mills | |
| 2nd in Class: T. P. Dobbie | |

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

SPECIAL PRIZES

- Rex Dowding Memorial Prize** (3rd and 4th Form Essay): B. R. Purdie.
- Junior Oratory** (Cup and Book presented by L. M. Moss): J. A. Codd.
- Senior Debate** (Cup presented by Wellington Old Boys' Association): P. K. Ramsey and D. B. Sarten.
- Drawing Prize:** B. L. Hains.
- Music Prize** (presented by H. C. Collier): I. A. Boese.
- Special Music Prize:** K. J. Deighton.
- Music Prize** (presented by Mrs. J. Davie): J. Brodie.
- Singing Prize** (presented by an Old Boy): P. Tulloch.
- Reading Prizes.**—Reading in Chapel (presented by an Old Boy): T. F. Fookes. Reading in Assembly: H. K. Way. Senior Reading Prize (Mr. Newson's Prize): R. M. Dodd. Junior Reading Prize: P. J. Dempsey.
- Tabor Scholarships:** English: M. W. Burt. Science: R. J. Beveridge. Mathematics: W. S. Wakelin. Engineering: G. D. Mace.
- Best Maori Scholar** (presented by the Department of Maori Affairs): T. C. Puke.
- Taranaki Daily News Centennial Prize** (awarded for excellence in English in the 5th Form): D. J. O'Dea.
- Bendall Memorial Prize** (Senior Essay): D. W. Hinch.
- Dr. George Home Memorial Prize for English:** H. K. Way.
- White Memorial Prize** (Senior Literature): D. W. Hinch.
- Syme Prize for Latin** (presented by Ronald Syme): T. F. Fookes.
- Senior French Prize** (awarded by the French Legation): J. B. Chapman.
- Heurtley Memorial Prize** (Original Verse): D. W. Hinch.
- John Brodie Memorial Prize for English:** M. H. Tizard.
- General Excellence Cup** (presented by the late Dr. E. F. Fookes): K. M. Comber.
- Prize for General Competence in 6A:** A. J. Hills.
- Deputy Head Boy's Prize:** I. A. Ross.
- Head Boy's Prize** (presented by Mrs. Brookman): C. W. Hamilton.
- Proxime Accessit** (Ian Macleod Memorial Prize): M. H. Tizard.
- Dux Prize** (Buick Cup): H. K. Way.

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SPORTS PRIZES—ATHLETICS

- Old Boys' Challenge Cup** (100 Yards Senior Championship): R. C. Johns.
- Beckbessinger Cup** (100 Yards Intermediate Championship): T. N. Wolfe.
- Bennett Cup** (100 Yards Junior Championship): G. J. Harrold.
- Herbert Smith Cup and Miniature** (220 Yards Senior Championship): P. L. Penn.
- Old Boys' Challenge Shield** (440 Yards Senior Championship): R. W. Humphries.
- Harman Cup** (440 Yards Junior Championship): K. L. Wakelin.
- Mason Memorial Cup and Miniature** (880 Yards Senior Championship): M. H. Tizard.
- Fookes Cup and Miniature** (One Mile Senior Championship): M. J. Sexton.
- Cartwright Cup** (Long Jump Intermediate): T. N. Wolfe.
- Noakes Cup and Miniature** (120 Yards Hurdles Senior): R. C. Johns.
- Bryce Cup** (Fastest Time Senior Steeplechase): M. J. Sexton.
- Easton Memorial Cup** (Fastest Time Intermediate Steeplechase): M. J. Reid.
- Osborne Cup** (Fastest Time Junior Steeplechase): H. Vyver.
- Pridham Cup** (Old Boys' Race): C. Keig.

SWIMMING

- Sykes Memorial Cup** (Senior Championship): J. G. Healy.
- Challenge Cup and Miniature** (Intermediate Championship): M. G. Saxton.
- Fox Cup** (Junior Championship): C. T. Henderson.
- Eggleton Cup and Miniature** (100 Yards Senior Breaststroke): R. J. Quail.

CADETS

- Sole Cup** (Best N.C.O.): C. W. Hamilton.

GYMNASTICS

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

SHOOTING

- Searle Cup** (.303 Short Range Championship): P. J. Chicken.
- Kelly Cup** (.303 Long Range Championship): J. R. Jamieson.
- McDiarmid Belt** (School Championship): P. Adlam.

TENNIS

- Candy Cup** (Senior Singles): R. H. Purser.
- Herbert Smith Cup** (Intermediate Singles): J. S. Richardson.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS

- Kerr Cup** (Rugby Football): Pridham House, P. L. Penn.
- Bates Cup** (Cricket): Central House, A. H. Donnelly.
- Hansard Cup** (Athletics): Central House, P. K. Ramsay.
- Holden Cup** (Soccer): East House, I. Raine.

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS

- Pease Cup** (Rugby Football): Boarders, P. L. Penn.
- Birch Cup** (Cricket): Boarders, T. F. Fookes.

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This has been a year of changes, which have originated largely from the most notable single change, the coming of our new Headmaster, Mr. J. S. Webster. If the year is to be remembered for one thing in addition it is surely the remarkable success of the First Fifteen in playing their second successive season without defeat.

In mid-February the roll stood at 940, including some 279 boarders. There were 34 Upper Sixth students and 102 preparing for University Entrance exams. This increase of 24 in the lower Sixth forms was offset by the fact that there were 232 (fifty less than in 1957) candidates for School Certificate. The intake of third formers was two short of 300.

Barracks Week was more pleasant for most as uniforms were not immediately issued. However, sandpaper suits were the order of the day when the Battalion of five companies was inspected by Brigadier C. L. Pleasants. Inspection this year was rigorous as the Brigadier inspected every platoon while the Battalion remained in open order. He had a special word for the performance of the School Band. B Company sported Bren, Mortar and Intelligence sections but they were disappointed when no field manoeuvre was held this year. Major L. J. Slyfield commands the Battalion.

The Swimming Sports were again held in a blaze of summer. Five records fell, of which three went to M. Saxton, who sliced 6.9sec. from the 100 Yards Medley record. He now holds 13 of 19 swimming records. Agitation continues for the re-institution of the Masters v. Boys race, as this has in the past been most spectacular if not exactly a parade of bathing beauties. The azure blue of the filtered water and the lush green of the surrounding bush must surely make the School baths amongst the most beautiful in the country.

The seniors were highly delighted with a gadget which the Transport Department allowed them to use. It consisted of dull and bright cars on the end of a pulley. The aim was to draw them up in line and as the bright car seemed closer an optical illusion made this a very keen test of judgment.

The Taranaki Shield team successfully defended nine challenges during the season and schoolwork ceased for the Wednesday afternoon games. Boarders were very active in preparing a tractor-drawn float in support of the King Country beef-eaters, which drew comment from the crowds who watched the parade. One King Country boarder in a Taranaki jersey was a heart-rending sight as he hobbled painfully down Devon Street on a pair of crutches. King Country supporters led him by a noose about his neck. Captain of last year's First Fifteen, Lane Penn, received special attention from supporters (and admirers) on the cycle track.

The School also saw Pakistan beat Taranaki at Hockey on Pukekura Park. Mr. Taylor was an umpire in this peculiar game, where nearly every rule of football is broken. The speed of the game when played at this level also amazed Rugby stoics.

The story is told of one master driving along on a wet day in his recent-model car and displaying true Taranaki courtesy in offering a ride to a rather wet pedestrian. However, the woman to whom the ride was offered was wide awake to the possibilities of the situation and



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Back Row: C. D. Griffiths, L. C. Jury, T. R. Burgess, W. S. Wakelin, J. L. Bithell, G. M. Sanders.
Middle Row: R. J. Pitcairn, D. A. Lambourne, M. D. Grant, G. D. Mace, A. L. Wilson, M. V. Geary, T. N. Wolfe.
Front Row: G. D. Hayes, D. R. Denham, B. J. Davey, R. C. Johns (Head), R. A. Hodges, J. J. McConachy.

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curtly rejected his offer with, "No thank you, I've met your type before." Another lady from the same area (Eastland) was very intrigued with a School expression "cheesed off." The lady (perhaps not in the best of health that day) concluded that several boys on the bus liked cheese and asked for their address so that she could send some to them. One boy was rather reticent in the face of the lady's attentions and gave the name of his favourite master as a nom-de-plume. There were some embarrassed faces in Moyes when a parcel of cheese arrived for the master concerned!

The New Zealand Players' Quartet gave an illuminating insight into the history of drama with excerpts from several sources, including the "Diary of Ann Frank." This was held in the Memorial Theatre and one School dramatist outshone the Players in his interpretation of an oppressed pupil of Dotheboys Hall. Many sympathisers feel that the reality of his act can have come only from a dire experience of such conditions. The School took time off for the Players' "Pygmalion," perhaps the most popular of Shaw's plays. The influence of this play was, however, not wholly beneficial. There was a spate of very correctly enunciated "not bloody likely's" from the most unexpected sources.

On the cultural side also was the annual Music Festival at the end of the first term, in which the high standard of previous years was maintained. The School Concert in the third term took a worthwhile turn when the second half consisted of the one-act opera by Gilbert and Sullivan, "Trial By Jury." This was colourful, well rehearsed and performed, the credit for which must go to Mr. Lynch. The audience was particularly appreciative of the translation into contemporary (bodgie) costume.

Yet another entertainment was provided by the Drama Club, which gave a very successful and well-acted performance of "The Ghost Train," by Arnold Ridley. If anything outshone the fine character acting of this performance it was the originality of sound effects, which were startlingly authentic. This was produced in the gym where stage and dressing facilities have been improved by enthusiastic voluntary labour.

The Hon. P. Skoglund, the Minister of Education, made a visit to an Assembly during the year and, in the face of the current decline in the prices for overseas produce, he advocated strongly the habit of hard work. He was very impressed with our singing. It was unfortunate that the Girls' High School chose the same hymn to sing in the afternoon, but we were in first.

There have been several staff changes:—

Mr. R. C. Wilson, a member of the old brigade, has left us to take up a U.N.E.S.C.O. post in the Philippines as an expert in teaching Science. Thirty-three years of service by Mr. Wilson culminated in his period as head of the Science Department for thirteen years. "Horsey," as most Old Boys will know him, also coached football and helped with the Drama Club.

Mr. M. Carroll, from Waitara, is now assisting with Physical Education. Mr. Carroll was a Taranaki Rugby representative in 1954 and is also a Taranaki cricketer.

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Mr. J. L. Ballantine is now assisting Mr. Hatherly in Moyes House. He is an Old Boy of Mt. Albert Grammar and went to University in Auckland. He relinquished the position of First Assistant at Wesley College, Paerata, to join the School staff. He will be teaching English and Mathematics.

Mr. R. Sinclair is teaching Mathematics and coaches the third Cricket XI.

Mr. A. F. Crane is an Old Boy of Wanganui Technical College and comes here to the Science side from the Royal Air Force in England.

School Rowing has come a long way in a short time. This year rowers performed creditably at a Hamilton regatta and in the Head of the Harbour race at Auckland. A milestone in the development of this sport was the opening of the new shed (holding an eight and three fours) at Waitara by our ex-Headmaster, Mr. G. J. McNaught.

All dancing classes of this year were held in the Scotland's dining room, and this arrangement has only the disadvantage that the tables must be removed and replaced again. The boys and girls combined for orchestral effects and at periods got an impressive volume from piano, accordion, guitars, ukeleles and a tea-chest bass.

Many changes have taken place in the ground staff. Mr. Trott now has a position at Fitzroy Seaside Park. Mr. Roebuck has retired to Okato after a long service with the School, during which time countless numbers have had cause to be grateful for the help he has always given, and for the use of his workshop bench. The loss of this privilege will be more than offset by the provision of a very well-equipped hobbies' room under Room 16. Mr. Bridgman is the newly-appointed staff supervisor. Mrs. Flint has been replaced by Mrs. Waters as assistant matron, and Mr. Bratley replaces Mr. Thompson in the Laundry.

We congratulate N. Wolfe and M. Geary on playing for the Junior Olympians—a team of secondary school reps.—against Gisborne Boys' High during the August holidays. An achievement of even greater moment was that of Head Boy R. Johns in being selected to train with the Taranaki Ranfurly Shield squad in the latter part of the season. This team had an interested group of critical spectators when they practised on the Gully ground before the King Country match, several players being in familiar surroundings.

The prowess of R. Johns lies not only in Rugby. He created a stir early in the year by equalling the National junior record of 14.2 seconds for the 120 Yards Hurdles. This is the record which Mr. Eustace set in 1945. As Johns will again be a junior next year it will be interesting to see if the record does fall then.

When 6A wanted to see some science films and the key to the projection box could not be found, the answer was simple. The master concerned was hoisted through the small viewing aperture head first. The same master and form had an interesting field day when they decided to study biology at Fitzroy beach. They found several specimens of a blue uniformed female biped who were engaged on a similar quest. The boys say they had no difficulty in distinguishing the dominant species.

There are several worthwhile changes which Mr. Webster has instituted with regard to food. Day Boys may now buy a ticket from Room 4 before

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Assembly and this is exchanged outside Room 11 for a lunch of a pie, a bun and a doughnut. The tuck shop is now run by fourth form Boarders. In the dining room the tables have been re-arranged to give more space and four queues now form and take what they require of vegetables for lunch. "Baked spuds" are regular and popular fare, and there has been some improvement in the choice and variety of food.

Nearly every year we make reference to the chromed array of cars outside the main block, but judging by the present lot it is certainly not lack of pay which is responsible for the shortage of qualified teachers. It seems fashionable either to have no car or have a fairly modern one. Messrs. Watt, Baunton, Ball, Penney, Clouston, Watson, Scales and Crane all fill this category, and Mr. Alexander continues to bewilder by using a different vehicle for each day of the week. By common consent angle-parking has now been adopted.

Central House, West House and East House each turned on a very fine House Dance, much to the delight of the boarders, who also went to two Scotlands Dances and a First Fifteen Dance. The masters had a knowing smile for the Boarders who left the hall with highly suspicious bulges under their coats, and an odd crumb on a dormitory floor next morning was noted by some Housemasters. The Prefects' Dance was not held this year, but the inauguration of a First Fifteen Dance proved a great draw-card for the girls.

Golf has been slow to catch on even amongst boarders but (frustrated by frequent furtive failures in attempting to hula-hoop) the cure-all and end-all for nearly all seems to be chasing a golf ball. Quite alarmingly little holes have appeared like mushrooms in the turf as a patent reminder of the amateur status of most golfers. We have it that some prefects suggest caddying as a detention duty for errant juniors, but this has not been observed in practice.

There was much concern when incendiarism hit Moyes House. However, the diabolical plans of a jealous rival House were foiled when by a magnificent example of co-operation between the boys and the fire brigade the outbreak was quelled with a bucket pump. Smouldering occurred under a newly-installed oil burner and some flooring needed replacement. This oil burner has meant that Moyes boys luxuriate under warm showers in the morning while Pridham continue to comb the ice from their hair after their morning's deep-freeze exercises.

Another popularly acclaimed innovation is the provision of warm showers after football, in the pavilion. The need for this has for years been the subject of letters to the "Taranakian." The corridor of the pavilion has been sealed off for use as an athletic equipment room and the "weed-hole" in the roof has also been sealed off.

At the back of the Cricket Pavilion a slip on the high bank facing Eliot Street necessitated the cutting back of this bank and a bare expanse of clay is the first view of the School grounds. This has been planted to prevent further erosion.

On Mr. Trott's departure the tuck shop was taken over by the fourth formers of each House in turn. The School is greatly indebted to Mrs. Webster for her consistent activity in directing this project, as the funds thus achieved have helped with various other branches of School

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activity. Each Boarding House now has its own day-room equipped with a piano and portable radiogram. This room has supplemented the lounge as a place of recreation on wet days and reduces by much the boring barrenness of the boarder's life. The Hobbies Room is also very popular, especially with the juniors. This is a well-prepared workshop with plenty of bench space and a fine array of tools. If one were judge by the amount of hammering and sawing heard then production would rival any city joinery, but the main end of these efforts seems to be to produce a gun more lethal than your opponent's. It is an education to watch the absorption of each individual in shaping his own creation in the gamut of noise and apparent confusion. The spare time of the boarders is thus catered for much more adequately than in the past.

Country House bus boys benefit from a change in the bus timetables so that a minimum of classwork is missed. Those of them who miss Assembly now have the opportunity of seeing these messages pinned on the notice board. Country did very well in gaining second place in House points in the Steeplechase. The organisation of the Steeplechase on an inter-House basis is a change which though it stimulates interest in the Steeplechase has produced some anomalies in the handicapping. We hope that next year provision will be made for the boys who more obviously need special attention in the handicapping—this year considered solely on an age basis.

Support from day boys has meant that once again two School trains were used, for the Inter-Secondary School Sports at Stratford, and the St. Pat's match at Hawera. The boys were disappointed when the auxiliary seating to which they were accustomed was not this year available at the Hawera Showgrounds. A very pleasing and noticeable feature of College fixtures was the support not only of boys but also of many parents and well-wishers who travelled long distances to these games.

Checking has featured more prominently in the boarding establishment and the results, if not the aims, have certainly provided justification. It appears that the budget was not enough of a deterrent to would-be smokers as several have been caught since. Surely the penalty, which includes a severe gating, will help in eradicating this illicit and expensive luxury. Underground reports say that there is less duck-shoving to the pictures. When a picture of note is screened tea is early and all may go to the five o'clock session. Another change in boarding life is Saturday morning work in the third term. This is for those who did not make a good showing in the mid-year exams. While most agree that there are advantages to this scheme it has not been very popular with those affected, so we can expect brilliant results from boarders in the mid-year exams. next year.

A new step was taken in inviting parents to School to discuss their son's reports and the present curriculum. This proved embarrassing in its popularity and the plans needed re-arranging when considerably more than were expected arrived. Perhaps next year there will be two such nights. Some of the parents must have been pleasantly surprised to find that "greasy ole so-and-so" was in fact human and took an active interest in their son's welfare. Some of the masters must have been equally surprised that the parents of that "dratted little brat" were sane and reasonable citizens.

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It is unfortunate that through lack of sufficient support by day boys a financial deficit has been incurred by the "Whistle." This magazine has given fortnightly a valuable service to all branches of School sport and other School activities. In June an editorial challenging the principle of cadet training created something of a furore but the committee lost none of the respect of the magazine's readers through this. Not a few incidents from "Short Blasts" appear on these pages. The School thanks Mr. Eustace and his committee for the time and effort they have devoted to this project and hopes that next year it will become even more an integral part of School life.

Early in the year the School attended much of the "Festival of the Pines." "Volunteers" were conscripted for Saturday morning work on the Brooklands Bowl site. Many noticed a striking resemblance between certain of the characters in "Androcles and the Lion" and the boys who crept bleary-eyed to School the next morning.

The Woodwork Rooms look smart in their new coat of paint; they have been thirsting for it for some time. Whether or not it was a bevy of modern artists responsible for the interior decoration of the Morgue no one can decide, although one popular theory suggests that the colours were chosen on psychological considerations. After a week or so one can enter some rooms with no more than an involuntary shudder. It was unfortunate that the suggestion that the brainier School C candidates from other schools should sit exams in Rooms 22 and 23 was not acted upon.

The Seniors were especially pleased to note the appointment of Mr. A. R. Lucas as Headmaster of Matamata District High School. Mr. Lucas was Housemaster in Pridham until 1956. Mr. Stewart is now master in charge of Careers, the post formerly held by Mr. McKeon.

This committee thanks Mr. and Mrs. Webster for their obvious interest and outstanding work in School life, and wishes Mr. Webster a profitable headmastership. We would urge those leaving to become financial members of the Old Boys' Association, and hope that their path will be one which will bring credit to their School. We hope that those returning will make the most of their time here and will have the wisdom to realise that this can only be done by doing their best in sport and work.

M. W. Burt.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—I should like to draw your attention to the inconvenience to Day Boys, and especially the Country House members of this School, caused by the fact that we have no public telephone. I have been a pupil here for the past five years and have often wanted to use the telephone when it has not been available. For an institution of this size, a telephone is a necessity and would be of great assistance to all concerned. The 6 Acc. one is inconvenient in the view of the interruptions to Mr. McKeon and the office one is not always available, besides offering little privacy. I understand that "Scotlands" have a telephone booth, and I think it would be of considerable benefit to all of us if we had one, even if it has to be the "twopence in the slot" machine.—I am, etc.,

"Tele-apathy."

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Taranaki Scholarship: R. M. Cullen.

Higher Leaving Certificate: J. S. Barrett, S. J. Carryer, J. B. Chapman, P. J. Chicken, R. M. Clegg, R. M. Cullen, R. M. Dodd, R. M. Fenwick, T. F. Fookes, D. W. Geary, J. S. Goudie, B. L. Hains, C. W. B. Hamilton, A. J. W. Hills, D. W. Hinch, W. N. Johnson, D. A. Lambourne, I. D. Lobb, I. G. McNickle, G. D. Miller, P. L. Penn, P. C. Rea, I. A. H. Ross, D. B. Sarten, M. J. Sexton, A. M. Smale, M. H. Tizard, H. K. Way, M. L. Wellington, W. M. Wingate.

B. Com. Passes: K. M. Comber, T. F. Fookes, J. S. Goudie, C. W. B. Hamilton, P. L. Penn, D. B. Sarten.

University Entrance: E. J. Barnes, I. D. Bayly, M. J. Beale, R. J. Beveridge, I. A. Boese, J. W. Bowers, W. A. Broadmore, A. G. Brown, J. O. Burford, T. R. Burgess, M. W. Burt, R. G. Cathie, B. J. J. Davey, W. J. Davies, D. R. Denham, N. J. Dravitzki, D. A. Fowler, I. A. Gilmour, M. D. Grant, E. K. Hamilton, T. M. Hannon, J. S. Hayton, D. M. Hill, R. A. Hodges, M. L. Honeyfield, G. P. Houghton, P. K. Jantke, R. C. Johns, N. T. Johnson, G. O. Jones, L. C. Jury, G. D. Mace, B. K. Maine, J. B. Matthews, J. W. Meads, R. E. Olsen, L. J. S. Pauling, J. E. C. Penney, W. J. Perham, R. J. Pitcairn, T. C. Puke, I. Raine, A. A. Ruakere, G. S. Ryan, G. M. Sanders, W. B. Sanderson, C. L. Sarten, B. T. Simons, W. Steward, P. B. Sirombom, R. G. Teariki, W. S. Wakelin, A. Wendt, A. L. Wilson, P. J. Woodcock.

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The 1958 season has been remarkable for producing a First XV which has won a reputation at least equal to the very best sides in the School's illustrious Rugby history. Teams in the lower grades, too, performed creditably and much promising talent was seen. This naturally says much for future years.

The School formed the backbone of the North Taranaki Rugby competition, for the absence of the 27 teams entered would have left a badly depleted and impractical competition. The First XV played in the Junior Open Grade, while the Second XV and three other teams formed half the playing sides in the Fourth grade. There were five Fifth grade teams and the same applied to the Sixth and Seventh grades. The Eighth grade saw six School teams playing, while the "babies" of the School formed a most promising Ninth grade side. Every team was coached by a master who in some cases had the help of one or two seniors boys, and two practices a week with a Saturday match was normally the custom. Success was only fair, for Central sevenths and West eighths were the only teams to win their respective competitions, although every team played well and were never, on any occasion, outclassed.

As usual the racecourse was the centre of School Rugby—both for mid-week practices and Saturday games. All the fields were looking much more attractive this season as much of the old "ratstail" problem has been eradicated by the use of a new mower. Although wet weather was fortunately not common, the racecourse drained exceptionally well when the occasion arose, and towards the end of the season became dangerously hard. The Gully once again served as First XV headquarters, but unlike the racecourse often became a hopeless quagmire when sufficient rain fell.

House competition this year was again played in the Senior and Junior divisions. The Senior competition, for the first time in many years, saw an extremely even contest between eight very talented teams and in fact any one of the teams with an ounce more luck could have gone close to winning House supremacy.

Breaking away from custom, the annual Day Boys v. Boarders match was played on Rugby Park as a curtain-raiser to the Counties Shield game. The boys played attractive Rugby and the large crowd showed their appreciation in no uncertain manner when it was all over. This year saw the innovation of Day Boy-Boarder games throughout all the grades and the friendly rivalry and keen matches which resulted were an excellent thing for School Rugby.

