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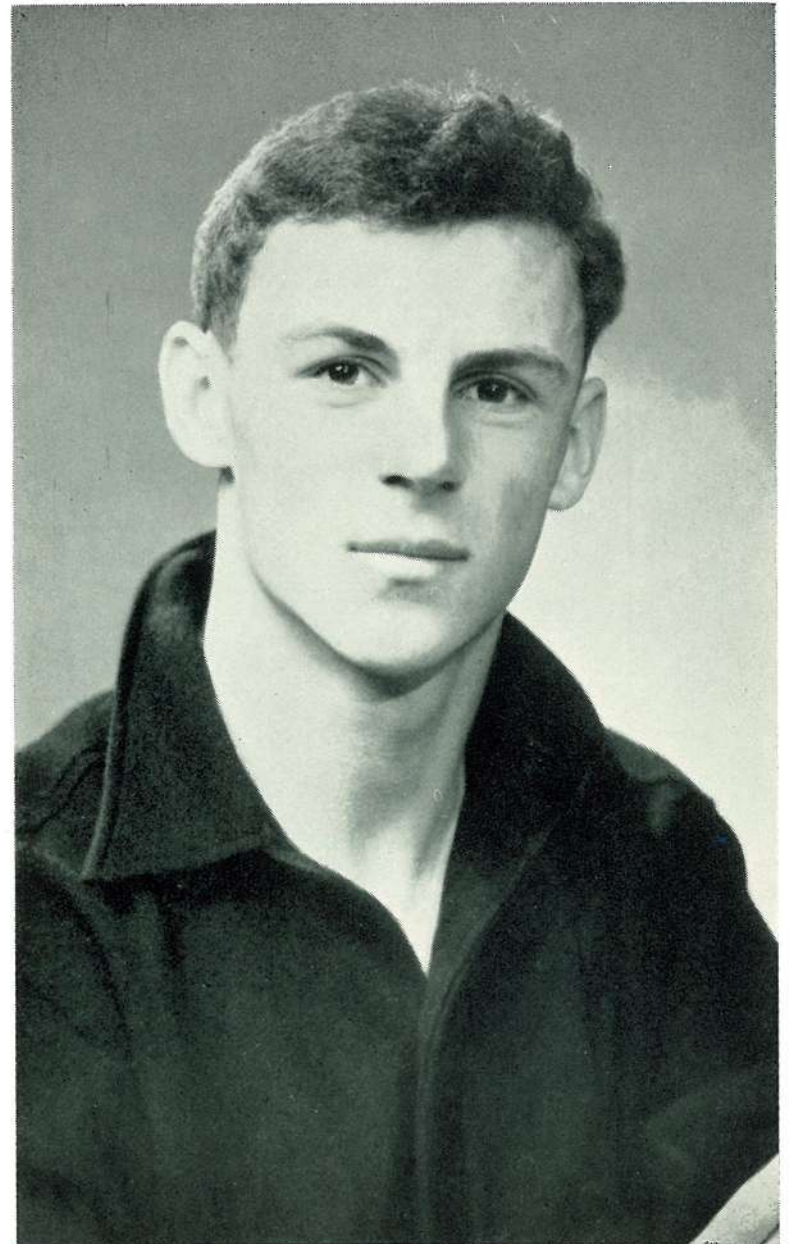
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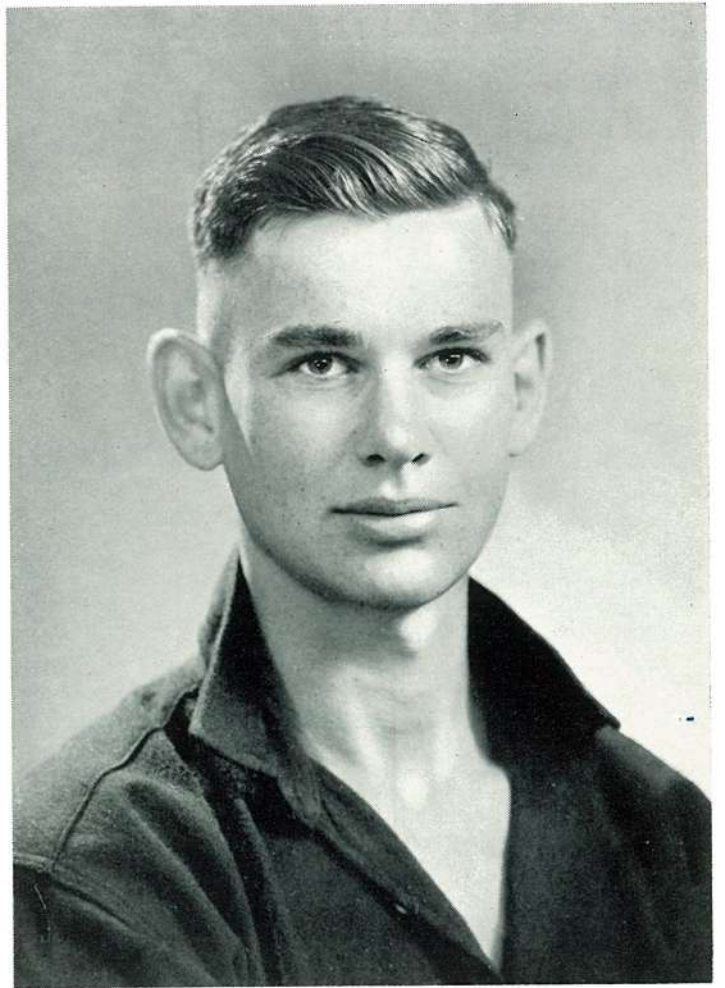
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EDITORIAL

THE END OF AN ERA

THE virtual monopoly that our School has maintained in the city since the amalgamation with the Technical School thirty years ago will come to an end with the opening of the new Spotswood College at the beginning of 1960. In the realms of academic and sporting achievement we have, amongst the male population at least, remained unchallenged by force of circumstances, but now we have another school to enter the post-primary education sphere, and with the necessary development, to compete with us in all aspects of school life.

It may be some years yet before the Spotswood College attains a sufficiently high standard among the older age group in the various sporting activities to seriously challenge the long tradition which has been created by our former pupils. The marked difference in size alone will constitute a major handicap, as will the lack of boarders who mean so much in the spirit and strength of a school. Will our Rugby supremacy ever be threatened? If so, it will be only after many defeats and disappointments. Sometimes the past is painful, but the initial years of New Plymouth Boys' High in the Rugby world were characterised by crushing defeats at the hands of the more firmly established schools, and it has been nothing but hard work and long years which have developed such a respected tradition.

The controversy as to which particular type of school provides the greatest benefit to its pupils is prevalent throughout New Zealand—Spotswood College is co-educational. Pride in a school is quickly fostered and, in fact, the smaller the school, the easier it may be to develop this

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vital intangibility. It will be this pride of belonging which will ensure that such factors as behaviour and care in dress will be of the highest standards in the new college, and in New Plymouth itself, the merits or otherwise of both schools will be judged considerably by the individual appearance of the pupils.

The amalgamation with the Technical School in 1928 brought to an end a period during which every adolescent perhaps did not enjoy the same opportunity, academically and socially, but difficulties will be encountered in endeavouring to prevent a similar social rift re-occurring. A school, long in tradition, of single sex, and abundant in educational facilities, may appeal to the egoistic majority far more than a smaller, younger, and co-educational counterpart. Class distinction has always been common and unfortunately there will never be a remedy. Accordingly, it seems as though, that in time, the differing academic standards of the two schools could generate such an unfavourable distinction. One could gain the boys with professional leanings; the other an undesirable minority, at school solely because of leaving age regulations. Of course, this is entirely hypothetical, but it is possible that it will eventuate, and the only deterrent is to foster friendly relationships between the two schools and maintain them in the future.

The rigid policy of segregation characteristic of the Girls' School and ours might at last be considered outmoded when the co-educational influence is experienced. To maintain a natural boy-girl relationship in one school, and strongly oppose it in the two others, is surely unsound policy.

That the few effects outlined above are the only ones which will affect the School is far from the truth, for there will be many more, both for the better and for the worse. The influence of another school will be far reaching when the initial problems have been met and overcome, and we at New Plymouth Boys' High School wish them well through those years and in the distant future.

FINANCE—A MAJOR HANDICAP TO SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

THE impressions that the many visitors take away from the School are invariably of the highest class and the enthusiasm aroused for the natural beauty of the grounds is fully justified. However, the knowledge of just how much of the School is readily available for everyday use by the boys themselves could somewhat dim these countless favourable opinions.

The top ground is of limited use only, being the site of an excellent cricket field and practice area, and considered sacrosanct to all but those who play the sport seriously. All grass areas around the School buildings are, like all the areas of bush, the shrubberies, the terraces, and buildings themselves, out of bounds because of the necessity to protect them from possible damage. Apart from the many small sealed and gravelled areas throughout the grounds, the Gully remains as the only other sports and recreation facility, and even this is often so badly damaged by adverse weather and Rugby practices in winter that the playing surface is considered impractical for general use.

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Fortunately the summer months do not create any undue worries, but during the winter period the lack of suitable facilities is often accentuated. A wet day always constitutes a serious problem, for, with the classrooms strictly out of bounds, the library is the sole building in which a boy may find shelter. The answers to this problem are obscure as they would entail considerable finance and constructional work. A cafeteria would be ideal in a school as large as ours, as would a rumpus room where various indoor sports and games could be played. Perhaps the theatre could be used regularly for film-showings on wet days, and going to other extremes, is there anything in the regulations which would prevent a shortened lunch-hour?

For a school with such an unusually accented stress on the various sports, the facilities available are of not quite the standard which would naturally be assumed.

The tradition in Rugby is surpassed by few, if any, New Zealand schools and yet the sport is in the unfortunate position of possessing only one Rugby field which serves as the headquarters for the First and Second Fifteens. The ground is far from perfect, being situated on a former swamp, and still particularly susceptible to flooding because of inadequate drainage. Cricket is served by an excellent wicket, but it is used by the First Eleven only, and in the case of the practice wickets, by group teams, making facilities for other cricket such as is played in the House grade competition far from desirable. However, the sport is a particularly expensive one, and the School has only limited finance available. Tennis has a considerable following amongst the boys and the three courts available need no comment as to how inadequately the School is served. Track and field is gaining in popularity and it is to be hoped that the new grounds will provide a track with better surface conditions than the present Gully circuit which is rough and covered with kikuyu grass, providing little chance for outstanding performances. Built before the days of compulsory physical education, the gymnasium is obsolete in many requirements and needs considerable improvement before it could be ranked as first class. Swimming appears to be the only sport enjoying excellent facilities with a filtered, regulation size pool set in an ideal environment, although rowing, through hard and commendable work by its members, has certainly excellent facilities for a sport which has been so recently introduced.

The vital importance of the conveniently situated racecourse to the School cannot be over-estimated, although its influence on winter sports is not often realised or appreciated. What would happen to sport should the School be deprived of the racecourse facilities is a frightening thought, but now that the New Plymouth City Council has purchased the land from the Taranaki Jockey Club, the continued existence of the playing fields seems to be assured. On this presumption, the planting of shelter belts would be fully justified, for at present any semblance of a wind does much to prevent open play in lower grade Rugby as well as cause considerable inconvenience to the many spectators.

Just what can be done to alleviate the basic cause of the general deficiencies in sport and recreation facilities in the School is a difficult problem. The reaction of both boys, and more especially parents, to an increase in the present sports subscription cannot be foretold, but it would seem that this is the only answer, and the introduction of the free text books scheme should not make this increase unreasonable.

R. C. Johns.

THE BREAK-UP

The 1958 Break-Up Ceremony and Prize Giving was presided over by Mr. L. M. Moss, the Chairman of the Board of Governors.

As in previous years the Opera House was almost filled to its capacity of twelve hundred by both boys and visitors. Those on the stage were: Professor S. N. Slater, D.Phil. (Oxford), M.Sc., Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Honnor, Mrs. E. P. Aderman, Mr. Moss, the Headmaster and Mrs. Webster, members of the Board, and members of the Staff.

Mr. Webster commenced his report by referring to the School's position with regard to roll, boarder numbers, and evening classes. The School had a roll of 942, with the near capacity number of 279 boarders. There were 18 day classes and 22 evening classes for apprentices, with a record number of students sitting the New Zealand Certificate Examination, which qualifies pupils for technical industrial positions. The Head recorded his appreciation of the work being done by evening class teachers and went on to pay special tribute to the work and organisation done by the Head of the Technical Department, Mr. J. A. Clouston.

The matter of measuring entry into a trade or calling by so many years secondary education was unsatisfactory, continued the Head. He was concerned at a most unconvincing document called the Leaving Certificate, which seemed to be the open sesame to most practical trades. Mr. Webster suggested that the School may in future issue its own leaving certificate with greater details of a pupil's character, achievement and loyalty.

In the examinations which were conducted at the end of last year, the Head continued, R. M. Cullen was awarded a Taranaki Scholarship, 55 boys passed the University Entrance Examination, and 132 the School Certificate test. Accountancy examinations were passed by eight boys from the School.

The Head then congratulated and thanked the members of the First XV and their coach, Mr. J. Stewart, for completing a second season in succession with an unbeaten record. The School's representatives in athletics, swimming, hockey, tennis and soccer had all performed creditably for the honour of the School and special praise went to all boys who have practised regularly and turned out to play for House teams in Saturday competitions, continued Mr. Webster. He also specially thanked the masters on the staff who had given up their time to coach teams two nights a week and on Saturday mornings.

The Head paid special tribute to Mr. W. E. Alexander, the School's First Assistant, and the Board of Governors, with whom it had been a pleasure to work.

The report continued by thanking the matron of the boarding establishment, Mrs. Jackson, and her hard-working staff.

The Headmaster concluded his report by saying: "To those boys who are leaving, I wish the very best in their chosen careers. We shall read of their successes with pride. To those returning, I wish a happy holiday."

The guest speaker, Professor Slater, then addressed the gathering. He spoke in warm terms of the happy relationship that existed between our School and Wellington University and emphasised the importance of such relationships between the Universities and the Post-Primary Schools, stating that each institution was concerned with the same basic job. He

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then described the kind of adjustment that was necessary for a boy leaving a post-primary school and entering University and offered useful and practical advice.

Professor Slater then went on to describe the great changes and developments which had taken place at his own University made necessary by the great increase in university population and the greater demands being made by the expansion of modern knowledge. He then analysed with judicious clarity the aims, scope and function of a science faculty in a modern university.

The Academic and Special Prizes were then presented by Professor Slater, and the Sports Prizes by Mrs. Aderman.

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3 Ag.: S. R. Goodwin.	4 P.2: R. B. Rattenbury.
3 E.B.3: K. A. Cresswell.	4 P.1: P. J. Dempsey (George Prize)
3 E.B.2: G. G. Thomas.	5 Ag.: J. C. Evershed.
3 E.B.1: G. M. Furness.	5 E: L. C. Burkett (Engineering) N. J. Duncan (Building)
3 G.3: G. L. Shotter.	5 G.3: B. J. McCulloch.
3 G.2: F. A. Brattle.	5 G.2: M. G. Snowden.
3 G.1: G. R. Paton.	5 G.1: H. W. Lilley.
3 P.2: C. R. Pring.	5 P.2: P. V. Bradford.
3 P.1: G. S. Wingate.	5 P.1: W. A. Mills.
4 Ag.: D. L. Smith.	6 Sc.2: M. R. Sears.
4 E.B.: G. A. Corney.	6 Sc.1: D. J. O'Dea.
4 B: A. J. Clarke.	6 B.2: T. J. Morine (Shiela Prentice Cup).
4 E: C. M. Collett.	6 B.1: B. D. Howarth.
4 G.2: J. D. Watkins.	
4 G.1: A. W. Pidgeon.	

SPECIAL PRIZES

- Rex Dowling Memorial Prize** (3rd and 4th Form Essay): P. J. Dempsey.
Junior Oratory Prize (Cup and Book presented by L. M. Moss, Esq.): G. L. Bruce.
Senior Debating Prize (Cup presented by Wellington Old Boys' Assn.): West House—E. J. Slyfield and A. J. Forrest.
Drawing Prize: M. V. Geary.
Music Prizes: Senior (presented by H. C. Collier, Esq.): A. L. Wilson. Junior (presented by Mrs. J. Davie): L. Purdie.
Singing Prize (presented by an Old Boy): A. A. Ruakere.
Reading Prizes: Reading in Assembly: J. B. Matthews. Senior Reading (Mr. H. N. Hewson's Prize): R. Chapman. Junior Reading: J. Ainsworth.
Tabor Scholarships: English, T. J. Morine; Science, J. D. Dickson; Mathematics, D. J. O'Dea; Engineering, T. G. Wingate.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

- Prize for the Best Maori Student** (presented by the Department of Maori Affairs): A. A. Ruakere.
- Taranaki Daily News Centennial Prize** (5th Form English): N. D. Walter.
- Bendall Memorial Prize** (6th Form History): P. W. Savage.
- White Memorial Prize** (Senior Literature): B. H. Webster.
- Headmaster's Prize** (6A Mathematics and Science): B. H. Webster.
- Senior French Prize** (presented by the French Legation): M. D. Grant.
- Heurtley Memorial Prize** (Original Verse): J. F. Holmes.
- Prize for General Competence in 6A**: J. E. Penney.
- Dr. George Home Memorial Prize**: W. S. Wakelin.
- John Brodie Memorial Prize**: M. W. Burt.
- General Excellence Prize** (Dr. E. F. Fookes' Cup): R. C. Johns.
- Deputy Head Boy's Prize** (F. J. Eggleton Memorial Cup): R. A. Hodges.
- Head Boys' Prize** (Prize presented by the Auckland Branch of the Old Boys' Assn. and Cup presented by Mrs. Brookman): R. C. Johns.
- Proxime Accessit** (Ian MacLeod Memorial Prize): B. T. Simons.
- Dux Prize** (Buick Cup): B. H. Webster.

SPORTS PRIZES—ATHLETICS

- Noakes Cup** (Junior Steeplechase): J. H. Winther.
- Osborne Cup** (Fastest Time Junior Steeplechase): J. R. Smith.
- Moran Cup** (High Jump Junior): R. L. Harvey.
- Bennett Cup** (100 Yards Junior Championship): B. K. Poppe.
- Harman Cup** (440 Yards Junior Championship): B. K. Poppe.
- Herbert Smith Cup** (Intermediate Steeplechase): R. L. Sexton.
- Easton Memorial Cup** (Fastest Time Intermediate Steeplechase): R. L. Sexton.
- Marsh Cup** (120 Yards Intermediate Hurdles): G. A. Johns.
- Bothamley Cup** (440 Yards Intermediate Championship): M. S. Croxson.
- Gilmour Cup** (880 Yards Intermediate Championship): L. Death.
- Grieve Cup** (One Mile Intermediate Handicap): L. Death.
- Beckbessinger Cup** (100 Yards Intermediate Championship): L. F. Whittle.
- Challenge Cup** (220 Yards Intermediate Championship): L. F. Whittle.
- Cartwright Cup** (Long Jump Intermediate): M. S. Croxson.
- Keller Cup** (High Jump Intermediate): M. S. Croxson.
- Old Boys' Shield** (440 Yards Senior Championship): R. C. Johns.
- Noakes Cup** (120 Yards Senior Hurdles): R. C. Johns.
- Old Boys' Challenge Cup** (100 Yards Senior Championship): R. C. Johns.
- Herbert Smith Cup** (220 Yards Senior Championship): R. C. Johns.
- Mason Memorial Cup** (880 Yards Senior Championship): R. W. Humphries.
- Fookes Cup** (One Mile Senior Championship): P. W. Savage.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

- 1911 Cup** (Senior Steeplechase): R. W. Humphries.
- Bryce Cup** (Fastest Time Senior Steeplechase): R. W. Humphries.
- Challenge Cup** (Old Boys' Race): M. Mitchell.

SWIMMING

- Sykes Memorial Cup** (Senior Championship): P. J. Woodcock.
- Challenge Cup** (Intermediate Championship): W. T. Lawson.
- Fox Cup** (Junior Championship): N. G. Rush.
- O'Halloran Shield** (Inter-Form Relay): Form 4E.

CADETS

- Sole Cup** (Best N.C.O.): R. C. Johns.

GYMNASTICS

- Hosking Cup** (School Championship): W. H. Robson.
- Challenge Cup** (Fifth Form Championship): C. Whittaker.
- Peter Saunders Memorial Cup** (Fourth Form Championship): P. Adair.
- Herbert Smith Cup** (Third Form Championship): I. M. Titter.

SHOOTING

- Hamblyn Cup** (Under 17 Championship): D. B. Hicks.
- Loveday Cup** (Under 15 Championship): A. F. Powell.
- McLeod and Slade Cup** (Under 14 Championship): J. Ainsworth.
- Lady Godley Cup** (Senior Classfiring): M. McGregor.
- Lady Godley Cup** (Junior Classfiring): W. R. Watson.
- Searle Cup** (.303 Short Range Championship): J. S. Halcombe.
- Kelly Cup** (.303 Long Range Championship): R. G. Wells.
- McDiarmid Belt** (School Championship): J. W. Dyer.

TENNIS

- Candy Cup** (Senior Singles): J. S. Richardson.
- Herbert Smith Cup** (Intermediate Singles): C. T. Henderson.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS

- Kerr Cup** (Rugby Football): Pridham House.
- Bates Cup** (Cricket): East House.
- Hayton Cup** (Rowing): Pridham House.
- Hansard Cup** (Athletics): East House and Central House.
- Stevenson Cup** (Tennis): Pridham House.
- Holden Cup** (Soccer): East House.

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS

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

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School opened this year with the roll standing at 1032, 306 of whom were boarders. There were 52 in Upper Sixth, four Lower Sixth Forms comprising 98 pupils, and 256 boys preparing for School Certificate in the Fifth Form. The Third Form intake for 1959 was 333, the highest ever.

This year's Barracks Week saw many more boys engaged in specialist training. Fourth Formers and upward had the chance of specialising in one of the signal, medical, intelligence, Bren, Mortar or N.C.O. platoons. Rain on the last day of Barracks Week unfortunately cancelled the concluding parade, which was to have been inspected by Brigadier D. S. Thompson, M.C., E.D. At the beginning of the second term three new specialist units, a medium machine-gun platoon, anti-tank platoon and 25-pounder platoon were introduced. Another new feature was the holding of drill on alternate Wednesdays, third and fourth periods, rather than once a month. Drill was held regardless of weather, and in wet weather uniforms were still worn for inside instruction. Although the drill instruction periods were shorter, lessons were better remembered with only a fortnight's gap between them.

Those who came early to assembly on the last day of 1958 were delighted to find a well-known green Humber parked in the middle of the Assembly Hall. It is rumoured that a Niger House syndicate offered the owner a high price for the vehicle, but he vigorously assured everyone that the car was not for sale. For a time some were under the impression that the hall was to be turned into yet another second-hand car lot over the holidays.

The new Government free text-book scheme was introduced this year and an efficient card-per-boy system eliminated any mistakes in distribution. Room Seven was vacated by its form and Mr. A. S. Atkins and his enthusiastic numbering, stamping and checking team moved in. The "book-boys" are quite sure that they could have numbered the books in half the time if only someone had put a stamp in their hands while they slept at night. The scheme certainly cuts down costs for junior boys, but some of the lighter bound books will need careful handling if they are to last the required four years.

Once again the Swimming Sports were held on a brilliantly fine summer's day. The extremely popular Masters v. Boys' relay was re-instituted. This enabled new boys to really see some of their masters in the flesh, and some particularly strong swimming from the Head enabled the masters to win—on handicap anyway.

As usual there were many staff changes this year. The School lost the services of:

Mr. M. G. Macdonald, an Old Boy, who moved on to Waiuku High School in order to comply with country service regulations.

Mr. J. L. Ballantine, who relinquished his position as Assistant Moyes House master to join the staff at St. Stephens.

Mr. A. J. Papps, a past First Assistant of the School who was relieving last year, once again left the staff.

Mr. S. Alsgard, who led the School Band, and **Mr. G. Thomas**, who ran the Camera Club, left us to return to Canada after the first term.

Mr. J. D. Mills, who taught Science and Mathematics, took up a new appointment in Auckland at the beginning of the third term.



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Back Row: G. M. Peterson, P. W. Savage, M. S. Croxson, B. N. Patten, A. F. Fookes, G. M. Chong.

Middle Row: B. D. Howarth, R. H. Worn, J. L. Bithell, B. G. Sowry, L. R. Bublitz.

Front Row: T. N. Wolfe, J. M. Miller, P. G. Crichton, R. C. Jojns (Head), P. J. Rumball, R. H. Brown.

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On the credit side the School gained the services of:

Mr. E. J. Insull, an Old Boy, who came to us from the commercial world.

Mr. B. C. Beetham, a recent graduate and another Old Boy, who teaches English, Social Studies and Latin.

Mr. B. G. Quinn, who returns to his old School to teach Social Studies, French, English and Maths.

Mr. J. Fulcher, who comes to us from England and teaches General Science and Maths.

Mr. D. Boland, another Old Boy, who teaches Science and Maths., took up a temporary appointment in the third term.

Mr. O. J. Oats, who returned to his old School in the third term and teaches Science and Maths.

Mr. J. Walker, who has recently returned from England, has also served temporarily during the third term.

This year also saw several room changes. Room Four, the old 6 Accountancy room, reverted to its former role as a class room, and 6 Accountancy took over a remodelled Room 8, half of which is now occupied by Mr. Alexander, the First Assistant, and Mr. Stewart, the Careers' Master. The School office, too, has been altered, and a long window and counter gives much improved access from the vestibule. Such has been the pressure on classrooms, that two prefabricated classrooms have had to be erected. One was built between Pridham House and Lab. 5, the other at the south-western end of the Woodwork Block. It is to be hoped that these rooms are not permanent as they cramp the grounds even further, especially the room next to Lab. 5.

This year the School Drama Club staged two productions, the radically different "Emperor Jones" and the drama, "The Trial Scene of the 'Caine' Mutiny." Both of these plays were well received, and both showed that the School is not lacking in acting talent. It is a pity that the auditorium stage is not suitable for drama work, as its design limits its use to debating or public speaking. Even the boarders' film evenings are marred by the smallness of the screen caused by the poor design of the projection box. However, the stage of the gymnasium is now in excellent repair and it is to be hoped that it remains in a useful state.

The School concert this year showed just how much the School is progressing musically. The School Orchestra and Band are especially strong, and special thanks are due to Mr. N. C. Lynch for the time he has put into these two activities. "Forward and Back Together," an operetta written and produced by Mr. Lynch, went off well considering the limited rehearsal period.

This year the School staged no music festival. The Girls' High School elected to produce an independent festival, and without the incentive of a combined choir the boys did not support the idea of a school festival. It is a pity that a festival was not produced as a number of boys possess quite a degree of musical talent.

At the beginning of the second term the Headmaster relieved the staff shortage by taking a junior French form. The first period went off quite successfully and at the end of the lesson the Head asked if there

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were any questions. "Yes sir," replied one future politician, "when are we going to get a real French teacher?"

Once again the School was fortunate in being able to see another excellent production by the New Zealand Players Drama Quartet. Using the minimum of stage props, this talented group gave their usual polished performance. This year the theme was "Comedy Through the Ages," and it proved perhaps the most popular series of extracts which the Quartet has brought round in recent years.

Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest," also produced by the New Zealand Players, was attended by the whole School. This was of benefit to all the boys, but especially to the lower sixth pupils who were studying the play this year. The standard of the Players' work is always very high and the School has been indeed fortunate in seeing their last three major productions.

East, Central and West Houses once again ran very popular dances this year. The over-ordering of food was gleefully overcome by the ever-hungry boarders who managed to spirit away all surplus supper.

The story is told of one member of the staff who came out to his car on a school morning only to find it more than usually hard to start. After vainly trying to push start his pre-war model car, the master enlisted the help of two passing N.P.B.H.S. pupils. They pushed and they heaved, but still the stubborn vehicle would not start. Finally the owner lifted the bonnet and at once the cause of reluctance to start was apparent: some kind person had removed the battery overnight.

April 1st brought forth the usual japes, but one original group added a splash of colour to the main building by flying the "Hammer and Sickle." Surreptitious goings-on on the balcony got the flag hoisted, and it remained flying long enough to be photographed. However, a breathless fourth former burst through Room 1 with instructions to douse the offending scarlet oblong. And so the flag was lowered, fluttering bravely till the last. After the incident rumour had it that a fiery new political party was to be formed, with its headquarters in Room 1. Somehow this never materialised.

One of the highlights of the year was a visit to the School by several members of the touring British Lions Rugby team. The captain, A. R. Dawson, made a very interesting speech to a jam-packed Assembly Hall, and the School was dismissed to watch the team have a training run on the Gully. Heavy rain prevented the session from being held though, and the boys had to wait till Saturday to see the brilliant visitors in action.

On October 1st the School Cadet Battalion was addressed by an important visitor, Sir Edmund Hillary. The theme of his very interesting talk was the development of desirable characteristics in our youth. The three traits he stressed were the ability to laugh at ourselves even in difficulties, the attribute of ingenuity, and the desirability of remaining modest even when famous. These were well illustrated by anecdotes from his wealth of experience in dealing with other people. The address seemed all too short, and Sir Edmund left the School a very popular personality.

In the first term Air Vice-Marshal M. F. Calder, officer in charge of the New Zealand Air Force, paid a visit to the School. The N.C.O. Platoon paraded with rifles and formed a guard of honour. The Air Vice-Marshal inspected the Battalion and addressed the boys, saying that

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it was the first school he had inspected and that he was particularly interested in us because he had met many of our Old Boys both at University and in the forces.

Another very popular two visitors to the School were the visiting Australian singers Frank Ifield and Margaret Day. Their attractive style of singing so captivated the biggest assembly of the year that boys actually clapped for more after five minutes of the lunch hour had been broken into. This speaks volumes for their popularity.

One of the School's most talented Old Boys, Graham Wright, visited a School Assembly to be congratulated on his fine winning of a Rhodes Scholarship.

A Rugby team from the cadet ship "Otaki" played the Third XV late in the second term and the First XI were beaten by a very good Soccer eleven off the oil tanker "Sitka."

Golf this year has not been supported by many boys, but the few who have played have reached a higher standard than in previous years. The School team travelled with high hopes to Wanganui for the annual match against Collegiate, but once again Wanganui managed to maintain their unbeaten record.

A junior agricultural form was explained the meaning of the word "euphemism." "For example," said the master, "to say 'passed away' rather than 'died,' is to use a euphemism." A few weeks later a member of this agricultural form was sorry to hear of the death of one of his friend's relatives. He sat down to write a note of sympathy, which he began: "Dear J—, I was very sorry to hear of your aunt's sudden euphemism . . ."

This year bus boys joined their nearest town House, and Country House was eliminated. This not only strengthened the three Day Boy Houses, but also made for much more even competition in inter-House events.

The School was unlucky in losing the services of Mrs. K. Rasmussen from the School office. We hope her stay with us was an enjoyable one and trust that her forthcoming trip to Denmark is a success. The School office is now in the competent hands of Miss N. Goodwin and Mrs. McKenzie.

The new electric bell system, which at first gave the School a somewhat penal air, is now quite accepted by all. Early teething troubles with the bells let gleeful boys out five minutes early on one occasion, but it is obvious now that the bell system eliminates long or short periods due to absent-minded bell boys. Another new feature erected in the School grounds was a modernistic bell tower. This was a gift to the School from the Old Boys and it certainly gives a striking air to the garden outside Moyes House.

Congratulations are once again due to the Head Boy, R. C. Johns, who equalled the New Zealand record set by Mr. A. R. P. Eustace for the 120 Yards Hurdles. Last year his time of 14.2 seconds was not recognised because of slight wind assistance, and it is fitting that his name should now be in the record book as official co-holder of the record.

School rowing has taken great strides this year and although the School did not take any titles at the Maadi Cup regatta, the eight was placed fifth, a very creditable performance for an eight from a school which has sponsored rowing for only a few years.

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The prowess of the School First XV must be fast spreading throughout New Zealand. Yet another season is behind them in which they suffered no defeat. This is the third season in which they have not lost at match, and considering the older, heavier and bigger teams which they play it is a remarkable achievement.

The loss of the Ranfurly Shield was a sad blow as it meant no more Wednesday afternoons spent in hoarse cheering from the cycle track of Rugby Park. However, the School did see one very good Wednesday shield game, that between Nelson and Taranaki.

Once again this year a special train was run to Hawera for the annual Rugby match against St. Patrick's College. The support from the boys was very good, and one fish and chip shop in Hawera had sold out of fish, sausages and oysters by 1.30 p.m., and chips and saveloys by 4.30 p.m. Two boys coming late from the park were seen running desperately for the train only to find their efforts were in vain.

School activities were well reported throughout the year in the fortnightly publication of the "Whistle." Financially the "Whistle" is still struggling, but with increasing support and bigger circulation the position next year should improve. Special thanks are due to Mr. Eustace and his hard-working committee who have developed the magazine so tremendously since its inception.

The School Steeplechase was run over the usual farm course on the 8th of October and the warm and fine day brought forth the usual good attendance of visitors. The system of handicapping on age is of doubtful popularity, but this year some particularly fine running was seen.

Parents' discussion evenings were held this year once again to establish better staff-parent relationships, and if the number of parents who attend is any indication the evenings were a huge success.

In conclusion, we wish all those boys leaving the best of luck, and to all those coming back we wish a successful year.

E. J. Slyfield.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

University Scholarship Credit List: B. H. Webster.

Higher School Certificate: E. J. Barnes, I. D. Bayly, R. J. Beveridge, J. O. Burford, T. R. Burgess, M. W. Burt, R. J. Cavaney, B. J. Davey, R. S. Deane, D. R. Denham, I. A. Gilmour, M. D. Grant, J. S. Hayton, R. A. Hodges, R. C. Johns, G. O. Jones, L. C. Jury, D. A. Lambourne, G. D. Mace, J. B. Matthews, M. McGregor, R. E. Olsen, J. E. Penney, W. J. Perham, R. J. Pitcairn, A. A. Ruakere, G. M. Sanders, C. L. Sarten, B. T. Simons, W. S. Wakelin, B. H. Webster, A. L. Wilson, P. J. Woodcock.

University Entrance: N. W. Ashley, D. M. Barr, F. B. Barwell, J. L. Bithell, L. R. Bublitz, A. P. Butler, R. W. Cartwright, R. Chapman, G. M. Chong, I. H. Coad, M. S. Croxson, M. A. Davidson, B. G. Dickie, J. D. Dickson, J. W. Dyer, C. D. Ekdahl, K. L. J. Elphick, A. F. Fookes, A. J. Forrest, S. Gale, M. V. Geary, I. K. Gray, C. D. Griffiths, J. Guy, I. J. Hamilton, R. W. M. Harding, A. M. Harris, N. G. Henderson, R. A. Henderson, B. D. Howarth, J. W. Hughes, M. W. Hunt, M. F. Jagusch, G. B. Johnson, J. A. H. Lewis, P. A. Luckstedt, J. S. Martin, J. M. Miller, G. R. Milne, F. J. Morine, C. H. Murray, D. J. O'Dea, R. W. Packer, R. W. Paul, J. W. Paynter, G. M. Peterson, G. C. Pickett,

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H. J. Porteous, R. H. Purser, P. C. Rankin, R. C. Rayward, W. H. Robson, P. J. Rumball, T. H. Sampson, P. W. Savage, M. R. Sears, R. G. Shepherd, I. R. Silver, B. H. Simpson, E. J. Slyfield, D. E. Smith, B. G. Sowry, J. M. Stewart, J. G. O. Stubbs, A. G. Suhr, G. E. Thomas, N. W. Titter, A. A. Veale, D. W. Ware, W. D. Wilkinson, T. G. Wingate, N. J. Withers, T. N. Wolfe, R. L. Wood, R. H. Worn.

Endorsed School Certificate: P. Adlam, D. G. Apps, N. W. Ashley, D. M. Barr, F. B. Barwell, J. L. Bithell, T. S. Bransgrove, R. H. Brown, L. R. Bublitz, A. P. Butler, R. W. Cartwright, R. Chapman, G. M. Chong, I. H. Coad, M. S. Croxson, M. A. Davidson, B. G. Dickie, J. D. Dickson, A. H. Donnelly, B. G. Dyer, J. W. Dyer, C. D. Ekdahl, K. L. Elphick, I. A. Finer, A. F. Fookes, A. J. Forrest, S. Gale, R. N. Gardiner, M. V. Geary, I. K. Gray, G. W. Green, J. Guy, I. J. Hamilton, R. W. Harding, A. M. Harris, G. D. Hayes, G. R. Hasell, C. P. Hector, N. G. Henderson, J. F. Holmes, B. D. Howarth, J. W. Hughes, M. W. Hunt, M. F. Jagusch, G. B. Johnson, R. J. Lee, J. A. H. Lewis, R. W. Little, J. J. McConachy, D. M. McEldowney, D. A. McKay, P. R. Mackay, A. G. Maine, J. S. Martin, J. M. Miller, T. J. Morine, C. H. Murray, D. J. O'Dea, R. W. Packer, R. W. Paul, J. W. Paynter, G. M. Peterson, P. B. Phillips, G. C. Pickett, H. J. Porteous, R. H. Purser, P. C. Rankin, R. C. Rayward, W. H. Robson, J. F. Roy, P. J. Rumball, T. H. Sampson, P. W. Savage, M. R. Sears, R. G. Shepherd, I. R. Silver, B. H. Simpson, E. J. Slyfield, D. E. Smith, B. G. Sowry, J. M. Stewart, H. C. Stonex, J. G. Stubbs, A. G. Suhr, T. L. Sweetman, B. W. Taylor, G. E. Thomas, R. D. Thomson, N. W. Titter, P. L. Turnbull, A. A. Veale, D. W. Ware, R. L. Watkins, M. J. White, K. S. Whitehead, W. D. Wilkinson, T. G. Wingate, N. J. Withers, T. N. Wolfe, L. R. Wood, A. J. Woodhouse, R. H. Worn.

School Certificate: G. L. Anderson, R. T. Anderson, W. M. Blackmore, N. D. Black, M. I. Bossley, J. J. Bowers, A. C. Brodie, L. C. Burkett, W. A. Burton, C. W. Bussell, M. L. Butcher, A. J. Campbell, P. R. Carr, B. G. Carter, E. T. Coleman, M. M. Colson, P. G. S. Crichton, M. W. Crook, S. A. Cullen, G. C. Dallas, D. R. Davies, A. W. Dewar, I. E. Dingle, T. P. Dobbie, G. McL. Dryden, B. R. Duncan, N. J. Duncan, G. J. Dymond, A. L. East, D. R. Evans, J. C. Evershed, I. A. Farquhar, A. J. Finer, R. A. Ford, P. C. Fredsberg, J. W. Freer, J. E. George, J. W. B. Giles, K. J. Green, N. L. Greiner, R. H. T. Hamilton, N. McL. Hayton, R. B. Hedley, C. T. W. Henderson, M. R. Herbert, E. P. Hey, J. G. Honeyfield, P. R. Honeyfield, D. N. Horne, D. M. Hoskin, J. C. Hoskin, R. W. Humphries, W. Innes, T. Ioane, H. T. E. Jensen, G. A. Johns, H. G. Johnson, D. Jones, B. J. Jury, L. W. Jury, K. T. Kelly, H. W. Lilley, D. J. Lobb, T. Looparg, E. G. Loten, G. R. McCallum, R. D. McConnell, B. J. G. McCullough, R. W. McCutcheon, A. G. MacKay, C. G. MacLeod, B. H. Martin, B. A. Masters, J. E. B. Mercer, W. A. Mills, E. D. Morris, R. C. Musker, P. J. Oliver, G. H. Page, B. N. Patten, P. K. Powell, J. D. Puklowski, B. R. Purdle, D. J. Renwick, P. J. Rich, J. S. Richardson, P. V. Riddle, B. A. Roberts, R. W. Robson, F. Ropati, J. J. Rothery, W. Rumball, M. J. Sampson, R. M. Saunders, J. McL. Scott, D. C. Sharp, W. G. Shearer, R. L. C. Shutte, P. S. Simcock, G. M. Smale, B. H. Smith, B. W. Smith, D. M. Smith, K. A. Carey-Smith, M. G. Snowden, B. M. Sole, J. R. Spellman, L. J. Sunde, T. J. Tier, K. A. Tucker, K. L. P. Wakelin, G. E. Wall, G. R. Walsh, N. D. Walter, D. G. Ferrier-Watson, W. J. Weinberg, R. G. Wells, A. R. White, L. F. Whittle, O. R. Woodhouse.

FOOTBALL

The 1959 year has been undoubtedly one of the most successful enjoyed for several years. For the third successive season the First XV went through their games without a loss, while a young and yet experienced Second XV finished their season by winning the Taranaki Fourth Grade final. Potential was always evident in the lower grade teams and a quiet confidence that Rugby will maintain its present strength for several years yet would not be unwarranted.

Thirty-one teams ranging from ninth grade to Junior Open as usual formed an extremely solid core to the North Taranaki Junior Rugby competition, and it is very doubtful whether there are many other schools in New Zealand who can better this number of teams actively participating in regular games. The First XV again played in the Junior Open grade, while the Second XV and three other teams comprised four of the nine Fourth Grade sides. Ten teams were entered in the Fifth Grade competition and of these, six were from School. Four Sixth Grade teams formed half of their respective grade, and of the nine sides engaged in the Seventh Grade, only three were from outside clubs. The Eighth Grade competition was divided into two divisions because of the large number of teams participating, and five from School played in the first division with one in the second. The ever-increasing number of "lightweights" attending School these days enabled two fifteens to be entered in the Ninth Grade and their keenness and spirit could not have been better. With boys like these, the School's tradition in Rugby could never weaken.

Every team was coached by a master, some of whom had the unenviable task of caring for two rival sides, and their willingness to constantly give up personal time imparting fundamentals of Rugby to the boys is something which is often overlooked when the School's long history of outstanding teams and players is assessed.

Through the efforts of the North Taranaki Junior Management Committee, the long awaited and necessary hot shower system has been installed in spacious and hygienic surroundings in the old racecourse grandstand. Formerly used as storage space by the Jockey Club, the interior has been considerably renovated and the fourteen showers, ample changing room and small shop, provide a marked contrast to the lack of facilities which many Old Boys would remember. The playing fields themselves continue to be headquarters for both School and North Taranaki Junior Rugby.

Success in the various grades is becoming increasingly difficult to win with the addition of teams from the new schools in the city. The First XV won the North Taranaki Junior Open championship for the third year in succession, but were once again unable to contest the final because of college game commitments. The Second XV easily defeated the Stratford Technical High School First XV in the Taranaki Fourth Grade final, while the same honour went to School White in the Fifth Grade when they defeated Inglewood High School. School East were beaten only once by the ultimate Sixth Grade winners Star, and were clearly the best of the School Sixth Grade teams. The Seventh, Eighth and Ninth grade sides all played creditably without gaining distinction in play-offs, but throughout the season the usual high percentage of School players made representative teams.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Taranaki Rugby Union, the North Taranaki Junior Management Committee, the

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Referees' Association, the St. John's Ambulance, the Taranaki Jockey Club, all our many supporters, and all the kind people who billeted our Wanganui and Auckland Grammar visitors during their stays and billeted our boys at Hawera, Hastings and Wellington.

THE FIRST XV

The team was extremely fortunate this year to have a core of eight of the undefeated 1958 side back at School. However, it seemed from the very beginning of the season that difficulties would be encountered in trying to find competent boys to fill the vital positions left vacant, and careful consideration was given to all possibilities. The final squad of twenty-one was chosen a little later than usual and it was notable for containing some very young boys, some very experienced players, and an unusually light forward pack. The backs were perhaps the fastest which the School has produced for some time, while the forwards concentrated their efforts on mobility to overcome the big disadvantage of giving away weight and height.

In the local club competition this combination invariably proved much too fast for opponents and big scores were compiled in most of the games. The college season comprised only the four traditional games and like last season, the big Auckland Grammar team was the only side to provide the Fifteen with a really testing encounter.

Although it would be unreasonable to maintain that the use of track suits before matches was outstandingly successful, it was more than noticeable that injuries from knocks and sprains were unusually uncommon and, more important still, that invariably the team was points ahead in the first ten or fifteen minutes of play in nearly every game. Whether or not this was due to the physical effects of the track suits, it is difficult to say, but to the boys who were fortunate enough to wear them, the decision was unanimously in the affirmative. However, it must be remembered that the primary aim of purchasing them was for use during training sessions, and in this respect they were extremely worthwhile.

Several members of the team once again brought credit to the team and to the School by being invited to play for several outside teams. M. S. Croxson, R. G. McCutcheon, P. J. Rumball and T. N. Wolfe all played for a Junior Centurions' side as curtain-raiser to the Wellington Test, while the Taranaki Trojans also called upon the four players during the latter stages of the season. Wolfe was also chosen by Peter Burke as a reserve for his Taranaki XV to play against an All Black side in a charity match on October 17th.

INTER-SCHOOL GAME

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

(Played at Rugby Park, New Plymouth, May 30th). Won 13-3.

Performances prior to this match were only mediocre, mainly because the team was still unsettled as to final selection of the group. The newly-surfaced ground was slippery underfoot and a fresh cross-wind made passing difficult and was the cause of play keeping mainly to the eastern touch.

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The School backs were far faster than their opposites, but were kept much in check by some excellent forward play by the Combined pack, who endeavoured to win control up front. However, this did not fully eventuate and praise must be given to the School forwards for gradually wearing their bigger opponents down and gaining domination just before full time. School scored three tries, two of which were converted, to a penalty goal.

The teams were:—

Stratford-Hawera: M. Bayly, J. Clark, J. Wyatt, R. Worsley, P. Walsh, W. Robson, B. Laird, D. Martin, I. Barkley, B. Finch, T. McLeod, B. Sellowes, S. Kershaw, G. Beamish, M. Hartley.

School: N. W. Titter, T. F. Te'o, R. G. McCutcheon, R. C. Johns, M. S. Croxson, T. N. Wolfe, G. M. McCallum, C. T. Henderson, J. L. Bithell, D. I. Jones, B. N. Patten, P. J. Rumball, D. M. McEldowney, G. M. Peterson, P. G. Crichton. McCallum was replaced by G. F. Hunter.

THE PLAY

The Combined team kicked off and after two minutes they were penalised from wide out, but McCallum's kick just dropped short of the bar. All play was inside the Combined half at this stage and it wasn't long before the ball was spun along the backs to Johns who raced away to dive across in the corner—making the kick too difficult for McCallum. By now the Combined pack had settled down and were playing much better Rugby, with their loose forwards in particular giving McCallum a worrying time. Te'o and Johns both made long and dangerous breaks, but Bayly saved well on each occasion and then McCallum attempted a "sitter" penalty after twenty-five minutes, but missed. Just before half-time the Combined team charged down a hasty clearing kick and attacked the School line strongly, only to see the black and whites win the vital ruck and sweep play back into opposing territory. Half-time sounded at School 3, Combined 0.

The second spell began with a dangerous run by Robson for Combined and from a resulting ruck Wolfe sent Te'o away to be tackled in the corner. The line-out saw the ball swung through the School backs, with Te'o in as extra man, and Johns went across for an easy try. McCallum goaled. Shortly after Bayly made no mistake with an easy penalty. Handling lapses were frequent among the School insides and promising moves were badly breaking down. Hunter replaced McCallum prior to the final try which came just before full-time when Te'o scooped up a loose ball and outpaced all opposition to touch down for an excellent try. Johns converted with a good kick and the final whistle blew with School 13, Combined 3.

COLLEGE GAMES

v. ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE (Silverstream)

(Played at Showgrounds, Hawera, July 4th). Won 24-12.

As before all college games, contrasting rumours as to the opposing side's strength filtered through the team and supporters without overmuch attention being given to them. The general opinion seemed to be that St. Pat's would field a team which was perhaps a little weaker than previous years and this did prove to be about half correct. The St. Pat's



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Back Row: R. W. Hughes, R. A. Ford, M. S. Croxson, G. M. Peterson, L. A. Knowles, N. W. Titter, R. A. Hall, G. F. Hunter.
Middle Row: R. G. McCutcheon, C. T. Henderson, G. R. Hasell, A. L. East, T. Looparg, D. M. McCeldowney, D. R. Davies.
Front Row: P. J. Rumball, J. L. Bithell, P. G. Crichton, R. C. Johns, T. N. Wolfe, T. F. Te'o, D. I. Jones, B. N. Patten.

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backs were definitely inferior to the School set, whereas their forwards played a truly inspired game led by captain Norgate and dominated most phases of tight play. However, in the loose they could not match the mobile School pack and on the firm ground this proved to be the deciding factor.

The ground was firm and well grassed and a large crowd watched a match which had its moments of fine play and otherwise. At half-time the School team found themselves in the unusual position of having perhaps seventy-five per cent. of the territorial advantage and yet being behind on points. School scored four tries, three converted, and two penalty goals, to four penalty goals.

The teams were:—

St. Patrick's College: I. Watson, H. Wright, M. Steinmetz, P. Madarasz, R. Moleta, E. Kumeroa, F. Va'a, J. Cook, E. Fraser, T. Norgate, G. McIntosh, M. Bird, R. Kirton, M. O'Malley, P. Callingham.

School: L. A. Knowles, T. F. Te'o, R. G. McCutcheon, R. C. Johns, M. S. Croxson, T. N. Wolfe, G. F. Hunter, G. R. Hasell, P. J. Rumball, B. N. Patten, T. Looparg, J. L. Bithell, D. M. McEldowney, R. A. Ford, P. G. Crichton.

THE PLAY

St. Pat's kicked off with a strong breeze and the ball was immediately swung out to Wolfe who raced untouched through the St. Pat's backline to feed on to his outsides. Te'o raced away to the corner and scored a shock try within seconds of the kick-off. Johns was well astray with a difficult kick. St. Pat's attacked and when Wright mishandled as things looked dangerous for School, a scrum was ordered for the knock-on. School infringed and Norgate made no mistake about goaling. Play swung straight back into St. Pat's territory and when a penalty was awarded against the defenders, Johns kicked an easy three points. Yet another penalty was awarded against School for a scrum infringement and again Norgate made no mistake. Play moved about the field at a fast pace and ten minutes later Croxson made a nice break to send Rumball stepping inside two tackles to score by the posts. Johns converted. Norgate kicked two more wonderful goals and at half-time the score was St. Pat's 12, School 11.

Johns missed a relatively easy penalty after play had restarted, but only two minutes later Wolfe sped through on one of his typical runs to touch down unopposed. Johns goaled the conversion. A long solo run by Kumeroa was spoilt by a bad pass and from a resulting line-out Hunter sent his backs away only to see McCutcheon held up inches short of the line. Croxson neatly intercepted an opposing pass and strode across under the posts only to have the try disallowed. After the forwards were cautioned by the referee, St. Pat's were penalised and Johns increased School's lead with a long kick. Just before full-time Wolfe took play right to the St. Pat's line where Bithell dived across following a scrum. Johns converted to make the final score: School 24, St. Pat's 12.

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v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

(Played at School Gully, New Plymouth, July 22nd). Won 19-0.

Another strong Collegiate team was convincingly defeated by five tries, two of which were converted, to nil. The game, originally set down to be played as curtain-raiser to the Nelson Ranfurly Shield challenge, was played in the morning in perfect Rugby conditions. The ground was firm and well-rolled while the weather was pleasantly mild, making conditions ideal for the large crowd—including both Shield teams—which watched.