The Second XV fielded a young side and although they combined well at practices, often failed to "turn it on" in actual competition. In fact the Fourth grade B's finished only a single point behind them with one game in hand. The C's and D's finished at the bottom of the ladder, but every game was keenly anticipated and both teams built up a pleasing strong team spirit. The Fifth grade saw two good School sides in the White and Gold teams. White managed to account for Gold in their return match after the first encounter was drawn, and they were very unfortunate to lose their competition to Okato D.H.S. in a tough struggle. The Maroon, Black and Green teams were all mediocre sides and although there were some promising players amongst them, they lacked the all-

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round cohesion of the other two teams. Of the seven sides in the Sixth grade competition, five of them were School teams. In spite of this, the grade was not strong and the two outside teams finished above those from School. In the other grades Central sevenths proved to be an exceptionally good team and much will be heard from some of their players. School East sevenths and eighths were two attractive sides and both finished well up in their respective competitions. A ninth grade team was entered for the first time in many years and despite their size, the boys performed extremely capably.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Taranaki Rugby Union, the North Taranaki Junior Management Committee, the Referees' Association, the St. John's Ambulance, the Taranaki Jockey Club, and all the kind people who helped by billeting our visiting Te Aute and Palmerston North boys, and all those who billeted our boys at Hawera, Wanganui and Auckland.

THE FIRST XV

With eleven of last year's unusually successful team forming a formidable nucleus, the outlook at the beginning of the season seemed extremely bright. This experience—five players with three years in the team and one in for his fourth season—moulded with the more recent talent, formed a combination which was not beaten in the North Taranaki Junior Open grade competition and, with the exception of Auckland Grammar, where a close game ensued, outclassed all their college opponents. It could be noted that all these college teams had excellent reputations, and were not just "lean year" combinations. Injuries were not serious although Roy Johns had a recurrence of his knee injury and after St. Pat's in July, played in only two further matches. Cuts and bruises took their toll, but these injuries were only minor ones.

The team based their play on combination, and with fast, quick-handling backs and vigorous and very mobile forwards, found no difficulty whatsoever in perfecting their policy. The backs again adopted their now familiar shallow stance, both on attack and defence, and the tries they scored were proof that it pays handsome dividends. Goal kicking in the latter part of the season proved a bugbear, but fortunately the team were able to rely on their try-scoring ability to win their games.

During the season several unusual distinctions were gained by members of the team. As for last year, the Fifteen were again honoured when winger Johns was selected for the Ranfurly Shield squad during their last seven games. Captain Hayes, with Wolfe, was invited to play for the King Country Foresters at Taumarunui, while Geary and Wolfe were invited to play for an Olympians North Island Secondary Schools' team at Gisborne. Earlier in the season Wolfe and McConachy played for the Taranaki Trojans and scored fourteen of the team's total twenty-two points.

INTER-SCHOOL GAME

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

(Played at Victoria Park, Stratford, May 31st). Won 23-3.

After evidence that the team was going to develop into an unusually gifted side in early practices and club games, this match was keenly anticipated. Although School completely dominated all phases



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Back Row: M. S. Croxson, M. M. Colson, J. J. McConachy, J. L. Bithell, T. N. Wolfe.

Middle Row: H. W. Lilley, R. M. Elliot, T. Ioane, D. M. McEldowney, R. W. Little, P. G. Crichton.

Front Row: M. V. Geary, F. S. Ropati, R. A. Hodges, G. D. Hayes (Captain), R. C. Johns, P. J. Rumball, B. J. Davey.

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of play, many careless errors were made and the cohesion amongst the backs left quite a bit to be desired. The forwards turned on a grand game considering they were slightly lighter than the Combined pack, and once they got on top the points came very rapidly indeed.

Full marks must be given to the Combined backs for the way they repeatedly stifled their faster opponents' attacks by good, close marking, and to the School forwards who paved the way for a satisfying win. School scored six tries, one converted, and a field goal.

The teams were:—

Stratford-Hawera: M. Bayly, J. Askew, J. Bourke, M. Edgecumbe, N. Campbell, S. Kershaw, D. Jackson, L. Clarke, J. Lander, B. Goodall, T. McLeod, D. Martin, D. Latham, G. Beamish, D. Willis.

School: R. C. Johns, H. W. Lilley, R. M. Elliot, T. Ioane, M. S. Croxson, T. N. Wolfe, M. V. Geary, G. D. Hayes, J. L. Bithell, J. J. McConachy, R. A. Hodges, P. J. Rumball, P. G. Crichton, B. J. Davey, F. S. Ropati.

THE PLAY

From the first minute School looked dangerous when Wolfe ran blind and took play to the Combined goal-line. After five minutes when play was outside the twenty-five, Wolfe again went blind, broke through several tackles and in-passed to Davey, appearing from nowhere, who touched down. The kick was wide. School returned quickly to the attack and when Combined tried a hasty clearing kick, Johns took the ball thirty yards out by the side-line and calmly kicked an excellent field goal. The majority of the spell saw School constantly on the offensive and only indecisive play amongst the backs prevented them from scoring more often. However, from a mid-field ruck, Wolfe received the ball and slashed through the Combined defence before passing to Ioane who raced across in the corner. Half-time sounded at School 9, Combined 0.

From the re-commencement of play School attacked, but were repelled by a series of penalties, the last of which saw Bayly kicking a goal from outside the twenty-five. School raced back on attack and Geary slipped around the side of a ruck to score in the corner. Johns kicked the conversion. From the resulting kick-off, a quick heel from a ruck sent the ball speeding along the back-line to Johns, up outside the winger. He raced to the line and in-passed to Hayes, who scored. The kick was narrowly missed by Johns. A succession of penalties prevented School from scoring, but then a high up and under kicked by Johns saw Bayly take it only to be bowled over by the kicker. The ball went loose, Wolfe snapped it up and flashed across by the posts. Hayes' kick missed. At this stage School were right on top and finally Geary angle-kicked to Lilley on the wing. Lilley sped to the ball, scored, the kick was missed, and the full-time whistle sounded at School 23, Combined 3.

COLLEGE GAMES

v. ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE (Silverstream)

(Played at Hicks Memorial Park, Hawera, July 5th). Won 11-0.

After the Combined game, the team steadily gained more confidence and combination, and the game against St. Pat's was anticipated as a chance of gaining yet another victory. The day was fine with the ground

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in good order and the big crowd gave the two teams a spirited ovation as they took the field.

To those spectators who had hoped to witness a typical schoolboy encounter, this match would have probably proved a big disappointment, for although it did have its exciting moments, play was generally dour and confined to the forwards. The backs were excellent on defence but as with the previous School game, did not combine as well as expected.

Enjoying more than a fair share of ball from the line-outs and scrums, St. Pat.'s chose to play a kicking game and consequently usually gave away valuable possession. The first five minutes looked dangerous for School, but they gradually fought back and at the end of the match were right on top.

The teams were:—

St. Patrick's College: T. Norgate, M. Menzies, G. Stevens, I. Bloor, K. Kingsbeer, L. Reeves, S. Va-a, D. Loibl, A. Goodman, B. Hardy, M. Hardy, P. Morgan, P. Russo, P. Murphy, M. Shanahan. Norgate was replaced by W. Sisarich.

School: T. Ioane, R. C. Johns, R. M. Elliot, H. W. Lilley, M. S. Croxson, T. N. Wolfe, M. V. Geary, G. D. Hayes, P. J. Rumball, J. J. McConachy, R. A. Hodges, J. L. Bithell, P. G. Crichton, B. J. Davey, F. S. Ropati.

THE PLAY

School kicked off with the sun at their backs, but St. Pat.'s promptly banged the ball back inside School territory. From the line-out Reeves took a long pass from Va-a and raced unmolested through an astounded School backline only to kick possession away when they seemed assured of a try. School cleared, but again Reeves set sail for the line without a hand being laid on him. Fortunately a dropped pass ruined a promising chance to score. Badly shaken, the team steadily fought upfield and hammered the St. Pat.'s line constantly. From a line-out inside St. Pat.'s twenty-five, Va-a threw a long pass back to Norgate who kicked hurriedly for the line only to see his kick charged down and Wolfe snap it up and flash across for a shock try. The kick missed. Considerably heartened, School returned to the attack and a ruck on the St. Pat.'s line culminated with Wolfe angle-kicking between the posts and Johns sprinting up to score well out. Again the kick was astray. The rest of the spell saw School playing much more confidently and the half-time whistle found: School 6, St. Patrick's 0.

School attacked at the recommencement of play, but were soon driven back by St. Pat.'s kicking tactics. However, School retaliated and struck at the line after Geary broke through from a scrum. From the resulting drop-out, the ball was taken by Hodges, passed to Hayes and on to Wolfe. He slipped up the field and fed Lilley who raced towards the line and centre-kicked. Ropati was first to the ball and with a good conversion by Hayes, School moved on to its 11-point lead. From then on School were generally superior and St. Pat.'s had several anxious moments. The final whistle blew with School on attack and they had won 11 points to nil.

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v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

(Played at Spriggens Park, Wanganui, July 23rd). Won 28-3.

Played on a wet, but surprisingly firm ground, School ran all over a reputedly strong Wanganui side. The team scored seven tries, only one of which was converted, and a penalty goal.

Wanganui started well and for the first twenty minutes were definitely superior, but gradually the School pack dominated play and from then on scored almost at will. Devastating loose forward play by Hayes completely nullified any chance of co-ordination amongst the opposing inside backs, and this factor did much in raising School's total and keeping Collegiate's down. It was interesting to note that School were awarded only two of the total twenty-six penalties in the match, and that Geary put the ball into the scrum no more than twice in the entire seventy minutes of play. Their own fault perhaps, but it makes their performance all the more meritorious, for possession is vital in today's game.

The teams were:—

Wanganui Collegiate: R. W. Wake, S. Veitch, D. R. Martin, I. G. MacKenzie, P. B. Udy, P. W. Ludbrook, D. J. Duncan, M. A. McHardy, R. E. Haynes, W. J. Hosking, C. J. Pope, C. J. Feltham, R. B. Sheridan, S. L. Lithgow.

School: T. Ioane, R. W. Little, R. M. Elliot, H. W. Lilley, M. S. Croxson, T. N. Wolfe, M. V. Geary, G. D. Hayes, P. J. Rumball, J. J. McConachy, R. A. Hodges, D. M. McEldowney, P. G. Crichton, B. J. Davey, F. S. Ropati. Geary was replaced by W. T. Weinberg.

THE PLAY

From the first scrum School were penalised, but Collegiate's attempt to goal was astray. However, when the same thing happened a few minutes later on School's twenty-five, Duncan made no mistake and Wanganui were three points ahead. School were taking a while to settle down, but gradually pushed to the Collegiate line and began a series of dangerous attacking movements. From a ruck, the defending half-back kicked wide to his wing, but Lilley was first there to snap up the ball and sprint away to score. The kick was wide, but School were back in the game. The next twenty minutes saw School obviously upset by the numerous penalties given against them, and although they were on attack for most of the time, lost valuable chances to score through lack of confidence in their play. Finally, after twenty minutes, Geary slipped around the side of a scrum near the Collegiate line and scored. Davey succeeded with the conversion. The kick-off saw the School forwards take the ball and form a tight ruck. Geary received the ball and threw a phenomenally long pass to Wolfe who set out on a spectacular 75-yard run only to lose the ball just short of the goal-line. Another tight ruck formed, and Davey snatched up the loose ball and bulldozed through the defence to score right in the corner. His kick was just short. Just before half-time the Collegiate backs figured in a dangerous break, but School recovered and at the whistle led by 11 to 3.

School attacked when play resumed. Wolfe made another brilliant break to Collegiate's line and from the resulting scrum, Ioane, playing

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up in the backline, burst through to score, but the referee ordered a five-yard scrum. The ball was hooked to Geary and on to Lilley on the blind who scored in the corner. Davey narrowly missed, but shortly after landed a penalty goal from the Collegiate twenty-five to raise the score to 17-3.

Wanganui tried to open up play for their backs, but excellent defence stopped them. Geary went off with an injured shoulder and was replaced by Weinberg. With School making several dangerous attacks, Wolfe snatched up the loose ball on the Wanganui twenty-five and cut a path through practically the entire team to score in the corner. Davey's kick bounced off the cross-bar. When a Collegiate passing movement on their line broke down, Crichton flashed to the ball and broke through, only to be held up right on the line. A quick ruck saw Weinberg pass to Elliot on the blind. It was then passed on to Hayes in the back-line and he scored. The kick missed. With the clock showing time, School were hard on attack and a quick heel saw the ball speed out to Ioane, in as extra man, and he cut inside to touch down under the posts. Davey converted and the final whistle went at School 28, Wanganui Collegiate 3.

v. TE AUTE COLLEGE

(Played at Rugby Park, New Plymouth, August 2nd). Won 29-8.

Played ten days after the Collegiate match, the game was played on a mud-covered Rugby Park amid heavy showers of rain. The whole team revelled in the mud, and playing excellent wet-weather Rugby, again scored almost at will. School quickly found and exploited Te Aute's weakness—a reluctance to drop on the loose ball. Speed to the ball, tenacity, and mobility amongst the forwards and faultless handling by the backs, provided the small crowd with a feast of thrilling Rugby.

Te Aute crossed School's line for the first time in college matches this season. It was an opportunist try resulting from a mistake by School players, but after that they did not look like scoring again.

The goal kicking weakness once more showed up, for out of the nine tries scored only one was converted.

The teams were:—

Te Aute: R. Manuel, S. Kupa, M. Ranginiwa, T. Tuhiwai, T. Tataurangi, S. Lambert, H. Rewi, H. Kutia, J. Rauretī, B. Webb, L. Wallace, B. Mathews, W. Whiu, S. Pardoe, P. Tautu.

School: T. Ioane, R. W. Little, R. M. Elliot, H. W. Lilley, M. S. Croxson, T. N. Wolfe, M. V. Geary, G. D. Hayes, P. J. Rumball, J. J. McConachy, R. A. Hodges, J. L. Bithell, M. Colson, B. J. Davey, F. S. Ropati.

THE PLAY

During the first ten minutes both sides gradually accustomed themselves to the conditions and felt for weaknesses. Then a quick ruck saw Geary take the ball and race around the side to score well out. Davey missed the kick. Kutia then had a chance to equalise from a penalty but missed. School had to wait until the spell was slightly more than half completed before they added more points. The ball went loose

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over the Te Aute line and after several players had attempted to touch down, Hayes calmly fell on the ball and scored. Davey failed to convert. Three minutes later Te Aute opened its account when a dropped pass by the School inside backs was snapped up by Kutia, who threw it to Mathews and he scored. Tataurangi converted and School were only one point ahead. However, before the half-time whistle sounded McConachy, Elliot and Hayes added tries for School, but none of them were converted. Elliot's try was a particularly good one. Wolfe put a carefully placed kick behind the Te Aute backs for Lilley to get to the ball and feed Elliot, who raced twenty-five yards to score. The half-time score saw: School 15, Te Aute 5.

Te Aute kept School out for the first ten minutes of the second spell but then Colson and Lilley scored in rapid succession. Davey converted Colson's try but was unsuccessful with his other attempt. Play was confined in Te Aute's half until ten minutes before full time when Lilley scored his second try, after Wolfe had made a fine break and then almost spoilt it with a bad pass. However, the winger took it well and raced away for his try. The kick was missed. Four minutes before time, Elliot went across for his second try, which was not converted, and then Kutia kicked a good penalty goal for Te Aute to make the final score: School 29, Te Aute 8.

v. PALMERSTON NORTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

(Played at Rugby Park, New Plymouth, August 6th). Won 38-3.

The game against Palmerston North was the second for the team in five days, and it was during this match that they reached their wonderful peak. Palmerston North had previously been undefeated and they boasted a huge pack with an exceptional goal-kicker. They certainly possessed these qualities, but against School were thoroughly beaten in an exhilarating display of Rugby.

It was ten minutes before School settled down, but from then on a point was notched every two minutes of the match, and the huge crowd marvelled at the team's brilliant cohesion of backs and forwards—playing genuine modern Rugby. Palmerston North had no answer to School's play, and on the two occasions their backs looked like scoring, excellent cover defence successfully nullified their movements.

The teams were:—

Palmerston North Boys' High School: B. More, T. Kilgariff, R. Goodall, V. Britton, M. Osbourne, G. Rose, B. Howe, P. Cameron, A. Cato, G. Hermansson, M. McCarty, I. Newman, D. Bodle, J. Evans, B. Bone. B. Ranson replaced Evans.

School: T. Ioane, R. C. Johns, R. M. Elliot, H. W. Lilley, M. S. Croxson, T. N. Wolfe, M. V. Geary, G. D. Hayes, P. J. Rumball, J. J. McConachy, R. A. Hodges, J. L. Bithell, M. M. Colson, B. J. Davey, F. S. Ropati.

THE PLAY

From the kick-off Palmerston attacked and for a period things looked dangerous for School. However, they soon struck back and moved on to attack. After five minutes of play, Geary took the ball from a ruck close to the Palmerston line and passed on the blind to Croxson who

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pushed his way across to score. The kick by Hayes missed. School immediately returned to the offensive and following a ruck on the twenty-five, the ball was swung quickly out to Johns who raced away to score in the corner. The kick was again astray. Play once more went back to Palmerston territory and after Wolfe had almost sent Elliot across, Geary received the ball from the resulting ruck and dived across to score School's 100 points in school games this season. Davey converted. For a while play was centred midfield, but again from a ruck Geary sent the ball through to Croxson who had Johns ranging beside him. With Johns closely marked, Croxson casually cut infield and touched down by the posts. Davey again converted. The remaining few minutes were fast and furious near Palmerston's line and Colson scored an excellent try after Elliot had unloaded to the hard running forward. Davey converted, and half-time saw School 21, Palmerston North 0.

School immediately resumed their attacking role and following a spectacular switched-play movement, Wolfe scored after the ball had sped back and forth across the goalmouth. A ruck on the Palmerston line straight after finished with Lilley pushing himself across to score. Both kicks failed. Shortly after, Hayes neatly intercepted a pass by the opposing half and set sail for the line. Drawing the full-back he passed to Wolfe who ran across to score. Minutes later, Geary broke from a ruck and sprinted twenty-five yards to touch down in the corner. Hayes' kick missed.

For the next twenty minutes School tired slightly—the Te Aute game had been a tough one—and Palmerston managed to fight back strongly. The visitors' sole back movement of the day saw Britton in the clear but Johns on cover defence smartly bowled him into touch. During this period Hermansson succeeded in landing a penalty goal, thus raising Palmerston's only points.

The final few minutes saw School renew their vigorous attack and from a five-yard scrum Geary passed to Wolfe who cut through Palmerston's defence and scored School's tenth try. Hayes converted and the final whistle blew at: School 38, Palmerston North 3.

v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL

(Played at Epsom Showgrounds, Auckland, August 23rd). Won 9-3.

Because Eden Park was being renovated, the venue was changed to the Epsom Showgrounds as the curtain-raiser to the Auckland-Wellington rep. match. Rain fell throughout practically the entire game and although the ground was very soft, its grassy surface prevented any troublesome mud.

The mental build-up for this match had been rather more severe than usual for the players, and a bad road smash on the Friday had done little to relieve their already strained feelings. Grammar had emerged easy winners of the Auckland Secondary Schools' competition and a victory for School meant the finale to a wonderful two and a-half seasons of undefeated Rugby.

The School forwards again conceded size and weight to their opposites, while the backs, for the first time this season, were matched by an equally pacy line as their own. The fire witnessed in the Palmerston match was lacking, but in spite of this, School very slowly won domination and their ultimate win was fully deserved.

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Had the ground been dry, many felt that School's all-round speed and mobility would have meant a larger win, but that is beside the point.

The teams were:—

Auckland Grammar School: R. Morgan, I. Kuila, B. Vercoe, D. Montgomerie, J. Wea, T. Sturm, P. Frankham, M. Douglas, M. Davidson, B. Killeen, A. Tohill, G. Hamilton, B. Marshall, R. Ridler, D. McGrath. L. Holborrow replaced McGrath.

School: T. Ioane, R. C. Johns, R. M. Elliot, H. W. Lilley, M. S. Croxson, T. N. Wolfe, M. V. Geary, G. D. Hayes, P. J. Rumball, R. A. Hodges, J. J. McConachy, J. L. Bithell, M. M. Colson, B. J. Davey, F. S. Ropati. McConachy was replaced by P. G. Crichton.

THE PLAY

School kicked off, and from the following broken play almost scored when Wolfe kicked over the Grammar line and the flying Lilley was just beaten to the ball. Hayes attempted a penalty goal from well out but was unsuccessful with a close kick. Play moved back to mid-field and after ten minutes, Hayes kicked an excellent goal from the sideline with the heavy ball and School were three points ahead. Grammar immediately struck back with the aid of a string of penalties and were quickly within reach of School's line. Good defence kept them out, and the period of Grammar attack saw Morgan miss two easy chances to equalise with penalties. Shortly after, School were awarded a penalty in their half and Davey missed finding touch. However, the ball was slammed back into Geary's arms and he ran out into the open before passing to Hayes. Hayes made ground and put a deep kick bouncing towards the Grammar line, with no defenders in the vicinity. Johns, Elliot and Wolfe were all there and it was the latter who actually touched down. Hayes' kick was missed.

Immediately following the kick-off, a silly kick landed at Kuila's feet. He promptly snapped it up and raced through an unprepared School defence before drawing Ioane and passing to Vercoe, who capped a fine movement. Morgan missed. The rest of the half saw play bound to the centre of the field and neither team looked like adding to their total. The half-time whistle blew, and it was: School 6, Auckland Grammar 3.

The recommencement of play started with a determined Grammar attack, but when Croxson broke clear, School were once again out of trouble. The next twenty-five minutes were centred on a tight forward struggle with only minor patches of back movements. The ball was becoming increasingly difficult to handle and the safest place for the ball was on the ground. It was during this period of the game that McConachy received concussion and was replaced by Crichton. Eventually, with a ruck on the Grammar line, and Geary deeply buried on the bottom, Wolfe, acting as half, grabbed a quick heel and darted around the blind to score right in the corner. Colson's attempt to convert was well wide, and after a few minutes of negative play, the final whistle sounded at: School 9, Auckland Grammar 3.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

v. Marist	Won 28-6	v. Urenui	Won 30-5
v. Okato	Won 40-3	v. Rahotu	Won 24-6
v. Old Boys	Won 19-3	v. Clifton	Won 8-0

FOOTBALL

v. Kaitake	Won 33- 3	v. Kaitake	Won 22- 9
v. Tukapa	Won 17- 6	Played	12
v. Star	Won 27- 5	Won	12
v. Clifton	Won 24- 8	Points for:	291
v. Old Boys	Won 19- 0	Points against:	54

The First XV won the North Taranaki Junior Open Grade but did not contest the Taranaki final as it was set down to be played on the day of the Grammar match. Tukapa, who finished second, played Tariki in the final and succeeded in winning a hard game by six points to three.

LOWER GRADE SCHOOL GAMES

Second XV v. Opunake D.H.S.: Won 8-5.
Fifth grade team v. Wanganui Collegiate: Lost 10-9.
Under-16 team v. Stratford T.H.S.: Won 36-3.
Under-15 team v. Wanganui Collegiate: Won 3-0.
Sixth grade team v. Opunake D.H.S.: Lost 9-6.
Seventh grade team v. Stratford T.H.S.: Won 8-3.

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS

This year's match was played on Rugby Park as a curtain-raiser to the Counties Shield challenge, and on paper promised to be a close game. However, this proved to be very untrue for the Boarders, especially in the second spell, completely dominated all aspects of play and at the finish were right on top.

The ground was dangerously hard and a light wind made for a fast, open game. This proved to be the case, and the large crowd thoroughly enjoyed the encounter, even although it was somewhat one-sided.

The first half saw Day Boys constantly on attack and they were unlucky not to score on several occasions. In contrast to this, Boarders rallied out of their half only three times, but each attack realised three points. The half-time score was: Boarders 9, Day Boys 0.

After the change-over, the Day Boy forwards quickly tired and Boarders took complete control and added a further sixteen points to Day Boys' solitary try.

The teams were:—

Day Boys: N. G. Henderson, G. A. Johns, R. W. Little, B. G. Sowry, M. S. Croxson, T. N. Wolfe, G. F. Hunter, D. M. McEldowney, B. N. Patten, M. McGregor, J. J. McConachy, J. L. Bithell, B. A. Masters, B. J. Davey (Captain), G. R. Hasell.

Boarders: T. Ioane, H. W. Lilley, R. M. Elliot, R. N. Gardiner, C. W. Weinberg, R. G. McCutcheon, M. V. Geary, G. D. Hayes, P. J. Rumball, M. M. Mills, R. A. Hodges (Captain), P. G. Crichton, F. S. Ropati, G. M. Petersen, M. M. Colson. Elliot was replaced by W. H. Robson, who played at full-back, while Ioane shifted to centre.

Scorers.—Boarders: Tries: Ioane, Geary (2), Hayes, Elliot. Penalties: Hayes (2). Conversions: Hayes (2).

Day Boys.—Try: Bithell.



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Back Row: R. W. Little, A. H. Donnelly, W. A. Broadmore, T. F. Fookes, C. W. Hamilton, J. Ruru, T. Ioane.
Front Row: T. N. Wolfe, B. J. Davey, M. L. Wellington (Captain), K. M. Comber, R. Ruru, R. G. Sharrock.