The School team dominated most aspects of play and the backs in particular had a marked superiority, although determined defence by their opponents nullified many promising moves. The majority of the play was particularly enterprising, but, for long intervals much of it was concentrated amongst the forwards where the School players were never overshadowed by the heavier Wanganui pack.

The teams were:—

Wanganui Collegiate: M. Pomare, R. Wake, P. Udy, D. Dasent, J. Cuttwick, M. Wright, M. Fullarton-Smith, C. Pope, J. Todd, P. Barton, G. Hunter, W. Holdane, R. Hamilton, M. Thomson, C. Feltham.

School: L. A. Knowles, T. F. Te'o, R. G. McCutcheon, R. C. Johns, M. S. Croxson, T. N. Wolfe, G. F. Hunter, C. T. Henderson, J. L. Bithell, B. N. Patten, G. R. Hasell, P. J. Rumball, D. M. McEldowney, G. M. Peterson, P. G. Crichton. Johns was replaced by D. R. Davies.

THE PLAY

After an early penalty School swung immediately on to the attack and were unfortunate not to score on several occasions. Success came after about ten minutes when Crichton crashed across following a driving forward break for Johns to convert. Immediately after Wake attempted a penalty for Collegiate, but his kick fell short and School swept back to the attack with an excellent movement. From a scrum the ball was flipped quickly through the backs to Te'o who took it coming back inside his marker and then veered away to race thirty yards for a splendid try. Johns goaled from the sideline. Twenty minutes had gone before Johns attempted a long-range penalty but his kick just swung wide. Shortly after he left the field with concussion and was replaced by Davies. Pomare failed with a long penalty for Collegiate and for the five minutes prior to half-time play became confined to the forwards with the result that the game diminished in movement. The half-time score was School 10, Wanganui 0.

The second spell began with two slashing breaks—the first by Collegiate's Cuttwick and the second by Wolfe which almost resulted in a try. Minutes later Collegiate again looked dangerous when Udy cut through and raced forty yards before passing to Dasent who was brought down by the cover defence. However, School quickly settled down and began to apply the pressure of constant attack. Te'o made another slashing run, then Crichton and Davies and Te'o again all figured in particularly dangerous breaks. After twenty minutes Wolfe raced on the blind and punted ahead to take the ball on the bounce and touch down wide out. Croxson missed a difficult kick. Shortly after the ball was

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swung out to Croxson who sliced through neatly and unloaded to the flying Te'o who made no mistake about scoring right in the corner. Croxson's kick was astray. Wanganui had a few minutes of attack aided by a series of long kicks, but it was not long before School had fought back and had scored again. Wolfe made a quick blind-side dash before reverse passing to Davies who stepped his way inside several opponents to score an excellent and well-deserved try. Croxson again missed the conversion and immediately after the game ended with School 19, Collegiate 0.

v. TE AUTE COLLEGE

(Played at Hastings August 1st). Won 32-11.

Played on a perfect ground in sunshine which was perhaps just a little too uncomfortable, the School team ran out easy winners against a courageous Te Aute side which was unfortunately badly struck by influenza. Territorially neither team had a distinct advantage but the superior speed of the School backs capitalising on unsure defence and indecision among their opposites resulted in seven tries being scored.

The forward honours were more evenly shared, although the School pack still gained a major share of ball from set play and it was only the indecision of combination which resulted when Croxson was injured that prevented the threequarters from making use of it. Mention should be made of Davies who once again was called upon in the early stages of the game to again distinguish himself in all phases of play. School scored eight tries, four of which were converted, to two tries, one converted, and a field goal.

The teams were:—

Te Aute: G. Grennell, S. Kupa, T. Tataurangi, M. Stoney, R. Paewai, R. Tikao, M. Ranginiwa, D. Manuel, H. Kutia, E. Raumati, K. Kiwha, R. Boswell, S. Pardoe, J. Borlase, B. Kawe.

School: L. A. Knowles, T. F. Te'o, R. G. McCutcheon, R. C. Johns, M. S. Croxson, T. N. Wolfe, G. F. Hunter, C. T. Henderson, J. L. Bithell, B. N. Patten, G. R. Hasell, P. J. Rumball, D. M. McEldowney, G. M. Peterson, P. G. Crichton. Croxson was replaced by D. R. Davies.

THE PLAY

Shortly after the commencement of play, Kiwha attempted and missed a long penalty, and it was only the sound cover-defence which prevented Tataurangi from scoring when he intercepted a pass immediately after that. The first School back movement saw the ball spun out to Johns who tapped it back infield for Hasell to set off on a 40-yard solo dribbling rush and cap it with a fine try. Johns missed the conversion. The backs again combined and this time Johns kicked over his opposite to chase through and touch down well out, but again his kick was astray. Te Aute began a period of attack when Paewai made a neat break, but the cover-defence was on hand to clear. However, the pressure of attack gave results when Tataurangi kicked the ball over the School line and capitalised on the slight indecision of Knowles, Te'o and Wolfe by beating them to it. Kiwha goaled with an excellent kick. Croxson went off for attention and on his return Wolfe promptly cut through the defence to send him off on an obviously painful run to score midway between the posts and corner. Johns again missed the conversion and, not long after, a long penalty, but when Te'o raced into the backline

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the overlap was made and Johns took a perfect pass from McCutcheon to score right in the corner. Wolfe's conversion was ruled just outside. Half-time came after Kiwha missed another long-range penalty and the score was School 12, Te Aute 5.

Hunter broke on the blind side of a scrum early in the second spell and made valuable ground before putting up a perfect centre-kick. McCutcheon was on hand to scoop the ball from the Te Aute full-back's arms and stride across under the posts for Johns to convert. Wolfe was prominent in two dangerous runs and from the second Te'o received the ball and sidestepped his way through several desperate tackles to cross the line right in the corner and run around to score near the posts. Wolfe converted. At this stage much of the play was confined to the forwards. When the School backs had their first run for a period, McCutcheon kicked ahead for Johns to burst past two defenders and race through for an easy try under the posts. He added the conversion. Te Aute attacked strongly for a short time, but good tackling by Knowles prevented any scoring and enabled School to push back into opposing territory. From here Wolfe angle-kicked for Te'o and the big winger collected cleanly and raced across to score the final try which Johns converted. The final six minutes were all Te Aute and some casual defence by the School pack saw Pardoe dive across for a well-merited try. Kiwha's long kick into the breeze hit an upright and bounced out. Right on time Te Aute launched their final attack and a quick heel gave Ranginiwa room to move in and snap an excellent goal while moving at top speed. The full-time whistle sounded simultaneously with the score School 32, Te Aute 11.

v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL

(Played at Rugby Park, August 22nd). Drew 16-16.

Tension among the team for the final match of yet another unbeaten season was extremely high, and every boy fully realised what a tremendous task it would be to keep the massive Grammar pack within control. The game was played as the curtain-raiser to the Wellington Ranfurly Shield challenge and proved to be a really thrilling spectacle for the huge crowd.

Played on a firm ground in pleasant conditions, the game fell into three distinct phases. The first twenty minutes saw School somehow gain possession from the big Grammar pack and score three copybook tries. The middle period came when the blue forwards asserted themselves and gained a constant supply of ball which their backs could not use to advantage because of deadly defence. The final ten minutes saw School five points down and pressing home sustained attacks from all over the field to eventually score the vital try. School scored four tries, two of which were converted, to Grammar's two converted tries and two penalty goals.

The teams were:—

Auckland Grammar: R. Morgan, D. Montgomery, P. McGregor, B. Keys, W. Byrnes, I. McCartney, D. Graham, M. Douglas, A. Eady, B. Killeen, A. Tohill, B. Travers, D. Poddy, R. Ridler, P. Havea.

School: N. W. Titter, T. F. Te'o, R. G. McCutcheon, R. C. Johns, M. S. Croxson, T. N. Wolfe, G. F. Hunter, C. T. Henderson, J. L. Bithell, G. R. Hasell, B. N. Patten, P. J. Rumball, P. G. Crichton, G. M. Peterson, D. M. McEldowney.

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THE PLAY

School attacked from the kick-off with a darting run and kick by Wolfe which almost produced a try. Strong on attack, School won a scrum and Wolfe weaved his way through to score a fine try midway between the posts and corner. Johns converted. Minutes later Wolfe slipped his opposite again, and the ball was passed to McCutcheon and then to Te'o who raced twenty yards to score after a spectacular dive for the line. Johns' kick from the sideline fell short. At this stage Morgan goaled a penalty for Grammar, but School immediately pushed back to the offensive and a speedy back movement saw McCutcheon backing up beautifully to take a pass from Te'o, push Morgan off and touch down right in the corner. Johns missed the conversion. Grammar began to recover from their initial shock and play became much more even territorially. Morgan kicked his second penalty, and with three minutes left before half-time, School were defending desperately against a series of movements which finally ended when Keys took the ball on the blind side and dived across in the corner. Morgan kicked the long conversion, and the whistle blew with School 11, Grammar 11.

Grammar began the second spell by winning a feast of ball for their backs, but unsure handling and hard tackling nullified any scoring chances. However, when Titter was left stranded by an unkind bounce of the ball, Keys kicked ahead over the School line and Eady was the first of several Grammar forwards to it to score by the posts. Morgan made no mistake with the kick. A School back movement from loose play saw Johns gather a neatly placed kick from Croxson and race sixty yards to score, only to find that the game had been halted for an infringement.

School were putting everything they had left into the remaining fifteen minutes of play, but sound defence was keeping them five points behind. Wolfe made a dangerous break with men outside him, but his slowness in passing cost School a possible try. The huge crowd seemed to be simmering with tension as the minutes slowly went, and when, with five minutes to go, McCutcheon neatly stepped inside his marker and dived desperately over for an excellent try, the roar from the terraces was deafening. Johns waited for a Grammar injury and then very carefully kicked the conversion to even the scores. Right on time the Grammar pack pushed play back to the School twenty-five, and from a ruck Douglas burst across, but the pass was ruled forward. The final whistle sounded immediately after with School 16, Auckland Grammar 16.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

v. Marist	Won 38- 3	v. Kaitake	Won 34- 6
v. Uruti	Won 38- 3	v. Okato	Won 37- 3
v. Old Boys	Drew 0- 0	v. Tukapa	Won 23-13
v. Tukapa	Won 14- 6		
v. Urenui	Won 47- 3	Played	12
v. Rahotu	Won 50- 8	Won	11
v. Okato	Won 16- 6	Drew	1
v. Clifton	Won 49- 9	Points for:	374
v. Kaitake	Won 28- 5	Points against:	65

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DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS

Played before the usual enthusiastic boys and parents, the annual Day Boys v. Boarders game provided one of the most entertaining matches seen on the Gully for several years. Until the eager Boarder pack got on top towards the finish, fortunes fluctuated with exciting rapidity and the tries scored were all excellent efforts of team work.

For the first twenty minutes of play the Day Boy team looked set for a handsome win, but the Boarders began to play with far more purpose and half-time came with the score Day Boys 11, Boarders 9.

The second spell was much the opposite with the Boarders continually worrying a strangely subdued Day Boy team, and although a very dangerous, but wasted, Day Boy break right on time could have changed the score, the final result of 15-11 was not really in doubt and the Boarders fully deserved their win. The spirit of the match was always commendable and this did much to make the game so full of excellent Rugby.

The teams were:—

Day Boys: N. W. Titter, P. W. Savage, L. A. Knowles, R. C. Johns, G. J. Harrold, T. N. Wolfe, G. F. Hunter, C. T. Henderson, J. L. Bithell, G. R. Hasell, B. N. Patten, C. G. McLeod, H. Vyver, L. W. McEldowney, D. M. McEldowney.

Boarders: R. L. Broughton, R. A. Hall, T. F. Te'o, M. Saroa, D. R. Davies, G. R. McCutcheon, G. Anderson, R. A. Ford, P. J. Rumball, L. Death, T. Looparg, A. L. East, P. G. Crichton, G. M. Peterson, D. G. Ferrier-Watson.

Scorers—Boarders: Tries, Hall (2), Rumball (2), Te'o. Day Boys: Tries, Johns (2), Henderson. Conversion: Johns.

HOUSE RUGBY

Senior Competition: East and Carrington were this year's Senior finalists and the final score resulted in a 3-3 draw. As a spectacle the game was rather dour with neither side willing to open up play among the backs, and consequently considerable kicking was done by both sets of inside backs. Territorially the match was very even, with Carrington's bigger forwards kept well in control by the East pack, and the faster East backs prevented from running by sound tackling by their opposites.

Results—

First Round: East 24 v. Moyes 0; Central 14 v. Pridham 6; Carrington 6 v. West 3.

Semi-final: East 5 v. Central 0; Carrington the bye.

Final: East 3 v. Carrington 3.

East Senior XV: N. W. Titter, B. G. Sowry, L. F. Whittle, J. Waitere, F. Te Mata, R. C. Johns, G. F. Hunter, J. R. Smith, J. L. Bithell, J. C. Hoskin, J. B. Law, B. Coleman, A. W. Burton, O. Jefferies, N. G. Rush.

Also played: J. McL. Scott, J. R. Spellman.

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Carrington Senior XV: D. J. McNeile, R. B. Hedley, R. A. Hall, W. Allison, N. D. Walter, D. R. Davies, G. R. McCallum, B. J. Allen, P. J. Rumball, H. T. Mills, R. C. Geck, H. F. Jackson, W. A. Mills, R. A. Ford, M. Bryant.

Also played: H. R. Baker.

Junior Competition: Pridham and Moyes contested the final in an enterprising game on the Gully with Pridham having a slight edge over their opponents and winning by 9-5. However, the result could have easily been reversed and it was this evenness in the play which provided the spectators with such an exciting encounter.

Results—

First Round: Pridham 8 v. West 0; Moyes 17 v. Central 9; East 13 v. Carrington 0.

Semi-final: Pridham 8 v. East 0; Moyes the bye.

Final: Pridham 9 v. Moyes 5.

Pridham Junior XV: B. N. MacDiarmid, M. R. Herbert, D. E. Jonas, R. A. Wakelin, D. T. Alexander, T. Ford, G. W. Ellett, M. J. Erwin, P. J. Anyan, J. W. Ley, D. J. Sherson, M. W. Crook, R. H. Wakelin, R. J. Taylor, T. J. Tier. Also played: E. G. Loten.

R. C. Johns.

CRICKET

Cricket, during the 1958-59 season, while not gaining a large number of new players, has seen the development and maturing of the younger players introduced to the elevens at the beginning of the season. This was extremely evident in the First XI when the "old caps," B. J. Davey, A. H. Donnelly, R. W. Little and D. A. Lambourne left at the end of 1958. Filling their places were a number of Fourth formers who at present are showing signs of developing into a solid team.

Facilities for House cricket and Saturday morning cricket continued the same as for the previous season. Meanwhile net practices coped with 60-70 boys under the coaching of several interested masters. About 200 boys played for various teams which is quite creditable considering the number that participate in other Summer sports of tennis, athletics and swimming.

The college fixtures this season against Nelson College, Wellington and Wanganui Collegiate resulted in a win, a draw and a loss respectively. A feature of the Nelson College game was the overall superiority of School in all departments. At Wellington, School appeared to be on top at the end of the first day but the advantage slipped away and the game resulted in a draw. At Wanganui there was the too familiar sight of a School collapse leading to an innings loss.

Another noticeable aspect of the First XI's season was that it failed to "click" consistently as a team. In most games there would be one or two good individual performances but some support would have helped considerably. Of course that is cricket, but some of the bad

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performances could have been avoided. As for the bowling, with an off-spinner, a leg-spinner, and three or four different types of medium pace bowlers, variety was the order. A large amount of bowling was required by the stock bowlers and they served the team well. The ground fielding of the XI was inclined to become lethargic, which meant not enough movement to the ball. Some excellent close to the wicket catches were held during the season. On the whole though, the fielding appears to be on the upgrade and should continue to improve.

While not proving outstanding, the Second, Third and Fourth Form XI's maintained a high standard of cricket. They all finished fairly well up in the local competitions. Some talent is noticeable and several of the players are likely to be promoted to the First Group for the 1959-60 season.

At the end of the first term T. loane, an opening bowler, a good batsman and field, left the School. It is hoped that his loss will not be felt too greatly, although his resourcefulness as a bowler will definitely be missed.

COLLEGE GAMES

v. NELSON COLLEGE

(Played at Nelson on December 12th and 13th, 1958. Result: Won by an innings and 90 runs.)

Play began in a very damp and humid atmosphere. Nelson batted first on a wet wicket which was to School's advantage because Nelson was used to fast and dry pitches. There was not much life in it for pace bowling and after a passive resistance by Nelson's first three batsmen, Donnelly, a left arm spinner, took control and with Davey routed Nelson for 96 runs. Donnelly, with his deceptive flight and spin, finished with seven wickets for 17 runs; a major factor leading to Nelson's defeat.

In the first over of School's innings, Medley was bowled by Taylor but from then on the batsmen looked set to make a large score. Davey 46, Wolfe 54 and loane 42 not out, hit the bowling mercilessly around the field. Declaring at 240 for six, School set Nelson a difficult task to avoid defeat. The wicket had dried out considerably on the second day and Davey and loane were able to work up quite a pace. By taking five wickets apiece, they bowled Nelson out for 64 runs in their second innings. A very creditable and well-deserved win for School.

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First Innings—		Second Innings—	
M. Henderson, b. Donnelly	17	l.b.w., b. Davey	5
J. Ralfe, b. Donnelly	20	b. loane	2
A. Best, c. Little, b. Davey	25	l.b.w., b. loane	5
A. Birks, c. Wolfe, b. Donnelly	0	c. Murdock, b. Davey	1
M. Sladden, b. Davey	13	b. Davey	15
G. Shaw, c. Croxson, b. Davey	0	b. Davey	15
M. Smith, not out	13	c. Wolfe, b. Davey	8
J. Hinchcliff, b. Donnelly	4	b. loane	3
J. Dobson, b. Donnelly	0	b. loane	2
B. Nimmo, st. Wolfe, b. Donnelly	0	not out	1
K. Taylor, b. Donnelly	2	b. loane	6
Extras	2	Extras	1
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Total	96	Total	64



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Back Row: A. M. Morrison, R. H. Worn, J. Giles, T. Ioane, D. A. Lambourne, W. T. Murdoch.

Front Row: T. N. Wolfe, R. W. Little, B. J. Davey, A. H. Donnelly, T. G. Medley.

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Bowling for School

First Innings—	Bowling for School				Second Innings—			
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
B. Davey	15	5	33	3	19	8	22	5
T. Ioane	16	6	26	-	18.2	10	19	5
J. Giles	6	1	9	-				
A. Donnelly	16	6	17	7	8	3	12	-
R. Little	6	1	5	-	4	-	10	-

SCHOOL

First Innings—	
A. Donnelly, l.b.w., b. Shaw	24
T. Medley, b. Taylor	0
W. Murdock, c. Sladden, b. Nimmo	29
R. Little, l.b.w., b. Shaw	13
B. Davey, b. Best	46
N. Wolfe, l.b.w., b. Nimmo	54
T. Ioane, not out	42
J. Giles, not out	18
Extras	14
Total (for six wickets declared)	240

Bowling for Nelson

First Innings—	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. Hinchcliff	14	2	54	-
K. Taylor	9	3	16	1
G. Shaw	27	5	82	2
B. Nimmo	22	5	59	2
A. Best	6	2	15	1

v. WELLINGTON COLLEGE

(Played at Wellington on March 16th and 17th, 1958. Result: Drawn.)

In the annual match against Wellington College School began the game in the field. A competent opening attack soon had Wellington in trouble with the score at three for 20. The only Wellington player to offer any real resistance was the captain, P. Neal, who scored a brilliant 62 runs. Morrison, a newcomer to the First XI, surprised everyone and captured five wickets for 19 runs in a spirited piece of bowling.

The highlight of School's first innings was the partnership of over 100 runs between M. Croxson (66) and T. Medley (36). Wolfe, Paton and Worn each added some useful runs and School's innings ended at 203 runs. A win looked possible but the intervention of rain on the second morning made bowling difficult. Wellington's players rose to the occasion and averted certain defeat by piling on 237 runs in their second innings. A feature of the innings was a sixth wicket partnership between G. Stewart and J. Meyers of over 100 runs.

Another sound innings was played by Medley but no other School batsman looked confident and play ended with School 105 for six wickets. The game had definitely gone Wellington's way on the second day and School were quite lucky to finish with a draw.

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First Innings—				Second Innings—			
B. Green, b. loane	5	c. Giles, b. loane	9
R. Wood, c. Worn, b. loane	9	b. loane	3
P. Neal, b. Smith	.....	.....	62	b. loane	.....	.....	26
P. Dawson, c. Croxson, b. Giles	.....	.....	0	c. Wolfe, b. Morrison	.....	.....	32
P. Webb, b. loane	.....	.....	14	c. Wolfe, b. Morrison	.....	.....	20
G. Stewart, st. Wolfe, b. Morrison	.....	.....	1	b. Giles	.....	.....	52
B. Wingfield, c. Croxson, b. Morrison	.....	.....	29	c. Wolfe, b. Morrison	.....	.....	0
J. Meyers, b. Morrison	.....	.....	1	st. Wolfe, b. McCutcheon	.....	.....	63
W. McKeown, b. Morrison	.....	.....	1	l.b.w., b. Worn	.....	.....	5
K. Sturrock, b. Morrison	.....	.....	0	b. loane	.....	.....	25
D. Bull, not out	.....	.....	1	not out	.....	.....	0
Extras	.....	.....	6	Extras	.....	.....	10
Total	.....	.....	129	Total	.....	.....	237

Bowling for School

First Innings—					Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
T. loane	25	12	37	3	33.4	12	62	4
J. Smith	10	7	10	1	4	-	16	-
R. Worn	6	1	23	-	6	-	23	1
J. Giles	9	-	36	1	6	-	24	1
A. Morrison	9.4	2	19	5	23	1	73	3
G. McCutcheon	-	-	-	-	8	2	21	1
R. Paton	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	0

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First Innings—				Second Innings—			
T. Medley, run out	36	b. Dawson	32
W. Murdock, c. Dawson, b. Sturrock	0	c. Green, b. Sturrock	12
M. Croxson, c. Green, b. Webb	.....	.....	66	b. Dawson	.....	.....	6
J. Giles, c. Green, b. Sturrock	.....	.....	4	b. Dawson	.....	.....	13
N. Wolfe, c. Wingfield, b. Webb	.....	.....	18	run out	.....	.....	19
T. loane, l.b.w., b. Meyers	.....	.....	0	b. Dawson	.....	.....	3
A. Morrison, b. Webb	.....	.....	3	not out	.....	.....	8
R. Paton, not out	.....	.....	21	not out	.....	.....	2
J. Smith, st. Neal, b. Webb	.....	.....	41				
G. McCutcheon, b. Webb	.....	.....	6				
R. Worn, b. Webb	.....	.....	22				
Extras	.....	.....	23	Extras	.....	.....	10
Total	.....	.....	203	Total (for 6 wks.)	.....	.....	105

Bowling for Wellington

First Innings—				Second Innings—					
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
K. Sturrock	14	1	63	2	8	2	24	1
W. McKeown	4	1	10	-				
B. Webb	21.2	7	59	6	16	5	35	-
P. Dawson	5	-	26	-	9	2	36	4
J. Meyers	3	2	5	1				
D. Bull	9	4	15	-				

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v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

(Played at Wanganui on March 19th and 20th, 1958. Result: Lost by an innings and 92 runs.)

School won the toss and elected to bat on a damp wicket. A bad start was made when Murdock was run out for only two runs. Barton began to make scoring difficult by moving the ball both ways through the air. Much hesitancy and lack of confidence caused School's batting to fail. The innings closed shortly after lunch with the total at 47, and B. Prestidge, a fourth former, was unbeaten for 11 runs. Barton was the main destroyer, taking five wickets for 18 runs.

Wanganui also commenced badly by losing a wicket in the first over but with some solid batting by Wright (83), Barton (34), Ritchie (26) and Wake (41) they were able to declare at 233 for nine wickets. Worn and loane bowled a large number of overs and were the successful bowlers for School. Worn took five for 89 off 33 overs, and loane took three for 57 off 31 overs.

School now had a difficult but not impossible task of scoring 187 runs to avoid an innings defeat, and five hours in which to score them. But that was not to be. Again the Wanganui bowling succeeded and the School batting failed. Except for W. Murdock, who made 47 runs in two and a-half hours, the batting was extremely frail. Had Murdock's performance been emulated a draw would have been possible.

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First Innings—				Second Innings—			
T. Medley, b. Pope	8	c. Wright, b. Pope	9
W. Murdock, run out	2	c. and b. Wake	47
M. Croxson, b. Pope	.....	.....	6	c. Wright, b. Pope	.....	.....	0
J. Giles, c. Ritchie, b. Barton	.....	.....	8	c. and b. Pope	.....	.....	4
N. Wolfe, run out	.....	.....	1	b. Smith	.....	.....	9
T. loane, b. Barton	.....	.....	0	c. Wylie, b. Wright	.....	.....	0
R. Paton, b. Barton	.....	.....	0	b. Wake	.....	.....	1
A. Morrison, b. Barton	.....	.....	0	b. Wake	.....	.....	1
B. Prestidge, not out	.....	.....	11	c. Barton, b. Cullwick	.....	.....	2
R. Worn, l.b.w., b. Wake	.....	.....	4	not out	.....	.....	5
G. McCutcheon, b. Barton	.....	.....	4	run out	.....	.....	5
Extras	.....	.....	4	Extras	.....	.....	8
Total	.....	.....	47	Total	.....	.....	94

Bowling for Wanganui

First Innings—				Second Innings—					
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Barton	20	11	18	5	10	7	5	-
Cullwick	4	1	6	-	12	8	5	1
Wake	13	5	10	1	21.3	11	18	3
Pope	6	2	7	2	11	3	26	3
Wright	1	1	-	-	10	1	16	1
Smith	5	3	2	-	9	2	16	1

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WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

First Innings—		
Wright, l.b.w., b. loane	83
Fullerton-Smith, b. loane	0
Barton, b. Worn	.....	34
Smith, b. Worn	.....	0
Hanley, c. Croxson, b. Giles	.....	12
Cullwick, b. Worn	.....	19
Ritchie, not out	.....	26
Wake, b. Worn	.....	41
Wylie, b. loane	.....	4
Pope, c. Morrison, b. Worn	.....	3
Extras	.....	11
Total (for nine wickets declared)	.....	233

Bowling for School

	O.	M.	R.	W.
loane	31	8	57	3
Worn	33.2	8	89	5
Morrison	8	-	27	-
Giles	10	1	27	1
McCutcheon	4	-	18	-
Paton	3	1	4	-

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS

(Played at School on December 9th, 1958. Result: Day Boys won by three wickets.)

The rivalry between Day Boys and Boarders was as keen this year as in previous years but the Day Boys avenged last season's defeat and this year soundly defeated the Boarders to regain the Birch Cup. Had it not been for the batting of W. Murdock and T. Medley, who featured in a 147-run second wicket partnership, the Boarders might have won. Morrison, who dismissed the first four Day Boy batsmen, ended his spell of bowling with five wickets for 58 runs.

Apart from loane and Lambourne, who scored 37 and 30 respectively, the Boarders' batting was certainly not equal to the Day Boys' bowling attack. Davey finished with four for 22 and Donnelly had figures of four for 33.

The teams:—

Day Boys: B. J. Davey (Captain), A. H. Donnelly, T. G. Medley, W. T. Murdock, R. W. Little, T. N. Wolfe, J. Giles, M. S. Croxson, B. R. Prestidge, G. R. Paton, N. Spedding.

Boarders: D. A. Lambourne (Captain), T. loane, R. G. McCutcheon, A. Morrison, A. A. Ruakere, P. Adlam, G. D. Hayes, J. C. Evershed, G. J. Stubbs, B. MacDiarmid, B. Martin.

Details—

Day Boys: 181 for seven wickets declared (Murdock 78, Medley 72; Morrison five for 58).

Boarders: 89 (loane 37, Lambourne 30; Davey four for 22, Donnelly four for 33, Giles two for 16).

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BATES CUP COMPETITION

The results of the Bates Cup matches were this year as unpredictable as usual. Preliminary matches saw Carrington convincingly beat Moyes and East. Pridham, against heavy odds, defeated West. Central beat Pridham, so Carrington met Central in the Bates Cup final of 1959 and won on the first innings.

Carrington: First innings 90 (loane 30, McCallum 14; Paton five for 25, Crow three for seven). Second innings 19 (McNeile 6; Davies 5 not out; Wolfe five for 12, Paton three for seven).

Central: First innings 36 (Bennett 11 not out; loane six for 20, Davies three for eight). Second innings: 72 (Wolfe 22, Croxson 13, Crow 15; loane two for 27).

Result: Carrington won on the first innings.

SECOND XI

The team commenced the 1959 season with only two of last year's team back, so new players had to be promoted from other groups. As a result some difficulties were experienced in the early matches. However, there was a marked improvement in later matches and the team played commendable cricket.

Serving the team well were the bowlers Te'o, Murray, Greiner and Ingles. The batting was generally suspect and lacked solidity, but some good individual performances were recorded.

The team: N. Henderson (Captain), N. Greiner, C. Murray, P. Adlam, D. Loton, C. Prestidge, B. MacDiarmid, W. Lobb, D. Ingles, R. Crow, J. Evershed, T. Te'o.

THIRD XI

The Third XI did not rise to pre-season expectations, although the team very nearly defeated the Second XI earlier in the year. Various players gave creditable performances at different times and the honours were shared evenly between the batsmen and the bowlers.

The team this year was as follows: S. Baty, B. Blackstock, K. Diack, G. Harrold, D. Irvine, I. Marsden, B. Mills, T. Payne, J. Revell, M. Ross, T. Struthers, R. A. Wakelin, R. H. Wakelin, A. Wood, G. Watson, W. R. Watson.

FOURTH FORM XI

Consisted of the following players: Bennett (Captain), Hannon, Wilson, Medley, Goldsworthy, Paton, Te Mata, Sharrock, Dalton, Cross, Ross, Smeaton, Waitere.

This group of promising players had some very good wins at the beginning of the year but the standard slackened towards the end of

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the season. Bennett, Hannon and Wilson made some good scores during the season, while the successful bowlers were Hannon and Goldsworthy. Attendances at practices were excellent.

In the third term Bennett and Hannon were promoted to practise with the First XI.

THIRD FORM XI

As a nursery for the First XI, the Third Form group of 1958 has been eminently successful. Already Smith, B. Prestidge, Hannon and Bennett have played in the senior team. Smith, an opening bowler, has followed a good performance in a first term college fixture with a shattering eight wickets for eight runs against New Plymouth on the first day of play in the current senior season. Also impressive is the batting form of Prestidge, who has totalled 72 runs in his first two innings.

With Goldsworthy and Smith to open the attack, with support from Hannon, and with spin supplied by J. Medley and B. Prestidge, the side proved too strong for the Primary Schools' XI in the annual fixture. A fine innings by Bennett laid the foundation of a good score for the Thirds. This total was well beyond the reach of the visitors, who were forced to bat again.

In competition matches the side had a good record. Rarely did they fail to make a creditable score and rarely did they fail to produce a good performance in the field—proof of a well-balanced side.

The 1959 Third Form XI has shown a marked improvement on its first term form. Barrowman began the current season with a sensational eight wickets for four runs in the opening match, an outright win. Hopkinson and McMillan passed the half-century mark with the bat and Agnew scored well against a strong Okato attack. In Coddington and Agnew the team is well served with wicketkeepers. All-rounders Legge and Johnstone should develop to give more stability to the batting. Tuffery, Gyde, Wickham and Garbett complete a promising young side.

SATURDAY MORNING CRICKET

This year fifteen teams played in the Saturday morning Inter-Form cricket competition. Previously the intermediate schools had competed in the competition as well, but this year the primary schools played in a section of their own.

The competition was divided into three grades; one for each of the Third, Fourth and Fifth forms. After the series of games which were played at Sanders and Pukekura Parks in the first term, 3P1, 4P2, 5G3 and 5P2 were the only unbeaten teams.

Because the majority of boys playing were not competent enough to make School groups, the weekly games were considered well worthwhile and the two or three hours of cricket were always enjoyed by all.

J. Giles.

TRACK AND FIELD

Records continue to be broken with each successive year with such regularity that it causes wonder as to just where the limit to schoolboy performances lies. This season has seen six new sets of figures added to the record column and each achievement has been a particularly fine effort. It is extremely doubtful whether the modern boy is physically any stronger than his predecessor, and the basic reason for such rising standards can only be attributed to the more scientific techniques and coaching methods which are forever improving in the athletic world. It is more than interesting to note that since 1950 only two of the twelve senior events have not seen new figures created, and if these amazing occurrences continue, the School is going to witness performances which not long ago would not have been imagined possible. Of these twelve events six already better the existing New Zealand standard performances.

The School Gully seems to have become firmly fixed as the venue for the Annual Sports, and although the surfaces of both sprint and quarter-mile tracks are far from perfect, the resulting times never appear to be severely affected. This year the weather was fine and sunny for the large crowd of parents and boys who watched and they witnessed the usual thrilling races and finishes which were being run on a rain-sodden track. In spite of this, six old records were erased, two of them being among the now very few "oldies" in the record book. R. C. Johns sprinted over the Senior 100 Yards in 10.3 seconds to break a record which was set in 1923 and equalled again in 1943, not long after his brother P. A. Johns had added a quarter of an inch to A. A. Keller's 1932 Intermediate High Jump mark of 5ft. 2½in. R. C. Johns also set new figures in the 220 Yards and 120 Yards Hurdles, while the two other records were both created by Intermediates—R. L. Sexton in the 880 Yards and B. H. Wills in the Shot Put.

It seems quite reasonable to maintain that the senior athletes this year have reached a standard which has not been enjoyed before in the School's history. T. N. Wolfe, T. F. Te'o, M. Saroa, A. M. Harris and R. C. Johns are all proven sprinters of a class which could only be described as high for schoolboy athletes. Wolfe, Harris and B. G. Sowry are all sub-55sec. quarter-milers and during the season this trio ran some particularly tense races and exciting finishes, usually finishing within feet of each other. The former two were also well above average long and and triple jumpers, while J. M. Miller, a first year senior, would most probably rank second as both a half-miler and miler only to C. Keig. Boys in the two lower divisions can do nothing but benefit from this high standard and interest, and it should not be long before boys like F. Te Mata, J. R. Smith, C. R. Pring and others begin to make their marks felt in the senior world.

The annual "Inter-Sec." Sports were this year held at Rugby Park on what could be described as only a makeshift track, and School athletes once again encountered competition which is rapidly becoming stronger every year. Eight titles were won in the Senior grade, three in the Junior, and only one in the Intermediate where, incidentally, Hawera Technical collected no fewer than twelve first placings. P. A. Johns was the sole Intermediate boy to win and his 5ft. 3in. High Jump was excellent, although he had the misfortune to break an arm while landing. In the Juniors, titles were taken by C. R. Pring in the 80 Metre Hurdles, P. E. Hagen in the High Jump and the relay team combined well to win comfortably. T. N. Wolfe's performances in winning the Senior 440

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Yards and Long Jump were impressive, while the other Senior titles were taken by R. C. Johns in the 100 Yards, 220 Yards and 120 Yards Hurdles (the latter two both equalling the existing records), J. M. Miller in the Mile, T. F. Te'o in the Shot, and the relay team, which had a particularly easy win.

Two New Zealand titles were won by R. C. Johns when he competed at the New Zealand Junior and Women's championships at Napier, winning both the 120 and 220 Yards Hurdles. His time of 14.0sec. for the former was disallowed as a New Zealand record, and at Easter he and T. N. Wolfe travelled to Matamata for a special record attempt, being billeted with people arranged by Mr. A. Lucas, a former master on the School staff and now Headmaster of Matamata College. In unpleasant conditions the record was officially equalled. Both boys had a particularly enjoyable stay and thanks must be given to Mr. Lucas, Mr. John Holland, and Mr. and Mrs. Marston, on whose farm they stayed at Tirau.

This year's Hansard Cup track competition was, overall, more even than last season's when Central and East tied for first place. Carrington, Central and West all had successes in the individual grades but East possessed the greater all-round strength and consequently took the cup for the second year in succession. The Senior competition was narrowly won by Central, while Carrington's ability among the Intermediates was surprisingly challenged by West who finished only one point behind in second place. East found that its 1958 13-year-olds had developed into powerful Juniors and they were first home in all but one of the events in this grade.

Three records were established—by R. C. Johns in the Senior 100 and 220 Yards and R. C. Sexton in the Intermediate 880 Yards—but all were short-lived, being broken at the School meeting shortly after.

The final House totals were: East 87, Central 71, Carrington 61, West 55, Moyes 42, Pridham 28.

The Athletic Committee would like to sincerely thank all those people who have this year ensured success in all the various spheres of School athletics. Special mention must be made of the N.P.A.A.C. who have taken a keen interest in the athletic welfare among the boys and whose members have once again volunteered their services by acting as officials at the School sports. Without the help of all concerned, the present School track and field strength would be of a much lower standard.

R. C. Johns.

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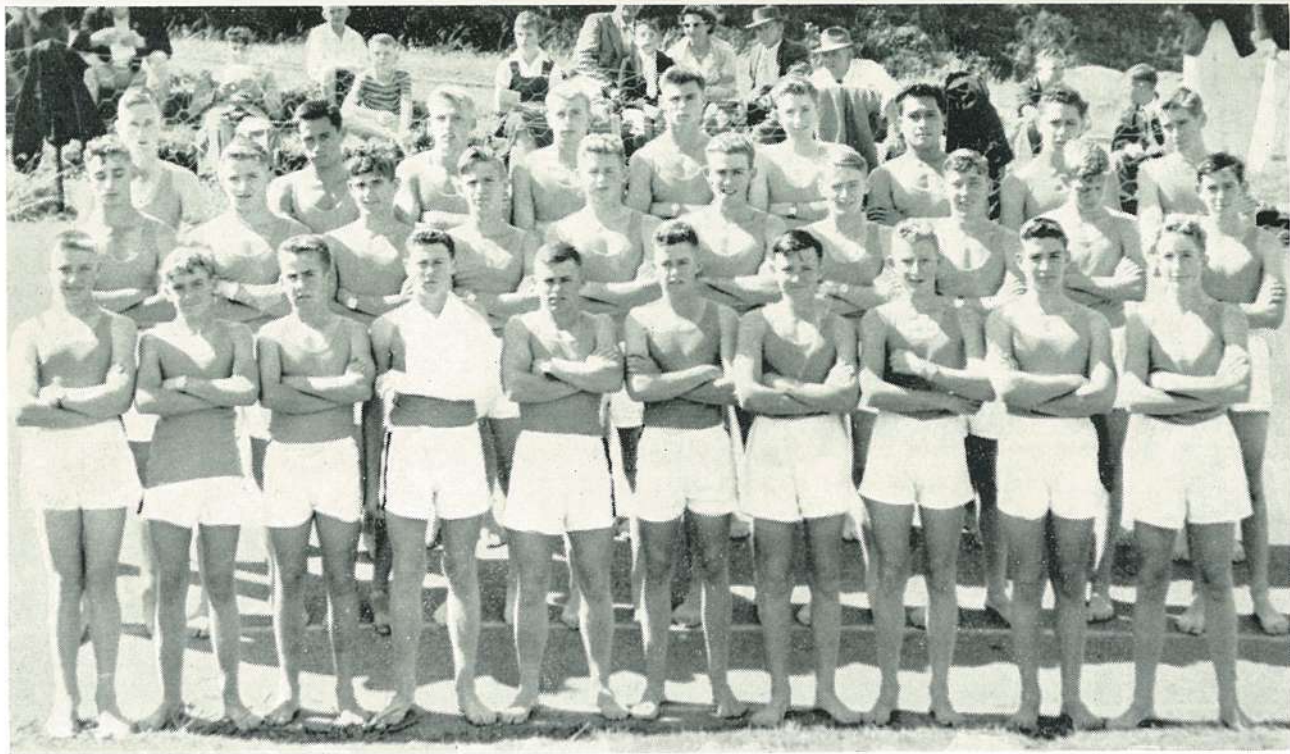
The Steeplechase was held on Thursday, 8th October, over the usual courses on the School farm. The distances were approximately one and a-half miles for the Junior, two miles for the Intermediate, and three miles for the Senior.

The weather was sunny, with a cooling southerly breeze, and the track was in good condition.

D. E. Smith ran a well-judged race to take the Senior event with A. J. Campbell coming up well for fastest time. A. N. Humphries ran easily to win the Intermediate, while R. L. Sexton again recorded fastest time. The Junior race was close with M. D. Wardlaw narrowly defeating I. R. Stewart, who gained fastest time.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS, 1959

EVENT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	TIME, HEIGHT DISTANCE	SCHOOL RECORD
SENIOR—					
Championships					
100 Yards	R. C. Johns	T. F. Te'o	T. N. Wolfe	10.3sec.	10.3sec., R. C. Johns, 1959
220 Yards	R. C. Johns	T. N. Wolfe	A. M. Harris	22.9sec.	22.9sec., R. C. Johns, 1959
440 Yards	T. N. Wolfe	B. G. Sowry	A. M. Harris	53.8sec.	52.6sec. { R. C. Johns, 1957
880 Yards	J. M. Miller	C. H. Murray	A. J. Campbell	2min. 6.2sec.	2min. 2.1sec., M. H. Tizard, 1957
One Mile	J. M. Miller	A. J. Campbell	J. L. Bithell	4min. 47.7sec.	4min. 41sec., M. J. Sexton, 1957
120 Yards Hurdles	R. C. Johns	M. Saroa	K. L. Wakelin	14.5sec.	14.5sec., R. C. Johns, 1959
Long Jump	T. N. Wolfe	M. S. Croxson	A. M. Harris	19ft. 5½in.	21ft. 3in., A. G. MacIntyre, 1937
High Jump	R. D. Gordon-Stables	T. F. Te'o	G. J. Davidson	5ft. 2in.	5ft. 6¾in., J. C. Gordon, 1929
Hop, Step and Jump	A. M. Harris	T. N. Wolfe	M. Saroa	41ft. 0¼in.	43ft. 6in., L. J. Croxson, 1952
Discus	L. F. Whittle	G. Bridger	A. L. East	103ft. 11in.	130ft. 11½in., J. K. Lay, 1955
Shot Put	T. F. Te'o	T. Ioane	G. Bridger	38ft. 6½in.	43ft. 0½in., J. K. Lay, 1955
Javelin	T. F. Te'o	M. G. Snowden	R. D. Gordon-Stables	159ft. 1in.	175ft. 8in., J. K. Lay, 1955
INTERMEDIATE—					
Championships					
100 Yards	W. J. Lobb	P. R. Lawrence	R. A. Hall	11.4sec.	10.6sec. { C. C. Kjestrup, 1937
220 Yards	C. T. Henderson	W. J. Lobb	R. A. Hall	24.9sec.	24.2sec., O. A. Greensill, 1946
440 Yards	C. T. Henderson	R. L. Sexton	K. G. Craig	55.9sec.	55.2sec., D. G. Lloyd, 1953
880 Yards	R. L. Sexton	K. G. Craig	A. N. Humphries	2min. 9.6sec.	2min. 9.6sec., R. J. Sexton, 1959
120 Yards Hurdles	P. A. Johns	B. N. MacDiarmid	P. S. Simcock	17.9sec.	15.4sec., R. C. Johns, 1956
Long Jump	W. J. Lobb	P. R. Lawrence	D. E. Jonas	16ft. 9½in.	20ft. 8½in., C. C. Kjestrup, 1937
High Jump	P. A. Johns	R. L. Schierling	C. T. Henderson	5ft. 2¾in.	5ft. 2¾in., P. A. Johns, 1959
Hop, Step and Jump	P. A. Johns	R. L. Sexton	W. R. Watson	37ft. 7in.	40ft. 2in., J. K. Lay, 1953
Discus	B. H. Wills	M. McCallum	R. A. Wakelin	108ft. 5in.	120ft. 3in., R. A. Hodges, 1956
Shot Put	B. H. Wills	D. R. Worth	D. Blackstock	41ft. 1in.	41ft. 1in., B. H. Wills, 1959
JUNIOR—					
Championships					
100 Yards	F. Te Mata	S. J. Wade	R. Bourn	11.6sec.	11.4sec. { A. R. Hill, 1954
220 Yards	F. Te Mata	R. Bourn	S. J. Wade	26.7sec.	25.5sec., T. N. Wolfe, 1956
440 Yards	J. R. Smith	D. L. Emmett	R. Bourn	62.5sec.	58.6sec., T. N. Wolfe, 1956
880 Yards	J. R. Smith	J. W. Medley	N. G. Traweek	2min. 25sec.	2min. 24.4sec., B. N. Patten, 1955
80 Metres Hurdles	C. R. Pring	J. R. Smith	C. R. Harrison	13.6sec.	12.8sec., R. C. Johns, 1955
Long Jump	S. J. Wade	P. E. Hagen	K. D. Russell	15ft. 3in.	17ft. 5in., T. N. Wolfe, 1956
High Jump	P. E. Hagen	K. D. Russell	W. R. Hetherington	4ft. 6in.	4ft. 10in., R. A. Clarke, 1956
GRADED EVENTS—					
Senior					
100 Yards	A: G. R. McCutcheon	T. Looiparg	D. R. Woodhouse	11.3sec.	
	B: M. J. Lecher	W. G. Gifford	F. J. Light	11.7sec.	
220 Yards	A: G. R. McCutcheon	L. A. Knowles	D. S. Julian	25.1sec.	
	B: J. C. Hoskin	W. G. Gifford	M. Bryant	25.7sec.	
440 Yards	A: R. B. Hedley	J. C. Evershed	P. Adlam	58.7sec.	
	B: T. P. Dobbie	C. G. McLeod	R. L. Broughton	58.9sec.	
	C: J. M. Stewart	I. K. Grey	K. G. Green	60.9sec.	
	D: J. C. Hoskin	A. Pelham	P. V. Bradford	60.6sec.	
880 Yards Handicap	M. F. Jagusch	N. W. Titter	G. R. Hasell	2min. 10.9sec.	
One Mile Handicap	M. Bryant	R. C. Rayward	M. F. Jagusch	4min. 52.8sec.	
Intermediate					
100 Yards	A: T. G. Medley	T. W. Fookes	D. H. Bennett	11.7sec.	
	B: A. A. Cameron	S. N. Baty	D. Webber	12.4sec.	
220 Yards	A: T. G. Medley	P. Honeyfield	D. H. Bennett	26.2sec.	
	B: A. A. Cameron	S. N. Baty	W. J. Ley	28.2sec.	
440 Yards	A: T. G. Medley	B. J. Allen	R. H. Hamilton	62.4sec.	
	B: B. J. McCullough	M. Williamson	W. J. Ley	65.4sec.	
	C: L. Birks	K. A. Carey-Smith	F. B. McNeil	65.1sec.	
	D: F. J. Cooper	K. J. Taylor	S. R. Goodwin	67.1sec.	
880 Yards Handicap	M. McCallum	G. M. Furness	L. Birks	2min. 18.8sec.	
One Mile Handicap	A. N. Humphries	K. G. Craig	J. Petch	5min. 4.5sec.	
Junior					
100 Yards	A: H. B. Gracie	R. N. Goudie	L. N. McCabe	12.4sec.	
	B: R. C. Pulford	J. Harbutt	D. H. Brown	13.3sec.	
220 Yards	A: B. F. Milne	H. B. Gracie	P. B. Brown	27.5sec.	
	B: M. J. Taylor	W. D. Jackson	D. J. McKenzie	29.0sec.	
880 Yards Handicap	R. D. Duncan	B. McKay	R. N. Goudie	2min. 19.1sec.	
Under 13½					
75 Yards	A: L. J. Patten	R. R. Dickie	B. J. Wray	10.3sec.	
	B: P. R. Jamieson	K. J. Garnham	R. D. Webster	10.3sec.	
100 Yards	A: J. E. Garbett	J. R. Crush	L. J. Patten	12.5sec.	
	B: K. J. Garnham	P. R. Jamieson	M. J. Silver	13.4sec.	
220 Yards	A: J. E. Garbett	P. J. George	T. B. Kardos	29.1sec.	
	B: D. W. Agnew	H. R. Blundell	—	31.2sec.	
OTHER EVENTS—					
Day Boys v. Boarders	Day Boys			1min. 9.1sec.	
Six-man Relay					
Old Boys' Race	M. Mitchell				



ATHLETIC TEAM, 1959

Back Row: C. H. Murray, M. Sarca, L. F. Whittle, B. G. Sowry, R. C. Johns, J. M. Miller, T. F. Te'o, F. Temata, R. Bourne.
Middle Row: R. D. Gordon-Stables, B. H. Wills, M. MacDonell, A. M. Harris, C. T. Henderson, A. J. Campbell, R. J. Saxton,
B. K. Poppe, C. R. Pring, N. G. Treweek.
Front Row: A. N. Humphries, P. E. Hagen, J. W. Medley, P. A. Johns, T. N. Wolfe, W. J. Lobb, B. N. MacDiarmid, P. S. Simcock.

STEEPLECHASE

Once again the Steeplechase was run on a House point basis, but this year the first sixty places counted for points. West won the aggregate by a large margin of 505 points from Central. Final points were: West 1644, Central 1139, Carrington 944, East 941, Pridham 451, Moyes 371.

Congratulations to all place-getters and to those who took fastest time honours.

The abbreviations used in the results are: Ca., Carrington; Ce., Central; E., East; M., Moyes; P., Pridham; W., West.

SENIOR

D. E. Smith (W., 130sec.), 17min. 48sec.	1
R. B. Hedley (Ca., 150sec.), 17min. 59sec.	2
M. Bryant (Ca., 160sec.), 18min. 22sec.	3
L. Death (P., 120sec.), 18min. 26sec.	4
A. J. Campbell (W., 80sec.), 18min. 32sec.	5
M. G. Snowden (Ce., 140sec.), 19min. 9sec.	6
R. C. Rayward (E., 100sec.), 19min. 17sec.	7
G. M. Carter (Ce., 170sec.), 19min. 43sec.	8
G. S. Elliot (Ce., 120sec.), 19min. 46sec.	9
M. F. Jagusch (W., 110sec.), 19min. 52sec.	10

Then followed: O. J. Jeffery (E.), C. G. McLeod (W.), A. M. Harris (Ce.), J. J. Rothery (W.), J. F. Morine (E.), N. D. Walter (Ca.), J. E. Evershed (Ca.), P. J. Rumball (Ca.), G. J. Dravitzki (W.), H. T. Mills (Ca.).

Fastest Times:

A. J. Campbell, 19min. 52sec.	1
D. E. Smith, 19min. 58sec.	2
L. Death, 20min. 26sec.	3
R. B. Hedley, 20min. 29sec.	4
R. C. Rayward, 20min. 57sec.	5
M. Bryant, 21min. 2sec.	6
J. J. Rothery, 21min. 7sec.	7
J. L. Bithell, 21min. 14sec.	8
A. M. Harris, 21min. 24sec.	9
M. G. Snowden, 21min. 29sec.	10

House Points:

West 619, Carrington 483, Central 279, East 256, Pridham 135, Moyes 58.