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HOUSE RUGBY

Junior Competition: This year saw West avenge their narrow defeat of last year by winning the Junior House competition. In the final against Central, West dominated play for nearly the whole match. Playing with the wind in the first half, they used it to better advantage than did Central in the last spell. This factor, plus their heavier forwards who were quicker to the ball, meant they were able to hold Central until the final whistle.

Results—

First Round: Pridham 8 v. East 5; Carrington 23 v. Niger 0; West 9 v. Moyes 3; Central the bye.

Second Round: Central 8 v. Pridham 6; West 11 v. Carrington 0.

Final: West 10 v. Central 6.

West Junior XV: R. Old, G. McCullam, N. Spedding, W. Lobb, J. Hughes, R. Anderson, R. Musker (Captain), J. Rothery, T. Broughton, C. McLeod, M. White, E. Slyfield, B. Smith, L. McEldowney, W. Blackmore.

Senior Competition: The Houses this year were very even, and as the scores indicate, some hard games resulted. Carrington and Central had to play extra time in the second round and a miskick by a Central player over his own in-goal area meant that Carrington were the winners.

In the final Carrington were no match for Pridham, whose big and experienced forwards dominated all aspects of the game.

Results—

First Round: Pridham 6 v. East 3; Niger 9 v. Moyes 3; Central 9 v. West 3; Carrington 6 v. Country 0.

Second Round: Pridham 11 v. Niger 0; Carrington 6 v. Central 6.

Final: Pridham 15 v. Carrington 0.

Pridham Senior XV: P. Adlam, R. Gardiner, G. Bridger, L. Death, H. Johnson, G. McCutcheon, M. Geary, G. Hayes (Captain), T. Lorparg, R. Hodges, A. East, W. Wakelin, M. Colson, I. Gilmour, P. Crichton. Also played: B. Taylor, B. Martin, D. Wood.

R. C. Johns.

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Cricket has continued to play an important part in the sporting activities of the School over the past year. The numbers of the third and fourth formers playing cricket are increasing but the boys of the upper forms are not so interested. At present net practices and matches are provided for about 70 boys and ample coaching is given by masters to the respective groups. For the boys who play cricket less seriously there is the inter-House competition divided into three grades and matches are played on three nights during the week. This competition caters for about 14 House teams. In addition the recent innovation of Saturday morning cricket for boys under the age of 15 has continued to flourish with the School entering teams from each of the boarding Houses and the day boys combining. During the third term a new organisation for Saturday

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morning cricket has been introduced with teams competing on a form basis. About 200 boys wish to play in this competition but at the start it will be restricted to about ten teams.

With this increase in numbers the standard of cricket has improved in the School over the last twelve months.

The First XI has had an average season with a win, a draw and a loss in its annual college fixtures. School had a fine win over Wellington College in an exciting game but failed against a strong Wanganui Collegiate side. In the third against Nelson College the game was abandoned because of rain after School had led on the first innings. Although the bowling was steady the lack of an experienced off-spinner was felt and no genuine "swing" bowler has been found. This restricted the hostility needed for success. Some notable performances were achieved by the stock bowlers. On the other hand the batting showed promise in stroke making but more solidity is required if the danger of collapse is to be avoided. The fielding of the team was good at the start but fluctuated somewhat in performances later in the season.

The Second, Third and Fourth Elevens performed with credit throughout the season and some of the younger players particularly, appear to have a bright future in the game. The Third Form Eleven is very strong this year and a few of these players have already shown the ability to warrant a trial for the First XI. The strength of future First XI's lies in these boys and thus prospects look very good.

During the past year improvements to the ground have continued, one being the experiment in the use of papa soil on part of the main wicket and practice wickets. It is hoped that this will improve the playing surface and provide better wickets. The top ground is in perfect order but the bottom ground is in need of attention if cricket is to be played there. One amenity which would improve the ground immensely would be the laying of water to the two wickets. This would help to develop a suitable surface which would assist the younger players to develop their game.

This year three "old caps" returned to School. They were B. J. Davey, T. N. Wolfe and A. H. Donnelly, while three other players, R. W. Little, T. loane and J. Ruru had had previous college match experience.

COLLEGE GAMES

v. NELSON COLLEGE

(Played at New Plymouth on December 13th and 14th, 1957. Result: Drawn.)

Nelson won the toss and elected to bat on a firm, true wicket. Dee and Bashford gave Nelson a good start before Bashford was dismissed with the total at 27. From then on School's bowling was on top and at lunch Nelson were seven for 54. After lunch Nelson continued quietly but with the dismissal of Lowans for 29 the innings soon ended with the total at 85. Ruru and loane were the most successful of the bowlers, taking four for 19 and three for 29 respectively.

An opening partnership of thirty gave School a good start and steady batting by Hamilton, Davey, Sharrock and Wellington plus some aggressive hitting by Wolfe, who scored 32, saw School lead on the first innings by 52 runs. While batting Comber was struck a blow on the knee and had to retire. He resumed his innings later and scored 10 not out. Of the Nelson bowlers Park returned the good figures of seven for 48.

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Dee and Bashford played out time and at stumps the score was none for 12. Overnight rain fell on the pitch and play was delayed an hour because of the conditions. Conditions, however, did not improve and only a further hour's play was possible before the match was abandoned with the score at two for 51. Of the batsmen Bashford was the most successful, making 27 before he went l.b.w. to Comber.

NELSON

First Innings—		Second Innings—	
G. Dee, c. Wolfe, b. Ruru	5	not out	9
E. Bashford, b. loane	22	l.b.w., b. Comber	27
M. Cotton, b. loane	2	run out	0
A. Best, b. Ruru	0	not out	12
P. Houghton, b. loane	0		
R. Lowans, c. Davey, b. Donnelly	29		
P. Park, l.b.w., b. Ruru	6		
I. Rodley, b. Ruru	0		
C. Bond, c. loane, b. Donnelly	14		
G. Shaw, not out	2		
F. Marshall, b. Comber	1		
Extras	4	Extras	3
Total	85	Total (2 wkts.)	51

Bowling for School

First Innings—					Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
R. Ruru	14	9	19	4	7	2	10	-	
B. Davey	13	6	22	-	2	2	-	-	
T. loane	19	6	29	3	6	1	15	-	
A. Donnelly	5	3	6	2	8	5	5	-	
K. Comber	3.1	-	5	1	10	7	18	1	

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First Innings—	
M. L. Wellington, c. Bashford, b. Park	10-
R. G. Sharrock, st. Bond, b. Park	11
C. W. Hamilton, c. Bashford, b. Shaw	15
B. J. Davey, c. Bond, b. Houghton	14
R. W. Little, c. Rodley, b. Houghton	3
T. F. Fookes, c. Dee, b. Park	3
K. M. Comber, not out	10
T. N. Wolfe, b. Park	32
T. loane, b. Park	19
R. Ruru, b. Park	1
A. H. Donnelly, b. Park	0
Extras	19
Total	137

Bowling for Nelson

First Innings—		O.	M.	R.	W.
P. Park		18.3	3	48	7
P. Houghton		18	7	32	2
G. Shaw		11	2	38	1

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v. WELLINGTON COLLEGE

(Played at New Plymouth on the 17th and 18th of March, 1958. Result: Won by 45 runs.)

School won the toss and commenced batting on a firm wicket with the bowlers aided by a steady breeze from the south-west. Almost immediately the batsmen were troubled by the good swing bowling of Perkins. Bowling into the breeze he flighted the ball well and moved it both towards and away from the bat. After losing a couple of quick wickets collapse set in and School were soon dismissed with the total at 61. The only batsmen to show any confidence were Davey and Lambourne. Davey batted aggressively for 25 while Lambourne scored a steady 12. Perkins and Wright bowled extremely well, taking six for 30 and four for 24, respectively.

Wellington fared little better but a solid knock of 46 by Dawson helped retrieve their position. At one stage Wellington had lost five wickets for 34 but a partnership of 36 by Dawson and Wright helped the score along considerably. However, the innings ended soon after with the total at 98. Of the batsmen only Dawson 46, Wright 13 and Neal 12 showed any resistance. loane and Donnelly were the best of the bowlers, claiming nine wickets between them.

The second innings of School did not start much better but good performances by Wolfe, Donnelly, Murdoch, Lambourne and loane helped to register the respectable total of 200. The innings of Wolfe in particular provided a solid core to the batting and his 52 runs were scored in a very attractive manner. The partnership between Wolfe and loane realised 56 valuable runs. Of the Wellington bowlers Perkins was again the most successful, taking six wickets for 69. This gave him twelve for 99 for the match.

Set 164 runs to win Wellington lost the wicket of Webb early but Neal and Wood rectified the position with a partnership of 77 before Neal was dismissed for 44. Wood soon followed for 33 and the total stood at 80 for three wickets. However, the innings soon ended after a collapse of the later batsmen and the final total was 118. Of the bowlers for School some hostile bowling by Davey and steady bowling by loane accounted for the Wellington batsmen. In the final spell Davey took six wickets for seven runs in 8.2 overs. loane took two for 36 off 27 overs.

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First Innings—		Second Innings—	
A. H. Donnelly, b. Wright	8	c. Mahon, b. Webb	27
J. Giles, c. Wright, b. Perkins	2	b. Perkins	4
R. W. Little, b. Wright	0	c. Wright, b. Perkins	4
M. S. Croxson, c. Dawson, b. Perkins	4	c. Gould, b. Perkins	9
B. J. Davey, c. Perkins, b. Wright	25	b. Thawley	11
W. T. Murdoch, b. Perkins	1	run out	23
T. N. Wolfe, c. Thawley, b. Perkins	1	c. Dawson, b. Perkins	52
T. loane, b. Perkins	0	c. Neal, b. Perkins	20
J. Ruru, c. Wingfield, b. Wright	1	not out	6
D. A. Lambourne, b. Perkins	12	b. Perkins	23
R. H. Worn, not out	0	b. Wright	5
Extras	7	Extras	16
Total	61	Total	200

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Bowling for Wellington

First Innings—				Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. Wright	15	4	24	4	28.2	6	70	1
J. Perkins	14.1	4	30	6	33	10	69	6
D. Bull	-	-	-	-	5	1	13	-
P. Webb	-	-	-	-	7	1	20	1
B. Thawley	-	-	-	-	7	3	12	1

WELLINGTON

First Innings—				Second Innings—			
P. Webb, b. loane	6	b. Davey	2				
R. Wood, b. loane	9	b. Donnelly	33				
P. Neal, b. Worn	12	l.b.w., b. loane	44				
P. Dawson, b. loane	46	l.b.w., b. loane	2				
B. Wingfield, l.b.w., b. loane	0	l.b.w., b. Davey	15				
A. Wright, c. Davey, b. Donnelly	13	b. Davey	11				
P. Mahon, c. and b. Donnelly	5	b. Davey	8				
J. Gould, b. loane	0	b. Davey	0				
B. Thawley, c. Murdoch, b. Donnelly	2	b. Davey	2				
J. Perkins, l.b.w., b. loane	0	b. Davey	0				
D. Bull, not out	0	not out	0				
Extras	5	Extras	1				
Total	98	Total	118				

Bowling for School

First Innings—				Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
B. Davey	8	1	21	-	17.2	8	25	7
T. loane	20.4	9	34	6	27	12	36	2
R. Worn	6	3	14	1	6	3	6	-
A. Donnelly	8	0	24	3	20	3	50	1

v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

(Played at New Plymouth on the 26th and 27th of March, 1958. Result: Lost by ten wickets.)

School won the toss and commenced batting against Haynes and Barton, the two Wanganui swing bowlers. School were soon in trouble, losing three wickets for 40, but a partnership of 49 between Davey and Murdoch took the score to 89 before both were dismissed. Another small partnership of 20 between loane and Lambourne helped recover the situation and School were finally dismissed for 130. The off-spinner Sewell took four wickets for 33 and Barton three for 36.

Wanganui's innings started poorly with Veitch, their captain, dismissed first ball of the innings by Davey. However, Harding and Nancarrow gradually consolidated the position and an aggressive 51 by Haynes took the score to 177. Good batting by Barton (24) and Hosking (24) also assisted in leading School's total by 47. loane and Davey were the most successful of School's bowlers, taking four for 46 and three for 56, respectively.

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School failed dismally in their second innings and only Donnelly (22) and Davey (10) showed any resistance to the bowling of Haynes and Barton. After a good start of 25 by Donnelly and Ruru the innings folded up and School were finally dismissed for 53. Barton was the most successful bowler, claiming four for 26, and Haynes three for 16.

Veitch and Harding opened for Wanganui and very soon scored the seven runs needed for victory.

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First Innings—		Second Innings—	
J. Ruru, c. Nancarrow, b. Hosking	13	c. Hosking, b. Haynes	2
A. H. Donnelly, b. Barton	2	c. White, b. Barton	22
R. W. Little, c. Nancarrow, b. Sewell	2	c. Haynes, b. Barton	0
M. S. Croxson, b. Hosking	17	b. Haynes	2
B. J. Davey, c. and b. Haynes	28	b. Duncan	10
W. T. Murdoch, c. Duncan, b. Barton	16	b. Barton	0
T. N. Wolfe, c. Sewell, b. Barton	9	c. Hosking, b. Barton	0
T. Ioane, st. McKenzie, b. Sewell	13	l.b.w., b. Haynes	1
D. A. Lambourne, not out	14	c. Hosking, b. Duncan	5
J. Giles, b. Sewell	1	b. Hosking	8
R. H. Worn, b. Sewell	2	not out	0
Extras	13	Extras	3
Total	130	Total	53

Bowling for Wanganui

First Innings—				Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Haynes	19	9	17	1	13	6	16	3
P. Barton	20	7	36	3	16	6	26	4
D. Duncan	12	8	9	-	4.4	2	8	2
M. Sewell	14.1	3	33	4	-	-	-	-
W. Hosking	10	2	22	2	1	1	0	1

WANGANUI

First Innings—		Second Innings—	
S. Veitch, l.b.w., b. Davey	0	not out	7
R. Harding, c. and b. Ioane	18	not out	0
P. Nancarrow, c. Donnelly, b. Ioane	33		
P. Barton, b. Davey	24		
W. White, b. Davey	17		
R. Haynes, b. Ioane	51		
M. Wright, c. Wolfe, b. Little	6		
D. Duncan, c. Croxson, b. Little	1		
W. Hosking, c. Davey, b. Ioane	24		
M. Sewell, c. Worn, b. Donnelly	1		
I. Mackenzie, not out	0		
Extras	2		
Total	177	Total (no wckts.)	7

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Bowling for School

First Innings—	Bowling for School				Second Innings—			
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
B. Davey	28	10	56	3	.2	-	7	-
T. Ioane	33.5	16	46	4				
R. Worn	3	-	9	-				
A. Donnelly	14	2	38	1				
R. Little	3	1	20	2				
J. Ruru	1	-	7	-				

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS

Boarders regained the Birch Cup by defeating the Day Boys in their annual fixture. The best feature of the game was the steady, accurate bowling by both sides, particularly that of Ioane for the Boarders. Although Day Boys seemed to have the stronger team on paper, they did not match the Boarders in any phase of the game.

Details—

Boarders: 72 (Fookes 38, Ioane 6, Wellington 6).
Bowling for Day Boys: Davey, four for nine; Donnelly, three for 23; Ruru, two for 19.
Day Boys: 58 (Broadmore 9, Wolfe 8, J. Ruru 8 not out).
Bowling for Boarders: Ioane, five for 27; Wellington, three for 17; Fookes, two for nine.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

Only a final was held in this year's Inter-House Competition and the two finalists were East, and Central the holder of the cup.

Central batted first and scored 74 and East replied with 75 for the loss of six wickets. The scoring was very slow and few batsmen showed any sign of aggression.

Details—

East: 75 for six wickets (Giles 18, Johns 15 not out, Murdoch, 14 not out).
Bowling for Central: Little, three for 20; Donnelly, two for 35.
Central: 74 (Wolfe 23, Little 13, Oliver 12, Donnelly 11).
Bowling for East: Burgess, five for 26; Davey, four for 45.
East House team: B. J. Davey (captain), J. Giles, R. C. Johns, W. T. Murdoch, T. Medley, T. R. Burgess, C. Prestige, J. E. Burton, B. H. Webster, E. T. Coleman, G. M. Chong.

SECOND XI

In our annual game at the end of the 1957 season, we soundly defeated Stratford T.H.S.

However, during the first term of the year the standard dropped, apart from a few good individual performances. With the new system introduced in the last term, we are now assured of one or two First Group players every Saturday and this should considerably strengthen our team.

The team this year was as follows: A. A. Ruakere, P. V. Rere, P. B. Phillipps, T. B. Broughton, E. T. Coleman, N. G. Henderson, N. L. Greiner, T. R. Burgess, J. E. Burton, P. A. Luckstedt, B. H. Webster.

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THIRD XI

The Third XI has had a relatively successful season, finishing well up in the Junior Competition. Over the whole season the team lost four or five matches. Some creditable performances were recorded by various members of the team from time to time.

Only one inter-school game was played and in that the Thirds soundly defeated a Stratford T.H.S. side. The game against Waitara was cancelled because of the weather.

The team this year was as follows: P. Adlam (captain), M. Hunt, E. Loten, J. Evershed, C. Murray, G. Watson, D. Ingles, W. Lobb, R. Paton, J. Medley, A. Morrison, P. Rona, P. Fredsberg.

FOURTH FORM XI

The Fourth Form XI had a fairly successful season with the batting well balanced and the bowling strong. In the third term some of the players were promoted to higher groups. Particular mention must be made of R. Paton and A. Morrison, who were promoted to the First Group. W. Lobb, a promising off-spinner, was also promoted but did not show the same promise as the other two.

The members of the team are as follows: R. Crow, H. Viver, C. Prestige, B. MacDiarmid, A. Wood, T. Struthers, D. Irvine, D. Hodge, R. Hodge, I. Marsden, K. Wright, W. Vincent, M. McCallum.

THIRD FORM XI

The 1957 Third Form team proved a fruitful nursery for the Senior XI. W. Murdoch and T. Medley moved into the first net in the opening term, followed by A. Morrison in the last term.

Honours went to the Primary School XI in our annual fixture. B. Prestige, Primary captain, scored a fine 68 with some of the best stroke play this match has produced. A. Goldsworthy and J. Smith, a medium-pace attack, forced our batsmen into errors and gained a creditable first innings lead. Only Morrison, of the School batsmen, could score effectively against the tight bowling backed by keen fielding.

This year the side, ably led by Prestige, has scored well in the Junior competition, although it conceded much in age and experience. The captain has had an unbroken run of success with the bat. Bennett, Sharrock and J. Medley have provided able support. The attack, which was shared by Hannon, Goldsworthy, J. Smith, Medley and Prestige, has variety and promise and should perform well in the current season.

B. J. Davey.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,—Why is it that during the winter months when it is raining most, there are no places for shelter or recreation except the Library, which is incapable of holding over 600 day boys and is generally overcrowded. It would not be hard to open up a few rooms or even the hall in future times.—I am, etc.,

"Wet Day-Boy," 4P2.

In Memoriam



SIMON MOORE

It was a great shock to all of us to learn of Simon Moore's death on June 7th. It happened suddenly and unexpectedly. At School we take each other very much for granted and do not often bother to consider deeply our estimates of those we come in contact with. Simon's death made us realise just how much we respected him.

In 1955 Simon entered School as a third former. This year he was in 5 G3. During this time as a boarder in Carrington House he won our respect through his reliability, his honesty and his kindness.

It is not generally known that Simon spent much of his spare time helping other people. He went to chop wood, weed gardens, run errands and do those many services which older people find hard to get done. In Carrington he was always willing to give as much help as he could to those who needed his kindness. He was a boy we knew to be sincerely friendly to all.

His quality was such that whatever he undertook he always did as well as he could. Simon Moore was a hard-working and valuable member of the Carrington House sixth grade.

It was fitting that a Memorial Service was held in the School Assembly Hall and that so many of his school fellows were present. We hope that Simon's parents found the service some comfort to them in their loss and to them and all the Moore family we extend our deepest sympathy.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS, 1958

EVENT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	TIME, HEIGHT DISTANCE	SCHOOL RECORD
SENIOR— Championships					
(a) 100 Yards	R. C. Johns	T. N. Wolfe	R. N. Gardiner	10.7sec.	10.4sec. { R. Watson, 1927 W. P. Revell, 1943
(b) 220 Yards	R. C. Johns	H. W. Lilley	T. N. Wolfe	23.7sec.	23.7sec., R. C. Johns, 1958
(c) 440 Yards	R. C. Johns	B. G. Sowry	R. W. Humphries	53.6sec.	52.4sec. { J. A. Ross, 1948 R. C. Johns, 1957
(d) 880 Yards	R. W. Humphries	P. W. Savage	C. H. Murray	2min. 6.7sec.	2min. 2.1sec., M. H. Tizard, 1957
One Mile	P. W. Savage	G. R. Milne	J. L. Bithell	4min. 56sec.	4min. 41sec., M. J. Sexton, 1957
(e) 120 Yards Hurdles	R. C. Johns	J. E. Burton	B. A. Masters	14.9sec.	14.8sec., R. C. Johns, 1957
Long Jump	A. M. Harris	M. McGregor	T. N. Wolfe	18ft. 8½in.	21ft. 3in., A. G. MacIntyre, 1937
High Jump	M. McGregor	J. W. Hughes	R. D. Gordon-Stables	5ft. 3in.	5ft. 6½in., J. C. Gordon, 1929
Hop, Step and Jump	A. M. Harris	J. Guy	R. D. Gordon-Stables	38ft. 7in.	43ft. 6in., L. J. Croxson, 1952
Throwing the Discus	R. N. Gardiner	R. A. Hodges	J. E. Burton	107ft. 0¼in.	130ft. 1½in., J. K. Lay, 1955
Putting the Shot	F. S. Ropati	M. McGregor	T. Ioane	41ft. 3in.	43ft. 0¼in., J. K. Lay, 1955
Throwing the Javelin	F. S. Ropati	T. R. Burgess	B. C. Holdt	158ft. 2in.	175ft. 8in., J. K. Lay, 1955
INTERMEDIATE— Championships					
(g) 100 Yards	L. F. Whittle	K. T. Kelly	A. J. Finer	11.3sec.	10.6sec. { C. C. Kjestrup, 1937 W. J. Mitchell, 1946
220 Yards	L. F. Whittle	K. T. Kelly	A. J. Finer	25.1sec.	24.2sec., O. A. Greensill, 1948
(h) 440 Yards	M. S. Croxson	C. T. Henderson	L. Death	57.1sec.	55.2sec., D. G. Lloyd, 1953
(i) 880 Yards	L. Death	J. M. Miller	R. L. Sexton	2min. 15.3sec.	2min. 11.3sec., B. N. Patten, 1956
(j) 120 Yards Hurdles	G. A. Johns	B. C. Holdt	K. L. Wakelin	17.0sec.	15.4sec., R. C. Johns, 1956
(k) Long Jump	M. S. Croxson	M. A. Mills	G. J. Harrold	17ft. 5½in.	20ft. 8½in., C. C. Kjestrup, 1937
(l) High Jump	M. S. Croxson	R. C. Geck	R. G. McCutcheon	4ft. 10in.	5ft. 2½in., A. A. Keller, 1932
Hop, Step and Jump	R. L. Sexton	R. J. Crow	—	34ft. 2½in.	40ft. 2in., J. K. Lay, 1953
Throwing the Discus	L. F. Whittle	B. H. Willis	T. I. Russell	119ft. 2in.	120ft. 3in., R. A. Hodges, 1956
Putting the Shot	T. I. Russell	B. C. Holdt	G. Bridger	37ft. 0½in.	38ft. 6in., F. P. Bennett, 1956
JUNIOR— Championships					
(n) 100 Yards	B. K. Poppe	D. B. Wood	S. J. Wade	12.0sec.	11.4sec. { A. R. Hill, 1954 B. K. Poppe, 1958
220 Yards	B. K. Poppe	D. B. Wood	R. L. Harvey	27.5sec.	25.5sec., T. N. Wolfe, 1956
(o) 440 Yards	B. K. Poppe	D. B. Wood	P. B. Brown	63.0sec.	58.6sec., T. N. Wolfe, 1956
880 Yards	J. D. Goodey	J. W. Medley	S. J. Wade	2min. 27.7sec.	2min. 24.4sec., B. N. Patten, 1955
80 Yards Hurdles	T. L. Rae	B. P. Hannan	B. N. MacDiarmid	13.7sec.	13.2sec., P. A. Johns, 1958
Long Jump	D. E. Jonas	(G. M. Furness M. R. Keech	—	13ft. 5in.	17ft. 5in., T. N. Wolfe, 1956
High Jump	R. L. Harvey	D. E. Jonas	W. R. Watson	4ft. 5in.	4ft. 10in., R. A. Clarke, 1956
GRADED EVENTS—					
Senior					
100 Yards A:	J. E. George	A. A. Ruakere	R. W. Little	11.3sec.	
B:	G. M. Chong	I. H. Coad	J. J. Thorrold	12.4sec.	
220 Yards A:	J. E. George	A. J. Woodhouse	J. Ruru	25.5sec.	
B:	L. A. Knowles	I. H. Coad	G. F. Hunter	27.1sec.	
440 Yards A:	A. A. Ruakere	O. R. Woodhouse	C. P. Hector	58.5sec.	
B:	J. W. Hughes	J. Giles	R. G. Shepherd	61.5sec.	
880 Yards Handicap	D. J. Oliver	A. J. Woodhouse	P. Adlam	2min. 14.9sec.	
(f) Mile Handicap	R. A. Hodges	K. S. Whitehead	R. C. Rayward	5min. 7.6sec.	
Intermediate					
100 Yards A:	D. S. Julian	N. D. McEwan	T. G. Medley	11.9sec.	
B:	R. H. Hamilton	D. C. Treweek	A. K. Newell	13.0sec.	
220 Yards A:	D. S. Julian	T. G. Medley	L. D. Shearer	27.5sec.	
B:	B. J. Dunn	M. H. Neal	D. C. Treweek	28.7sec.	
440 Yards A:	R. B. Hedley	D. I. Jones	T. G. Medley	60.9sec.	
B:	P. R. Mackay	J. W. Fitzsimmons	J. C. Evershed	59.6sec.	
C:	R. H. Hamilton	N. D. Walter	K. A. Carey-Smith	66.7sec.	
D:	B. Rowe	J. R. Walker	M. Clegg	63.1sec.	
880 Yards Handicap	A. A. Walker	P. R. Mackay	R. A. Ford	2min. 21.2sec.	
(m) Mile Handicap	L. Death	J. M. Miller	D. E. Smith	5min. 9.5sec.	
Junior					
100 Yards A:	W. J. Lobb	C. W. Bussell	J. S. Revell	12.6sec.	
B:	I. E. Rothery	R. S. Garbett	A. F. Powell	13.7sec.	
220 Yards A:	W. J. Lobb	D. A. Kirk	B. T. O'Sullivan	28.3sec.	
B:	D. C. Webber	I. E. Rothery	J. F. Seymour	29.0sec.	
880 Yards Handicap	L. J. Purdy	D. W. Smeaton	L. Birks	2min. 23.3sec.	
Day Boys v. Boarders	Day Boys			1min. 10.6sec.	
Six-Man Relay—	R. C. Johns T. N. Wolfe A. M. Harris B. G. Sowry L. F. Whittle I. A. Finer				
(p) Old Boys' Race	M. Mitchell	G. Neve	C. Keig		

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. Grieve's Cup
- (n) Bennett Cup
- (o) Mr. Harman's Cup
- (p) Challenge Cup

STEEPLECHASE

Then followed: T. Barry (W), D. Harvey (C), R. Collett (W), J. Beasley (E), J. Hoeta (Co.), D. Wood (P), P. Walsh (E), G. Fowles (W), G. McCutcheon (P), R. Hedley (Ca.), P. Simcock (Ca.), J. Goodey (C), R. Cairns (M), M. McCallum (W), D. Webber (E), J. Nicholls (P), K. Dravitski (W), P. Thomas (W), B. Poppe (Ca.), B. Haine (Co.).

Fastest Times:

R. Sexton, 11min. 51sec.	1
R. Hedley, 12min. 37sec.	2=
H. Vyver, 12min. 37sec.	2=
R. Hall, 12min. 42sec.	4
J. Beasley, 12min. 43sec.	5=
K. Craig, 12min. 43sec.	5=
D. Harvey, 12min. 45sec.	7
G. McCutcheon, 12min. 47sec.	8
B. Rattenbury, 12min. 53sec.	9
B. Allen, 13min. 4sec.	10

House Points:

Carrington 19, West 16½, Central 13½, Moyes 9½, Pridham 7½, East 2½, Country 1½, Niger 0.

JUNIOR

J. Winther (W., 90sec.), 9min. 13sec.	1
A. Sanger (Co., 50sec.), 9min. 47sec.	2
B. Coleman (Co., 60sec.), 9min. 50sec.	3
G. Whittaker (Co., 90sec.), 9min. 53sec.	4
J. Smith (Co., 30sec.), 10min. 6sec.	5
L. Purdy (W., 60sec.), 10min. 8sec.	6
M. Roberts (C., 90sec.), 10min. 8sec.	7
R. Duncan (C., 50sec.), 10min. 12sec.	8
P. Churchhouse (N., 120sec.), 10min. 15sec.	9
D. Emmett (E., 30sec.), 10min. 27sec.	10

Then followed: J. Medley (E), E. Best (Ca.), R. Old (W), R. Goudie (W), L. Berge (W), C. Mills (Ca.), R. Plumb (C), K. Hill (W), D. Wood (W), G. Fowles (W), C. Lambert (W), K. Harris (W), D. Ebbett (N), B. Milne (W), M. Dravitski (Co.), G. Boucher (E), D. Bennett (C), R. Riley (C), D. Treweek (M), W. Hodgson (C).

Fastest Times:

J. Smith, 10min. 36sec.	1
A. Sanger, 10min. 37sec.	2
C. Mills, 10min. 38sec.	3
J. Winther, 10min. 43sec.	4
R. Old, 10min. 44sec.	5
C. Lambert, 10min. 47sec.	6
B. Coleman, 10min. 50sec.	7
K. Hill, 10min. 52sec.	8
K. Harris, 10min. 57sec.	9=
D. Emmett, 10min. 57sec.	9=

House Points:

Country 30½, West 22½, Central 9½, East 4½, Niger 2½, Carrington 2, Moyes ½, Pridham 0.



J. S. WEBSTER, M.Sc., Dip.Ed.
Headmaster, 1958

A NEW HAND AT THE HELM

J. S. WEBSTER, M.Sc., DIP.ED.

Mr. J. S. Webster, M.Sc., Dip.Ed., a West Coaster by birth, went from Granity Primary to Palmerston North Boys' High School for his secondary education from 1925 until 1929. At Auckland Teachers' Training College he was a third year specialist in Mathematics and Science. A varied teaching career was interrupted by the war when he served for five years with the R.N.Z.A.F. In 1946 he became Senior Secondary Assistant at Howick District High and in 1953 (after three years at Waiuku District High) became First Assistant at Mt. Roskill Grammar. From 1955-57 he was Headmaster at Te Awamutu College, a large co-educational school, and it was from this position that Mr. Webster was appointed Headmaster of New Plymouth Boys' High.

On the football field Mr. Webster has been an Auckland "B" representative and he also played cricket for the Manganui Sub-Union. This interest in sport is well illustrated by the fact that Mr. Webster himself coaches a fifth grade football team and follows closely all aspects of School sport, and especially the fortunes of the First Fifteen.

Any previous welcome, however warm, of Mr. Webster to the School must have been given to a limited extent with tongue-in-cheek. Now that we have experienced a year of his headmastership we can with far less reservation commend the Board on their choice of Head. All have been impressed by his vitality and industry and his unbounded interest in all spheres of School life. It is typical of him that he spends three hours on every Saturday morning of the third term coaching two classes of boys for exams. It is typical too, that within six months he knew every boarder by name and a large number of day boys.

Mr. Webster is very approachable at all times on all matters and has shown an active interest in developing the relations between School and parents. He sets very high standards for the boys and is firm in implementing them. He is conscious of his great responsibility to parents of boarders and does his best to make their working easy.

Coming as he does to a School where each department was largely autonomous, Mr. Webster may have met with some distrust of change but in every quarter there is growing appreciation of the fact that any changes made are decided upon by the yardstick of what is ultimately of benefit to the boys and the School. Some reference to these changes is made in School Notes.

We welcome also Mrs. Webster, who has given a remarkable degree of interest and hard work to the tuckshop and other activities. We extend a particularly warm welcome to their children and hope that they enjoy living among us and that Mr. and Mrs. Webster and their family will have a long stay with us. The School owes much of its present character to the length of service of its past three headmasters, and on present indications the fourth should strengthen this character.

M. W. Burt.

THE RETIREMENT OF MR. R. C. WILSON (1924-1958)



This year the School said good-bye to Mr. Wilson who, we learnt, has been appointed to a senior educational position in the Philippine Islands by the U.N.E.S.C.O. Organisation. Throughout the thirty-four years he was with the School, "Horsey," as he was known to most of the boys, always took an active interest in School activities and it was with considerable regret that we saw him take leave of us. It is pleasing, however, to know that his retirement from teaching will not bring about the end of his career, but rather a further advancement of it.

Born in North Auckland, Mr. Wilson showed early signs of intellectual talent. He won a

scholarship in Standard VI to Auckland Grammar School, where he completed his secondary school education with distinction.

After graduating M.Sc., B.A., at Auckland University College, Mr. Wilson joined the New Plymouth Boys' High School teaching staff and, in 1927, three years after his arrival in 1924, was appointed senior boarding master. When the House system was established four years later he was made House Master of School, now Moyes House, and retained this position until 1940 when he left for a few years to serve in the war.

Mr. Wilson has travelled extensively abroad and in 1935 took time off for a tour of European countries, including Russia, to gain further experience in methods of teaching. He spent part of this time studying at the London University Institute of Education and then returned to School, only to leave again in 1940 when war broke out. He saw active service in Greece, Libya and Syria, where he commanded a company of the 25th Battalion. On returning to New Zealand he was an officer of the New Zealand General Staff at Army Headquarters.

In 1944 when he took up his old position at School again, he was appointed head of the Science Department, and since that time has, with the assistance of several masters on the staff, completed the writing of three widely-used text books on General Science for third, fourth and fifth forms.

Mr. Wilson's interests extended to Rugby, and at one time he was a forward in the Old Boys' Club senior team. He also coached junior teams at School for a number of years.

When he returned from the war he was still very keen on military work and with the rank of Major was made O.C. of the Cadet Battalion, a position he held until 1953. It was during this period that he was awarded the Efficiency Decoration.

RETIREMENT OF MR. WILSON

Mr. Wilson retired from teaching last year, but returned immediately as a relieving teacher in the Science Department.

The position to which he has been appointed is described as "Expert in Teaching Science." His duties will be to train teachers in modern methods of teaching natural sciences at all school levels; to advise on and demonstrate the construction of simple apparatus from local materials; to revise the science curriculum; to advise on the preparation of suitable text books and to organise science workshops for teachers, principals and supervisors. The appointment is for one year in the first instance but it may be reviewed.

A man of ability and integrity Mr. Wilson has almost come to be a part of the School over the past thirty-four years. His interests have been wide and many, and even included drama. He was renowned for his practical frame of mind, often being astounded when boys could not produce either a pocket-knife or some string from their pockets.

"You there, boy. Lend me your pocket-knife, will you? What, no pocket-knife! What kind of a boy are you?"

Yes, what kind of a boy indeed.

Mr. Wilson's pupils could always be confident of his sympathy and understanding and we came to know him as a friend as well as a master.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson we extend our warmest and best wishes and sincerely hope that their future lives will be long and happy ones.

A. I. Wilson.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,—This current year has realised many changes, for better or for worse. But there is one change which has been poorly received among the boarders.

I refer to the exclusion of the boarding Houses from the inter-House Soccer competition. This has generally been an event looked forward to by many boarders and they have often defeated better combinations among the day boy Houses. For example, if my memory serves me correct, Moyes won the competition in 1952.

Therefore, I think some satisfactory condition or reason should be supplied for the exclusion of the boarding Houses from this inter-House Soccer competition.—I am, etc.,

"Frustrated Boarder."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,—Why is the School Steeplechase at present held in the third term? This should be a term of work. Surely it would lighten the burdens of the last term if it were held, for instance, towards the end of the first term. By such an arrangement "duck-shoving" would be reduced and the seniors would have both time and cause to run more seriously, as this is near the beginning of the Rugby season.

It also seems unfair that boys should be handicapped entirely by age (as was the case this year) when those who are fairly old or not natural runners are penalised. It is to be hoped that something will be done to rectify this problem in future years.—I am, etc.,

"Two in One."

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CHAPEL NOTES

The School services have continued this year to be conducted by Canon K. Liggett and the Rev. J. Watkins. There was, in addition, one Sunday a sermon preached by Captain Gregg, of the Church Army.

Bible Classes have continued to be held at School under the guidance of Canon Liggett, the Rev. J. Watkins, and the Rev. F. Middlebrook, although with the use of the Memorial Theatre, we have also had, on occasions, religious films instead of the classes.

Communion services have been held in the Library on the first Sunday of every month. We thank Canon Liggett for making himself available to take this service, which is so appreciated by those who attend.

The choir has lapsed badly this year. Only one boarder, R. Woodhouse, is prepared to continue this worthwhile activity.

There have been no hymn practices this year, and the singing in church is not of the high standard reached when practices were held.

Confirmation classes were held as usual on Friday afternoons. The Bishop of Waikato conducted the Confirmation service on Saturday evening, October 18th, and the following boys were confirmed: K. W. Andrew, S. N. Baty, G. Bridger, A. J. Coddington, M. V. Cross, M. P. Darke, M. Dennis, A. J. E. Dodd, C. J. Evans, I. F. Falconer, P. C. Fredsberg, A. C. Gale, J. F. Gamlin, Q. C. Green, J. S. Halcombe, R. A. Harland, J. G. Honeyfield, H. F. W. Jackson, K. C. Jensen, A. M. Jonston, C. Lingard, W. J. Lobb, D. R. Martin, I. R. McQuillan, W. J. V. O'Brien, T. L. Rae, R. B. Rattenbury, I. M. Read, W. G. Shearer, A. Smith, G. H. Taylor, D. J. Thomson, R. R. Ward, R. N. West, M. F. Whitehead, B. H. Wills, N. J. Wilson.

The annual Carol Service will be held on the last Sunday of the term and it is also hoped that there will be an interdenominational service held during the last week for all boys who are leaving.

As is customary the Vicar sent his annual message to the School:—

A CHANGING WORLD

Whether the world is changing for the worse or for the better is a subject for debate but, there can be no doubt that it is changing, and now, owing to greater speed in the means of communication it is changing more rapidly than when it took anything up to three weeks to a month to travel from Auckland to Dunedin. Men are able to know of new discoveries, new ideas, new modes of expression almost as soon as they are made, but, before these changes can become part of our life they must be weighed, considered and measured against what is already known and accepted. A new idea cannot be received just because it is new, nor can an old one be discarded until the new is found to be better, and so man finds himself on a road with an ever changing view as he walks along a country lane with its hills to be climbed, new views from the top to be appreciated and perhaps a few wrong turnings to be rectified. Most thinkers agree that in spite of constant change there is a 'something' which does not change, that all our discoveries are leading us to a greater appreciation of this 'something.'



DAY BOY PREFECTS, 1958

Back Row: T. H. Sampson, J. E. Penney, M. McGregor, W. Cartwright, B. T. Simons, J. S. Hayton.
Middle Row: A. F. Fookes, A. G. Suhr, J. O. Burford, R. H. Warn, I. A. Finer, R. W. Little.
Front Row: E. J. Barnes, B. N. Patten, M. S. Crosson, B. G. Sowry, J. B. Matthews, J. M. Miller.



BOARDING PREFECTS, 1958

Back Row: J. Guy, C. D. Ekdahl, J. G. Stubbs, H. J. Porteous, R. H. Brown, A. A. Ruakere, A. J. Woodhouse, T. L. Sweetman.
Middle Row: P. A. Luckstedt, I. D. Bayly, I. A. Gilmour, G. R. Milne, M. W. Burt, P. J. Rumball, D. G. Apps, C. P. Hector.
Front Row: W. H. Robson, G. M. Petersen, H. W. Lilley, W. J. Perham, M. M. Mills, P. J. Woodcock, R. J. Beveridge, J. J. Stewart.

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call it a 'law of living,' from which any serious deviation will bring disaster. Inevitably all changes bring us face to face with the question, 'Is it right?' Is it for the continuing benefit of mankind? In other words it resolves itself into a question of morals. This presupposes that there is a right and wrong. The questions raised in a modern age are perplexing. Even Christian people find themselves puzzled over such questions as the use of atomic power, the whole question of human relationship, in view of new ideologies. Then there is the problem of world population in relation to the increased expectancy of life. For the Christian there is no short answer. He must travel this road courageously, with his face set towards the goal which is Heaven, the place where God is. All his problems must be measured against the rule of absolute love which Christ taught and lived. He must bend every effort to measure everything by this principle and be ready to discard everything—even everything that does not measure up to His Theme Song:

'Change and decay in all around I see
Oh Thou who changest not, abide in me.'

W. J. Perham.

CRUSADER NOTES

This year interest in the activities of the Crusader Movement of the School has been maintained, although attendances at the normal meetings have not been very large.

Throughout the year Mr. T. Sanson has given us many addresses on different aspects of the Christian faith and doctrine. These weekly meetings were held temporarily in Room 22 and were continued during the second term in the Carrington House day-room on Thursday at 12.5 p.m., and for a short time a series of discussion meetings were conducted each Wednesday as well. After Easter several boys gave accounts of various camps which they had attended. The first term was concluded with a social at the Baptist Youth Hall. Mr. K. Corkill gave an address to about sixty boys and girls who were present.

In the second term three members of the group, M. Butcher, A. Dewar and K. Tucker, were presented with badges, after which Mr. Sanson gave a brief explanation of their meaning.

The first guest speaker of the second term was Rev. D. W. Rushbrook. A few weeks later Mr. K. Corkill addressed the group, ably discussing current problems in his subject, "Two thousand million men and God." A meeting was held in the Memorial Hall at which Mr. B. Dobbie, now a missionary in the interior of New Guinea, addressed about forty boys.

Two films, a popular "Fact and Faith" film called "Voices of the Deep," which illustrated modern under-water scientific research, and an American youth film "Born to Live," were shown in the Memorial theatre to capacity audiences.

The film "Born to Live" was also shown at the social held at St. Mary's Hall. About fifty attended from the Boys' and Girls' High Schools.

The main social function of the third term was the annual rally of the Scripture Union and the Crusader Movement, held at the St. Andrew's

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Hall on September 10th. It was well attended by pupils from the Oponake, Stratford, Waitara and New Plymouth High Schools. The chairman, Mr. R. C. Griffiths, Headmaster of the Oponake High School, gave an introductory message which was followed by an interesting address by the General Secretary of the Union, Mr. B. Lumsden. The evening was concluded with the showing of films of past Crusader camps which are held annually throughout New Zealand.

J. A. Lewis.

THE CARMINA VERA CHORAL GROUP

The Carmina Vera Madrigal Group has had a very successful and enjoyable year. At the beginning of the year twenty-seven boys and girls from both High Schools were chosen for this group. Since then, however, this number has been reduced to fifteen day pupils.

Under Mr. Lynch we have met every Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's Church Hall, where practices are held usually for two or three hours.

Our repertoire includes classical songs of many types, ranging from the slow meticulous "Exaudi Deus" to the lighter "Fairings."

So far this year we have sung in the combined Schools' Music Festival, the School Concert and at the Girls' Choir Concert earlier this term.

At the end of this year the Carmina Vera Group will broadcast a bracket of songs over 2XP. However, before this can be done, much preparation and practise will be necessary.

Altogether it has been a happy and successful year; moreover one of fulfilment and one enjoyed by all those who have had the privilege of belonging to this group.

G. R. Hasell.

ORCHESTRA NOTES

Eleven members of last year's Orchestra formed the nucleus about which the present Orchestra was built at the beginning of this year. Many younger players, however, joined the ranks of the Orchestra and increased its size to 26 players.

The members of this year's Orchestra are:—

Conductor: Mr. N. Lynch.

First Violins: L. J. Sunde (leader), J. R. Spellman, N. B. Lange, A. J. McKenzie.

Second Violins: J. E. Sole, L. Birks, M. F. Whitehead, G. T. Jackson, L. J. Purdy, G. C. Purdie, M. D. Darke.

Viola: E. P. Hey.

'Cellos: G. C. Stace, P. B. Brown.

Clarinets: R. C. Rayward, K. L. George, I. C. Sergeant.

Flute: B. H. Smith.

Oboe: N. G. Rush.

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Trumpets: D. M. Smith, P. G. C. Douch, M. E. Dobson.

Tenor Horn: B. R. Prestidge.

Baritone: W. L. Vincent.

Trombone: P. J. Carter.

Piano: J. E. Cousins.

Although the Orchestra lacked, at the beginning of the year, the experience of the more senior boys, this deficiency has been overcome by the enthusiasm and co-operation shown by the younger players. The woodwind and brass sections are well represented and have achieved a high degree of co-ordination and musicianship, although the string section is slightly weak.

The practices on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, commencing at eight o'clock, have been very well attended and much good work has been achieved. Many lunch-time and after-school practices have also been held.

The Orchestra has had two big performances this year. The first was at the School Concert when it played the slow movement from Beethoven's Symphony No. 1, a piece which required much concentration and co-ordination from every member of the Orchestra. The second was at the repeat performance of the Girls' Choir Concert at which the Orchestra was a guest performer. At this performance the Orchestra presented a bracket of three traditional Welsh tunes. They were: "All Through the Night," "Men of Harlech" and "The Ash Grove." These were well received by the audience and was a clear indication of the amount of ground covered by the Orchestra during the year.

The Orchestra has also accompanied the singing in morning assembly and many new hymns have been introduced during this year.

The youth of the present players, although a slight handicap this year, will help the Orchestra tremendously next year, because most of the present players will be returning.

L. J. Sunde.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

The eighth annual Music Festival was presented in the Opera House during the last week of the first term, on 7th and 8th May. It was attended by large audiences at all four performances.

Although rehearsals started fairly late in the term with practices every lunch time, there were many vacancies in the Boys' Choir, but this was rectified, as is customary and perhaps traditional, when combined practices began at the Girls' High School. With this added stimulus on the part of both girls and boys all participants quickly made up for any lost time and by the opening performance the 256 members of the Choir had reached a standard perhaps better than that of any previous Festival.

The performance began with "A Festival Cantata" comprising music of Bach and Handel with songs by the girls, the boys, and by the combined choir. In this series of varied items the soloists achieved a very high standard.

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Another item in which the excellent standard of the soloists was noticeable was the singing of excerpts from the Gilbert and Sullivan opera "Yeomen of the Guard." Here was a number which required much concentration and hard work by all concerned, and which demanded strict co-ordination between soloists and choir. The capable way in which this was performed and the obvious enjoyment with which it was both performed and received served to illustrate its universal popularity.

The Girls' Choir presented two brackets of widely varied songs, including two West Indian numbers. All of these were competently sung and were received with the interest which always accompanies the girls' items.

With the assistance of a capable group of 65 boy sopranos the Boys' Choir presented the Twenty-third Psalm to the well-known tune of Crimond, and also the Prisoners' Chorus from the opera "Fidelio" by Beethoven. A great deal of preparation went into the singing of the latter and the presentation of its four-part harmony was handled well by the boys.

The 51-piece combined Orchestra presented a well-balanced selection of music which was wide in its scope and which in its performance required considerable skill and concentration. Under Mr. W. Komlos, the Orchestra presented four brackets. These included "Rondo Tendre" (Rameau), "Andante" from Haydn's "Surprise Symphony" (with its usual effect), and Teike's famous march "Old Comrades."

Various instrumental groups and soloists were well received. The fact that the standard of these has been steadily rising in past years was borne out by the performances at this Festival, as this year's standard was well up to that of previous years. The Boys' High School Band presented "St. Kilda March" and "Anchors Aweigh" to an appreciative audience.

A small but delightful bracket of chorals and madrigals was presented by the "Carmina Vera" Choral Group. By their excellent performance they showed that this branch of School activity has progressed a long way since its inauguration.

The undoubted success of this Festival is a tribute to those responsible for the training of the various musical sections. They are the ones we must thank for another Festival so obviously enjoyed by both audiences and performers.

J. F. Holmes.

BRASS BAND NOTES

The members of this year's Band are:—

Bass Drum: L. J. Sunde.

Side Drums: J. W. Fitzsimmons, S. Horsburgh.

Cornets: D. M. Smith, E. R. Riley, R. J. Peel, M. E. Dobson, L. R. Elliot, P. G. C. Douch.

Tenor Horns: B. R. Prestidge, J. D. Blackmore, K. W. Roberts.

Euphonium: W. L. Vincent.

Trombones: B. T. Simons, P. J. Carter.

Bass: D. C. Martin.

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This year the Band got away to a good start with enough new members coming into the Band to fill the gaps left at the end of last year. We played for battalion parades during Barracks Week and also throughout the year. The Band also played at the Inter-Secondary School Sports at Stratford, the Primary Schools' Anzac Day Service at the Cemetery and at the Rugby match between School and St. Pat's at Hawera.

The climax of the year for the Band was the Music Festival at which the Band presented two numbers, "Anchors Aweigh" and the march "St. Kilda." Although these two pieces were of a much harder nature than most music attempted by school bands, they were performed with a lot of skill and proved to be one of the most popular items in the Music Festival.

Practices were held on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8 a.m., but attendances were very irregular.