INTERMEDIATE

A. N. Humphries (E., 70sec.), 11min. 1sec.	1
C. G. Weir (Ca., 80sec.), 11min. 12sec.	2
D. F. Ebbett (Ca., 80sec.), 11min. 28sec.	3
M. W. Patten (W., 70sec.), 11min. 32sec.	4
R. W. Old (W., 70sec.), 11min. 38sec.	5
R. L. Sexton (Ce., 10sec.), 11min. 45sec.	6
F. B. McNeil (W., 80sec.), 11min. 53sec.	7
D. H. Bennett (Ce., 80sec.), 11min. 56sec.	8
B. G. Mills (Ca., 60sec.), 12min.	9
C. Lambert (W., 60sec.), 12min. 7sec.	10

Then followed: K. J. Hill (W.), W. J. Lobb (W.), M. Hodgson (Ce.), R. A. Hall (Ca.), H. Vyver (W.), G. M. Furness (P.), B. J. Allen (Ca.), R. J. Riley (Ce.), D. J. Penwarden (E.), T. A. Finikin (W.).

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Fastest Times:

R. L. Sexton, 11min. 55sec.	1
A. N. Humphries, 12min. 11sec.	2
C. G. Weir, 12min. 32sec.	3
H. Vyver, 12min. 39sec.	4
W. J. Lobb, 12min. 41sec.	5
M. W. Patten, 12min. 42sec.	6
R. A. Hall, 12min. 45sec.	7
D. F. Ebbett, 12min. 48sec.	8=
R. W. Old, 12min. 48sec.	8=
J. P. Burry, 12min. 55sec.	10

House Points:

West 576, Carrington 356, Central 299, East 248, Pridham 199, Moyes 152.

JUNIOR

M. D. Wardlaw (Ce., 100sec.), 8min. 55sec.	1
I. R. Stewart (Ce., 60sec.), 8min. 58sec.	2
G. Salisbury (W., 90sec.), 9min. 23sec.	3
L. J. Patten W., 60sec.), 9min. 29sec.	4
B. D. Hookham E., 50sec.), 9min. 38sec.	5
D. Fenwick (Ce., 50sec.), 9min. 41sec.	6
D. W. Agnew (M., 100sec.), 9min. 42sec.	7
B. McKay (Ce., 40sec.), 9min. 43sec.	8
M. J. Silver (M., 100sec.), 9min. 43sec.	9
N. H. Penwarden (E., 70sec.), 9min. 48sec.	10

Then followed: E. Chang (Ce.), W. M. Paul (Ce.), B. F. Milne (W.), J. W. Medley (E.), A. E. Sanger (W.), J. P. Parkes (W.), R. B. Fleming (E.), W. K. Rendall (Ca.), L. J. Purdy (W.), P. L. Anyan (P.).

Fastest Times:

I. R. Stewart, 9min. 58sec.	1
B. F. Milne, 10min. 7sec.	2
J. W. Medley, 10min. 17sec.	3
A. E. Sanger, 10min. 18sec.	4
J. R. Smith, 10min. 19sec.	5
B. McKay, 10min. 23sec.	6
B. D. Hookham, 10min. 28sec.	7
L. J. Patten, 10min. 29sec.	8
D. Fenwick, 10min. 31sec.	9
W. W. Paul, 10min. 32sec.	10

House Points:

Central 561, West 449, East 437, Moyes 161, Pridham 117, Carrington 105.

The First Taranaki Inter-Secondary Schools' Cross-Country Championships were held this year at Okato. The course chosen was very rugged and thoroughly tested the large fields. Each school sent its four best runners for each of the Senior, Intermediate and Junior events. (Only three of the four in each team gain points.)

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School convincingly won the Senior event, while the Intermediate and Junior teams each gained third place in their respective sections. Congratulations to L. Death on winning the Senior title.

The School teams and their places were: Senior, L. Death (1), A. J. Campbell (2), R. B. Hedley (5), D. E. Smith (9); Intermediate, R. L. Sexton (4), A. N. Humphries (7), H. Vyver (11), C. G. Weir (16); Junior, I. R. Stewart (4), B. F. Milne (5), B. McKay (16), J. W. Medley (17).

J. M. Miller.

THE RETIREMENT OF MR. V. E. KERR, M.A., E.D. (1923-1957)



"Practice for the First Group." It has been raining three days. The bottom ground has reverted to the original swamp. The wind swings to the south and a hail-storm catches us on our way down. "It isn't actually raining," says "Yank," pellets the size of peas popping off his hat. "Let's get some practice for when the wet sets in."

Such are the words written by Barry Mitalcafe in the Jubilee Magazine which have immortalised one of the great personalities associated with the School.

Mr. Kerr was born in Otago, where he lived the early years of his life. He was educated at Otago Boys' High School and the Otago and Victoria Universities, completing his B.A. in 1922, his M.A. in 1923, and an additional Master's degree in French in the following year. His first teaching appointment was at Woodville District High School, where he taught in 1918 and 1919. From 1919 to 1923 Nelson College became his school, and then on May 28th, 1923, he took up an appointment at New Plymouth Boys' High where he has remained during the intervening 36 years.

"Yank," as he is affectionately known to every Old Boy, has been far, far more than just a teacher and the extent to which the School has benefited from his presence and constant enthusiasm for higher standards is infinite. He will be remembered for his fastidious ideals and his determination to adhere to them. Carelessness and slackness in everything were a crime to "Yank" and until these faults had been eliminated, work and play had little importance; when eliminated, his infectious enthusiasm, and often humour, seemed to exhort the very best and more from the boys who were fortunate enough to learn from his wide knowledge and experience. Goldsmith's lines:

"Well had the boding tremblers learned to trace
The day's disasters in his morning face;"

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could not have possibly suited better the daily countenance of Mr. Kerr, and as a disciplinarian his reputation was one which was rightly respected, although it was one which was at all times scrupulously fair.

His genuine modesty was marked—his fulsome praise for others was the same. The inevitable "red herring" cast by many a form in the hope of hearing of personal achievements and occurrences was never taken by "Yank," but the baits for stories of other masters, previous boys and the School invariably succeeded with the shutting of books and a sudden nostalgia for the past pervading the room.

His personal associations with the School would fill many books, and what entertaining reading they would be! His influence in our great Rugby tradition was moulded from fifteen winters of personal time given to coaching the outstanding Fifteens characteristic of the period from 1935 to 1949. His devotion to the game was well-nigh fanatical and he retires with the knowledge that two of the truly "great" sides in the School's history, those of 1938 and 1949, passed through his capable hands.

Cricket and tennis enjoyed his experience and guidance for many years and, like Rugby, both these sports have a special place in his active, outdoor interests.

Mr. Kerr reached the rank of Major in the School Battalion and he was Officer Commanding from 1930 to 1940, gaining the E.D. for his valuable work. Many local sporting and cultural organisations have enjoyed the support of Mr. Kerr throughout the years and today he is still an ardent bowls and musical society follower.

More detail could be added at random, but once started, difficulty would be encountered in trying to find a suitable finishing place. His retirement after 36 years at New Plymouth Boys' High has brought to an end an invaluable contribution to the good of a famous school and the name of "Yank" Kerr will continue to be associated with the School into the distant future.

To both Mr. and Mrs. Kerr we sincerely wish a long and happy retirement.

R. C. Johns.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,—I suggest that a dance should be given in the honour of the boys leaving. This dance could be held quite successfully, and I am sure that everyone would appreciate it. It would, in later life, be one of our happy memories of our last days at School.

The opening of Spotswood College next year is going to see the Girls' School and ours in the somewhat ludicrous position of still having strict segregation enforced. At present we certainly do not see enough of each other and another dance is an effective means of creating the natural boy-girl relationship which unfortunately is absent at present.

In how many walks of life is it considered wrong to be seen talking or walking with a girl in the street? This seems to be the policy between our two schools and surely it is doing far more harm than the good it is supposed to.—I am, etc.,

"R.E.P."

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CHAPEL NOTES

This year our High School Service has been held regularly at 9.30 every Sunday morning as in past years. Maintaining the previous high standard set in these past years and conducted by Canon K. Liggett, the services have continued to be held in St. Mary's Church in conjunction with the Girls' High School and part of St. Mary's Bible Class. Mr. Hatherly preached on one occasion each term.

Every Friday night the boarders have Bible Classes. This year the number of classes has increased from three to four. They have been conducted by Canon K. Liggett, Rev. E. Smith, Rev. F. Middlebrook and Rev. Canon N. F. E. Robertshawe. We owe a great deal to these men, who give part of their Friday evenings, at a very difficult time, to come and teach us.

No members of the choir this year are High School boys, except O. R. Woodhouse, who acts as the cross-bearer every second Sunday.

Confirmation classes were held each Friday afternoon at School during the third term. The Confirmation service was held in St. Mary's Church on Saturday evening, 10th October, when the following boys were confirmed by the Bishop of Waikato:—

J. C. M. Allen, A. C. Bell, S. P. Catchpole, M. Clegg, D. F. Coddington, A. T. Collins, N. C. Cottam, G. K. Cross, G. M. Crossman, D. A. Cunningham, G. W. Davidson, N. R. Des Forges, R. R. Dickie, D. J. Douglas-Brown, R. J. Due, L. L. Duffy, D. W. Eales, P. J. Edwards, P. R. Field, L. G. Foreman, M. Frentz, P. R. Gardner, S. P. Harkness, T. I. Henderson, J. C. Henderson, M. C. Hingston, N. L. Honeyfield, W. D. Jackson, P. R. Jamieson, A. R. P. Kear, A. K. Klein, A. J. Longstaff, J. L. Lucas, B. J. McCready, P. S. McGhie, D. R. Martin, C. Masson, R. M. Masters, R. J. Maxwell, R. J. B. Nash, R. W. Old, N. H. Penwarden, C. R. Pring, J. L. Riddle, J. C. Rowe, W. E. Sharp, G. M. Smale, A. L. G. Smith, K. Rowland, J. Taylor, M. J. Taylor, R. G. Taylor, N. G. Treweek, J. Walter.

On the first Sunday in every monthly Holy Communion has been celebrated in the School Library at 7.30 a.m. The services have been conducted by Canon K. Liggett and Rev. E. Smith. The attendance by the boys has varied from a few to about sixty communicants.

During the second term we had a visit from the Te Aute boys who gave a concert, and in church on Sunday morning sang a hymn in Maori. We were fortunate, also, to hear Miss Bent, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, who described the work of the organisation; the Chaplain of the Tokanui Hospital, who told us about his work; and the Rev. Maunga Cameron, who had just returned from the South Sea Asian Conference.

R. Paul.

CRUSADERS

About 20 boys have regularly attended Crusaders this year and it was noticeable that more boarders than usual attended the meetings. Early in the year a "squash" with girls from the Girls' High School Crusader Union packed the hall of Knox Church, Fitzroy, with 70 enthusiastic people; and more recently, packed cars headed south to the annual rally at Stratford.

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The highlight of the end of term function in August was a marathon treasure hunt over the paths of Burgess Park, followed by supper at which one stalwart pleaded "No! I couldn't eat any more, thank you." We have seen several interesting films during the year, some of which have been attended by up to 300 boys.

Particularly thought-provoking was "Dead Men on Furlough"—the true story of a Korean pastor whose wife was held hostage by the Communist powers. His unswerving loyalty to Christian principles amid brutality was, like St. Paul's, firm unto death.

The Voice of the Andes radio, H.C.J.B. in Quito, Ecuador, kindly supplied us with the film "Conflicto," showing their territorial work in South America.

In contrast to the highly scientific film "God of Creation," we have shown our own Crusaders' production "Ponui—1958," at which camp one of our members intends to relax and await School Certificate results. His attendance for fifteen years must surely be a record! His reactions at mid-January will be watched closely by six others from New Plymouth, if not by the 150 campers.

ORCHESTRA NOTES

Many of last year's members have returned to School, and with the addition of nine new members, the Orchestra strength has increased to 29 players.

The members of this year's Orchestra are:—

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

Second Violins: J. E. Sole, M. F. Whitehead, G. J. Davidson, L. Birks.

Third Violins: M. D. Darke, T. A. Jordan, D. H. Brown.

Cellos: P. B. Brown, G. C. Stace, N. R. Hingston, S. J. Fraser, P. Williams.

Double Bass: I. N. Titter.

Clarinets: R. C. Rayward, J. L. Talbot, D. Menzies, K. L. George.

Cornet: D. M. Smith.

Tenor Horn: B. R. Prestidge.

Euphonium: M. Williams.

Flute: R. A. Barnes.

Recorder: J. D. Cummings.

Oboe: N. G. Rush.

Piano: J. E. Cousins.

Unfortunately, hopes for a large Orchestra this year were somewhat dashed. The Band, especially at the beginning of the year, appealed to the more musical members of the Orchestra and consequently the numbers declined.

The basis of the Orchestra were mainly Fifth and Sixth formers, who often found difficulty in attending all the practices because of examinations. It was for this reason that the Orchestra was prevented from playing at the end of the second term. However, the usual core

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of enthusiastic Third formers always attended the Monday and Thursday morning practices.

The singing in morning assembly was again accompanied by the Orchestra, and at the end of the first term a very creditable performance was staged for the benefit of parents who were present at a special Parents' evening.

L. J. Sunde.

BRASS BAND NOTES

Many new instruments were purchased this year and the size of the Band was considerably larger than in previous years. We lacked, however, players of experience, for most of the members were having their first year with an instrument.

The Band played for Battalion Parades during Barracks Week and continued to do so during subsequent drill days throughout the year. The Inter-Secondary School Track and Field Sports at Rugby Park, the Primary Schools' Anzac Service at the Cemetery, and the Rugby matches between School and St. Pat's and Wanganui Collegiate also gave opportunities for the Band to perform.

Several items were also played at the two Parents' evenings held, but perhaps the climax of the year's activities was when the Band played at the railway station on the arrival of the touring British "Lions" Rugby team, and subsequently marched through Devon Street before a big crowd of spectators and "Lions" players.

Practices were held on Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m., and on Wednesday evenings for two hours, commencing at 7 p.m. Mr. Hall, from the City Band, took these Wednesday practices and the players who attended gained valuable experience. Beginners' classes were also held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8 a.m.

The Band played for morning assembly singing on occasions, but its repertoire of hymns was very limited.

The members of this year's Band are:—

Drum Major: L. J. Sunde.

Bass Drums: J. T. Spellman, R. G. Taylor.

Side Drums: D. W. Hinch, G. W. Way, C. F. Sweney, A. D. Symes, C. Tompkins, A. J. Whitehead, G. Smith, N. R. Des Forges, L. F. Keenan, B. J. Goldfinch, M. J. Barrowman.

Tenor Drums: G. E. Pearse, P. A. Shepherd.

Cornets: D. M. Smith, R. J. Maxwell, P. G. Douch, B. J. Gerrard, W. R. Hetherington, M. E. Dobson, G. J. Davidson, A. E. Guilford, M. H. Alexander, N. Birks, L. G. Foreman, M. F. Tett, W. E. Sharp, B. Mackay, N. B. Lange, G. A. Old, J. P. Shearer, D. W. Eales, C. R. Jury, M. Fenwick, W. McKie.

Horns: B. R. Prestidge, J. Ainsworth, K. Garnham, D. W. Agnew, D. K. Theobald.

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Baritones: M. S. Williams, A. R. P. Kear, A. J. Coddington.

Euphonium: G. C. Purdie.

Trombones: P. J. Carter, T. I. Gibbs, L. E. Scott, G. T. Jackson, H. M. Hockley.

Basses: P. J. Edwards, G. Death, T. A. McKay.

D. M. Smith.

LIBRARY NOTES

At the beginning of the year, Mr. A. F. Gardiner took over the position of Librarian from Mr. W. R. Halliburton.

Over 500 new books have been added to the shelves during the year, a good proportion of them being Junior Fiction. This section is becoming increasingly popular among the younger boys. During the second and third term the Library received a loan of 500 books from the National Library; in the second term these were mainly fiction books and in the third non-fiction, with an emphasis on hobby and career subjects. These books were exceedingly popular and promise to be a regular feature of the Library in future years.

Several new shelves were installed in the Library early in the year to ease the pressure in some sections which were becoming overcrowded.

Thanks must go to the Library Prefects who have assisted in maintaining order and tidiness during the year, both in the lunch hour and after school.

L. R. Bublitz.

CADETS

The cadet year has been one of considerable changes, the most obvious of which was the adoption of fortnightly drill for two periods, and the additions and alterations to the Battalion. Specialisation was carried to a further degree than previously with an increase in the various types of units. Platoons concentrating solely on the Anti-Tank Gun, the 25-Pounder and the M.M.G. were successfully organised and after initial problems, quickly settled down to instruction from Area 8 staff.

The change from a complete morning's drill once a month has not yet been fully justified. With the increase in time devoted to the specialist units has come a slight deterioration in the general standard of elementary foot drill and N.C.O. instruction. However, the high degree of concentration on the N.C.O.T.U. unit should begin to show results in the coming year and the Battalion, benefiting from this year's difficulties, will not be long in reaching higher standards.

Barracks Week and its associated activities experienced the usual sweltering heat, but the concluding parade which was to have been inspected by Brigadier D. S. Thompson, M.C., E.D., was unfortunately cancelled by rain.

Adverse weather caused considerable inconvenience throughout the year when an unusually high percentage of drill day programmes were



DAY BOY HOUSE PREFECTS, 1959

Back Row: N. G. Henderson, L. F. Whittle, G. R. Hazell, J. W. Cartwright, C. H. Murray, E. J. Slyfield, J. M. Scott.

Front Row: J. E. George, S. Q. Gale, G. E. Thomas, D. M. McEldowney, N. W. Titter, M. G. Snowden, R. C. Musker.



BOARDING HOUSE PREFECTS, 1959

Back Row: R. A. Ford, G. L. Anderson, P. J. Rich, R. A. Hall, J. W. Dyer, B. J. Allen, P. R. Honeyfield, A. G. MacKay, B. J. McCulloch, M. I. Bossley.

Middle Row: A. L. East, A. R. Paul, M. W. Hunt, M. R. Herbert, T. P. Dobbie, J. M. Stewart, R. L. Broughton, C. J. Bryant, T. Loorparg.

Front Row: R. G. McCutcheon, D. G. Ferrier-Watson, D. J. O'Dea, W. G. Shearer, T. J. Tier, D. I. Jones, P. Adlam, P. Carr.

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upset. To counteract this, the various units made full use of wet day parade areas, but on too many occasions was it evident that N.C.O.'s were unprepared for instruction on the restricted wet-day syllabus.

The annual Anzac Day parade reverted to the traditional short service held outside the Memorial Gates in the presence of the Battalion and Old Boys. Wreaths were laid simultaneously at the Gates and in the Memorial Shrine on the sounding of the "Last Post," and the Battalion then marched through the city to the public service in Pukekura Park.

With the intention of forming new units, the M.M.G., the Anti-Tank Gun and the 25-Pounder were demonstrated to a particularly large number of cadets at the beginning of the second term. Interest in the new weapons was high and the finalising of the ultimate platoons proved a difficult undertaking for those concerned. The three respective platoons, each with thirty cadets, were assigned to A and B Companies.

Because of the transport difficulty of the weapons from Area 8 Headquarters, it was decided that instruction would be carried out under the supervision of Army staff at the Army Hall. The problem of Battalion parades every second drill day necessitating considerably shortened lessons and the unpunctuality of cadets to and from the Army Hall were the two main difficulties encountered, and although the latter was easily corrected, the former is going to be a continued problem in the future.

Addresses were given to the Battalion during the year by Air Vice-Marshal Calder and Sir Edmund Hillary. Air Vice-Marshal Calder took the salute for a march past and then made a thorough inspection of most of the companies. At the end of his inspection, he complimented the Battalion on its high standard of bearing and drill.

The School nominee for the Area 8 candidate to be examined for the William Robert Friar Memorial Prize was this year W.O.II A. M. Harris. The Sole Cup, awarded to the School's best N.C.O., was won by W.O.I R. C. Johns.

The usual camps at Waiouru and Linton for officers, N.C.O.'s and prospective N.C.O.'s were once again well attended, and this willingness to devote personal time for the benefit of the Battalion is always commendable. Three N.C.O.'s attended a Senior N.C.O. course at Waiouru in January, and during the May and August vacations eight officers attended promotion courses at Linton. Thirty cadets went to a preliminary N.C.O. camp at Linton in August with six N.C.O.'s who were taking a refresher course and three who were doing actual instruction work.

A live shoot is to be conducted for all heavy weapons at the Rewa Rewa Range on December 8th under the guidance of Army staff. The decision is an excellent one in all aspects, giving the N.C.O.'s and cadets a well-deserved opportunity to handle their particular weapons under realistic conditions. It is to be hoped that this policy will be continued in the future.

With the major changes offering a more diversified experience, the year has had its difficulties, but the principal problems have been overcome and next year should see the Battalion able to consolidate and settle down to normal procedure.

R. C. Johns.

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A.T.C.

This year's programme has been a full, and in some ways, hectic one. In the re-organisation of the Battalion, the A.T.C. was created a separate unit and in doing so gained the status of a Squadron. With this, Mr. D. D. Archibald was promoted to Squadron-Leader, on which we congratulate him.

The change to a Squadron was due to a large increase in numbers (70 to 120), and to cope with this, several rapid N.C.O. promotions were necessary. During Barracks Week, a fair standard in drill, navigation and general aeronautical subjects was achieved.

This year two members of the A.T.C. brought great credit to the Squadron and to the School. The first was W.O. G. R. Walsh, who won one of the twelve R.N.Z.A.F. Flying Scholarships which were supposed to have eventuated during the August vacation, but, unfortunately, had to be postponed until a later date. The second was Flight-Sergeant K. Green who, with five other boys from New Zealand, spent a week of the August break in Fiji at the invitation of the R.N.Z.A.F.

About halfway through the year, an A.T.C. signals section was formed, and although it is small at present it is hoped that it will be expanded for use for such purposes as an efficient communications link between mound and butts on long-range shoots.

The normal Waterhouse Trophy team was entered, but owing to adverse weather conditions had little opportunity to practise. However, a creditable performance was registered.

Special thanks are due to Sergeant Bartholomew and the officers for the time and work that they have put into the Squadron.

N. McL. Hayton.

N.C.O.T.U.

The N.C.O. Training Unit this year comprised two platoons, one consisting of Fourth formers, and the other of Third form recruits who will form the nucleus of next year's unit. It is expected that the unit will benefit from the preliminary training gained by these boys who have been spared the end of year stagnation, a seemingly unavoidable characteristic of the Third form companies.

The unit of over seventy cadets now forms part of A Company. It has also assumed an unparalleled distinction in its dress as each cadet will now wear an inverted stripe and a crimson lanyard. The cadet is assigned a rifle which he undertakes to clear during fixed lunch-hour periods.

A number of promotions (to rank of corporal) were made at mid-year to help stem the acute shortage of trained N.C.O.'s felt by the whole Battalion. The end of year promotions have been confined mainly to the Fourth form cadets.

The unit commanders have aimed to raise the unit to guard standard, eliminating the last-minute organisation necessary for the formation of a special guard. To accomplish this, lunch-hour parades were held

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during the first term, and in the second term when the weather was favourable. The attendance at these parades reflected the remarkable enthusiasm generated in the unit, making possible the guard of honour supplied for the visit of Air Vice-Marshal Calder, and the guards for the Anzac Day ceremonies.

Thirty-five cadets attended the pre-qualification course at Linton. They will do so again for the December course.

The extra activity and distinction of the unit has been made possible by the intense co-operation amongst officers, N.C.O.'s and cadets which cannot but succeed in benefiting the School, initially with a smooth functioning unit and later with valuable N.C.O.'s upon whom the success of the cadet training depends in future years.

J. D. Dickson.

SIGNALS

The School's Signals unit enjoyed a comparatively successful year. It was divided into two platoons—the senior boys concentrating on the "48" sets, while the juniors were drilled in signal fundamentals, cable laying and in the use of "Don 5's." Towards the end of the year considerable efficiency was attained by both sections. There was, however, a lapse in radio procedure, a fault which was rectified by Staff-Sergeant Glover and Captain Wilson.

A few minor changes were made at the beginning of Barracks Week. The obsolete fellophones were dispensed with and a more rigid policy of selection was instituted in an endeavour to raise the standard of signals work. These changes proved to be worthwhile, for with the majority of N.C.O.'s leaving at the end of the year, the responsibility will fall on these younger boys, many of whom have shown outstanding progress.

The maintenance of equipment was capably carried out by Corporal R. Caldwell and Staff-Sergeant D. Smith, whose work did much to help the efficiency of the unit. To achieve a high standard of efficiency in signals work, it was necessary to sacrifice many foot-drill periods, but in spite of this handicap, the unit invariably paraded satisfactorily.

P. W. Savage.

BREN PLATOON

This was the first complete year of existence for the Bren Platoon, and taking this into consideration it was a satisfactory one. However, it did show the need for more specialised N.C.O.'s, two being insufficient for instruction when several guns were in use.

A shoot was held and some good scores were recorded, but one such exercise is inadequate in Bren training, and regular shoots would improve the standard as well as create a greater interest.

The platoon acknowledges the assistance it has received from the Army staff, and under their guidance the unit greatly improved their standard of both Bren and foot drill.

G. E. Thomas.

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MORTAR PLATOON

After a year of training the Platoon has become very proficient in the handling of mortars. The few vacancies available were quickly filled, and, encouraged by the N.C.O.'s and Army staff, the cadets attained a high standard in mortar drill.

Unfortunately, the shoot conducted last year was unable to be repeated, but in the coming year it is hoped that several shoots may be possible with the continued help of the Army.

Apart from the skill demonstrated in the handling of weapons, a very high standard of foot drill efficiency in the Battalion was reached by the Platoon.

S. Q. Gale.

INTELLIGENCE

Formed three years ago, the Intelligence Platoon has continued to function under one officer and three N.C.O.'s. It was originally composed of thirty selected cadets, but we have gradually lost a number to the recently-formed artillery units.