During the first two terms the Band played for the singing in assembly once or twice a week, although we only knew two hymns. However, these were handled competently by the Band. Keeness slackened off during the third term but the keener members of the Band successfully combined with the Orchestra.

Mr. Hall, from the City Band, has been taking a beginners' class once a week and this makes prospects for next year's School Band very good.

D. M. Smith.

LIBRARY NOTES

Another year's valuable service was given by the Library to the School and good progress has been made this year. During the first term a large number of outdated and battered books were thrown out to make room for newer books and most of the funds have been spent on filling the shelves with modern, plastic covered books. As a result the shelves look much more attractive and colourful.

An innovation is the junior fiction section. The idea of this is to provide suitable reading for third and fourth formers.

Unfortunately books are still disappearing from the Library and replacing these uses up resources which could be used for buying new books. Again it seems to be the senior boys who are mainly responsible for this. In an effort to recover these books the Library was closed for some time during the third term with fairly successful results. Close on a hundred books are still missing, however.

D. J. O'Dea.

CADETS

The 1958 School year was launched with the usual Barracks Week, when Major L. J. Slyfield returned from several years' retirement to assume command of the Cadet Battalion upon the retirement of Major R. R. Penney, who had been Commanding Officer for the past three years. At the same time Captain A. Wilson and Lieutenant J. Mills exchanged appointments to command Signals and E Company respectively.

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For most cadets, with the organisation of N.C.O.'s, and issue of uniforms to boarders and third formers, the first day or so was taken up by basic drill.

Throughout the week, senior cadets in B Company covered an extensive training, whilst C Company concentrated on the more complex aspect of syllabus of advanced work including Fieldcraft, Bren gun and Infantry drill and weapon training. D and E Companies, third formers, were instructed in foot drill and weapon training, laying the foundations for the marked improvement noted during the year. The usual events of Barracks Week were varied with the introduction of mass P.T. parades and, a welcome innovation, the holding of daily Battalion parades early in the morning to avoid the heat of the day.

A highly successful week concluded after a visit from the Officer Commanding Central Military District, Brigadier C. T. Pleasants, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., who, with the Area Officer, Major L. Rawley, inspected the Battalion and took the salute at its final parade.

This year the usual Anzac Day parade was replaced by a service at the Shrine in the School War Memorial Building. The Battalion was assembled beside the building and on the sloping banks of the Gully. The Last Post was sounded and the flag lowered to half-mast. Wreaths were then placed in the Shrine by Mr. B. Sykes, President of the Old Boys' Association, and by R. C. Johns, Head Boy and R.S.M. Simultaneously wreaths were placed at the School Memorial Gates by Lieutenant H. P. Webster on behalf of the Old Boys, and R. A. Hodges, Head Boarder. At both points guards of honour were mounted with reversed arms. After Reveille, the Battalion marched past the Memorial Gates, giving the salute. Because of adverse weather conditions, the School did not attend the R.S.A. parade and service at Pukekura Park.

This year there have been cadet camps at Waiouru and Linton. C.S.M.'s J. Hayton and R. Deane and Staff-Sergeants J. Burford and R. Cavaney attended a Senior N.C.O. course at Waiouru in January. At the same time an N.C.O. qualification course was held at Linton and 23 of this year's Corporals were put through their paces. In August, 19 cadets from the N.C.O. Platoon attended a pre-qualification course, also at Linton. Several officers from the Battalion attended refresher and promotion camps.

Breaking away from the Sergeants' Promotion Examination of previous years, present and potential N.C.O.'s were selected for next year's positions by officers and senior N.C.O.'s during the November drill day. It is hoped that, through this method, a higher standard of instruction and a better spirit will be obtained.

For the second time this year Brigadier Pleasants visited the unit, on 28th October, when he examined R.S.M. W.O.I R. C. Johns, the Area 8 nominee for the William Robert Friar Memorial Prize, awarded to the best N.C.O. in the Central Military District. The Sole Cup, awarded to the School's best N.C.O., went to W.O.I Johns.

With the conclusion of another year, it can be remarked that the standard of training has been well maintained, the Cadet Battalion retaining its traditional reputation as a virile School institution.

J. O. Burford.

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A.T.C.

This year the A.T.C. consisted of a Flight-Sergeant, five Sergeants, eight Corporals, and seventy Cadets, who were divided up into three flights for Company drill, but amalgamated into two flights for Battalion parades.

Five boys attended camp at Ohakea during the Christmas holidays and were promoted.

We have gained the services of Flight-Lieutenant Crane, who joined us early in the year after receiving his discharge from the R.A.F., where he was engaged on radar research. He has been very helpful and his lectures on modern techniques and developments in the R.A.F. are most interesting and informative.

Sergeant Minnett left early in the year and Corporal Bartholomew replaced him. Flight-Sergeant Outtrim was transferred during the second term and Corporal Bartholomew was promoted to Sergeant. To him we extend a sincere welcome and to Sergeant Minnett and "Flight" Outtrim we wish every success in their new appointments.

Recently a School A.T.C. team shot in the Waterhouse Trophy competition, gaining seventh place. Sergeant M. McGregor won the Father Kissick Memorial Trophy for the highest individual score. To him we extend our congratulations.

During Barracks Week next year a senior cadet will be selected to receive flying training at the New Plymouth Aero Club under the benefit of a grant made to the A.T.C. unit. This will be known as the Washer Scholarship.

Several boys are expected to attend an N.C.O. camp at Ohakea these holidays and so the unit should not be short of N.C.O.'s in the coming year.

C. H. Murray.

SIGNALS

This year we have been under new management, Captain A. N. Wilson replacing Lieutenant J. D. Mills as Officer Commanding. As usual there was a large number of applicants, and after selection these formed the nucleus of No. 2 Platoon. During Barracks Week a fair operational standard was attained, the junior platoon of thirty on line work, that is field telephones and fullerphones, and the 30 senior members on "48" radio sets.

At the end of Barracks Week we had an all-day exercise on the Upper Mangorei and Baker Roads farm areas, and all members had excellent experience in operating under field conditions, the rain not dampening anyone's enthusiasm. Both line and radio combinations worked very well and "niner" (base station) was able to keep continuous contact with all eight "48" out-stations.

During the year the operational standard was steadily improved, although the single morning a month was found far too insufficient for a really efficient standard to be reached.

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The ZCI radio, which is normally used for monitoring the "48's," has been used, time permitting, to work on Army links and communications with other schools.

We are indebted to Sergeant Glover, from Area 8, for his assistance and advice on numerous occasions.

E. J. Barnes.

MEDICAL UNIT

This year the Medical Unit had a roll of six N.C.O.'s and 31 cadets. During Barracks Week bandaging and stretcher drill were concentrated on, and a stretcher squad was introduced on to Battalion Parade.

For the remainder of the year half an hour each drill day was set aside for St. John's lectures in preparation for an examination which was held in September. Nineteen boys entered the examination, all of whom were successful.

We would here like to convey our thanks to Mr. Alan Ryan for conducting the lectures, and we also thank Mr. B. H. Wood and Mr. R. Blackall who, with Mr. Ryan, were the examiners.

L. C. Jury.

SHOOTING

The standard of shooting this year has varied considerably, being either very poor or very good. With the range well grassed shooting conditions are very satisfactory. By the end of the year all cadets should have shot on the School .22 range. As again this year the School Championships will be held after the School examinations, the results are not available for publishing. The following are the results of the 1957 Championships:—

Results:—

.303 Shooting Cups

The School Championship and McDiarmid Belt for the highest aggregate score in these two shoots resulted in a tie between P. Adlam and I. J. Hamilton. Aggregate: 150 out of 165.

The Searle Cup for the Short Range Championship (25 yards) was won by P. J. Chicken.

The Kelly Cup is shot at 200 yards and was won by J. R. Jamieson with 60 out of 65.

The Lady Godley Cup and Senior Shell Case awarded to the boy with the highest score in the Senior Classification Shoot, was won by W. I. K. Bathe with 105 out of 115.

The Lady Godley Cup awarded to the boy with the highest score in the Junior Classification was won by J. O. Burford.

.22 Shooting Cups

The Hamblin Cup for boys under-17 resulted in a win for R. L. Broughton with 52 out of 55.



FIRST HOCKEY ELEVEN, 1958

Back Row: G. Flanagan, R. Deane, A. Pepperell, J. Roy, R. Cavaney, R. Shepherd.
Front Row: R. Rayward, B. Roberts, C. Whittaker, P. Simonson (Captain), J. Penney, D. Henderson.



FIRST SOCCER ELEVEN, 1958

Back Row: R. Worn, A. Veale, D. Oliver, N. Greiner, E. Coleman.
Front Row: A. Forrest, D. Sharp, T. Burgess (Captain), T. Broughton, R. Pitcairn.
Absent: C. Sarten, J. Giles.

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The Loveday Cup for boys under-15 was won by M. M. Dickie with 50 out of 55.

The McLeod and Slade Cup for boys under-14 was won by G. E. Wilkinson with a score of 54 out of 65.

Again this year a School team was entered into the Press Shield competition. On the 5th November the official shoot was held and the team averaged 91.3 per cent. This score should put the School in the first 10 in New Zealand but is not good enough to win. The winning score is usually around 94 per cent., a mark they had been approaching in most of their practices.

The team consisted of: I. Hamilton, J. Roy, D. Lobb, G. Johns, W. Allison, T. Dobbie, W. Watson, R. Gordon-Stables, J. Spellman, G. Walsh. Reserves: G. Wilkinson, D. Hicks, L. Jury, R. Rayward.

G. D. Hayes.

SOCCER

Sixty boys organised into four teams played in various grades in the Taranaki Soccer competitions this year.

The First XI played in the Senior B grade and were runners-up to Inglewood for the Acheson Cup. After two rounds School and Inglewood were level on the points table. The play-off was drawn 1-1. The second play-off resulted in a convincing win for Inglewood 4-0.

This year a Taranaki Secondary Schools' competition was organised for the first time. Teams were entered by Hawera Technical, Stratford Technical, Waitara High School and School. Travelling was a problem, but two rounds were played and the competition was a success. There were two grades. The School Second XI played in the A grade, which was won by Hawera Technical. School Third XI won the B grade convincingly and the School Fourth XI played in an intermediate grade with little success.

The first college match for the First XI was played against Mt. Albert Grammar at Auckland in brilliant sunshine. The game started at a fast pace and it was not long before the Mt. Albert forwards, who were getting to the ball more quickly, gained the upper hand and at the end of the game had scored seven good goals to win the game 7-0.

The next college game played at Western Park against Wellington College looked, and was indeed, a much more even game than the Mt. Albert match. Again the School forwards, as in the Mt. Albert match, did not move the ball fast enough when they gained possession, but they pressed hard but just failed to score many times. As a result the Wellington backs did not have as hard a match as did the School backs, who played a good game to keep the score down to 3-0 in Wellington's favour.

Wanganui Technical College, who fielded an even team, were the next college opponents. But again it was the opposing team's forward line that shaded the School forwards, with both sets of backs playing even games. School, who showed more initiative, and who played with

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greater determination than in preceding college games, could not head Wanganui, who led at the finish by 3-0.

School played against Hawera Technical High School in a curtain-raiser to the Australian v. Combined XI game and registered a very good win 8-3.

The Inter-House competition produced two surprises in the defeat of West in both their games. The West team, who had seven members of the First XI, were, on paper, the winners, but were beaten by East and then by Central.

First Round: East defeated West 2-1.

Second Round: Central defeated West 2-0.

In a scrappy final, East, with a better combination, defeated a young Central team 5-0 to keep the Holden Cup for another year.

Four of the First XI were selected for the Under 16½ Taranaki team, but only E. Coleman and D. Sharp were able to travel.

The Inter-House competition brought to light some very good prospects for the next season's First Group. This will be a much younger combination as many of the older members of the group are leaving School at the end of the year.

R. J. Pitcairn.

HOCKEY

Hockey is now firmly placed among the School's winter sporting activities, with over 50 boys playing. This year the First XI entered the junior grade competition and three fifth grade teams were also entered.

The First XI had a very successful year when they became runners-up in the Taranaki Junior Grade Competition. In three rounds they suffered only three defeats. After an initial shuffle around, the team settled down to play good hockey. The backs were very safe but the forwards had some difficulty in finishing off their movements.

Early in the season an under-19 team was entered in the Eltham five-a-side tournament. The team put up a good showing and finished runners-up in their section.

During the Queen's Birthday week-end an under-19 team and three under-15 teams were entered in the annual Hawera seven-a-side tournament. The under-19 team were unbeaten in their section and in the final defeated Opunake High School one goal to nil. This is the first time a School team has won the cup. The under-15 team lost to Te Kiri in the semi-final.

This year the First XI played Wanganui Collegiate for the first time. In a mud scramble on the racecourse the School team emerged winners after conceding two goals in the first ten minutes of play. The goal-less second half saw play almost impossible because of the mud. Goals were scored by Simonson, Cavaney and Penney.

In the second college game School beat Wanganui Technical 2-1 after trailing by one goal at half-time. In this game the School XI took a

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time to settle down and the winning goal was not scored until right on full time. This marked the first time we have managed to defeat Wanganui Technical. Shepherd and Whittaker were the goal scorers.

During the last week of the second term we played our final college match and won 2-1 against Stratford Technical. College games against Hawera Technical and Opunake High were not played because we played them in the competition.

During the first week of the August holidays the First XI entered in the Secondary Schools' Tournament at Palmerston North. Our first game was against Auckland Grammar who were our section winners, and we lost this game, six goals to nil. Palmerston North Boys' High and Christ's College also proved too good for us. In our next game we defeated Hamilton Technival 3-2 and in our final game we defeated Queen Elizabeth College 7-1. The grounds at Palmerston North were much faster than Taranaki grounds and in the early games the forwards had difficulty in controlling the ball. In the final two games we settled down quickly and won both games. The tournament was won by Christchurch West.

Early in the third term the First XI played a team from the frigate H.M.N.Z.S. Kaniere, and lost four goals to nil. Lack of practise helped to contribute to the bad form shown by the School team.

Junior hockey showed an improvement in standard this year but attendances at practice were not good and prevented a good combination being developed. This year three fifth grade teams were entered in the competition. The A team won the Northern Division competition but lost the Taranaki play-off 3-2 to Hawera Technical. In the Hawera seven-a-side tournament the A team were section winners but lost the final. In a college game they lost to Stratford Technical by five goals to one.

Next year the senior team will be considerably weakened by many boys leaving, but there are some promising juniors who will have to realise that practice is very important if a high standard is to be reached.

J. C. Penney.

SWIMMING NOTES

The annual sports this year were held in February, in perfect conditions. It was pleasing to see the interest of parents, who were well represented on the day. New starting stands and filtered water were an improvement on previous sports.

The standard of swimming was again very high. In House points Central led by over 100 points from East with 66 and Pridham with 50.

P. Woodcock, W. Lawson and G. Rush were the winners of the Senior, Intermediate and Junior freestyle championships.

M. Saxton again outclassed all competitors, winning six of the Senior titles. Unfortunately he was absent for the Senior 440 Yards Freestyle and thus missed his chance of winning the Senior Championship.

In March the School was represented by a team of 25 swimmers at the Taranaki Inter-Secondary Sports, held at Hawera. The team did

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well to win 13 events, and also gain numerous minor placings. A larger number of schools were represented this year, which made the standard of competition much higher. Titles gained by the School were:—

Senior Boys

- M. Saxton: 100 Yards Medley, 100 Yards Breaststroke, 440 Yards Freestyle.
P. Woodcock: 66 2-3 Yards Freestyle, 220 Yards Freestyle.
G. Mace: 50 Yards Open Butterfly.
M. Saxton, P. Woodcock, G. Mace and R. Watkins: 4 x 33 1-3 Relay.

Intermediate Boys

- D. Paynter: 66 2-3 Yards Breaststroke.

Junior Boys

- P. Dempsey: 66 2-3 Yards Backstroke, 100 Yards Medley.
G. Rush: 220 Yards Freestyle.
P. Johns: 66 2-3 Yards Freestyle.
G. Rush, P. Dempsey, D. Wood and B. Boulter: 4 x 33 1-3 Yards Relay.

This year's North Island Inter-Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships were held in conjunction with the New Zealand Summer Games at Palmerston North on March 15th. The standard of swimming was much higher than that of previous years.

The School team was:—

- Senior: M. Saxton, G. Mace, P. Woodcock, R. Watkins.
Intermediate: J. Cousins, D. Paynter, W. Lawson.
Junior: G. Rush, P. Dempsey, P. Johns.

Placings won by the team were:—

Senior Boys

- M. Saxton: 1st 133 1-3 Yards Medley (record), 2nd 220 Yards Breaststroke, 3rd 440 Yards Freestyle.
G. Mace: 2nd 66 2-3 Yards Breaststroke.
P. Woodcock: 3rd 66 2-3 Yards Freestyle.

Intermediate Boys

- J. Cousins: 1st 66 2-3 Yards Backstroke, 1st 220 Yards Backstroke, 2nd 100 Yards Backstroke.

Junior Boys

- P. Dempsey: 3rd 100 Yards Backstroke.
G. Rush: 1st 220 Yards Freestyle.

Several members of the School competed in the Taranaki Club Championships. Titles were won by M. Saxton, G. Mace, W. Robson and P. Dempsey. These titleholders later represented Taranaki in the Robson Shield Inter-Provincial Carnival.

Detailed results of the School Sports are:—

Championship Events

Senior

- 440 Yards Freestyle: P. Woodcock 1, G. Sanders 2, R. Deane 3.
Time, 6min. 47.6sec.

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- 220 Yards Freestyle: M. Saxton 1, P. Woodcock 2, G. Sanders 3.
Time, 2min. 39.5sec.
100 Yards Freestyle: M. Saxton 1, P. Woodcock 2, G. Sanders 3.
Time, 1min. 1.8sec.
100 Yards Backstroke: M. Saxton 1, R. Watkins 2, G. Mace 3. Time,
1min. 15.7sec.
100 Yards Breaststroke: M. Saxton 1, G. Mace 2, R. Hodges 3. Time,
1min. 22.8sec.
100 Yards Medley: M. Saxton 1, R. Watkins 2, G. Mace 3. Time,
1min. 12sec.
3 1-3 Yards Butterfly: M. Saxton 1, R. Hodges 2, G. Mace 3. Time,
21.8sec.

Intermediate

- 440 Yards Freestyle: W. Lawson 1, H. Jackson 2, M. Bossley 3.
Time, 6min. 45.2sec.
220 Yards Freestyle: W. Lawson 1, R. Maxwell 2, M. Bossley 3. Time,
3min. 2.3sec.
100 Yards Freestyle: I. Dingle 1, W. Lawson 2, H. Jackson 3. Time,
1min. 12.2sec.
100 Yards Breaststroke: D. Paynter 1, H. Jackson 2, A. Tarrant 3.
Time, 1min. 28.8sec.
100 Yards Backstroke: J. Cousins 1, C. Henderson 2, B. Cleaver 3.
Time, 1min. 21.7sec.
100 Yards Medley: D. Paynter 1, C. Henderson 2, P. Fredsburg 3.
Time, 1min. 23.5sec.

Junior

- 220 Yards Freestyle: G. Rush 1, P. Dempsey 2, T. Corkin 3. Time,
2min. 54.2sec.
100 Yards Freestyle: G. Rush 1, P. Dempsey 2, D. Boulter 3. Time,
1min. 11.9sec.
50 Yards Freestyle: G. Rush 1, P. Dempsey 2, D. Wood 3. Time,
30.4sec.
50 Yards Breaststroke: W. Gadsby 1. No other placings. Time, 51.4sec.
50 Yards Backstroke: G. Rush 1, P. Dempsey 2, B. Milne 3. Time,
36.8sec.
100 Yards Medley: P. Dempsey 1, D. Boulter 2, P. Johns 3. Time,
1min. 23.8sec.

Diving

- Senior: A. Pepperell 1, M. Lecher 2, P. Rere 3.
Intermediate: D. Bryant 1, J. Lorigbottom 2, D. Streeter.
Junior: G. Wilkinson 1, P. Johns 2, J. Ross 3.

Relays

- Inter-Form: 4E 1, 3 G2 2, 6 B2 3. Time, 1min. 36.5sec.
Inter-House: Central 1, Pridham 2, Carrington 3. Time, 1min. 13sec.
Day Boys v. Boarders: Boarders.

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New Records

- 100 Yards Backstroke Senior: M. Saxton, 1min. 15.7sec. (Old Record: P. Chicken, 1min. 20.7sec.)
100 Yards Breaststroke Senior: M. Saxton, 1min. 22.8sec. (Old Record: R. Quail, 1min. 23.7sec.)
100 Yards Medley Senior: M. Saxton, 1min. 12sec. (Old Record: J. Barrett, 1min. 18.9sec.)
100 Yards Backstroke Intermediate: J. Cousins, 1min. 21.7sec. (Old Record: R. Watkins, 1min. 24.3sec.)
100 Yards Medley Junior: P. Dempsey, 1min. 23.8sec. (Old Record: C. Henderson, 1min. 26.2sec.)
220 Yards Freestyle Junior: G. Rush, 2min. 54.2sec. (Old Record: C. Henderson, 3min. 11.4sec.)

All original records were set in 1957.

G. D. Mace.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Captain: P. Hector.

Secretary: I. Silver.

Committee: I. Jones, N. Walter, G. McCallum, W. Dyer.

This season was financially a success, but a disappointing feature was the lack of regular players. During the season the committee bought four new tables.

"B" and "C" grade teams were entered in the North Taranaki competition, but exams, holidays and sometimes lack of interest prevented the teams having combination, although both did well.

The positions on the ladder were: P. Hector 1, V. Rere 2, W. Shearer 3, N. Walter 4, I. Jones 5, G. McCallum 6, B. Dickie 7, W. Dyer 8, P. Fredsburg 9, G. Wilkinson 10, M. Bryant 11, D. Bryant 12.

A larger number of day boys than usual entered in the School championships, the results of which were:—

Senior Singles: P. Hector beat W. Shearer 17-21, 21-18, 21-11.

Senior Doubles: Shearer and Lambourne beat Hector and Rere 21-18, 21-19.

Intermediate Singles: T. Legge beat T. Medley 21-19, 17-21, 21-18.

Intermediate Doubles: I. Jones and N. Walter by default.

Junior Singles: J. Medley beat B. Prestidge 18-21, 21-17, 22-20.

Junior Doubles: Medley and Prestidge beat Hughes and McIntyre 21-10, 21-13.

N. D. Walter.

TENNIS NOTES

The 1957-58 season proved to be a very successful one for School tennis. The School A team entered for the men's open inter-club competition and three wins against Park, Huatoki and Waiwaka were recorded before holidays stopped play for the 1957 season.

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The School team was: R. Purser, J. Richardson, H. Keats, J. McConachy and W. Shearer.

Inter-House tennis fixtures were combined with the Girls' High School and were played on Saturday mornings at the Waiwakaiho and Girls' High School courts.

The School had three players, J. Richardson, W. Shearer and R. Purser, representing Taranaki in the New Zealand Slazenger Shield Competition at Napier and Palmerston. The team reached the semi-final where they were defeated by Auckland.

This year M. Loveridge and R. Purser attended the Auckland Junior Coaching School, held during the August holidays at Avondale Teachers' Training College.

Barry Boon, a former Head Boy of the School, has figured prominently in New Zealand lawn tennis circles. Barry was ranked sixth in New Zealand last year.

Results of 1957 School Championships:—

Senior Singles: R. Purser d. J. McConachy 6-3, 6-4.

Senior Doubles: N. Titter and R. Purser d. J. McConachy and B. Davey 6-1, 6-3.

Intermediate Singles: J. Richardson d. C. Henderson 6-3, 6-2.

Intermediate Doubles: J. Richardson and W. Shearer d. C. Henderson and N. McEwen.

Junior Singles: N. McEwen d. W. Murdoch 9-5.

Junior Doubles: Tapper and Watson d. Alexander and McDiarmid 9-5.

Third and Fourth Form Championships—1958

Third Form Singles: M. Hamilton d. D. Little 7-0.

Third Form Doubles: M. Hamilton and H. Smith d. Goudie and Wood 7-0.

Fourth Form Singles: K. Tapper d. R. Watson 6-5, 6-3.

Fourth Form Doubles: Tapper and Watson d. McDiarmid and Alexander.

R. H. Purser.

ROWING

The first term saw the School rowing season start on a very optimistic note. We had seven boys back from last season with valuable experience, so to use them as a nucleus for building the crews we wanted was a comparatively easy task when compared with what had to be done last year.

As in previous years nearly all our rowing took place on the Waitara River, which raises the age-old problem of transport, or as one member put it, "the eternal fight against geography." This year we were helped considerably by the purchase of an old Essex, into which were squeezed on occasions up to nine or ten boys. Also, as in other years, we were indebted to several masters for their kind offers to help us out with their own cars.

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This year a big step forward was taken when we moved into our new shed, next to the Clifton sheds at Waitara. This means that we are not so dependent on the Clifton Club as we were, for now we can house all our own gear, have showers, and even carry out repairs without any assistance from them. Small things such as painting the walls and concreting the floor are still to be completed, but these are being carried out on and off throughout the season when perhaps rowing is not possible because of the weather.

The club now possesses an eight and two fours, and a new eight has been placed on order with a firm in Christchurch. There is still, however, plenty of room for more boats in the shed and it is only a matter of finance that is holding us back.

We opened our competitive programme after a great deal of intensive training (involving up to four nights a week after school and most Saturdays) by submitting entries for the eight and two fours in a secondary school regatta held on Saturday, March 29th, on the river in Hamilton. The crews were:—

Eight: P. G. S. Crichton, W. M. Whiteford, J. G. O. Stubbs, P. J. Rumball, C. D. Griffiths, D. I. Jones, A. L. East, A. L. Wilson. Cox: J. J. Thorrold.

First Four: P. G. S. Crichton, W. M. Whiteford, R. A. Hodges, A. L. Wilson. Cox: J. J. Thorrold.

Novice Four: R. A. Hodges, J. J. McConachy, J. L. Bithell, D. R. Denham. Cox: R. Hicks.

We travelled to Hamilton on Friday in the back of the truck hired to carry our boats, and raced on the afternoon of Saturday. Overall we were very satisfied with our performances. The novice four finished second in their heat and the first four won the first heat of their race by two lengths from King's College. The eight unfortunately was not so successful, finishing well back in the field. Later in the day the first four were beaten in the final for the Bob Harris Cup by the very small margin of a quarter-length.

With Hamilton behind us, and the Auckland "Head of the Harbour" race only a fortnight away, it was then decided that the eight would spend the Easter holidays in Auckland, the idea being to train, and if possible get a glimpse of the course. So with much enthusiasm we all left after school on Thursday, travelling in a hired van and private car. The time was spent in the fashion of a working holiday, although there was rather more work than holiday. We were lucky enough to be able to row alongside the Mt. Albert Grammar School eight which earlier in the season at Dunedin won the Maadi Cup. We extend our thanks to these boys and their coach, Mr. Craise, for they proved great friends, and we learnt a lot from them.

Just how much we learnt was shown a week later when, after having returned to school for the rest of the week, we again travelled to Auckland, this time accompanied by the novice four, to contest the "Head of the Harbour" regatta held on Saturday, April 12th, on the Tamaki Estuary. Saturday dawned very grey, with occasional rain and a very strong wind reaching gale force. The first race of the day was timed to start at 1.30 p.m. and what a race it proved to be. The waves were so high that five out of the eight starters swamped before they

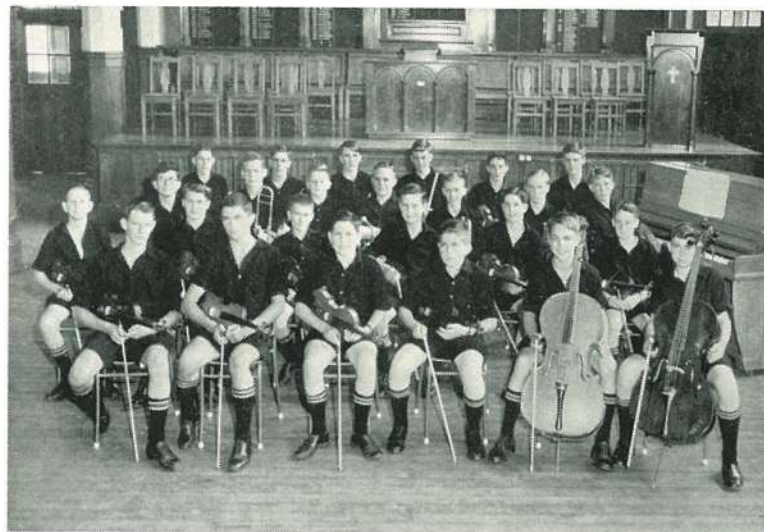


SCHOOL BAND, 1958

Back Row: L. Sunde, D. Smith, P. Douch, P. Carter, B. Simons, W. Vincent, B. Roberts, B. Prestidge, M. Dobson.

Front Row: D. Hinch, I. Montgomerie, J. Taylor, G. Smith, M. Taylor.

Absent: S. Horsburgh.



SCHOOL ORCHESTRA, 1958

Back Row: K. George, I. Sergeant, R. Rayward, B. Smith, G. Purdie, E. Hey.

Third Row: P. Douch, P. Carter, B. Prestidge, W. Vincent, M. Dobson, D. Smith, J. Cousins.

Second Row: G. Jackson, L. Birks, J. Sole, P. Darke, M. Whitehead, L. Purdy.

Front Row: L. Sunde, J. Spellman, A. McKenzie, N. Lange, P. Brown, G. Stace.

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could reach the finish. There was a bit of anxiety as to whether the programme would be continued after this, but after a delay of an hour it was decided to cancel all races except the eights. This race for us was the highlight of the season. In spite of drawing by far the worst water, right in the path of the wind, we finished fourth out of a large field, only one and a-quarter lengths behind the winners.

The official placings were: King's College ($\frac{3}{4}$ -length), 1; Mt. Albert Grammar School ($\frac{1}{2}$ -length), 2; Penrose High School (2ft.), 3; New Plymouth Boys' High School, 4.

The rest of the field trailed several lengths behind. This was the final race for the season and it seemed a matter of regret that our crew appeared to be just reaching its best form. Several boys from these crews will be returning next year and so we can look forward to perhaps even better crews then.

We wish to thank the Clifton Club for their invaluable assistance extended to us throughout the season. In particular we are indebted to Mr. Topless, who on occasions helped to coach some of our crews.

Mention should also be made of R. Baker, who, while not a rower, has proved to be a very helpful club member, being responsible for the continual maintenance of all our boats and equipment. Mrs. Jackson has also earned our gratitude for being so understanding and helpful, providing many late meals and lunches for boarders.

A. L. Wilson.

GYMNASTIC NOTES

Although gymnastics began on a very weak note this year, a gradual build up took place, until in the third term the gym was open two or three nights a week and every lunch hour. For this we must thank Mr. Archibald, who spent much of his time in the gym.

We have been fortunate this year in having the use of the Y.M.C.A. equipment, in return for which the Y.M.C.A. used the School gym.

The younger boys, especially the fourth formers, show plenty of promise, and should develop into a good group.

The Taranaki Gymnastic Championships, usually held in the School gym, were held at Hawera this year, with School entering teams in both Junior and Intermediate sections. Both teams performed creditably, gaining third place in the Intermediate competition and third place in the Junior competition.

A display, put on at short notice by a horse and mat squad for the School Concert in the third term, was well received by the audience.

Results of the School Championships were:—

Third Form: I. M. Titter (49) 1, D. W. Houghton ($46\frac{1}{2}$) 2, T. L. Rae and M. Craven ($45\frac{1}{2}$) 3.

Titter, obviously much more experienced than the other competitors, thoroughly deserved to win, although the general standard was slightly lower than last year's.

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Fourth Form: P. Adair (101.4) 1, B. Jury and B. Cleaver (98.5) 2.

This developed into an interesting competition and was the highest standard for some years. Much of the interest, however, was taken from the competition by the absence of parallel and horizontal bar exercises. Adair, Jury and Cleaver gave outstanding performances on the mats.

Fifth Form: C. Whittaker (155.3) 1, W. Rumball (133.8) 2, G. Anderson (132.6) 3.

Whittaker did well to win convincingly, giving a more polished display on the apparatus than the other competitors. The standard was not as high as in past years.

Open: W. Robson (128.7) 1, B. Cleaver (125.7) 2, R. Shepherd (124.3) 3.

With the exception of the horizontal bar, exercises were harder than in previous years and the overall standard was higher.

W. H. Robson.

STAMP CLUB

This is the second year the Stamp Club has been in existence and, although the membership has not been excessive, we have enjoyed a successful year. With the guidance of Mr. Taylor and the committee, L. Jury and I. Gray, meetings were held during lunch-time each Tuesday.

The main activities have been the exchanging of stamps among members, the purchasing of approvals and the running of stamp raffles in order to raise money for stamp catalogues. At the moment the Club has two, the 1958 World Stanley Gibbons and British Empire Stanley Gibbons catalogues.

Next year we are hoping to purchase more catalogues and vary our activities to stimulate further the interest in the Club.

I. Gray.

TRAMPING CLUB

1958 was another good year for tramping, although some senior members seemed to lose interest as the year progressed. Perhaps as a result of this several trips had to be cancelled as the numbers were insufficient to pay for the bus. However, the enthusiasm of the younger members should overcome this problem next year.

Fewer trips were held than last year, but we had better luck with the weather apart from one trip, which was cancelled because of it.

Our latest acquisition is a hut on Mangorei Road which was generously provided by the Egmont National Park Board. Work has also been done on the Pouakai Hut and more tracks have been marked with conspicuous red discs.

The year got off to a great start with a trip to the summit of Mt. Egmont. The weather could not have been better for this enjoyable trip. Trips were made to the Kaitake and Pouakai Ranges and two very popular ski trips were arranged at the Stratford House during the winter. Unfortunately the second trip was cancelled owing to torrential rain.

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Committee members this year were Messrs. Ball and Whitfield and J. Hayton, C. Sarten, B. Masters, K. Whitehead, J. Smith, R. Baker and D. O'Dea.

D. J. O'Dea.

CHESS NOTES

The School Chess Club has continued to flourish this year, with about 20 members. At the first meeting the following officers were elected: President, A. P. Butler; Secretary, R. Chapman; Committee member, C. H. Murray.

Meetings were held in Room 6 during lunch hours, under the supervision of Mr. Austin. The School Championship, which was held early in the second term, was this year divided into Senior and Junior sections. In the Senior championship R. Chapman retained the title which he won last year, while A. Butler was runner-up. The Junior section was won by D. Hinch.

During the August holidays, Butler and Chapman represented the School at the Wellington Provincial Schoolboys' Championship. The tournament was won by Butler, who thus qualified for the National Schoolboys' Championship, while Chapman was placed third.

After examinations, a match will be held against the New Plymouth Chess Club. Next year, we hope to have more funds for chess sets, since a lack of sets has somewhat hampered the club's activities this year.

R. Chapman.

DRAMA CLUB

This year the School Drama Club produced a 3-act drama, "The Ghost Train," by Arnold Ridley.

Preparations began during July with a well-attended meeting. Auditions were held in the Memorial Theatre and surprisingly enough female roles were quite popular. The difficult task of casting was left in the capable hands of Messrs. Wilson and Ballantine.

Several early line rehearsals were held but examinations and football confined these mainly to Friday and Sunday nights.

As the gym. had not been used to stage a major production for some years, a large amount of work on the stage, scenery, and electrical equipment had to be put in and it was here that many volunteers willingly gave their time to help, while many people lent the club a number of valuable props.

Rehearsals were held regularly each week until the second week in August and during the fortnight preceding the presentation they were increased so that some of the cast were rehearsing every night. The dates set down for the production were the final Wednesday and Thursday of the middle term and on the Tuesday night as a final dress rehearsal the play was put on before an appreciative audience of boarders.

On Wednesday night the whole cast lived up to expectations and put on a very good performance, which was exceeded on Thursday night.

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From all reports "The Ghost Train" was an unqualified success and a credit to cast, helpers, and the producer, director and stage manager, Mr. A. N. Wilson.

The full cast in order of appearance was: Saul Hodgkin, D. Barr; Richard Winthrop, G. Hasell; Elsie Winthrop, K. Beaurepaire; Miss Bourne, M. Alexander; Charles Murdoch, T. Dobbie; Peggy Murdoch, T. Coddington; Teddie Deakin, E. Slyfield; Julia, A. Farquhar; Price, E. Hey; Sterling, P. Adlam; Jackson, M. Herbert; Policemen, P. Cook and B. Gracie.

Back stage success was largely due to G. Apps, R. Gardiner, G. Gibson, E. Dodd and N. Wilson.

E. J. Slyfield.

CRITICISM OF SCHOOL PLAY

The "Ghost Train," by Arnold Ridley, was the first major production on the renovated Gym. stage. It was produced by Mr. A. N. Wilson and presented at the end of the second term. The standard achieved was surprisingly high and very encouraging for the future of Drama as talent was forthcoming from a "vertical" section of the School. Keeping in view the fact that the play was never intended as more than an amateur production and was thus produced largely for the fun entailed, it is difficult to praise too highly the enthusiasm and industry which generated its success.

One obstacle well surmounted was in casting the female parts. A. Coddington as the newly-wed Mrs. Murdock, M. Alexander as the self-righteous spinster, Miss Bourne, K. Beaurepaire as the neurotic Mrs. Winthrop, and N. Farquhar as the deceitful Julia Price, all mastered their impersonations skilfully. Mrs. Winthrop's tendency to sit with knees apart was sympathetically noted by the audience. The other chief difficulty of this particular play was the exacting requirements in sound effects. This was solved with considerable ingenuity by an assortment of garden rollers, a tape recorder, and other equally startling apparatus. The total effect and co-ordination was of professional standard and aroused comment from the audience. G. Gibson led this department.

The standard of acting varied. It would be hard to fault the performance of M. Alexander, who has a natural streak for character acting. He lost no opportunity to get the last iota of humour from the strait-laced but sorely tempted Miss Bourne, and his services in coming years will be an asset to School Drama. K. Beaurepaire was another youngster with the ability to act naturally his stage personality. Of the other actors G. Hasell and E. Slyfield showed the greatest mastery of their parts and the former in particular had a commanding stage presence. T. Dobbie gave life to his interpretation of the attentive but hesitant newly-wed. E. Hey lacked a little in confidence on the stage but P. Adlam played the bogus doctor with more conviction. D. Barr was convincing in the part of Saul, with a clever rendering of dialect. If any one characteristic distinguished the play from a professional performance then it was indistinct diction. The knack of unconsciously directing every word to the back of the hall is one which experience will engender. G. Hasell and A. Farquhar were speakers of clarity.

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The scenic background was most capably completed by R. Gardiner under the direction of Mr. Tett. Queen Victoria's countenance (a last-minute masterpiece) lent an authentic air to the waiting room set. The other backstage and make-up artists also did a consistently good job. The lighting was cleverly planned and required close timing with the sound effects.

The choice of play could in future be more ambitious. The "Ghost Train" offers little meat for the intellectual and the plot becomes rather weak after the denouement. Renovating Gym. facilities for Drama (dressing rooms are now under construction) has given clearer identity and more corporate spirit to School Drama. Its followers have been imbued with confidence through the success of the "Ghost Train," which has also served as a useful guide to the surprising talent which lies in the younger school. To Mr. Wilson must go the credit for the standard of renewed dramatic activity.

M. W. Burt.

JUNIOR ORATORY

This year the final of the Junior Oratory was held on November 24th and, as with last year, in the Memorial Theatre with Mr. J. D. Quirke as judge. The finalists were: J. S. Codd, 4P1, "Christopher Columbus"; G. M. Shepherd, 4G1, "Hilda Benjamin"; K. B. Beaurepaire, 4G2, "Sir Winston Churchill"; M. H. Alexander, 3P1, "Douglas Bader"; G. L. Bruce, 3P1, "Adolf Hitler."

Mr. Quirke said that the standard, although not poor, was not as high as in other years as the finalists' performances were too uneven. Until Alexander's speech, Codd was a clear leader but Bruce, speaking last, was a clear winner. After the final, Mr. Quirke told the audience that he had awarded Bruce first place because he was the only boy who had the natural ability to present his argument so that it appealed to both mind and emotion. Alexander was awarded second place with Codd third.

DEBATING

The first round of competition, with the subject "That Compulsory Military Training Should Be Abolished," saw all the negative Houses going through into the second round. Central defeated Carrington, Pridham defeated East, West defeated Niger and Moyes defeated Country.

The controversial argument, "That fluoridation of water supplies is the best method of combating dental decay," was chosen as the subject for the second round. Again both the negative Houses, Central and West, who beat Pridham and Moyes respectively, went through to the next and final round.

Mr. J. D. Quirke again judged the final, the subject of which was, "That the influence of the Press in New Zealand is harmful." West, with E. J. Slyfield (leader) and A. Forrest took the negative, while J. D. Dickson (leader) and M. S. Croxson took the affirmative side for Central. In contrast to other years, the standard was perhaps much lower both in presentation and material. In awarding his decision to West, Mr. Quirke

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stated that both sides made the mistake of trying to pin their discussions of the influence of the Press on the judgment, morals and tastes of the people. He said that Central had two very good speakers but lacked any conclusive ground on which to stand, thus giving West the decisive advantage.

The School should like to take this opportunity of recording their gratitude to Mr. Quirke for once again giving up his valuable time to judge both the Junior Oratory and Senior Debates.

R. C. Johns.

BLAZER AWARDS

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

R. C. Johns, Head Boy, Football, Athletics.
B. J. Davey, Prefect, Football, Cricket.
T. N. Wolfe, Prefect, Football, Cricket.
J. L. Bithell, Prefect, Football.
M. V. Geary, Prefect, Football.
G. D. Hayes, Prefect, Football.
R. A. Hodges, Prefect, Football.
J. J. McConachy, Prefect, Football.
T. R. Burgess, Prefect, Soccer.
G. D. Mace, Prefect, Swimming.
P. G. Crichton, Football, Rowing.
T. Ioane, Football, Cricket.
R. W. Little, Football, Cricket.

Prefects—

D. R. Denham
M. D. Grant
C. D. Griffiths
L. C. Jury
D. A. Lambourne
R. J. Pitcairn
G. M. Sanders
W. S. Wakelin
A. L. Wilson

Cricket—

A. H. Donnelly

Football—

M. M. Colson
M. S. Croxson
R. M. Elliot
H. W. Lilley
D. M. McEldowney
F. S. Ropati
P. J. Rumball

Athletics—

R. W. Humphries
P. W. Savage

Soccer—

T. Broughton

Tennis—

R. H. Purser

Shooting—

I. J. Hamilton
P. Adlam

Hockey—

C. Whittaker
P. Simonson

Swimming—

M. G. Saxton
P. J. Woodcock

Gymnastics—

W. Robson

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THE YACHT

Evening,

And by now, below the horizon the land is sinking;
The man at the tiller sits in the darkness alone,
And watches the wake of the boat, and the shore-lights blinking,
Reminding of warmth and home.

Night,

And the settling blackness descends on all; yet soft
Above the swell, the prow is gently rearing;
Nothing to see but the great white sail aloft,
And the light for the compass bearing.

Dawn,

Lighting the sea and the billowing wake astern,
Lighting the cross-trees gaunt against the clouds;
And from above comes the cry of a following tern,
And the song of the wind in the shrouds.

"How?"

And up comes Dan with a mug of soup, all steaming,
I sip with a hand on the tiller, watching the sun
As it breaks the gray horizon and rises, gleaming;
My trick is almost done.

Morning,

And another comes up to take my place; and now
I climb down the hatch to the warmth of a bunk below;
The languid water laps along the bow,
And the lamp swings to and fro . . .
My watch is done; and on the swell I creep
Into the seaman's solitude of sleep . . .

J. F. Holmes, 6B2.

THE SEA

Oh, masterful expanse of never-ending vastness!
Oh, countenance of nature's power!
Invulnerable! Ferocious! Solemn!
Monstrous predominant giant of physical forms,
Unreposing lord of the earth.
Mighty king as old as time itself!
Unfallen, unconquerable work of nature,
Rolling through time unaltered, unchanged;
Sacred, holy, incessant sea,
Dignified! Inimitable! Immense!
Thou bass of nature's music,
Expression of her profound rule,
Who turn'st thy majestic ear to none;
Exaltest none;
Fearest none
Thou all-powerful lord!
Oh, mighty Ocean!

J. A. Codd, 4P1.

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THE TETHERED DOG

He whines
And trots with ears cocked
Along the wire that is his whole domain.
He turns,
And back along his path
He runs amid the grating of the chain,
The well-tried chain of steel
That binds and keeps him locked
Within the bounds of man.

He stops
And sits at my approach
With ears flat, and tail softly pounding;
He crawls
And sidles on his stomach
And stretches wire and chain, the fetters bounding
The run-worn stretch of lawn
Where none but I encroach;
That is the world he knows.

He gazes
And pleads with trustful eyes,
And lifts his muzzle to my hand, and snuffles;
This beast:
This bulk of bone and nerve
That softly whines, and twitches every muscle
And begs to be set free.
Do I but realise
The longing in his heart?

The click,
The snapping of the clip
And in a single bound the dog is gone;
Revelling
In the sheer unhampered joy,
Unweighted now by wire or chain, and on
The dewy evening turf
He chases, barks and flips
In dog-like happiness.

J. F. Holmes, 6B2.

"WHY?"

The horse and mule live thirty years,
And nothing know of gin and beers.
The goat and sheep at twenty die,
And never taste our Scotch and rye.
The cow drinks water by the ton,
And at eighteen is mostly done.
The dog at fifteen cashes in,
Without the help of rum and gin.
The cat in milk and water soaks,
And then in twelve short years it croaks.
The modest, sober, bone-dry hen,
Lays its eggs and goes at ten.
But, gin-filled, Scotch-blooded, rum-soaked men,
Live for three score years and ten.

M. E. Martin, 4 P2.



K. B. Beaurepaire

G. R. Hasell

E. J. Slyfield

D. M. Barr

M. H. Alexander

T. P. Dobbie
T. Coddington

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THE SCHOOL STEEPLECHASE

From the start they go
Hastily at first
But soon they start to slow;
Some want to quench their thirst.

Along the track they go
Trying to do their best,
All trying to win the race
These boys from the B.H.S.

Down the hill they go
Sliding in the dirt
And if they fall and graze their legs
The scratches often hurt.
Up the street they go
The home straight now in sight
In through the gate and past the boys
Who cheer with all their might.

Around the ground they go
Between the hurdles race
And one of the Masters gives a card
To the boy who gets first place.

And now to home they go,
And jump into the baths
But on Monday they will go
Back to English and Maths!

J. C. Lankow, 3EB1.

THE BLACK CAT

The black cat yawns,
Opens his jaws,
Stretches his legs
And shows his claws.

Then he gets up
And stands on four
Long, stiff legs
And yawns some more.

Shows white, sharp teeth
And stretches his lip;
His slice of tongue
Turns up at the tip;

Lifting himself
On his delicate toes,
He arches his back
As high as it goes;

Then lets himself down
With particular care,
And pads away
With his tail in the air.

R. A. Price, 4Ag.

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THE BALLAD OF SPACY GRACY (with apologies to Davy Crockett)

Born on an asteroid in the milky-way,
A dark blue planet many miles away,
Raised by Zycopiks far from the sea,
He first fired a space-gun when he was only three.

Chorus:

Spacy, Spacy Gracy,
King of the Asteroids.

He fought single-handed, with the Martians warred,
Till Mars blew up and peace was restored.
And while he was handling his risky job
He got himself a nickname of "Spacy the Sprog."

Chorus:

He went into chemistry for a term,
Fought at tooth decay and beat the germ;
He managed the business of I.C.I.,
Then liquidated the common house fly.

Chorus:

When he came home, his chemistry done,
He built a new space ship for flying to the sun,
But when he got near, he found it too hot,
So returned to chemistry to fight "spud" rot.

Chorus:

When he lost his wife in a household fight,
He set out to celebrate for many a night;
He finally became so exceedingly tight
His head really ached—he nearly lost his sight.

Chorus:

As he grew older he grew more weak,
His space suit rags, his guns antique,
His space ship radiator sprang a little leak
And landed him on Pluto, trapped for a week.

Chorus:

His planets are biggest, they are the best,
From eastern Venus to the moon in the west,
He's ahead of us all, meeting the test,
You must be a superman, to have his zest.

Chorus:

Spacy, Spacy Gracy,
King of the Asteroids.

R. N. Gardiner, 6B2.

AN ODE TO SCHOOL "C"

To you, O school certificate,
I pen these humble lines.
Now that you've closed in on me,
My fitful hope declines.
When I was young and innocent,
I thought that I was bright.
But now the time is almost here,
I cannot see the light.

P. V. Bradford, 5P2.

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A PAINFUL NIGHT

The night is still, the moon is bright,
The dorm. is steeped in dull starlight.
The occupants it seems,
Are content amidst their dreams.
But as the morning hour nears four,
A spectre rises silently,
And patters to the door.
His face is white, his eyes are closed;
An awesome sight from head to toes.
He opens the door to the locker-room
And there he treads amongst the gloom.
Alas it is the tin against the wall,
Into which he knocks, that causes his fall.
It is his clumsiness,
That brings disaster;
And shows that consciousness,
Is the entire master.
And now he wakes, perplexed and sore,
To finish his sleep-walking tour.