During Barracks Week a very interesting and informative lecture on the importance of the Intelligence unit in atomic warfare, and the effects of an atomic bomb was given by a member of the Army staff. Later in the year a trip was made to the Pukeiti trig station to add more details to the plane-table map of the Kaitake Range, but many more trips will be necessary before this can be finished.

Unfortunately, we are severely handicapped by lack of time, for it has been found that very little constructive work can be accomplished in the two periods available.

J. C. Hoskin.

MEDICAL UNIT

Entry to the unit was restricted to 15 junior cadets, who with 12 seniors, comprised a unit of 27 cadets, in addition to 7 N.C.O.'s.

During Barracks Week bandaging, stretcher drill and preliminary First Aid were concentrated on. Two successful field exercises, including stretcher carriage of patients over difficult ground, were held. Rifle drill has now been omitted from the unit's syllabus.

With the fortnightly drill periods during the year, other field exercises have not been possible, and lectures on general medical work were given by the unit commander and N.C.O.'s. As a large proportion of the 19 cadets who passed the St. John's exam last year have returned, a fairly high standard of work has been maintained.

During the second term, Staff-Sergeant Cooper, of the 2nd Field Ambulance, gave lectures on the Field Ambulance and its work. Two cadets attended a week-end camp organised by the 2nd Field Ambulance, and others have attended the town unit parades.

We would like to thank Staff-Sergeant Cooper for his able advice and assistance on many occasions throughout the year.

M. R. Sears.

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SHOOTING

This is probably the last year that the present School range will be used, as it is to be covered over to make way for new playing fields. Because it is now in very good condition, this will be quite a loss to School shooting activities.

In view of the increased number of boys and the new practice of having military drill once a fortnight for two periods, it has been difficult to give every boy a shoot this year, but by the end of the third term most will have been given the opportunity to do so.

The following were the results of the 1958 School Championships:—

.303 Shooting Awards

The School Championship and McDiarmid Belt for the highest aggregate score was won by J. W. Dyer, who scored 114 out of the possible 140. Runner-up was N. Ashley with 113.

Winner of the Searle Cup for the Short Range (25 yards) Championship was J. Halcombe, who beat D. M. Lobb in a shoot-off. Both boys scored 68 out of 80.

The Long Range (200 yards) Championship for the Kelly Cup was won by R. Wells, who scored 50 out of 60.

.22 Shooting Awards

The Lady Godley Cup and Shell Case awarded for the highest score in the Junior Classification Shoot was won by W. Watson.

Winner of the Hamblyn Cup for boys Under-17 was D. Hicks, with 63 out of 65. Runner-up was G. Johns, with 61 out of 65.

The Loveday Cup for Under-15 boys was won by A. Powell with 52 out of 65, while the McLeod and Slade Cup for boys Under-14 went to J. Ainsworth.

Although not all of this year's championships have been completed, some of the results are:—

Hamblyn Cup: M. H. Neal.

Loveday Cup: B. D. Hookham.

The School entered for the Press Shield competition once again this year, and averaged 93.1% for their shoot. It was noticeable that eight of the team will be eligible to compete again in 1960. The average over the last four years are as follows: 1956, 82.6%; 1957, 85.3%; 1958, 91.2%; 1959, 93.1%. The highest individual score for this year was recorded by D. M. Lobb with 98. The team was: M. H. Neal, G. N. Davidson, J. H. Ross, B. D. Hookham, W. R. Watson, J. M. Read, J. R. Spellman, D. M. Lobb, M. M. Dickie and G. E. Williamson.

On May 1st an Inter-School competition was held at the Rewa Rewa Range and was won by Hawera Technical High School with an aggregate of 714 points. The School team was placed second with their 650 points. J. R. Spellman finished in third place in the individual scores after shooting off for second place.

P. J. Rumball.

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SOCCER

This year the First XI were well up in the Acheson Cup competition.

The college game results were not a true indication of the team's strength. In the first game against Mt. Albert Grammar, because of the new players and resultant reshuffling of positions, the visiting team's superiority was shown by the 6-0 score.

In the next game Wellington College defeated School by 3-0. However, School were far from disgraced, dictating much of the play during the first spell, but unable to cap the moves with goals. The half-time score was 0-0.

The game against Wanganui should have been won. The re-arranged forward line proved successful in scoring two good goals, but the weakened defence was unable to prevent the Wanganui forwards from scoring two goals in the last five minutes to make the final score 3-2.

The goalkeeper, Marsden, proved himself competent throughout the entire season. The full-backs, Giles and Greiner, provided a solid defence, but reshuffling considerably weakened the defence. The captain, R. Worn, at centre half, was a reliable and experienced player. Collett, Pelham, Dalton and Catchpole all played at left half at various times, but their inexperience proved a weak link. The other wing half, Sharp, was an experienced player who combined well with his winger, Murdoch. The wingers, Murdoch and Veale, who came into the team later in the season, gave thrust and speed to the forward line. McCulloch at centre forward possessed a powerful shot and at times proved himself to be a determined forward. The inside forwards, Wall and Forrest, played well, the former being an experienced and valuable player while the latter was an efficient link. Hayton assisted the team by playing well whenever needed.

The First XI had successes against other visiting teams, defeating the Norwegian tanker "Sitka" by 9-0, the Seatoun B team from Wellington 1-0, and drawing with the training ship "Durham" 1-1.

The Second XI played in the Inter-Secondary School competition, but did not develop into an effective team. Kardos and Ainsworth provided the nucleus for the side.

The Third XI won the Taranaki Inter-Secondary School B grade, dropping only one point in a drawn game. All the players were promising third formers. The full-backs, Dandy and Harkness, had strong clearing kicks, but the strength of the team lay in the halves, Wray, Harrison and Higgs, who were reliable on defence and also capable of setting up play for the forwards. The inside forwards, Agnew and Talbot, were adept at ball control and made many good attacks. Singfield was a robust, energetic centre forward, but lacked an accurate shot. On the wings, Clarkson improved during the season, showing pace and penetration, and Gerrard showed early season form. Clarkson, Agnew, Higgs and Wray were selected as under 14½ Taranaki representatives during the season.

The Fourth XI, although not high on the Intermediate championship ladder, performed creditably. The mainstays of the team were Wheeler in goal, Shippey and Lyly in the halves, Hohaia at full-back and the captain, Hannaford, at centre half. All credit is due to this rather inexperienced team which played enjoyable football.

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Two most satisfactory matches were played against the Highlands and Devon Intermediate schools by old pupils from those schools. The School teams won both fixtures.

Congratulations to those players selected for representative teams: McCulloch, Worn, Wall and Veale for the Taranaki Senior B team; Murdoch, Pelham, Collett, Dalton, Sharp and McCulloch for the Taranaki under 16½ side; and Charters, Catchpole (captain), Ainsworth, Kardos and Clarkson for the Taranaki under 14½ XI. Congratulations also to Worn, Wall and Sharp for blazer awards.

In the Inter-House competition, Central defeated the holders East by 5-1, but an extremely strong West team was acclaimed the winner without a play-off, and so take the Holden Cup.

With many junior boys developing and a number of the more experienced players returning to School, prospects look bright for Soccer next year.

D. Sharp.

HOCKEY

This year over fifty boys, comprising four regular teams, showed that Hockey is firmly established among the School's winter sports.

Only three of last year's First XI returned to School, but we were fortunate to gain boys who had considerable experience from other schools. A number of promising juniors from last year were also promoted to the Firsts. The Second XI of fairly experienced members, was particularly strong. The Thirds consisted of the keener younger boys, while the Fourth XI consisted of third formers. The Firsts practised three nights a week compared with the two nights spent practising by the other teams.

The First XI was entered in the Junior A grade and drew for second place with the N.P.O.B. club. The Second XI played well to win the Junior B grade, while the Third and Fourth XI's played competently to fill third and fourth places respectively.

In the Inter-School games, the First XI was narrowly beaten, 2 goals to 1, by Wanganui Technical School. School played with more determination, but better stick work gave their opponents a well deserved win on a sticky ground. This year Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Deane donated a cup to be contested between School and Opunake D.H.S. In this game the Firsts were perhaps unlucky to be beaten by 2 goals to 1, having enjoyed a considerable territorial advantage.

This year a section of the N.Z. Secondary Schools' Hockey Association's annual tournament was held at New Plymouth during the first week of the August vacation. It was organised and run, under the direction of the association, by the School's Hockey Committee and many of the players. The participating teams were: Te Awamutu College, Thames High School, Queen Elizabeth Technical College, Freyberg High School, Marlborough College and School.

The tournament was officially opened by the Headmaster, and on the first day School went into an early lead only to be beaten by the

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eventual winners, Freyberg High School, on the Tuesday. On Tuesday night a most successful social was held for the visiting players. The final, which was played on Wednesday morning, saw School finish in the runner-up position. A tournament representative team, including N. Cavaney and R. Rayward from School, was chosen to play against the Taranaki Colts.

During the second term fifteen players sat a hockey umpires' theory examination, but at the time of writing the results have not been available.

R. C. Rayward.

SWIMMING

The annual sports were this year again held in February in ideal conditions. The usual pleasing number of parents and friends were present as spectators, and with the remainder of the School they witnessed some excellent swimming and close finishes.

The large winning margin of Central House last year seemed to guarantee supremacy in swimming for at least a year or two, but this was not the case. The East swimmers, strong in numbers, steadily built up a points score which crept ahead of Central with every announcement and resulted in a well-deserved victory.

M. G. Saxton, who thoroughly revised the Senior record list, N. G. Rush and C. G. Weir were the winners of the Senior, Intermediate and Junior freestyle championships respectively.

In the Intermediate grade, N. G. Rush proved his ability by winning all freestyle events, as well as breaking Saxton's 440 Yards record which was set only last year. The Junior grade was more evenly contested with C. G. Weir being pressed to win the three championship events.

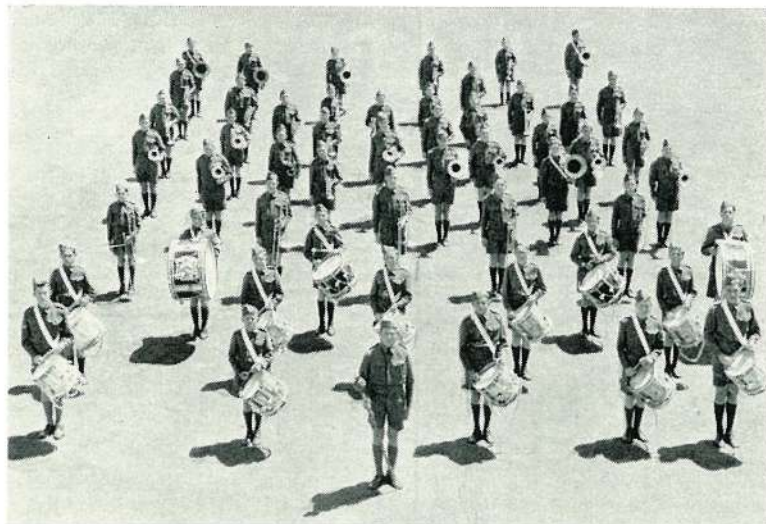
The Taranaki Post-Primary Swimming Championships were held on February 28th at Hawera. This is the third occasion that this meeting has been held, and they are proving very popular amongst the various schools.

The School team was: J. B. Law, L. F. Whittle, R. L. Watkins, N. W. Titter, D. J. Paynter, B. N. Patten, N. G. Henderson, M. G. Saxton, J. C. Hoskin, J. W. Nicholls, M. R. Walsh, N. G. Rush, J. E. Cousins, A. S. Tarrant, C. T. Henderson, R. J. Maxwell, W. T. Lawson, P. J. Dempsey, J. Ainsworth, C. G. Weir, G. McKee, D. L. Emmett, N. H. Penwarden, G. C. Johnstone, B. F. Milne.

The team put up a very creditable performance, gaining the following titles:—

Senior:

- N. W. Titter: 50 Yards Butterfly. Time, 39.5sec.
- R. L. Watkins: 50 Yards Freestyle. Time, 28.5sec.
- D. J. Paynter: 100 Yards Breaststroke. Time, 1min. 26.3sec.
- M. G. Saxton: 100 Yards Freestyle. Time, 67.0sec.



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- Front Row: L. Sunde, J. R. Spellman, P. J. Burford, L. J. Purdy, N. B. Lange, A. J. McKenzie.
- Second Row: D. H. Brown, D. G. George, M. F. Whitehead, D. M. Smith, J. L. Talbot, D. M. Menzies, P. B. Brown, N. R. Hingston, G. C. Stace, P. Williams.
- Third Row: G. J. Davidson, P. J. Carter, M. P. Darke, J. E. Sole, L. Birks, R. C. Rayward, K. L. George, J. E. Cousins, I. M. Titter.
- Back Row: M. J. Williams, N. G. Rush, J. D. Cummings, R. A. Barnes, B. M. Fraser.

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Intermediate:

- N. G. Rush: 100 Yards Freestyle. Time, 68.7sec.
220 Yards Freestyle. Time, 2min. 39.6sec.
J. E. Cousins: 66 2-3 Yards Backstroke. Time, 48.7sec.
A. S. Tarrant: 66 2-3 Yards Breaststroke. Time, 53.9sec

Junior:

- G. McKee: 66 2-3 Yards Backstroke. Time, 55.1sec.

This year the North Island Secondary Schools' Championships were held at the Palmerston North Municipal Pool on Saturday, March 14th. The meeting seems to be steadily gaining in popularity, and with the rise in popularity has come the natural improvement of individual performances. However, for the sake of competition it is a pity that none of the Auckland schools was able to participate.

Taranaki schools did very well all round, and for the size of their team, School swimmers performed so as to make their presence keenly felt among the others competing. In the Under 14 100 Yards Breaststroke, N. H. Penwarden was second, while J. E. Cousins, specialising in backstroke events, finished second in the 100 Yards and third in the 220 Yards. As expected, M. G. Saxton led the School swimmers in performances, winning the Over 16 220 Yards Breaststroke, and creating an excellent record in the 133 1-3 Yards Medley. The other swimmers also did well, and even bigger success seems likely for next year's meeting.

Detailed results of the School Sports are:—

Championship Events

Senior:

- 440 Yards Freestyle: M. G. Saxton 1, J. B. Law 2, L. F. Whittle 3.
Time, 5min. 29.2sec.
220 Yards Freestyle: M. G. Saxton 1, J. B. Law 2, N. W. Titter 3.
Time, 2min. 31.8sec.
100 Yards Freestyle: M. G. Saxton 1, N. W. Titter 2, J. B. Law 3.
Time, 59.7sec.
100 Yards Backstroke: M. G. Saxton 1, R. L. Watkins 2, J. C. Hoskin 3.
Time, 1min. 12.3sec.
100 Yards Medley: M. G. Saxton 1, D. J. Paynter 2, R. L. Watkins 3.
Time, 1min. 10.3sec.
33 1-3 Yards Butterfly: M. G. Saxton 1, N. G. Rush 2, B. N. Patten 3.
Time, 19.7sec.

Intermediate:

- 440 Yards Freestyle: N. G. Rush 1, W. T. Lawson 2, R. J. Maxwell 3.
Time, 5min. 56sec.
220 Yards Freestyle: N. G. Rush 1, W. T. Lawson 2, R. J. Maxwell 3.
Time, 2min. 44.7sec.
100 Yards Freestyle: N. G. Rush 1, W. T. Lawson 2, M. R. Walsh 3.
Time, 1min. 5.7sec.
100 Yards Breaststroke: A. S. Tarrant 1, M. R. Walsh 2, D. J. Penwarden 3.
Time, 1min. 31.2sec.

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- 100 Yards Backstroke: J. E. Cousins 1, N. G. Rush 2, C. T. Henderson 3.
Time, 1min. 17.8sec.
- 100 Yards Medley: J. E. Cousins 1, P. J. Dempsey 2, C. T. Henderson 3.
Time, 1min. 22.7sec.

Junior:

- 220 Yards Freestyle: C. G. Weir 1, A. S. Coddington 2, J. Ainsworth 3.
Time, 3min. 11.2sec.
- 100 Yards Freestyle: C. G. Weir 1, B. E. Milne 2, A. J. Coddington 3.
Time, 1min. 13.7sec.
- 50 Yards Freestyle: C. G. Weir 1, J. Ainsworth 2, G. C. Johnstone 3.
Time, 31.9sec.
- 50 Yards Breaststroke: N. H. Penwarden 1, G. C. Johnstone 2.
Time, 42.2sec.
- 50 Yards Backstroke: G. McKee 1, D. L. Emert 2, R. G. Wallace-Wells 3.
Time, 37.4sec.
- 100 Yards Medley: N. H. Penwarden 1, G. C. Johnstone 2, D. D. Holmes 3. Time, 1min. 29.4sec.

Diving:

- Senior: A. I. Pepperell 1, F. B. McNeil 2, M. J. Lecher 3.
- Intermediate: P. L. Cook 1, R. Streeter 2, B. P. Valintine.
- Junior: R. H. Charters 1, J. H. Ross 2, O. Evans 3.

Relays:

- Inter-Form: 5P1, 1; 4E, 2; 6C2, 3. Time, 1min. 26.1sec.
- Inter-House: Central 1, Moyes 2, East 3. Time, 1min. 12.7sec.
- Day Boys v. Boarders: Day Boys 1, Boarders 2.

New Records:

- 440 Yards Freestyle, Senior: M. G. Saxton, 5min. 29.2sec. (Old Record: P. B. Strombom, 1957, 6min. 3.2sec.)
- 220 Yards Freestyle, Senior: M. G. Saxton, 2min. 31.8sec. (Old Record: C. J. Ross, 1949, 2min. 38sec.)
- 100 Yards Freestyle, Senior: M. G. Saxton, 59.7sec. (Old Record: M. B. Francis, 1952, 1min. 1.2sec.)
- 100 Yards Backstroke: M. G. Saxton, 1min. 12.3sec. (Old Record: M. G. Saxton, 1958, 1min. 15.7sec.)
- 33 1-3 Yards Butterfly: M. G. Saxton, 19.7sec. (Old Record: M. G. Saxton, 1957, 20.7sec.)
- 440 Yards Freestyle, Intermediate: N. G. Rush, 5min. 56sec. (Old Record: M. G. Saxton, 1957, 6min. 3.2sec.)
- 220 Yards Freestyle Intermediate: N. G. Rush, 2min. 44.7sec. (Old Record: M. G. Saxton, 1957, 2min. 45.4sec.)
- 100 Yards Backstroke, Intermediate: J. E. Cousins, 1min. 17.8sec. (Old Record: J. E. Cousins, 1958, 1min. 21.7sec.)

C. T. Henderson.

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TENNIS

This year was notable for the enthusiasm of the junior players although, despite examinations, seniors did continue to play. As usual, House tennis was continued with the Girls' High School teams and a very enjoyable competition resulted.

The School entered teams in both the Men's "A" grade and the "Soffe Cup" competitions, and because the "A" grade matches were played on Sunday mornings, thus excluding Boarders, more players than usual were included in the School squad. They were: R. H. Purser, N. D. Walter, W. G. Shearer, G. E. Thomas, C. T. Henderson, J. W. Dyer, N. W. Titter and J. J. Rothery. J. S. Richardson left during the second term.

Instead of awarding the Stevens Cup for inter-House tennis to the winning team in the combined competition, a knock-out tournament was held.

Results were:—

First Round: Carrington d. West 4-2, Pridham d. East 4-2, Central d. Moyes 5-1.

Second Round: Central d. Pridham 6-0.

Final: Central d. Carrington 6-0.

The winning Central House team was: R. H. Purser, G. E. Thomas, C. T. Henderson, M. G. Snowden.

Congratulations are due to R. H. Purser, who was a New Zealand sponsored junior both last year and this. With J. S. Richardson, he competed and played creditably at the National Junior Championships. Also to his credit are the National Junior Badminton titles, which he has held for the last two seasons.

Generally, it has been an enjoyable season. Thanks must go to the various New Plymouth clubs and to the North Taranaki Management Committee who have given us every assistance.

Although most of the top players are leaving, several will return to School and with the strength of the promising juniors, should maintain the prevalent high standard of tennis next year.

Results of the 1958 championships are:—

Senior Singles: J. S. Richardson d. W. G. Shearer.

Senior Doubles: B. J. Davey and J. J. McConachy d. J. W. Dyer and W. G. Shearer.

Intermediate Singles: C. T. Henderson d. W. T. Murdoch.

Intermediate Doubles: C. T. Henderson and N. D. Walter d. R. Watson and K. Tapper.

Junior Singles: M. Hamilton d. R. Pulford.

Junior Doubles: M. Hamilton and D. Smith d. D. L. Little and R. Pulford.

G. E. Thomas.

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BADMINTON

The Badminton Club again flourished this year with a membership of 30 boys. Two courts were measured and marked out in the School gymnasium, and the club had hopes, at the beginning of the season, of being able to arrange a match against Wanganui Collegiate, but unfortunately there was no suitable date.

The top six rankings on the championship ladder were: R. H. Purser, R. C. Musker, M. C. Chong, J. B. Law, J. Martin and J. W. Dyer, and of these, Purser, Chong and Law represented the School at the Taranaki Badminton Championships held at Stratford.

J. Martin.

ROWING

This relatively young sport is rapidly becoming of growing importance in the School, and the Rowing Club can this year look back on another successful season.

The great response of the School to the raffle conducted at the end of last year enabled the club to start the new season clear of all the debt on the rowing shed at Waitara. Among improvements made during the year were the painting of the shed and the concreting of portion of the floor. It is hoped that by the end of the year the floor will be completed and the interior painted.

The club has purchased a training boat which will be of great value in the coaching of crews. Problems have arisen concerning the purchase and delivery of the new eight, but it is hoped to have it delivered in the near future.

Training started early in the New Year and the eight, for which A. L. East, D. I. Jones, P. J. Rumball and P. G. Crichton were again available from last year's crew, met in Wanganui on January 28th and remained till the end of the month training with the generous assistance of the Union Rowing Club.

The Maadi Cup regatta was held at Karapiro on April 11th and the four School crews—the eight and three fours—travelled to the lake by bus. Although the eight finished out of the major placings, the crew gave a particularly creditable performance. The official results were: King's College 1, Gisborne Boys' High School 2, Mt. Albert Grammar School 3. Then followed Hamilton High School, New Plymouth Boys' High School, Penrose High School, Wanganui Technical School and St. Kentigern's College. The fours, although they did not gain a place, showed that they were up to the standard of the majority of schools competing. The crews were:—

Eight: P. G. Crichton, P. J. Rumball, G. Bridger, A. L. East, D. I. Jones, M. Bryant, G. M. Peterson, R. B. Hedley, P. E. Hagen (cox).

First Four: D. Bryant, B. H. Wills, R. A. Ford, T. J. Tier, R. H. Hicks (cox).

Second Four: H. R. Baker, D. M. McEldowney, K. J. Kjestrup, L. J. Sunde, R. L. Bourn (cox).

Novice Four: R. W. Hughes, D. E. Jonas, W. T. Lawson, D. J. Milne, P. E. Hagen (cox).

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The next major competitive event for the eight was the annual "Head of the Harbour" regatta held at Seaside Park, Auckland, on April 18th. The race proved to be a particularly close and exciting one. School held a narrow lead from King's and Mt. Albert with three hundred yards to go, but, with a strong finishing burst, King's retained their title. They were followed by Mt. Albert, Hamilton and School, all within a few feet of one another. The official placings were: King's College (two lengths), 1; Mt. Albert Grammar School, 2; Hamilton High School, 3; New Plymouth Boys' High School, 4.

Rowing for the new season began early in the third term with the usual keenness and interest, but it is regrettable that, at the present time, rowing cannot cater for all the boys who wish to participate. The transport problem and the limited gear available reduces the number taking part in the sport.

The Inter-House Competitions for the Hayton Cup will be held during this term. This event has proved a popular one and last season was won by Pridham, who were represented by P. G. Crichton, A. L. East, R. A. Hodges and G. Bridger.

The Rowing Club and the School are again indebted to the Clifton Rowing Club for its continued generosity and assistance which has proved invaluable since the initial stages of the club's existence.

P. G. Crichton.

GYMNASTIC NOTES

Although gymnastics are not a major activity in the School, the boys interested have been making good progress during classes and in the practice time after school.

This year we have had the use of the Y.M.C.A.'s equipment, which is a great improvement on our own. From this improvement in apparatus has come a higher general standard throughout the School. This is due not only to the interest shown by the boys, but also to the work of the three masters, Messrs. Archibald, Carroll and Oliver. However, few boys regard gymnastics as their summer sport and thus good performers are not numerous.

The highlight this year was the visit by the Australian champion, Graham Bond, who gave an exhibition during a lunch hour and also after school. This attracted a good crowd of boys and was a first-class display.

The championships were held this year on November 17th before a small crowd of boys. We must first thank Mr. D. Frazer and Mr. J. Sutherland for acting as judges.

The results were as follows:—

Third Form: J. L. Talbot (93.9) 1, M. J. Silver (92.5) 2, I. J. Bailey (92.0) 3.

Fourth Form: I. M. Titter (92.2) 1, M. Craven (90.7) 2, D. W. Houghton (88.2) 3.

Fifth Form: B. Cleaver (97.3) 1, M. Lecher (96.6) 2, P. Johns (86.1) 3.

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Open Championships: B. Cleaver (127.0) 1, M. Lecher (123.3) 2, G. Anderson (118.7) 3.

All the competitions were very close as the marks indicate, with most competitors performing with neatness and confidence. The outstanding piece of the day was Cleaver's voluntary on the horizontal bar, which included two grand circles.

Generally the standard was as high as last year but most boys lacked finish.

G. L. Anderson.

STAMP CLUB

This has been a very successful year for the Stamp Club and its members. Thanks are due to Mr. Taylor for his help and for obtaining the approvals through which all members have acquired stamps to enlarge their collections. Thanks must also go to I. Gray for the show case in Room 18.