R. Bourne, 3 G1.

MORE THAN A STEED

A cock heralds the glittering fingers of dawn,
With raucous screeches from the roof of the barn.
Earnest and longing comes the neigh of Tahgrin,
Awaiting me, his master, with impatient chagrin.
This deep-chested stallion of noblest descent,
An autumn-red beauty with neck arched and bent.
His tail and mane cascading white,
Flicking and swishing in a beam of sunlight.
Branches of the languid willow trees,
Rustle gaily in the morning breeze.
Pebbles click under an impatient hoof,
As, while being saddled, he stands aloof.
His coat gleaming with brushed lustre,
His great brown eyes show his gentle nature.
Saddle in place, and girths now tight,
Upon his broad back with a spring I alight,
And taking the reins, bringing his head round,
Gallop away with a clatter of sound.
Down the path sending cobblestones spinning,
We race carefree over the brook flying.
Tahgrin without falter his stride regains,
His nostrils wide, his ear for me strains,
For a sound of my voice, a touch of my hand,
His powerful hindquarters at my command,
Horse and man as one to the end,
With the love and obedience of a true friend.

P. Carter, 4P1.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

SWOTSAT?

The other night I settled down,
With swot books [and a Carter Brown].
I poised myself upon the bed,
[A cushion to prop up my head]]
Upon my face impressive frown—
I tried my best to settle down.

Five seconds passed in misery,
I rose and made a cup of tea,
And got some cake so I could sup,
And went and turned the wireless up.
I closed the door and turned the key
So I could not be distracted be.

Five minutes more and with a groan,
I rose to stop the ringing phone.
I talked no more than half an hour,
And then went off to have a shower.
Another grunt, a mighty groan,
The light went out, a fuse had blown.

I could not stop up all the night,
Nor would I swot by candle light.
To mend a fuse's not my position—
Someone call an electrician!
My chances of U.E. are slight—
Besides, I'd hate to lose my sight.
This "cheesing" racket is all rot,
I was not meant, by God, to swot.

D. Barr, 6B2.

A DREADED TASK

To lean athletic types like me,
The task of writing poetry
Is just like another added strain,
Upon what passes for my brain.

The sanguinary thing won't scan,
The words will never rhyme to plan,
And when the masterpiece is writ,
You find the syllables don't fit.

Accustomed as I am to sport,
I realise I've not been taught
To make a line go dah dit dah,
And not go dah dah dah dit dah.

They tell me I must fill a page,
But that will take me such an age
Of toil and tears, and blood and sweat,
That you'll have to take what you're going to get.

A. M. Harris, 6B2.

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ODE TO A DISSECTED FROG

Poor frog! When you, spreadeagled, span
The depths of my dissecting pan,
Did you ever once intend
To come to such a sticky end?

Were you not happy in your pool
With insects sweet and grasses cool?
Did you respect your liberties
To hop from rock to rock with ease?

Poor frog! You did not know that louts
Would come with jars, with whoops and shouts
To drag you from your home serene
To be sliced up by students keen.

It did not enter your small head—
(On cotton wool your downy bed)—
That you were growing slowly weaker;
That cotton wool was soaked in ether . . .!

From the jar you now are plucked
And under cold, cold water ducked,
And carved with scissors, probe, and knife—
So ends your brief, unlucky life.

Poor frog! When you, spreadeagled, span
The depths of my dissecting pan,
Did you ever once intend
To come to such a sticky end?

J. F. Holmes, 6B2.

THE DEATH OF SCOTT

Only the whirl of the wind and flap of the tent,
And the ghost of night in its age-old flight,
And time itself seeming to stumble and fall in its tracks;
When all at once a light was born,
And the world seemed in eruption.
A satin shape, ghostly and white,
Appeared in that yawn of eerie light.
The blizzard hushed, the wind stood still,
The snow seemed cheerful and warm,
The spirit of man, his life and his will,
His hate, his sorrow, his fear, his scorn,
Were there in that deep-hued world.
In a land where nature forbade him to go,
Where even time must stand and wait,
He had wandered blindly among outcasts of life.
In a virgin land coated with snow . . .
A noise from afar broke the strange, short peace,
And the air stood still with awe.
A spirit from afar, from behind death's door,

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Engulfed all, and brought wildest life
 To a state of peace, free from strife.
 As fast as light a golden path was born
 And across that path of gleaming gold
 A far off shape towards the tent was bound.
 It was a silver sleigh as clear as though the day
 Had fallen by the lee
 Of silent, sleeping sanctity.
 Five veiled maidens on the platform stood
 With a beauty so pure as to make one fear,
 And expressions devoid of mortal fault.
 She in the middle led them all;
 'Twas she who brought them to a halt
 Before the flapping tent of the dying man.
 She descended the platform, smooth and majestic in her way,
 And called in a voice that echoed pure;
 "Mortal man, we have come, we have come this day
 To do what we must and say what we may."
 He staggered in wondrous awe
 And asked the reason they stood at his door.
 "We portray the spirit of man," spoke she;
 "We do not come to torture or to haunt,
 But to open your mind on obscure thoughts.
 I am the greatest power man possesses;
 I am Love, the most eminent of all abstractions,
 When a man sinks to the lowest degree
 I can lift him to honour and piety;
 I give him the reason why he should survive,
 Why he should live, breathe, and thrive,
 My light will guide him through veils of fate.
 I shall thrust him forward and guard him from hate.
 My way is not easy; it's uphill and down;
 The way is hard, but hope is found."
 The leader drew back and another took her place:
 "I am Hope, the support of man's great power.
 I do not go to man, he must come to me.
 I am to man what to the castle is the tower.
 I force him to query that which he cannot see.
 He will never surrender his fight for what he wants,
 He will never slow or halt, until he achieves success."
 And she drew back and another took her place:
 "I am Success, which every man receives.
 I fall on man as in autumn fall the leaves;
 I do not come without warning or desire,
 And spread much faster than the wildest fire.
 Success does not fall unforeseen without warning,
 It is that which man sees far off and strives for
 Through pain, agonies and hardships
 Until his goal is reached; and though it may look bad
 It is always success because of ordeals endured.
 Such am I, Success, man's greatest ability."
 And she drew back and another took her place:
 "I am Failure, she who gives success,
 She who gives the most, while appearing to give less,
 I show man his mistakes and make him start anew;

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I cause fresh hope with a wiser point of view,
 And may teach him a lesson that is learnt by few;
 'Tis wrong to say that I am man's defeat;
 I am only a very stony patch in a most uneven street."
 And she drew back and the final one took her place:
 "I am Hate, adversary of Love.
 I bring man to the lowest of the low;
 I cast him into darkness like a shadow from above,
 And leave him there to wither in his woe.
 He knows of my depravity and avoids me;
 But when I engulf him he knows not I am there;
 He only sinks lower till all is overruled
 By bitterness, malignity and fear.
 He thinks he is winning, he knows not he is fooled.
 Man can control me so long as we're apart,
 But once I attack him he's forever in the dark.
 I have spoken to you last because I'm all alone;
 With no other abstraction do I ever belong."
 So withdrew the fifth of the ghostly five
 And so in that land of fury
 The gallant man died.

J. A. Codd. 4P1.

ENJOYABLE METHODS OF WASTING TIME

Before describing the ways of wasting time which I enjoy most, it is really necessary to state what exactly a waste of time is. One definition could be, "Doing something other than what you know, or have been told, to do." In this case I have two methods; aimless walking and day dreaming. These I consider are in the highest plane of methods of wasting time. Others such as turning on the wireless and listening willy-nilly are inferior as entertaining comes from outside sources.

Day dreaming is condemned by most people as escapism and a false sense of reality results, they say. This does not apply to me; however, and although my day dreams have ranged from amassing centuries to saving the world from destruction, I have become neither a professional cricketer nor a space man. The advantage of day dreaming is that it can be made to fit the mood, thus becoming a means of relaxation as well as a waste of time. I have a scientific theory about day dreaming which is, "That the more day dreaming one does the less likely one is to suffer from dreams and nightmares," and although this may not be expressed scientifically, I think it works scientifically and is a great boon.

Another point worth enlarging on is the stimulus that day dreaming gives the imagination. I should think that many novelists and poets have been day dreamers although they are usually just described as dreamers. Wordsworth was one of these, but he admitted that he carried it to excess and took up mathematics to keep contact with reality.

I can think of no greater pleasure or sense of uselessness than lying in the winter sun or by a warm fire just allowing my mind to wander. Actually I am becoming slightly ashamed of the topics I dream about and under the same conditions am beginning to think about a

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variety of matters. This I consider to be a natural step from day dreaming which creates the patience, concentration and mobility of mind necessary to contemplation.

Day dreaming is the passive way of wasting time. Walking is the answer when I feel active. By this I do not mean a long-striding-arms-swinging walk but a hands-in-pocket saunter. The main source of pleasure from aimless walking is observing my surroundings, especially people, and this can be nothing but beneficial. Especially is this true in a large town or city. Walking about the streets of Wellington could keep a person occupied for hours and not through window shopping either. There is always something to see, whether funny or sad; a woman trying to cope with a party of children; a child separated from its parents, or even the tribes of maledjusted adolescents roaming about. Young females supply the discerning walker with any aesthetic qualities that he may desire.

Walking in the country is something rarely heard of, but this can be one of the greatest pleasures. For quiet and natural beauty a rural walk cannot be equalled and occasionally, even in Taranaki, a day comes along that makes you want to charge up Mt. Egmont unbothered by the dishes and the weather forecast at nine. But of course, things such as this are never done and therefore are a waste of time.

There are then, two unequalled ways of wasting time, neither of which in my opinion really does waste time. It is plain to see that this question of wasted time depends on the individual; different types will find different ways of passing time. To pass impartial judgment on those who waste time is impossible. The common good should have nothing to do with the private life of an ordinary individual and so no one but the individual himself can decide whether he is wasting time or not.

Because of that statement I can day dream and walk where I will to my heart's content without needing a thick skin to continue, abused as I would be by those who either never waste time (according to themselves) or do so through the efforts of others.

M. D. Grant, 6A.

THE REVELATION

Johnny did not know why he was on that particular road at that particular time. It was as much of a mystery to him as it was to the police officer. When the officer asked him why he was there, he said he did not know, but deep inside he had a nasty, apprehensive feeling that he was lying. So the officer gave him a suspicious look and went away. Johnny shambled on down the road. He rounded the corner and saw the wreck of two cars, all tangled and twisted—there was blood on the side of the road. Policemen and other men in white smocks were milling around the wrecks. He sidled up to the group and heard a man saying: "There were four of them. Two of them are dead and another is in hospital. The fourth one was seen by the lad who lives in the farm-house over the way. The kid said he saw this fourth joker wander off into the bush over there."

It was funny, Johnny thought, that they did not know where the other one was. It was so funny that he began to laugh, but when all the people looked at him he felt embarrassed, so he turned and walked away.



ROWING EIGHT, 1958

Back Row: W. M. Whiteford, C. D. Griffiths, A. G. East, D. I. Jones, A. L. Wilson.
Front Row: J. G. Stubbs, P. G. Crichton, P. J. Rumball.



CENTRAL SEVENTH GRADE (Winners Northern Division Competition)

Back Row: R. Hodge, B. Sanger, R. Riley, N. Holland, K. Hunter, D. Hodge.
Middle Row: J. Watkins, D. Scott, G. Carter, R. Harvey, G. Baird, W. Walsh,
T. Struthers, D. Smith.
Front Row: D. Bennett, D. Lindsay, R. Crow, B. Hannan, D. Harvey, I. Marsden.

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In ten minutes he was well away from the wrecks, so he sat down. He looked down and became suddenly alarmed at the sight of blood dripping from the sleeve of his raincoat. The top of that blasted boiler must have come off, he thought. It hurt abominably. He got up with some difficulty and started off again. The trouble was he did not know where he was going; he did not know anything at all.

He tried to reason with himself but could come to no adequate conclusion or answer to his condition. His mind refused to function properly and although this perturbed him it did not conjure up any excess of emotion. In fact, he was devoid of emotion. All he was aware of was an encompassing pain.

When night came he was still walking, but nearer the city now. The pain was becoming unbearable. His head was spinning and his whole world revolved alarmingly. He found difficulty in walking but some inner force told him to keep on going. Soon it became too dark for him to see and he fell frequently. The city lights were close to him, seeming to his fogged mind to be beckoning, heralding comfort, warmth and a release from the pain.

"Keep going, Johnny!" he said to himself.

Suddenly the ground gave way under his feet and he knew he was falling but he did not care. It was easy to fall, uninhibited, but it was hard to walk. It was hard to drag this pain-racked body along. He hit the ground and rolled over and over on to his painful shoulder. He thought he screamed but he was not sure. He lay still, angry at himself for his attitude, wild that the only feeling he had for his own welfare was one of indifference.

He could not have fallen far, he thought, because he could see the edge of the hole or ditch or whatever it was he was in. He lay there among the rocks, gazing at the stars which had shown themselves through the black velvet sky. He did not know how long he lay there, but was aware of two things: the pain in his body and the fact that dark clouds had blotted out the stars.

Then it started to rain and he lay there, letting the water trickle down his neck, irritated but too tired to move. All at once it came flooding back to his numbed mind in a sudden, awful revelation. The high speed; the sharp, sharp corner; the terrible, blinding, heart-rending crash. He had been in that accident. He must have been the fourth man. He pushed himself to his feet and heaved himself out of the ditch. He lay there on the edge, fighting off the advancing and receding waves of nausea which threatened to engulf him. Slowly he wrenched himself upright and set off at a slow, painful gait, to the nearest house.

Two months later Johnny was at his country place convalescing. It had been a long, hard struggle. First the sojourn in hospital, then the nerve-racking trial. It had been a long, hard struggle but he had finally won through. He had been acquitted as being in no way responsible for the death of the other two men. The Judge had acquitted him but his conscience had not. His conscience was now his gaoler and his jury and he was condemned.

P. W. Savage, 6B2.

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ON HIGH

I am the spire on top of St. Andrew's Church and from my precarious perch, I can peer down on the whole of New Plymouth. I see many things as I look down on the neat little city all set out in rows and squares. I see cars, trucks, buses, and people, hustling and bustling noisily about their daily business. I also hear all that goes on in the city; the hooting and roaring of the traffic mingled with the chatter of women gossiping comes floating up to me through the warm, pleasant sunlight.

One day I was just relapsing into a deep sleep when, "Whooooo . . .!" I woke with a start, in time to see a large, red truck flash out of the fire station below me and rush off down the street, its siren screaming like an untuned violin. Many times this year I have seen the city cheerfully brightened with ribbons of all colours, making the picture below me like a gay carnival of Spring. Sometimes many people crowd into the main street to watch a procession of decorated vehicles rumble past. The engine of the train was a float carrying an unconquerable monster, all decked out in amber and black, and bearing the name of Ferdinand.

Yes, it's a good life sitting up here with the city stretched away to the left and right. I never miss a thing and I love frequent interesting conversations with my neighbour, the town clock. But there is one thing that worries me about my life—sunburn.

M. H. Alexander, 3P1.

ASHES TO ASHES

All my life fate had been my partner. Instead of enjoying life at the age of thirty-two (or is it thirty-three?), I dread every new day. I am in debt—several hundred pounds. For a living, if I can call it that, I sell boxes of matches and raffle tickets. With this I buy food, if I am lucky a small luxury, like a book, and a weekly raffle ticket. It is strange that the articles I sell brought about my end.

I was lighting the fire of driftwood that I had collected, before relaxing for the evening. Reaching into my pocket I pulled out a piece of paper, lit it, and with it lit the fire, snuffed out the paper and threw it into the grate.

Just as I was applying some iodine to my feet, raw through walking, there was a commotion outside. A man entered.

"You have won £10,000 in the raffle," he yelled. He left the room.

My eyes painfully regarded the piece of burnt paper in the grate. It was a raffle ticket. This was too much. Blindly I felt for the iodine bottle. Bringing it to my lips I swallowed the contents. Agonising pain seared through me. Then I remembered. The winning ticket was pinned to the wall. The previous week's useless ticket had been in my pocket.

My head and my inside feel like fire. As darkness envelops me my head lolls forward, and I dimly see two every-day articles—a dead match and a burnt piece of paper.

D. C. Sharp, 5P2.

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FIRESIDE MEMORIES

He leant back in his old leather chair. The warm glow of the fire flickered over his face, accentuating starkly the more predominant features, the weather-beaten features of an old sailor whose inward memories were reflected outwardly in his clear blue eyes, mirrors of the long-forgotten past. But he still had his memories, memories of the day the "Nancy" was launched . . .

A cold, grey mist had dropped from the red morning sky and with clutching fingers enveloped the little hamlet of Beaconsfield. The oily green water lapped against the cold stone quays, the seagulls squawked overhead in the mist and fish swam at all depths. All these things happened as the "Nancy" turned her prow towards the sun and her stern towards the black hills of industry. Through the years the "Nancy" proved herself a good ship, a trusty ship, a haven, her timbers a silent observer of the surging emotions of human conflicts that welled and dissipated like the crest of an ocean wave. All these things the "Nancy" observed and took with her to a watery grave on the ocean floor . . .

Yes, he remembered.

G. L. Bruce, 3P1.

MY HOME

Memories of my home will be with me as long as I live.

It is a beautiful sight when you come round the corner of the road and see the house nestling back into the trees with all the shrubs around it. There are shrubs planted by the cattle-stop, and weeping willows and poplars spanning the drive. There are big lawns around the house with lovely flower borders in them. The front of the house looks down towards the Waitara River sparkling in the sun, the reflection of beautiful native bush making the water look cool and inviting. The noise of the rapids is like the sound of softly swishing wind in the garden.

The house is surrounded by green hills with white dots of ewes and lambs basking in the sun. In the distance is the noise of a dog barking and the faint noise of sheep being driven to another paddock. The horses and cows stand resting under the trees, helping one another swish off the flies. The sound of a tractor is heard working up ground in the distance. The most beautiful part looking from the house is the native bush and the river winding its way down, and in the background, the high white cliffs which rise up to three hundred feet.

I also will never forget my two sisters, Rosemary and Sally, who helped my mother with odd jobs.

We love to go for rides over the hills and feel the wind blowing on our faces as we canter along and hear the panting of the dogs as they trot behind, sniffing the ground for a rabbit.

It is also good to see a mob of sheep running in front, and the hills rolling into the distance until the farthest one is just a blur on the horizon.

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The evening at home is the nicest time of the day when Mom, Dad, my sisters, and I play tennis on our grass tennis court while we wait for tea to cook. There is the noise of the wind rustling through the giant plane trees overhead and the twittering of birds as they settle down for the night.

All these things will remain with me forever.

W. R. Watson, 4G2.

CINDERELLA II

Cinderella II, otherwise known as Atomella, was a robot who worked at an atomic power station. Her job was to sweep up the spilt atoms with a little nuclear vacuum cleaner. She also had two ugly sisters who just sat all day and watched television.

One day the King of Mars advertised for a new cleaner for his laboratory. Atomella's sisters at once tuned in their aeralis and decided that they would apply for the position. So they polished themselves up and made ready for the trip to Mars. They left a list of jobs for Atomella to complete while they were away. Poor Atomella pleaded with them and asked them if she too could go to Mars, but, being ugly sisters, they would not listen to her and added more jobs to the already lengthy list.

At two o'clock the sisters left. As soon as the large doors had slid together again, Atomella sat down and cried. Small globules of mercury ran down her radar aerial and splashed on to the floor. Suddenly there was a flash, as one of the globules had hit an atomic particle with such a force that the atom split open.

Out popped a purple-people-eater who asked Atomella why she was crying. When Atomella told him, the purple-people-eater gave her a magic cleaner and polished her up until Atomella's metal shell became mirror-like. But the purple-people-eater told Atomella that if it started to rain, the magic sweeper would no longer work and that Atomella's shell would change back to its original dullness. He said that at the first sign of a black rain cloud Atomella must immediately come back to her quarters.

Atomella picked up the magic cleaner and climbed into a waiting super-sputnik, which beeped off, and inside thirty seconds she was standing outside the King's courtyard.

When she went inside all the other robots gasped and whispered to each other how shiny Atomella was. Atomella saw her two ugly sisters but they did not recognise her with her shell so highly polished. The King then asked for the first contestant.

All afternoon the robots swept but not one had satisfied the King. Finally Atomella stepped forward for her turn. Grasping her magic sweeper firmly, she started sweeping. To her amazement she had only to hold the magic sweeper while it swept backwards and forwards with terrific speed. Not only did it sweep so fast, but it played tunes as it

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rolled along. The King was delighted and asked Atomella to sweep on. Atomella was so happy that she did not notice the large black cloud looming up overhead. Then it started to rain.

Atomella suddenly remembered the purple-people-eater's warning. But it was too late. The cleaner had stopped sweeping and Atomella's shell rapidly began to tarnish. She grabbed the cleaner and ran, but in her hurry through the crowd, dropped it. She looked all around for the super-sputnik but could not see it as it had changed into an old Tiger Moth aeroplane. In a panic she climbed in and flew back to the atomic power station.

The next day everybody was talking about the shiny robot and her cleaner. The King had found the cleaner, but it would not work. Desperately he called together his counsellors and ordered them to search the entire universe for the shiny robot.

Four days later a messenger arrived with the cleaner at the atomic station where Atomella worked. Atomella's ugly sisters each claimed that she was the shiny robot but, no matter how hard they tried, they could not make the cleaner work. Finally Atomella slipped between her sisters and took hold of the cleaner. Away it went, singing merrily.

The messenger then took Atomella back to the King, who was so happy that he said that Atomella was to be his private secretary-cleaner.

So now children, on a rainy night when the lightning is flashing, if you listen closely you will hear Atomella and her nuclear cleaner at work, for it now works happily through all weather conditions.

M. Miller, 6Sc.2.

ONE OF THE PATIENT SUFFERERS

"Pull your socks up, come on, hurry up; you're at secondary school now. You, take your cap off!"

A hot retort rises to my lips at this unjust (as I think) treatment, but is immediately quelled by a glowering glance from a very tall and menacing sixth former. "Ah, peace at last," I think as I seek the sanctuary of the cloakroom. My hair practically stands on end as a bull-like roar cuts across the room. "What do you think you're doing? Get into assembly!" My knees are audibly clicking together as I enter the assembly hall and see a place of refuge. In the middle of a hymn, a paper dart flies over, loops the loop, describes a figure eight, then power dives on to the head of a small, but immensely fat boy standing next to me. His face turns three stages of purple, and then he bursts into a wail of anguish. A prefect standing nearby gives me a rap over the head with a ruler, thinking I am the cause of the disturbance.

This, reader, is my first, but alas, not very satisfactory impression of the indignities suffered by a third former.

F. Temata, 3P2.

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."

OLD BOYS' SECTION

The committee of the Parent Association is well filled with youthful and enthusiastic members, and although their efforts this year have not always met with financial success, interest is unflagging and anticipations for next year's activities keen.

This year we have welcomed our new "Head" and his wife, farewelled Ralph Wilson and his wife, and congratulated and made a presentation to a Rhodes Scholar.

We are very grateful to the staff for willing co-operation in the production of the two newsletters and thank those who have written in appreciation of them.

Blazer badges are not available at present. They have been on order for some months. Those who require them should write, giving names and address. Buttons, too, are on order but these will be held by Whites Ltd., Devon Street, New Plymouth.

The plan for the Bell Tower, or housing for the old bell which the Parent Association wishes to present to the School in commemoration of the 75th Jubilee, has been approved. There is some delay, however, with the department over the plans for the new playing area in the Gully behind the gym.

The number of Old Boys on the staff has risen to fifteen with the appointment recently of Bruce Beetham, Brian Quinn and Jim Insull.

Important as are all the organised activities of the Association and its branches, they demonstrate a spirit of attachment no more strongly than do the frequent visits by Old Boys and their wives. Such visits are always welcome and it is good that they are not always to recall distinction in learning and games.

We learn with regret of the death of **James Kilminster Wilton**, who was at School from 1946-49, and extend sincere feelings of sympathy to his parents in their loss. We would be very grateful if any Old Boy who has a photograph in which James is included, perhaps one taken at the re-union, would send a print to the School. Mr. and Mrs. Wilton have no recent record of their son, and we are anxious to provide one.

Communications connected with the Old Boys' Section of the "Taranakian" should be sent to H. P. Webster, Boys' High School, New Plymouth.

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PARENT ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting was held in the new Memorial Building. Maurice Sykes presided over a gathering of over 100 Old Boys, including representatives from several Branches. Officers were elected for the ensuing year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen, on behalf of your Executive Committee, I have pleasure in presenting the 39th Annual Report of the Association.

Your Executive have met regularly and kept in touch with the Branches. Successful re-unions have been held by the South Taranaki, Auckland, Hawke's Bay, Waikato, Wellington and Dunedin Branches. We wish to congratulate Auckland on a successful ball and South Taranaki on the popularity of their annual golf tournament.

75th Jubilee.—We are indebted to Mr. W. E. Alexander for the very full report of the Jubilee in last year's "Taranakian." Your Executive have assisted financially with this publication.

I do not intend to review the Jubilee Celebrations but I would like to record the appreciation of the Jubilee Committee for the overwhelming support from our fellow Old Boys; 1520 registrations, 2300 at the roll call, 1900 at the reception, 2500 at the opening of the memorial building and 1250 at the ball—this response was greater than we had anticipated and the enthusiasm of those present assured a successful Jubilee.