During the year various kinds of competitions were held, and on a points basis D. Shelton and B. Badcock tied for first place. Success was also enjoyed by I. Gray, B. Hookham and L. Jury in the philatelic section of the local Winter Show, where eight placings were gained between them.

The club has continued to grow since its inception three years ago, and every member leaving this year would like to wish all those concerned with its future a successful and enjoyable time ahead.

L. W. Jury.

TRAMPING CLUB

With a membership of over one hundred, the Tramping Club has had another very successful year. The trip syllabus was a varied one, covering a great deal of the Pouakai Ranges and the mountain, and including a climb to the summit and two ski-ing trips. Each of the twelve excursions held have been very well attended, and as the weather was favourable throughout the year, on one occasion only was it necessary to turn back.

Much work has been done on the club's own cottage at Carrington Road and on Mangorei Hut, both of which are very comfortable and have been frequently used this year. A new track linking the cottage to Pouakai Trig has been cut and marked, making possible a transverse of the ranges which starts and finishes at the cottage.

Climbing instruction was given to a number of boys during the ski-ing trips, but unfortunately most of them have had little opportunity to practise what was learnt.

The club is indebted to the Taranaki Alpine Club for the loan of its equipment, the use of its huts, and for allowing a number of the members to participate in several of its trips.

N. J. Withers.

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DRAMA CLUB

After the production of the somewhat unorthodox play, "Emperor Jones," earlier in the year, the Drama Club chose Herman Wouk's dramatic play, "The Trial Scene from the Caine Mutiny," as the final 1959 production. At first, doubt was expressed by some as to the ability of the boys to make a success of a straight dramatic play.

Auditions were held in June and as usual there were many contenders for the leading roles. After extensive trials, the following cast was chosen: Lieutenant Stephen Maryk, T. M. Karena; Lieutenant Barney Greenwald, E. J. Slyfield; Lieut.-Commander John Challee, K. B. Beaurepaire; Captain Blakely, C. H. Murray; Lieut.-Commander Phillip Francis Queeg, D. M. Barr; Lieutenant Thomas Keefer, G. R. Hasell; Signalman Urban, E. Dodd; Lieutenant Willis S. Keith, P. Cook; Captain Randolph Southard, P. Adlam; Dr. Forrest Lundeen, M. R. Herbert; Dr. Bird, J. McL. Scott; Stenographer, M. Hingston; Orderly, T. Coddington; Court Member, M. Fenwick. The play was produced by Mr. Halliburton.

Rehearsals were held after school and during week-ends, advice on diction and stagecraft being given by Mrs. C. Campbell. Unfortunately, after two months of hard preparation, the play could be performed publicly for one night only. However, the boarders witnessed a "polished" dress rehearsal on the night prior to the public performance.

On the main evening a gratifyingly large audience saw every member of the cast perform creditably, for Wouk's play, with little physical action but powerful dialogue, needs truly skilful acting for success. The cast rose to the occasion and the play was performed much better than Mr. Halliburton had thought possible.

After the production the members of the cast and their parents attended an excellent supper.

The gymnasium stage is now in excellent condition and it is to be hoped that progress is maintained by the ever-strengthening Drama Club.

E. J. Slyfield.

CRITICISM OF "EMPEROR JONES"

This year the School Drama Club chose as their first production "Emperor Jones." This play was a somewhat radical choice, and many believed it too difficult for a schoolboy production. Mr. Wilson, the producer, chose the play as an experiment, and as such it was a success. The play has an unusual plot, with a large amount of scenery and a difficult lighting plot.

Casting presented little difficulty, as there is only one major part. A. Farquhar was selected for the leading part, and he proved quite capable for handling the long pieces of solo dialogue. Other parts were filled by T. P. Dobbie and P. Adlam. The only other actors were junior members of the Drama Club who appeared in crowd scenes. On the whole the acting was of a fairly high standard, and A. Farquhar handled an extremely difficult part with a great deal of competence. In some places the long dialogue blocks seemed a trifle strained, but a convincing stage manner helped the leading man to turn in a good performance. Dobbie, too, was convincing, and although he was not on stage for long

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he made a good impression as the white hunter. One of the highlights of the play was a fearsome witch doctor dance from the gruesomely made-up Adlam. In fact, this scene, with the other members of the cast realistically painted as natives, showed up the excellent scenery and improved lighting of the gym. stage to the best advantage.

One of the worst features of the play were the long gaps between scenes. While the back-stage workers did a good job, the scene changes were far too slow. On the first night this was more noticeable than on the second.

The scenery, which was entirely painted by Mr. Tett and a team from his fifth form art group, was of a very high standard. The lighting was effective, but on some occasions perhaps not full use was made of the equipment available. The dimmers definitely improve the gym. stage and if the Drama Club continues to expand as it has done the lighting will improve.

Undoubtedly "Emperor Jones" was an ambitious choice. It was chosen as an experiment and as such it was a success. However, a play of this sort needs professional handling to make it acceptable to the general public and perhaps some of the audience may have been disappointed at the choice of play. It showed just what the Drama Club can do, but it would perhaps be better in the future to choose a more orthodox play for public performance.

E. J. Slyfield, 6A.

CRITICISM OF "CAINE MUTINY TRIAL"

The Drama Club's second production of the year, "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial"—a stage adaption from the best-selling novel "The Caine Mutiny" by Herman Wouk—was a most creditable and convincing performance. Considering that this three-act play was a most difficult work for these young actors, they performed admirably for their two appearances. The cast made their debut on Sunday night (August 16th) to an audience of boarders. By performing to this audience the cast was able to fulfil two purposes. Firstly the boarders could see the results of the club's activities; secondly, and more important, the cast was able to have a "trial run" for the forthcoming public appearance. The boarders, on the whole, were not over enthusiastic with the first two acts, but showed more interest in the lighter party scene. The performance was spoilt by the creaking of chairs.

The second night's performance to the public was well appreciated by the 300 strong audience. They found much to admire but were particularly impressed by some remarkable and almost faultless feats of memory. This was no easy task for the cast, with E. Slyfield and K. Beaurepaire as the Judge Advocate and Defence Counsel respectively, having particularly large parts to remember.

They did well to remember their lines on cue and credit is due to the whole cast for the way the lines were remembered, there being few occasions when hesitancy was obvious.

As defence counsel for a naval officer charged with mutiny, E. J. Slyfield gave an outstanding performance. His manner was most convincing and although he dominated the trial he did not overdo the part.



FIRST HOCKEY XI, 1959

Back Row: K. L. George, M. C. Martin, T. M. Karena, G. J. Davidson, W. J. Stening, G. S. Greedy, W. G. Gifford.
Front Row: C. R. Dingle, B. A. Roberts, R. C. Rayward, R. A. Henderson, N. Cavaney.



FIRST SOCCER XI, 1959

Back Row: I. D. Marsden, A. J. Forrest, N. L. Greiner, N. McL. Hayton, A. A. Veale, G. E. Wall, A. B. Dalton.
Front Row: W. T. Murdoch, A. W. Pelham, D. C. Sharp, R. H. Worn, W. T. McCullough, S. P. Catchpole.

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D. M. Barr as Lieutenant-Commander Queeg, the captain of the Caine, M. Karena as Lieutenant Maryk, the accused, and K. Beurepaire as the Judge Advocate, all impressed. D. Barr, in particular, carried out his part as a reluctant witness most effectively.

The settings were simple but adequate, and the cast wore uniforms kindly loaned by local ex-servicemen. These uniforms greatly enhanced the play and in most cases fitted surprisingly well, although difficulty was experienced in outfitting some of the smaller boys. Special thanks are due to all those who loaned uniforms and props, to Mrs. Campbell who did the make-up, and to Mr. Halliburton for producing the play.

The performance was carried out smoothly and competently and it is hoped that the revival of drama in the School over the past two years will prove an incentive for its continuance in forthcoming years.

T. M. Karena.

ASTRONOMY CLUB

During the year the Astronomy Club, though not having many members, has spent some very interesting evenings at the New Plymouth Observatory, which was kindly loaned to the club every second Saturday evening by the New Plymouth Astronomical Society.

Early in the year we attended classes given by Mr. Morshead, the former director of the Observatory, on the handling and use of the six-inch refracting telescope. Our main object of study was the moon, but most of the more distant planets—Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn—were also observed. On a few occasions Uranus was visible as a hazy disc, and on clear nights star clusters, double stars and nebulae always aroused interest.

Some members attended lectures organised by the Astronomical Society, and attended sessions on Saturday mornings for drawing sunspots for records at Carter Observatory, Wellington.

J. Talbot.

LIFESAVING

The School Lifesaving experienced another successful year, and a marked enthusiasm was noticeable in this year's award candidates. Practices were held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the finish of school.

A number of higher awards were gained during the 1958-59 season and congratulations must go to the two Distinction Award winners, for this is the first occasion that this award has been won in the School's history.

Awards won during the 1958-59 season were:—

Distinction Award (2), Award of Merit (1), Bar to Bronze Cross (1), Bronze Cross (3), Bronze Medallion (8), Instructor's Certificate (1).

BLAZER AWARDS

Many boys from the School actively participated in the local surf lifesaving clubs, and congratulations are due to the N.P.H.S.O.B. junior team which won the William Henry Memorial Trophy in winning the New Zealand Junior 6-Man R. and R. Championship held at Oakura Beach.

In the coming season it is hoped that more boys, especially those returning to School with Bronze Medallions, will be instructed and examined for the Instructor's Certificate.

R. L. Watkins.

BLAZER AWARDS

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

R. C. Johns, Head Boy, Football, Athletics.
T. N. Wolfe, Prefect, Football, Athletics, Cricket.
M. S. Croxson, Prefect, Football, Cricket.
R. H. Worn, Prefect, Cricket, Soccer.
P. G. Crichton, Prefect, Football, Rowing.
J. L. Bithell, Prefect, Football.
B. N. Patten, Prefect, Football.
G. M. Peterson, Prefect, Football.
P. J. Rumball, Prefect, Football.
T. Te'o, Football, Athletics.
J. M. Miller, Prefect, Athletics.

Prefects—

R. H. Brown
L. R. Bublitz
G. M. Chong
A. F. Fookes
B. D. Howarth
P. W. Savage
B. G. Sowry

Swimming—

M. G. Saxton
N. G. Rush
J. B. Law

Hockey—

R. C. Rayward
R. A. Henderson

Cricket—

J. Giles
T. Medley
W. T. Murdoch

Athletics—

A. M. Harris

Football—

D. R. Davies
R. A. Ford
G. R. Hasell
C. T. Henderson
G. F. Hunter
D. I. Jones
L. A. Knowles
T. Loorparg
D. M. McEldowney
R. G. McCutcheon
B. N. Patten
G. M. Peterson
N. W. Titter

Soccer—

D. Sharp
G. Wall

Shooting—

J. W. Dyer (1958)

Tennis—

R. H. Purser

Rowing—

A. L. East

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THE "TITANIC"

A shuddering grind of tearing steel;
As if they were pieces of tin,
The iceberg tears the ship's steel plates
And water gushes in.

The passengers cease their noisy talk,
They sense there's something wrong,
They crowd on to the ice-strewn deck
In a noisy, pushing throng.

They see the berg a sombre white,
They feel the deathly chill,
But there's no need to be alarmed—
This ship's unsinkable.

The captain knows his ship's dire fate,
A worried man is he;
The bulkhead doors cannot withstand
The pressure of the sea.

This ship was made unsinkable,
Yet now it's going down;
And now for lack of lifeboats,
Its passengers must drown.

The women and the children
Are seated in the boats;
The rest aboard the liner
Must find something that floats.

The few boats leave the crippled ship;
There are no more they can save.
This great, majestic liner
Will find a watery grave.

The bow is plunging deeply,
The stern is rising high;
In the water round the sinking ship
Are those who are to die.

The captain stands upon the bridge;
Down with the ship goes he;
The ship that was unsinkable
Is swallowed by the sea.

R. Jolly, 3P2.

THE ESCAPEE

Hunted through the towns,
Chased through the hills,
Sleeping in the bush,
And warding off the chills,
And warding off the chills,
Frightened lest that rustle,
Should be a hunter near,
Turn your frightened face
To find a friendly deer.

R. Eves, 4G1.

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BULL RING

The bullring's quiet,
Now silent, awed;
The matador, thrown,
Lies crushed and gored.
His body prone,
He cannot feel
The rake of horns,
The crunch of heel.

The bullring's quiet;
Now comes a shout
As to his aid
Horsemen ride out.
"Toreador!" whisper
All around,
And "Picador!" echo
And resound.

The bull is quiet,
Now waiting, tense;
Approaching fate
It seems to sense.
But death is far,
Not yet for him
As, lowering horns,
He charges them.

The bullring's quiet
But for the pound
Of thundering hooves
And a nameless sound
Of rattling lances,
Rasping breath,
Mixed with rage
And the fear of death.

The bullring shakes,
Onlookers roar
As the bull just misses
The toreador.
Sword poised a moment,
Down sweeps his hand;
The bull careers on . . .
Then crumples the sand.

The blood seeps crimson
From the heavy flank
And drips from a lance
With a broken shank
To mottle the sand
Of the bullring, where
It mingles with others' blood
Gone for'ever.

P. Carter, 5G2.

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WHERE BEAUTY LIES

The sky, a shade of grace,
Its limits frayed by trees,
Veiled by clouds of lace,
The hills roll at its base,
The birds leap on the breeze,
Of strife there's not a trace,
For here lies beauty.

A flower unfolds to light
Its petals weakly shake,
Its form is faint and slight,
Its colours give delight,
It seeks not love nor hate.
Yet praise has it from life,
For here lies beauty.

Soft music fills the air,
One's thoughts are set adrift,
To float where e'er they care.
Sweet airs that tread all fear
And downcast spirits lift,
Forbid all to impair!
For here lies beauty.

A nymph, sweet child is she,
Bestowed with gracefulness.
Her ways are always free,
Her eyes look tenderly
For someone to caress
And love with honesty,
For here lies beauty.

J. A. Codd, 5P1.

TO YOUTH—A SONNET

The sapling lifts its boughs unto the sky.
The world with envy made by weary form
Can whisper low its blindness to the storm.
To wait, to flourish, to rest, and then to die.
The flower that blooms but once, the sun to try,
Thwarted by a wilting stem's deep scorn
Can loathe its kin and cures that it was born,
For crush the flowers of youth and now shall die.

The mind of man is governed by his will
But memories, good or bad, he can't suppose,
For crops of bliss in youth the seeds we till,
And time with friends, in gentleness, soon goes,
Yet oft in life when fortune's hand doth will
We look with praise to youth and drink our woes.

J. A. Codd, 5P1.

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PROSPECT

Back!

Looking back, into the black, at a meaningless sea.
Time failing, fading, dwindling, gone!
And a memory wafted on the breeze of thought dies.
No ears, no eyes,
No form; mind and heart dissolved in the forgetfulness of space.
A world pre-set in unborn time, evolving to a real
And stunning, engulfing, prisoning, soft-stone world.

Now!

All is now, no why? no how? whirling, twirling
Scoffing bells and steady tread
Of sourceless feet,
And jaws for dead.
Living colour, racing sound, painful taste,
Things made base join hands with grace. All is haste.
Pain stabs straight.
Time's ointment cures, Death's poison heals
When the curtain falls, and all, and all,
And every dying spark of then and now
Is gone!

Forward!

What is Forward? What is stored in the red desert waste?
The end?
Then all has cast its cause unto the sea
And reason drowns and pictures fly in memory.
The beginning?
Then what is now? Why is now? A glimpse from the door?
No informing hill, only the waste, the boundless lonely waste,
No more.

J. A. Codd, 5P1.

THE TRAWLER

Out from the pier the small ship goes,
Way and far where the north wind blows,
A small squat cabin on a heaving deck,
Alone on the ocean, a tiny speck.

On and on through grey-green seas,
Through rain and storm and sea-fresh breeze;
Days grow short and nights grow cold,
But all is suffered by sailors bold.
Though waves are high and ships are small,
No rest is had till they've made their haul.

Out swing the booms and the nets are set,
And all through the night a vigil is kept.
Then up come the nets from a silvery sea,
The results of their toil for each to see.
Next comes the gutting, the slicing, the pain,
The coldness, the hardships endured again;
And now comes the end—no more will she roam;
The ship is turned and a course set for home.

R. McCullum, 3P1.

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THE BATTLE OF HICKS PARK

(With Apologies to Lonnie Donegan)

Well, this 'ere is about the battle of Hicks Park
Which was fit between the B.H.S. of course and the St. Pat's team,
In which the latter came off rather ignominiously,
'Cause they never done much, least not in the last few years any rate.

Well,

In nineteen fity nine we took a little ride,
In a train to Hawera to see our mighty side.
We arrived after noon, our hearts afull of glee,
And when the teams strode on the field, 'twas a mighty sight to see.

Well,

We heeled back the ball and we set our backs a-running,
We swerved and we dummied and went over for a try,
So we heeled once more, and then we kept a-gunning
Up and down and back again, and left 'em high and dry.

Well,

We looked down the field to see if they would come,
But they stayed in their own half, looking rather dumb;
So we flipped out the ball to give our wing a fling,
And he ran, dived and scored, and the crowd began to sing.

Well,

Our coach, 'e said we could take 'em by surprise
If we didn't pass the ball till we looked 'em in the eyes,
So we ran right up close till we saw their faces well,
Then we passed the ball and ran, and we really gave 'em —

Well,

We ran through the forwards and we ran through the backs
And we ran between the goalposts at speeds that never slacked;
We ran so hard and we ran so fast
That now we're on the top—not the first time or the last.

Well,

St. Pat's were kicking penalties. Beat us? Never fear!
But we were down one point and the time was drawing near.
So we kicked and we passed and we ran away to score
Then we did it all again and we got one more.

Well,

They pressed down our line but Wolfe was there to save;
We looked behind our goalposts to see our good coach rave;
And now the game is over, we're happy 'cause we won,
Because of our ability to kick and pass and run.

G. R. McCullum, 6C2.

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RECOLLECTIONS OF CHILDHOOD

When we were young,
We used to bash kids up and hurt them,
Now, instead we argue.

With lots of fun
We used to run
About, pointing a gun
At helpless, law-abiding citizens.
We no longer use those means.

We climbed up high
And threw rocks at other kids,
Whose aim was not so good as ours;
Reckless and brave.
But now we aim for higher things.

Schoolwork then was a lot of rot;
Only for saps fool enough to swot.
We weren't going to be sucked in.
We now use what we then were taught.

We made forts in trees
Raided orchards
And broke many a window or street lamp.
But now we solemnly go to church.

Red Indians and cowboys,
Cops and robbers,
Hide-and-go-seek and chasing
Were our games.

Now we attend Rugby matches. J. D. Cumming, 3P1.

BEACH

Stones and sand, geometry gone wild.
Blast their shapes—they hurt!
Built up in pyramids, piled
In hazy dunes, odd shapes, cracked, mottled, burnt.

Dig your feet in the sand—it slides between them;
Warm, trickling, some will cling.
Unruly, unruled, how much time I spend
As about my feet this universe I fling.

The timeless sea dashes against ragged shapes—
Rocks; the home-creature preferring solitude,
The sea drains back sighing, leaves stringy tapes
Of sand, pleasant lines on the beach, reflecting strange moods.

Winds, indifferent to man's moods, spread sand over centuries
Relentless, restless, timeless.
Kick it, throw it, distorted symmetry;
You die, but it returns—sand, rock, dune
On the wind's caress. R. Woodhouse, 6B.



"EMPEROR JONES" T. P. Dobbie A. Farquhar



"CAINE MUTINY COURT-MARTIAL"
M. Fenwick C. H. Murray D. M. Barr K. Beaurepaire

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THE CAT

A silent, omnisensing streak of sudden death,
Movement without movement,
Watching the world, alert, electric,
Gathering restrained reserves,
Approaching climax, contest of nerves;
Beautiful in primitive power,
Lower, lower and more lithe;
Blending with the parent earth,
Potential power of stretched strings.

A twitch of tail—

It springs.

Standing feet apart, erect, tail aswing,
Seeming to sense unheard applause,
Gazing with pride: feathered flutter of a wing—
Cat with thrush between its jaws! T. P. Dobbie, 6Sc.

THE CHANGING SEA

When the sun is setting
And the sea turns pink and red,
Children watch it slide away
Before they go to bed.

When there is no sun
On a stormy winter's day,
The sea is almost black
Inside this purple bay.

When there has been rain
And rivers are full to the brim,
The sea is a yellowish brown
And everything looks dim.

When there are strong winds
And we stay inside at home,
The sea is all rough and white
And wild with froth and foam.

But when we like it best
The sea is bright and blue,
And we swim there every day
The same as you do too.

W. Carr, 4G1.

POST-ACCREDITING BLUES

How many periods of work have I wasted?
How much time have I spent
Trying to write a new contribution
For our magazine? I resent
This deplorable mass persecution
Of lower sixth boys who have been
Accredited 'Varsity Entrance,
But who by the masters are seen
As slacking and unconscientious,
Not pulling their weight; simply shirking.
But I'd like to say, on behalf of us all,
That we're still undeniably working!

S. Cullen, 6C1.

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INTERNATIONAL RUMPUS

(Two men enter a cafe in America, looking for a meal.)

Waitress: Hawaii, gentlemen? You must be Hungary!
1st Man: Yes, Siam. We can't Roumania long; Venice tea ready?
Waitress: I'll Russia to a table. Will you Havana now?
2nd Man: Yes, we will; but can't Jamaica little speed?
Waitress: I don't think we can Fiji any faster, but Alaska.
1st Man: Never mind asking anyone. Just put a Cuba sugar in our tea.
Waitress: Sweden it yourself. I'm only here to Servia.
1st Man: Denmark our bill and call the Bosphorus. I don't Bolivia know who I am.
Waitress: No, and I don't Caribbean. You fellows sure Armenia.
Boss: Samoa your wisecracks, huh? What's got India? You think maybe this arguing Alps business?
Both Men: Canada noise; 'Spain in the neck! J. Brattle, 4G1.

MOON-REFLECTIONS

As I look down on earth confused,
I am sometimes saddened, sometimes amused
At man with his little satellites
Trying to reach to my great heights.
"Will he ever do it?" I once asked myself;
I now know the answer, for I have a wealth
Of pennants upon my face, which came
From the Russian scientists, who sought for fame
By hitting me.
Not content with seeing my face,
The "Reds" and the "Yanks" have been having a race
To see if there was anything on
My other, hidden, side which shone
Upon them not. Or had they a wheeze
That my other side was the rind to the cheese?
And now they've seen the other side,
I hope that they are satisfied
With what they see! R. F. Denne, 4P1.

MY PAL OUT WEST

He was a real tough hombre,
He came from way out west,
And all the girls in the neighbourhood
Thought he was just the best.
He galloped out of town one day
To find himself a wife.
But once he got out by himself
He hollered, "This's the life!
"The man who's fastest on the draw
Is the man who lives round here!"
Then a noise came from behind him:
Bang!
—My pal's no longer there. K. W. Peterson, 4G1.

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HURRICANE!

The small native village, on the large atoll of Nikai, went about its daily routine as usual. The women scrubbed by the water's edge; the children laughed and played with carefree abandon; the young men worked steadily at their daily tasks of mending nets and canoes—but the wise old man turned his wizened, weather-beaten face to the heavens for sign of the great tropical terror—Hurricane!

Ever since morning, when he had stood from his rough mat, he had felt as though someone was watching, leering menacingly. He had felt this many times before—when he had seen men die, trees flung for miles, islands completely swamped and homes shattered. Yes, something was in the air which made the skin of the old man creep upon his back.

The morning passed and the sun reached its zenith. It was then that a leaden hue tainted the sky. Strained faces turned to the sky as it turned darker and redder.

The women stopped washing and hurried for the top of the mountain where the ancient island refuge stood. Children cringed in fear of this unknown monster. Young men hurried from hut to hut, retrieving all the valuables they could find, then they too hurried to the heights.

But the old man just sat. He knew he could never climb the steep slopes. He knew now that his time had come, for no one, according to ancient custom, could be helped. He who could not climb the mountain before an approaching storm was meant, by the gods, to die.

The hurricane struck and for ten long hours all hell broke loose! The air was filled with flying objects; great waves swamped through the village. However, it was a freak storm and the hurricane soon died.

They found the old man's body wedged between two boulders high upon the mountain side. They buried him and mourned his passing for two days.

... The women scrubbed by the water's edge; the children laughed and played with carefree abandon; and the young men worked steadily at their daily tasks of mending nets and canoes—but there was no wise old man with a weather-beaten face to turn to the heavens when he felt the terror of the tropical seas—Hurricane!

G. Jackson, 4P1.

THE SCHOONER

Slowly the tall schooner glided up the sound. Only one of her towering masts held canvas and she looked strangely naked.

The gentle breeze slapped little waves against her weathered sides and, because she was empty, she rolled unsteadily like a drunken man. Her sharp bow sliced through the unresisting sea and piled rolls of foam on each side.

As she bore down on me in my little canoe I felt very small compared to this great schooner which had been plying the Seven Seas long before I had been born. Nearer and nearer she came and I could see her poised figurehead, looking as if it would, at any time, give up

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its lofty perch and fly away like some great sea bird. Now I could hear her captain shouting to his crew, while the bow linesman was taking soundings; she must have never been in this port before.

Now she was bearing down on the quay and the captain ordered his men to prepare the mooring ropes. Then, with a clanging roar the heavy chain rattled down the hawser pipe and splashed into the sea beneath her bow. Soon she was swinging smoothly towards the stone quay. Mooring ropes passed from ship to shore and were made fast around the bollards. She slewed slower and slower until her movement was almost imperceptible and then she thumped gently against the quay. Soon all was quiet except for the rhythmic groaning of the mooring lines.

A. McKenzie, 4P1.

BREAKFAST SCENE

"Mum, I have to leave early. Can you get the breakfast now?"