Jubilee Committee.—The Jubilee Committee has met on several occasions and, having finalised the business of the Jubilee, has handed to the Association a surplus of funds, and on a motion of its own members has disbanded. I am sure that it is your wish that we record a hearty vote of thanks to the members of this committee.

Permanent Memorial to Commemorate 75th Jubilee.—Your Executive recommend that a bell tower be erected as a permanent commemoration of the 75th Jubilee and later this meeting will be asked to grant funds for this purpose.

Farewell to Mr. and Mrs. G. J. McNaught and Mr. W. G. Wilkie.—This function was held in the School lounge on December 4th in the presence of a large gathering of Old Boys. A refrigerator and a silver tray were presented to Mr. and Mrs. McNaught in appreciation of their work for the School and Mr. Wilkie was presented with a radiogram, a cheque to purchase records, and a silver tray. Mr. McNaught and Mr. Wilkie spoke with sadness and recalled incidents from their association with the School.

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Webster.—Your Executive have assured Mr. Webster of the support of this Association in the carrying out of his duties as Headmaster and we look forward with confidence to the further development of the School under his capable leadership. We hope that a large number of Old Boys will have the opportunity of hearing from Mr. Webster at the luncheon following this meeting and of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Webster at the Annual Ball this evening.

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Annual Ball.—Your Executive have been considering changing the date of the ball for some years but as it was intended to hold the 75th Jubilee at Easter it was not considered desirable to change the date of the ball until after the Jubilee.

The change has been made this year for the following reasons: (1) The attendance at Easter has been disappointing; (2) many Old Boys have boys at School and visit the School on Sports Day; (3) it is hoped that parents attending the sports will stay for the ball; (4) on this occasion the Executive felt the ball would be an appropriate social function at which to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Webster.

Resignations.—Your Executive received with regret the resignation of our Senior Vice-President, Mr. Brian Sykes, and our Secretary, Mr. Syd Shotton, who have shifted to Gore and Hastings respectively. Both have been excellent workers for the Parent Association and I am sure will be enthusiastic members of their Branches.

Prior to the publication of last year's "Taranakian," Mr. John Hatherly resigned as Editor of the Old Boys' Section after sixteen years of conscientious service. Our token presentation to Mr. Hatherly is a mark of the esteem in which he is held by all Old Boys.

We wish to thank Mr. H. P. Webster for taking over the Old Boys' Section last year and also for producing the circular which was sent to Old Boys.

BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS

AUCKLAND BRANCH

The Committee, consisting of Newton Roch (President), Bob Thompson (Vice-President), Warren Shortt (Secretary), Bryan Bews, Sel Rawson, Harold Bartley, Clyde Colson and Ron Niven are in their second year of office and are now experienced re-union organisers. The keenness of the Committee, together with the continued support of Auckland Old Boys, has made the Branch one of the strongest in New Zealand and all functions held since the revival of the Branch in 1952 have been successful and well attended.

The Annual Meeting and "Smoko" was held as usual at the Transport Board Club Rooms on Tuesday, 10th June, 1958. As there was no election of officers, formal business was completed very early in the evening and the seventy Old Boys present were then entertained for approximately half an hour by Magician Alan Mathews. After supper the "smoko" continued until midnight with the usual renewing of old friendships.

A Re-union was held at the Overseas League Rooms on Saturday, 23rd August, and over one hundred Old Boys attended. The re-union followed the annual match School v. Auckland Grammar, and the large number of Old Boys who saw the game were pleased with the good win scored by our team. We were glad to have with us the Headmaster, Mr. Webster, and seven Masters. They were Mr. Baunton, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Tett, Mr. Barton and Mr. Eustace. The Toast List included "The School," Mr. R. L. Thompson—Mr. Webster; "First XV," Mr. John McKenzie—Mr. Stewart. Stan Hurlie, the captain of the

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First XV fifty years ago, on receiving the good wishes of all present, recalled that he was a member of the First XV in 1906 and led the team in 1908. In between speeches the "School Song" and "Forty Years On" were sung with enthusiasm. It was a grand evening, with the committee finally managing to eject the last stragglers at about 1 p.m.

Amongst those present were A. Ayers, R. Banks, H. S. Bartley, E. G. Beckbessinger, V. H. Bedford, B. L. Bews, J. W. Boardman, E. H. Baulton, G. A. Brackebush, I. Brackebush, R. R. Brown, R. Burtenshaw, H. L. Calder, J. D. Cochrane, E. E. Cole, G. W. Cole, C. W. Colson, V. Colson, A. D. Crew, F. J. Crowley, R. O. Davies, N. Dingle, G. Douglas, P. G. Elley, F. Elliott, K. S. Ewing, P. F. Fookes, J. Foote, M. B. Francis, P. Fraser, P. J. Gallaher, N. F. Gardiner, D. Gillespie, D. Hamilton, F. Harris, D. R. Hawken, J. G. Hilliard, A. W. Houghton, H. S. Hurlle, D. G. Hutchen, G. Hyde, L. B. Inch, E. J. Insull, H. Isaacs, H. James, K. K. Jones, G. P. Keller, S. T. King, V. Kirkby, D. Levene, P. J. Little, I. L. Manby, J. B. Montgomerie, R. M. Montgomerie, S. L. Morrison, J. W. Morrison, C. F. McDonald, J. McFlinn, G. McGlashan, J. W. McKenzie, N. McMillan, C. J. Osborn, C. Potter, J. Poynter, C. Putt, J. D. Raines, M. H. Robb, N. T. Roch, C. E. H. Saxton, R. Shepherd, W. F. Shortt, J. A. Simmons, Athol Smith, M. W. Steer, A. Stormont, D. G. Swan, K. T. Taylor, R. L. Thompson, B. Trembath, D. Wallis, R. Wallis, E. T. Ward, M. W. Watts, D. L. Wheller, E. Wigg, D. H. M. Wilson, J. W. Wood, P. J. Worth.

WAIKATO BRANCH NOTES

Another successful re-union was held this year, attended by some 70 Waikato Old Boys. It took the form of a buffet dinner and "smoko," with a very short Annual General Meeting. The previous year's committee was re-elected for a further term with Pat Stephenson President, and the Secretary Jack Snelling, Riverview Terrace, Hamilton. Jack would particularly like to hear from any Old Boys in the district who are not on our mailing list. Of particular enjoyment to those at the re-union was a short talk by "Ponty" Reid, former All Black captain and himself an Old Boy. Ponty referred to his School football coach, Vic Kerr, as one of the two best coaches he had ever played under.

Featured at the annual meeting were the fathers who had the pleasure of introducing their sons for the first time as Old Boys. They were:

Noel Fookes, son Tony; Chum Harbutt, Wilfred (Bill); Peter Davidson, Nigel.

Old Boys added to the mailing list are:—

Jackson Brothers, Cape Colville, via Coromandel; Clive Linn, c/o Linn Motors Ltd., Paeroa; J. M. Heine, Solicitor, Te Kuiti; E. Broughton, R.D. 2, Huntly; A. Macdonald, Pio Pio; G. Voyce, Pio Pio; Don and Roger Wallis, Okete, Raglan; K. A. Martin, No. 6 R.D., Te Puke; Anthony Stubbs, Waitomo; Bill Phillips, R.D. 4, Te Kuiti; Rev. Charlie Bell, Methodist Minister at Matamata; Jim Neal, R.D. 4, Te Kuiti; Jim Smith, Amodea Bay, Coromandel; Bill Telford, Huntly; T. M. Sanders, Tokoroa; B. Gibson, Ngaruawahia; D. Hart and L. A. Wilson, Waimai; Ian Leggett and Bert Mills, c/o Cambridge High School; George Price, No. 1 R.D., Matatoki, Cambridge; W. Duncan, Accountant, National Bank of New Zealand, Waihi; George Morey, in business in Waihi; R. English, Lake Crescent, Hamilton;

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A. L. Mackay, Maitangi; M. Saunders, R.D. 15, Te Pahu; A. Watkins, G. Bregman and P. Sweetman, Te Mata; W. C. Bryant, Morrinsville; Brian Milne, Conirie Road, Hamilton; G. P. Houghton, Koromatau Road, Hamilton; B. Houston, Morrinsville; Charlie Collins, Manager of Bank of Australia, Raglan; A. J. Sterrit, c/o Advance Cars Ltd., Te Awamutu; H. C. Grahame, teaching at Kihikihi; John Lovell and Bruce McMillan, c/o Te Awamutu College, Te Awamutu; J. D. Clemow, well-known Solicitor in Cambridge; M. Reid, No. 2 R.D., Ohaupo; C. Harley, Richmond Downs, Walton; Ross Tuck, Putaruru; Norman Clare, c/o Ruakura Research Station (engaged in research on Facial Eczema); Jack Ford, on the staff of the North Hamilton Branch of the Bank of New Zealand (he is a former Taranaki Rugby representative); Hugo Wall, recently made Manager of the Bank of New Zealand in Tokoroa.

HAWKE'S BAY

In alternate years the Hawke's Bay Branch of the Old Boys' Association relaxes in recess and awaits the following year's Te Aute match for its re-union.

It was, however, hoped that this year a social function could be arranged at which all Old Boys would have the opportunity of telling the final chapter of the various stories which remained incomplete at the last re-union in August, 1957. Arrangements had not been concluded for such a function this year owing to lack of support from the Old Boys in the district (births, marriages, finance) and the function had to be called off.

Personal

Ross Bramwell, now a married man, is farming at Argyll East, Otane. **Leo Gibbs** and his wife Edna have shifted to Hastings from Lower Hutt and Leo is employed by Messrs. Carr and Stanton, Public Accountants, Hastings. Needless to say they are both blooming in their new surroundings—apologies to Wellington.

John and Alistar Holder are in their father's firm of A. W. Holder and Sons Ltd., Plumbers' Merchants, Hastings. Both will be well known to local New Plymouth Old Boys.

Maurice Munro is living in Napier and works with Messrs. Davies, Phillips and Chaplin, Architects, of Hastings.

Ralph Mander is with the Union Steam Ship Company in Hastings.

Hal Nash qualified with his Law Degree in Wellington last year but doesn't seem to be showing any immediate inclination to return to the happy hunting grounds of Hawke's Bay.

Births which have come to the notice of the Secretary this year include **Lou and Beverley Greer**, a son; **Barclay and Rachael McGregor**, a daughter; **Callum and Glenda Kirkpatrick**, a son; and **Brian and Hale Campbell**, a son.

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WELLINGTON BRANCH

The Wellington Branch of the Old Boys' Association has had another successful year, the membership increasing once again.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 28th March, about 40 Old Boys attending. We were pleased to welcome a number of "new" Old Boys, who had left School the previous year, and also some older faces whom we had not seen for some time. A particularly welcome guest was Laurie Miller, this being just before the New Zealand Cricket Team left for England.

The following Committee was elected: President, Lyn Papps; Vice-Presidents, Phil Taylor, Mr. J. D. McNaught, Dick Whittington, Dick Simpson; Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, Eric Batten; Committee, Barry Boon, Barry Waite, John Bathgate, Stuart Comber, John Davies, Ted Schroder.

An extremely enjoyable "Smoko" was held in the National Club Rooms on the 1st July, and the 40 or so Old Boys who attended had a very convivial evening.

The main function of the year, the Annual Dinner, was held in Wakefield House on September 13th, 60 Old Boys attending. This year it was decided to depart from the "buffet style" function of previous years, and a formal "sit down" dinner was organised. As evidenced by the large attendance this was a particularly successful idea. It was particularly pleasing to see some of the "older" Old Boys such as Bob Bradshaw and Ted Pope attending, as we had not seen them at functions for some years. We were pleased to welcome as our guests, Mr. Webster, the Headmaster, and Mr. Tom Watt, representing the Masters. They both regaled us with witty speeches and general news of the activities at School. Other sparkling speeches were delivered by Bob Bradshaw, John Bathgate and Lyn Papps.

Old Boys present were: Arthur Lucas (shortly to take up an appointment at Matamata College), Chas. Brenstrum, Phil Taylor, Bill Hamilton, David Sarten, Knowles Hamilton, Bill Nicholson, Arthur Wells, Roy Urry, Jim Smale, Graham Hunt, Bob Bradshaw, C. S. Bolton, C. S. Wood, Dick Wilks, Ian Pryke, Phil Power, J. Tilly, Bill Murray, Barry Kerr, Neville Davies, Arthur Moody, John Bathgate, Wilson Evans, Nick Carter, Grahame Boon, Malcolm McCaw (just back from several years overseas), G. O'Halloran (now Secretary of Marine), Stewart Comber, Ken Comber, Barry Waite, Laurie Croxson, Angus McDougall, J. Sutherland, John Davies, Bill Sheat, Bruce Brown, R. Taylor, R. B. Horner, Barry O'Meagher, Bert Martin, H. Christiansen, Laurie Smith, Barry Boon (shortly to be married), Lyn Papps, Dick Simpson, Don Christie, Ted Pope, E. L. Reeves, Frank Tuck, Tony Hills, Tim Fookes, Eric Batten.

A Christmas Party to be held in December will wind up what has been, so far, a highly successful year.

DUNEDIN BRANCH NOTES

The Dunedin Branch of the Old Boys' Association has had a most successful year, especially with regard to the annual re-union, at which 20 members were present.

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At this meeting Richard Croxson was elected President. He is in his fourth year of the Medical course and is on the Executive of the Students' Association.

Newcomers welcomed at the dinner were: Paul Chicken, Ian Ross, Keith Way, Ian McNickle and Chook Fowler. Old hands present were Bunshop Ellis and Brick Braithwaite; these two kept the after-dinner party going at a tremendous pace. Also present were Don Calder, fourth year Dental, retiring President; Bill Thomas and Graeme Lawson, final year Dentistry; David and Kim Bathgate, the former completing his fourth year Medical, while Kim is in his final year of the Dentistry course; David Gill and Peter Foreman are both at Dental School on occasions, Peter's piano playing has earned him a considerable reputation; Don Derby and Dennis Woodward are stalwart intermediate students; Ted Jones has passed second year Medical; John Simcock is flatting with Richard Croxson and three other Meds., and is also on the Students' Association Executive as Social Representative as well as being Secretary of the local branch; Bruce Parkinson is a Health Inspector and has been married.

Apologies were received from Fyfe Bygrave, who is in his third year in a Science degree. Together with Fred Bennett they make a strong Selwyn team. Barry Cannell is up the hill at Aquinas and studying for Medical Intermediate. Bob Calder, fourth year Dental, and Mike Simcock, now entering sixth year Medicine, are two old hands who found the pressure of work too great to be able to be with us that night, but both have made their presence felt in 'Varsity activities. Ian MacPherson and Roy McGiven are two sixth year Meds. and we wish them every bit of luck in their forthcoming qualifying exams. Jim Lash is currently playing excellent tennis at the top of the St. Clair ladder. Finally, mention should be made of two very well-known Old Boys in the deep South, Mr. J. D. Willis, S.M., and local Magistrate, and Mr. D. G. Grant, Headmaster of Southland Boys' High School.

Obituaries

GEORGE HENRY RYAN

After 59 years of residence in Hawera practising as a lawyer for most of that period, Mr. Ryan died on April 9th following a brief illness. He was in his 85th year. Born in New Plymouth, Mr. Ryan attended the New Plymouth Boys' High School from 1886 to 1888. Sharing in the School's 75th Jubilee celebrations last year, he was one of a small band who were at the School in its first decade.

Mr. Ryan took up his work in law at New Plymouth, but soon moved to Hawera, where he continued to practise until his retirement.

Mr. Ryan had a notable career in sport, being a founder of the Star Rugby Club, New Plymouth. He played for Taranaki in its golden years of Rugby. Holding life membership of the Taranaki Rugby Union, Mr. Ryan was also a member of the Hawera Golf Club for 50 years. He was a life member of the Egmont Racing Club and a member of the Hawera Trotting Club and the Egmont A. and P. Association.

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ARTHUR JOHN (Jock) LOGAN

The death occurred suddenly on 25th October at Cairns, North Queensland, of "Jock" Logan, who was at School from 1938-41. Jock had established a large business and owned three shops dealing in electrical goods. The Association extends its sympathy to his wife and father and brothers, Dick and Tom.

GORDON MACKINTOSH FRASER

The death of Mr. Gordon Fraser who died in Wellington recently, brought about the end of a colourful and successful career. Born at Auckland, Mr. Fraser came to New Plymouth at an early age. He attended the Boys' High School from 1897 to 1899, during which time he was a member of the First Fifteen and runner-up for the duck prize.

On leaving School Mr. Fraser entered business and soon had interests in New Plymouth, Hawera and Hamilton. He took a prominent part in public life and served on many organisations. As a young man he was a regular contributor to the Sydney Bulletin and later carried on his interests in New Plymouth with associations with the Taranaki Daily News, of which he became its first chairman of directors and subsequently managing director, retaining both positions until his death.

Mr. Fraser was a Justice of the Peace. He took a keen interest in Taranaki Chamber of Commerce work and his other activities included a prominent part in the former New Plymouth Harbour Board and the Taranaki Club. He was also president of the Old Boys' Association in 1932.

JOHN HOLMES SHAW

Dr. John Holmes Shaw, one of Melbourne's most distinguished ear, nose and throat surgeons, died in St. Andrew's Hospital on the 21st February. Dr. Shaw, who was at School in 1907, graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1921 and later became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

CHARLES BUTTERFIELD SHAW

Mr. Charles Shaw, the oldest surviving former pupil of the School, died recently in New Plymouth at the age of 91. Born in New Plymouth, Mr. Shaw farmed at Norfolk Road for 12 years, and was also a clerk, photographer and a member of one of the six survey parties who put the Main Trunk railway line through Stratford. In his youth he was an athlete, a musician, and a singer.

HUGH GORDON CALDER

A well-known figure in New Plymouth shipping circles, Mr. Calder died at the New Plymouth Hospital, aged 53. At the time of his death he was acting Manager of the New Plymouth Branch of the Union Steam Ship Company. Mr. Calder was well-known in the Scouting movement. He is a former chairman of the New Plymouth Boy Scouts' Association and for many years was chairman of the Westown Troop Committee. Mr. Calder was also a member of the West End Bowling Club.

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MR. P. P. MOLLOY

Mr. P. P. Molloy died recently after he had been ill for some time. During his career as a Journalist and Photographer he served on many newspapers and after serving in the Pacific joined the Government Information Service. After four years with the "Free Lance" he returned to this service and in 1954 was seconded to the Prime Minister's Office where he was Press Officer to Sir Sidney Holland and Mr. Holyoake.

LESLIE VICKERY BRYANT

Many Old Boys will regret to learn of the accidental death of Mr. Leslie Vickery Bryant, Headmaster of the Pukekohe High School. He came to the School staff from University in 1927 and remained for three years, leaving to become Senior Boarding Master at Waitaki. A man of great energy and enthusiasm, he established the School's first Alpine Club and guided many parties of boys to the top of Mt. Egmont.

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Neil Walters has had a Doctorate of Philosophy conferred on him by the University of New Zealand. He is at present engaged in research work at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell, England.

Donald Erceg had a fortunate escape from injury when an aerial topdressing plane which he was piloting lost its propeller and then its engine, yet landed safely in a field about seven miles from Pahiatua.

Bob Wynyard has visited School recently. He has been managing the "Mon Desir" Hotel in Takapuna for the last four years and is playing to a six handicap in golf.

Dr. E. W. Collings, Lecturer in Physics at Victoria University in Wellington, has been awarded a Post-Doctoral Fellowship by the National Research Council of Canada.

A. R. Reid, All Black captain, has retired from representative Rugby. He was one of the lightest and smallest players ever to represent New Zealand.

Professor Ronald Syme's latest, and long awaited book "Tacitus," in two volumes, has been published. It is the result of thirty years' extensive investigation.

R. C. C. Pearce, who entered the Royal New Zealand Navy as an Ordinary Telegraphist last year, has passed examinations for promotion to officer rank and will proceed to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

N. A. Walker recently graduated Ph.D at Massey College. He is now with the Department of Agriculture at Ruakura.

Superintendent W. Carran has, on the recommendation of the Police Promotions Board, been appointed officer in charge of the Auckland Police district.

B. A. Walker has been ordained as a Methodist Minister. He is now Secretary of the New Zealand Student Christian Movement.

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Murray R. Jensen, now living in Wellington, has been appointed Public Relations Officer to the Palmerston North Public Relations Organisation.

Bruce Andrew is stationed at Kuala Lumpur, where he is a senior Inspector of Mines. He was in New Zealand last year and, with his wife, visited the School.

Jim Insull, B.Com., F.R.A.N.Z., has been appointed to teach Commercial subjects. He is at present teaching at Kelston High, Auckland.

Elliot Masters ('37-'41) visited the School recently with his wife. He is in medical practise in Tarce, New South Wales, Australia, and has three children.

Dick Lattimer ('37-'41), after extensive war service with the Indian Army, and later service in Japan and Korea, has settled down in New Plymouth and is making progress with an extra mural degree.

Bruce Barnitt ('29-'33) is in Malaya teaching in a 90 per cent. Chinese and 10 per cent. Indian school of 3500 pupils. There are two complete staffs for morning and afternoon school. The standard in most forms, Bruce says, is very high in Maths. and Science, but language difficulties slow up English subjects. Pupils are great "swots" and many attend both morning and afternoon school. Communism is very nearly at an end as a result of the huge bribes and incentives offered.

Ralph Wilson is well settled in Bayambang, and his is the only European family there. He is known as Dr. Ralph Wilson, because over there all specialists have that title. He had lunch in Sydney with Martin Donnelly, one-time head of his House, who is now prominent in the Sydney business world. We have a long letter from him and print a few extracts.

"I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Matthewson, who was host to Mr. John Stewart when he was co-manager of the New Zealand Colts team in Ceylon recently. Mr. Matthewson is chairman of the Tea Traders' Association."

"We have been to many Filipino parties since. At all these there are great quantities of food and usually the party ends as soon as one has partaken of the food and drink. At other parties everyone has to give an item—my wife and I are frequently embarrassed by being asked to give items in Maori."

"And now off to my new duty station. It is at Bayambang, a town of 30,000 inhabitants in the middle of Luzon. Our nearest city is Dagupan, on the sea coast about 30 kilometres away. The road for about 20 kilometres is metalled but very rough and dusty, and the shopping facilities when you get there are fairly primitive. Lingayen, the capital of our province of Pangasinan, is quite a small town about 15 kilometres further along the coast. This town is famous as the landing place of McArthur when he returned to liberate the Philippines. The community training centre to which I am attached is quite extensive. It consists of about 100 acres on some of the few areas of rolling country in the province. My house has been used by U.N.E.S.C.O. officials for some six years but we are the first family to live here, and we are the only foreigners in the town."

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"At one of the workshops I attended we were invited to view some model science lessons at the local high school. I sat in on the Physics. The lesson was run by one of the pupils and he certainly did as well as could be hoped for. First a pupil comes out and reads his 'research,' from the text book of course. Other pupils then ask questions, also from the book, and the researcher answers them, if he can, also from the book. The only practical work was a slab of wood sliding down a board. Not a single measurement, and this was physics for pupils going to university next year."

"The capital penalty exists but I do not think it has been exercised since I have been here."

"The many U.N. experts in the Philippines meet once a month and the meeting usually takes place at one of the projects. We have met recently at the Fish Ponds near Manila and the host organises a meal which wives come later to attend. This fish project has been established by a German expert, and he has done a very big job. There are now hundreds of scientists at work and much progress has been made, not only in fresh water, but also in salt water fisheries."

BIRTHS

BARNES.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Barnes; a daughter.

BRASH.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Brash; a daughter.

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

CARTWRIGHT.—To Mr. and Mrs. L. Cartwright; a son.

CORKILL.—To Mr. and Mrs. I. Corkill; a daughter.

ELLIOTT.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Elliott; a son.

FALK.—To Mr. and Mrs. I. Falk; a son.

GRAYLING.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. Grayling; a daughter.

GREENSILL.—To Mr. and Mrs. O. Greensill; a daughter.

HUDSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. O. Hudson; a son.

MOONEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Mooney; a daughter.

MORINE.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Morine; a son.

SMEATON.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Smeaton; a son.

TITCOMBE.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Titcombe; a daughter.

WATT.—To Mr. and Mrs. T. Watt; a daughter.

WILKIE.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilkie; a son.

WILSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson; a daughter.

WOOD.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. Wood; a son.

WOOD.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. Wood; a daughter.

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N.B.—In cases of removal, one full term's notice must be given to the Secretary, otherwise parents are liable for half a term's fee.

SUBSCRIPTIONS (per Term)—

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SCHOOL TERMS—

The School year is divided into three Terms of approximately thirteen weeks each. The terms for 1959 are as follows:—

First Term	-	February 3rd to May 8th.
Second Term	-	May 26th to August 21st.
Third Term	-	September 5th to December 11th.

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