"Uh," came the sleepy reply.

The clarinet squarked through a sonata, a violin squeaked up a scale, a flute played a monotonous study and the piano thumped through a march.

"These morning practices!" signed Mum, with twitching nerves. "Breakfast is ready," she yells. "Someone call Father."

The first to enter is the youngest son; six years old.

"Not that stuff again! I want Weetbix. I'm not gonna eat it," and promptly walks off.

"You said that yesterday about Weetbix," said Mum, running after him with the jam spoon. He came back sulkily while Mum threatened him with her weapon.

"I'm not going to eat that bloody stuff again."

Mother looked startled. "Where did you get that word from?" she asked sternly.

"Dad said it when he cut his finger," he retorted. Mother bit her lip and reprimanded him.

The breakfast got under way. Dad arrived like a whirlwind, late as usual.

"Take half that butter off, Miss," he said to the youngest daughter, who was piling it on. She scraped some off.

"Look how much you've got on," she protested.

"I work hard and I earn it," was the reply. She immediately plonked it on as soon as his attention was diverted.

"Do you have to play those Wagner records at night? I can't go to sleep."

Dad eyed me scornfully and quipped, "You shouldn't have eaten so many spring onions for tea."

"I'm going to carry on the family tradition and write a book and all your bad faults. I'll call it 'My Father Which Art in Heaven,' with a question mark at the end. The life history of Mr. Jones, Civil Engineer (but NOT at home). I'll tell how Mary takes her maths. prep. to you and comes out crying; how you used to help me with my Latin prep. and I used to get it all wrong; and how you used to have the radio on high when I was doing my prep. in the next room; I would ask you to turn it down, you would say that you would have to get used to working amongst noise. Then you would tell me how you got your M.A. and Ph.D. at the same time and you swotted in a room with a trombone player."

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Mum giggled and ran to the burning toast while Dad looked sheepishly into his coffee.

"Dad, could I have ten shillings for a book?"

"Dad, could I have ten shillings for such and such?"

"Dad, can I have my pocket money?"

"Can I have my housekeeping money?" come the cries.

"It's a wonder I'm not broke," he mumbled and gave each person a lecture before he gave them their requirements.

But the most dejected sight of all is mother sitting down amongst the pots and pans, hair askew and half asleep, eating a piece of burnt toast and drinking the last dregs of what was once strong coffee.

J. Brodie, 5G3.

THE DROWNING OF JOHN WILLIAMS

My name is John Williams. I am talking to you now from Castlecliff beach in Wanganui. I am about to drop my shirt, which I have carried from the bathing sheds after changing there, and my towel on the warm, soft sand before taking a swim in the calm, inviting blue sea.

There is a warm sun high in the heavens, and a large, care-free crowd is gathered on the beach, enjoying the luxury of lying with nothing to do on the hot sand under the exhilarating rays of the sun, and bathing in the calm waters of the Tasman.

I am running into the water now, and "Boy, oh boy!" the sea is really warm. I dive into the breakers and my toes are tingling with exhilaration. I feel that it is good to be alive.

How I pity the people who cannot swim! I feel full of life as I cleave my way swiftly through the water.

That is enough swimming for the moment; I am feeling slightly tired, so I shall turn over and float for a while. Floating on one's back can be most enjoyable.

That is not the result of my spell of floating, however, for I have just looked back to the shore. My stomach lurches sickeningly as I realise that it is far away from me. But as I am a sensible person I persuade myself that there is no cause for worry.

That has been a long spell of resting, so I'll just turn over and start . . . but what's happening? I can't move my legs! They're completely immobile! I must kick, but try as I will, it is impossible.

I start shouting, "Help, help!" But how silent my plea sounds amongst the roar of the waves! I am drifting toward the path of a rip. I start moving my arms, but my strength is wavering quickly. I am afraid. Good Lord! I'm in the rip—I'm being dragged under. Cramp has taken possession of my whole body. I am in a ghastly predicament; I can do nothing to help myself; I am under the water. Surely this is the end.

But miraculously I surface again. Suddenly I see a small dog, a defenceless little spaniel, which I threw stones at only yesterday. My mind is reeling, things are flashing through my brain, things which I realise are my own wrongdoings, hundreds of everyday things which I did naturally, but, seen for the first time in their true perspective, ghastly things, or so they appear. Oh! Won't someone help me?

I'll try calling again. "Help! Hhhh! e l p . . .!" but I can't raise my voice. I am going to die! Darkness is enveloping me. My time is up. Oh, God! Please help me, please, plea . . .

M. Inglis, 5G3.

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MURDER ON THE THIRD FLOOR

It was the dead of night, the dim silhouette of a New York hotel loomed eerily out of the blackness, outlined by the moon behind it. The detective stepped from behind his clever concealment and he made for the fire escape ladder. Presently another outline of a man lithely crept from the car shed at the rear of the four-storey hotel.

The detective's eagle eyes noticed this movement and he risked the sound of a cat mewing, then waited in suspense. A mew in reply was heard and the "dick" breathed a sigh of relief. The two met, and in low tones discussed their plan of attack.

"This is the place where we were tipped off about this next murder. By the window on the third floor above us," murmured the famous private detective to his companion—a small, lithe, but powerful man.

"We must try and stop Benson's Gang before they try, that is if that telephone caller was speaking the truth. But be careful—it may be a trap."

"I'm game," was the reply. The two set off up the hotel on different escape ladders.

When suddenly as the detective set foot on the first landing a choking scream rang out through the still night. A scuffle was heard on the third floor.

Then suddenly a large black outline of a body hurtled past the landing on which he stood and hit the ground with a dull thud.

"Too late," murmured the detective's companion, gritting his teeth as he began his ascent once more.

Suddenly a shot whistled past his body and the bullet embedded itself in the wooden landing. More gunshots followed. He tripped and sprawled over the landing, swearing under his breath.

Then a loud voice boomed out over all the surroundings—"Cut! We'll repeat this part again tomorrow night. Pack up!"

And the Director of the 20th Century Fox Film Company rose from his seat and walked off through the moonlight, followed by his cameramen and stage managers.

J. B. Page, 4G1.

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,"

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"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 High 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," "Selopian," "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

Those who, leaving the gates for the first time as Old Boys, retain their connection with the School by joining and working for the association of Old Boys, perform a greater service than they know. By attending reunions, writing news of **themselves** and their friends, they prosper the spirit of goodwill, the robust development of which is the major aim of our School.

Our Association was founded by young men who, though they may not have coveted learning while at School, nevertheless became aware of something there which they sought instinctively to preserve. It is important that those who have done most for the School through the Association have not always been those who were distinguished as scholars or sportsmen.

It seems to some that in a provident State where large schools are established, and almost completed in a way which ours has never been, a school spirit may never grow.

That spirit may be subdued somewhat here at present, as the whole School is hushed under final exam, but the small bell tower which is nearly completed, and the survey of the area for additional football and athletic grounds, show the activity of the Association.

The westerly whitens the sea and enlivens the view from the balcony; it blows a mist from the sprinkler over the green square on the top ground, and suggests cricket weather.

Australia: Peter Dent, 117 Pitt Street, Sydney.

South Taranaki: R. O. D. Henderson, Box 22, Hawera.

Auckland: Warren Shortt, 36 Coombes Road, Remuera.

Waikato: D. L. Snelling, River View Terrace, Hamilton.

Northern King Country: D. L. Dimond, No. 4 R.D., Te Kuiti.

Manawatu: Bruce Kerr, 31 Edinburgh Street, Feilding.

Wellington: Ken Comber, Box 524, Wellington.

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

ANNUAL REPORT NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

Gentlemen, on behalf of your Executive Committee, I have pleasure in presenting the 40th Annual Report for New Plymouth Old Boys' Association.

As you will see by reference to the Financial Statement your Association made an overall loss of approximately £10. On further examination, making allowances for social activities and one master's farewell, overall this result is not as bad as it first appears.

Your Committee endeavoured to instil more enthusiasm in the Association by holding more functions, but unless they have the whole-hearted support of the members these functions could be a financial drain on the Association.



MAURICE SYKES, FOR THE PARENT BODY PRESENTS THE PORTRAIT BY PETER McINTYRE, OF MR. MacNAUGHT, TO THE BOARD.

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During the year the Annual Ball was held on Sports Day evening. This was most enjoyable, but we could do with larger numbers. Similarly, a "get together male function" was held to coincide with a Ranfurly Shield fixture. Amongst others there was a good attendance of members from other branches, which was very pleasing. Here again the Committee, having gone to a lot of trouble to make the evening a success, were very disappointed at the overall attendance. It was felt that perhaps an annual function of this nature to be attended by Old Boys and their wives could be a success.

Branch Activities.—During the year various Branches held re-unions and wherever possible representatives from the Committee attended these. I am sure that all Branches will join with me in expressing our thanks to the Headmaster for taking the opportunity of attending these functions and meeting Old Boys. It was most gratifying. Our congratulations and best wishes go to the newly-formed Northern King Country Branch.

Bell Tower.—It will be recalled that it is the intention of the Committee to have erected a Bell Tower, commemorating the 75th Jubilee. The latest progress to hand is that plans and specifications have been completed prior to calling for tenders.

Newsletter.—This was issued during the year and from reports it has been successful in keeping Old Boys in closer touch with their Association affairs. The success has been largely due to the efforts of Mr. Hugh Webster, who has been responsible for the compiling of this letter.

Resignations.—The School was sorry to lose the services of Mr. Ralph Wilson, who tendered his resignation to take up an appointment in the Philippines. Your Committee arranged a very well attended function to farewell both this popular master and his wife. A presentation was made and we wish him every success.

It is with regret we record the resignation from the Committee of Mr. R. W. Baunton, who served on the Executive in varied capacities for approximately 12 years. Dick was a tower of strength to the Association and his absence from the Committee will be greatly felt by all future Executives.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Committee, who have co-operated and assisted at all times. To the Headmaster, Mr. J. S. Webster, on behalf of the Committee, I would like to say how much we have appreciated the willing co-operation received from a man who, although fully occupied in conducting the affairs of the School, still finds time to take an active interest in the activities of the Association. Also finally, our thanks go to the High School Board, who have been of great assistance.

M. H. SYKES, President.

Old Boys are urged to write news of themselves to the School. Communications about the Old Boys' Section of the "Taranakian" and requests for Blazer Badges should be addressed to: H. P. Webster, Boys' High School.

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NEW SPORTS AREAS

The Education Department this year approved a grant for the development of a football field and three tennis courts on the farm property. The survey has been completed and work should commence early next year.

EVENING CLASSES

With the extensive alterations in the Technical Department buildings this year some classes have gone into a recess for the year. Thus the numbers attending Evening Classes dropped this year to 1181 as compared with 1278 last year.

WORK ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Seven of the modernised classrooms and offices at the Technical School were completed. The three remaining brick classrooms were demolished.

EROSION IN THE GULLY

During the year the Headmaster suggested that the School Gully could be much improved by being disced, harrowed, oversown and rolled. Mr. Webster also stated that the terraces overlooking the ground were eroding seriously on both sides and their condition had deteriorated over the last two years. Owing to the high costs of suggested projects to remedy the situation, any action to be taken has been deferred to next year.

BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS

AUSTRALIAN BRANCH NOTES

Peter Dent, of 117 Pitt Street, Sydney, writes:—

A small but very active branch of the Old Boys' Association has been formed in Sydney. Three functions were held during the year: a meeting of the New Zealand Services' Club, a reunion dinner at the Royal Automobile Club, and a dinner-dance at the Royal Motor Yacht Club. Many old acquaintances were renewed on these convivial occasions.

Those present at the inaugural meeting were: Darcy Self, Don Nielson, Paddy Fenton, Don Maxwell, Noel Brookman, Rex McGowan, Peter Dent. The following list of interested Old Boys was noted, in addition: Tim Beasley, F. A. Caurtroy, Keith Colyer, Martin Donnelly, Ian Hellew, I. Maxwell, Snow Rawson, Kevin Staunton, Douglas Stewart and Robert Andrew.

The Branch intends to donate a School prize to be known as the "Australian School Prize," at some future date. The Australian Branch expresses a genuine desire to provide, among other things, social and commercial introductions and facilities for any Old Boys visiting or settling in Australia. It is anxious for all Old Boys to note this, and when visiting Australia, to contact Peter Dent or Noel Brookman in Sydney either before or during their visit. We read with much pleasure and gratitude the following extract from Peter Dent's letter:

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"It has been decided that the Australian Branch will present the School with "The Australian Encyclopedia." The study of this publication, it is hoped, should lead to increased knowledge concerning the continent across the Tasman with which New Zealand will undoubtedly have increasingly closer economic and social ties in the immediate future. The secretary has been instructed to proceed with the inscriptions and these ten volumes will be forwarded to the School as soon as possible."

AUCKLAND BRANCH NOTES

Undoubtedly one of the highlights of the Old Boys' year in Auckland was the brief but welcome visit of Sir Ronald Syme in September. Sir Ronald was literally paying a flying visit to New Zealand in order to visit his family in Eltham, as well as to have top-level talks in Wellington.

The Auckland committee hurriedly arranged an informal get-together at the home of Warren Shortt on the evening of September 10th and in the two hours at our disposal 33 members thoroughly enjoyed the company of Sir Ronald, whose brilliance is matched by a shrewd sense of humour.

The committee endeavoured to invite as many Old Boys of Sir Ronald's years as possible and there was a gratifying response to the invitations. Because of the time at our disposal they had to be somewhat limited.

Although the gathering was purely informal Sir Ronald, of his own volition, elected to address the gathering before he left. His anecdotes and his references to so many well-known members of the staff were enjoyed hugely by us all. He hopes to return to New Zealand in the not too far distant future, when he expects to spend longer here.

The third biennial Ball was held in the Tamaki Yacht Squadron's clubhouse on the night of September 12th, and as usual it was a highly successful function.

The pavilion was decorated with streamers and shields in the School colours, while large replicas of the School badge were placed at each end of the hall.

The official guests were welcomed by the President, R. L. Thompson, and Mrs. Thompson, and included the Principal, Mr. J. S. Webster, who, with Mrs. Webster, was again one of our most welcome guests. We were no less happy to welcome Mr. McNaught.

The ball committee comprised Messrs. R. L. Thompson, B. L. Bews, W. F. Shortt, N. T. Roch, A. Tubman, H. S. Bartley, A. J. McFlinn and D. G. Swan.

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch was held on June 4th, and took the usual form of an informal "smoko" after the conclusion of business. The financial statement of accounts revealed a healthy state of affairs and the retiring President, N. T. Roch, reported a continued interest and growing membership in the Auckland Branch.

The following officers were elected: President, R. L. Thompson; Vice-President, B. L. Bews; Secretary, W. F. Shortt; Committee, Messrs. H. A. Bartley, A. J. McFlinn, D. G. Swan, and A. Tubman. Newton Roch was also made an ex-officio member of the committee.

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DUNEDIN BRANCH

The annual re-union, held in the middle of the second term at the Victoria Hotel, was attended by 20 Old Boys and took the form of a dinner followed by an informal "get together," which continued on at various localities until "the wee small hours." It was proposed then to hold a second re-union early in the third term but for various reasons, not the least being pressure of exams, it was abandoned.

We send our sincere regards to the boys and masters of the School. It is a pity we are so far away that we do not have that intimate contact, especially with the latter, that some of the closer branches enjoy.

Some news about our members:—

Fifth year Meds. are **Richard Croxson**, **Jon Simcock** and **Dave Bathgate**. Richard, having played for 'Varsity B this year, was selected for the "Town" Rugby team, but was unfortunately injured. He and Jon leave us next year for Auckland.

Others at the Medical School are **Ted Jones**, who won the Anatomy prize in the recent 1st Professional exam, and **Keith Way** and **Mathew Tizard**. These latter two are in their second year and Mat runs for the harrier club. The **Veale** brothers, **Arthur** and **John**, are on the staffs of the Medical Research and Physiology departments respectively.

Don and **Rob Calder** and **David Gill** are final year Dentals. Don continues to play for 'Varsity B.

Peter Foreman is third and **Denis Woodward** and **Ian Ross** are second year Dentals. Peter has his own dance band, while Denis' motor-cycle continues to give sterling service, usually with Ian riding pillion.

Paul Chicken, **Tony Ruakere** and **John Burford** are in their Intermediate year for Medicine or Dentistry.

Fyfe Bygrave, our President, is due this year to complete his B.Sc. in Biochemistry, while **Ian McNickle** has begun the same.

Barry Cannell recently returned to us after spending most of the year roaming the North Island.

To complete a variegated group we have: **Brian Davey** (Physiotherapy), **Kim Bathgate** (Divinity), **Ian Bayly** (Mining), **Bruce** ("Bunshop") **Ellis** (Yorkshire Insurance Coy.), **David** ("Chook") **Fowler** (Teachers' College), **Rick Cavaney** (Science) and **Bruce Parkinson**, who was recently married (Health Department), while **Mr. J. D. Willis, S.M.**, continues to dispense justice in the Magistrate's Court.

WELLINGTON BRANCH

The Wellington Branch of the Old Boys' Association has had another successful year.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the National Party Rooms on the 18th March. There were approximately 40 Old Boys in attendance, including a pleasing number of "new" Old Boys who had left School at the end of the previous year.

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The following officers were elected: Patron, Mr. J. S. Webster; President, B. R. Boon; Vice-Presidents, L. M. Papps, R. S. V. Simpson, P. A. Taylor and R. Taylor; Secretary-Treasurer, K. M. Comber; Committee, L. J. S. Davies, B. A. Waite, C. Boulton, R. C. Schroder, T. F. Fookes, S. A. Comber, P. J. Lloyd and T. Mataio.

At the conclusion of the official business, a social get-together was enjoyed by all.

The mid-year function, which this year was held on the 8th July, was once again very popular. We were pleased to see a wide range of age groups represented, and the evening proved most enjoyable for all who were there.

The Annual Dinner was held at Wakefield House on the 3rd of October, but due perhaps to conflicting functions, the attendance was a little disappointing, particularly after the most successful dinner of the previous year. However, any disappointment felt by the Committee due to the poor attendance, was overcome by the fact that the dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who were there. We were very pleased once again to welcome Mr. Webster, the Headmaster, and it was with much pleasure that we learnt that he had brought Mr. V. E. Kerr with him to represent the Masters. As this is Mr. Kerr's last year at School (although we understand he officially retired a year or so ago), all the Old Boys present welcomed the opportunity of personally wishing him, and through him, Mrs. Kerr, a long and happy retirement.

The toast to the School was proposed by our President, Barry Boon, and in replying, Mr. Webster gave us an interesting and amusing account of activities and developments at School during the last year.

In replying to the toast to the Masters, Mr. Kerr was in a reminiscent mood, and among other things revealed the origin of his now famous nickname "Yank."

Old Boys present at the Dinner were: H. Christensen, Arthur Moody, J. Perham, Dave Powell, Nick Carter, C. S. Boulton, Ted Schroder, Barry Boon, Ken Comber, Harold Titter, D. Sarten, A. Wells, Bruce Brown, A. Hills, Tim Fookes, John Davies, R. Taylor, C. Sarten, M. Burt, G. Sanders, Ron Miller, D. Steptoe, Lyn Papps, Phil Power, T. Tilley, B. Philpot, Ray Urry, L. Smith, E. Smith, P. Taylor, J. Snee, J. Hayton, Dick Simpson, A. B. MacDougall, J. Sutherland and I. Mamby.

It is planned to conclude the year's social activities with a Christmas Party early in December.

Early this year a new event was added to the annual programme, and from its success it would appear that it will become a regular and very popular event. This was a cricket match against the Wanganui Collegiate Old Boys' Association, which was played in beautiful weather at Maidstone Park. As far as the result is concerned, it is sufficient to say that we hope to get our revenge on the 6th March next, which is the date set for this season's match.

Personal Notes

Weir House continues to be the home of a good proportion of Old Boys who are studying at V.U.C. Among those living up there this year are:—

John Snee, who has recently returned to Weir to complete his final exams. for B.Sc.

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David Davy, in his third year for B.Com., continues to render valuable service to the University, this year in the capacity of Treasurer, and he is also on the Weir Committee.

Des Hinch and **Tony Hills** are both studying for B.A. Both play an active part in the sporting affairs of the 'Varsity and are doing very well academically.

Tim Fookes is in his second year of work for LL.B., was Captain of the Weir football team this year, and is one of the many Old Boys of recent vintage who support the various functions so well.

Freshers in Weir this year are **Mac Burt** (B.A., LL.B.), **Guy Sanders** (B.Sc.), **Colin Sarten** (B.A.) and **Boyd Webster** (Med.Int.).

Harold Titter returned to Wellington with his family this year after being in Malaya for several years.

The **Lloyd** twins, **Peter** and **David**, both left during the year to take up Scholarships at Universities in America.

Eric Battern is another who has left for overseas. He is on a working holiday to the United Kingdom and the Continent.

Old Boys who have become married during the last year are **Barry Boon**, **Jim Sutherland** and **Cam. Barrett**. We understand Cam. will be leaving early in the New Year to further his studies in the United Kingdom.

An Old Boy who has literally jumped to the fore in the athletic world is **Laurie Croxson**. His 25ft. 2in. long jump at the New Zealand Championship Meeting gave him the title and but for some wind assistance would have also given him the record. He is showing promising early season form this season, and if his present progress is maintained there is every possibility that he will make the New Zealand team for the Rome Olympics.

MANAWATU BRANCH

The main event of the year for Old Boys of the Manawatu was a "woolshed-do" at Jim Perry's on 18th April. This was the first of its type held in this district and it was a really first-class show. We included wives, etc., etc., hence things went so well. The only master from the School was Mr. Kerr, who replied to the toast to "The School." The driveway to the shed was lined with flares, the shed decorated with tree ferns and, of course, the three well-known colours. The most popular place in the shed was Pukekura Park, which needs no further explaining. Good music, an excellent supper and Jim Perry's generosity made this evening more than to be expected. We invited Old Boys of other schools associated with us on the sports field.

Next year, 1960, we plan to hold another of these functions on 7th February, and we hope to have representatives from all Branches.

Our Annual General Meeting was held for the first time in Feilding. Though the attendance was not as expected, a very interesting evening was made possible by our Headmaster, Mr. Webster. The Jubilee film, plus film slides the boys had taken, were shown, explained and much appreciated. Our guests of the evening were Messrs. Webster, Kerr and Insull.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

Election of officers for the 1959-60 season resulted as follows:— President, Acton Wylde-Brown; Secretary, Bruce Kerr; Committee, Murray Jensen, Gordon Kear, Alex Gracie, Bernie Edwards, Rusby Carson, Dick Harper.

Due to the terrific interest taken in the curtain-raiser to the Manawatu v. Taranaki Ranfurly Shield game (namely N.P.B.H.S. v. Palmerston North Boys' High) we of this Branch hope very much that this becomes an annual fixture.

News of Interest

Acton Wylde-Brown is an architect in Palmerston North.

Bruce Kerr is teaching at Central Normal School, Palmerston North.

Murray Jensen is the Public Relations Officer in Palmerston North.

Alex Gracie has a men's outfitters' shop in Feilding and was our 1959 President.

Gordon Kear is managing director of Carter Merchants, Palmerston North.

Charlie Hamblin is senior officer for the Agriculture Department in this district. One of our oldest members.

Phil Miles, who duplicates all our notices during the year, is a solicitor in Feilding.

Trev. Grant is an optician in Marton.

Bern Crowley works at the Glaxo factory, helping to build bonnie babies.

Bruce Galpin is farming just out of Marton.

Bob Price is on his father's farm in the Apiti district.

Moggy Myres is living and working in Palmerston North.

Jack Logie represents Bing Harris in Palmerston North and surrounding districts.

Graham Ramsden is farming at Kumeroa.

Marcus Ingle has his own chemist shop at Marton.

Rusty Carson is President of the Palmerston North Rotary Club and manager of Watson Bros.

Dick Harper is farming at Kairanga, just out of Palmerston North.

HAWKE'S BAY

The Hawke's Bay Branch of the Old Boys' Association once more sprang to life at the time of the annual Rugby match, School v. Te Aute, which was held at Nelson Park, Hastings, on Saturday, 1st August. We were glad to welcome the team and Messrs. Stewart and Barton, who travelled with it, and were able to arrange billets in the homes of Old Boys in the Hastings area, for the whole team.

We all witnessed a great match on the Saturday and of course were very thrilled to see our chaps win.

After the match we held our biennial reunion at the Hawke's Bay Farmers' Tea Rooms. We were privileged to have Mr. J. S. Webster with us for the first time to meet many old pupils from this area.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

Our old friend, Mr. R. G. Webb, Principal of Te Aute College, and an Old Boy himself, joined us as usual and this itself added to the occasion for us.

The evening was voted the "best ever" and the attendance was, for recent years anyway, a record, there being some 46 Old Boys and guests present.

A sumptuous dinner was served with liquid refreshments.

Russell Dreaden, who will be remembered by most for his sparkling performances on the wing in the late 1940's, proposed the toast to "The School" and Mr. Webster replied, taking the opportunity of giving Old Boys all the latest information on the School. His address was punctuated by anecdotes which seemed to show his devotion to the School very plainly.

The election of officers resulted in the following appointments: Patron, Mr. J. S. Webster; President, Jack Tarrant; Vice-Presidents, Les Grant and Scott Henry; Auditor, Stan Murley; Secretary-Treasurer, Leo Gibbs; Committeemen, Callum Kirkpatrick, Lou Greer, Doug Murley, John Bathgate and Doug Grant.

It will be noticed that there is quite a swing of power in the association toward the Central Hawke's Bay followers. It is most gratifying to us in Hastings to know that we are firmly backed by this group.

WAIKATO BRANCH

On Saturday, the 26th September, the Waikato Branch held their re-union following the Taranaki-Waikato Rugby football match. Some fifty attended the reunion, which was held at the attractive "Cardrona" Reception House in Hamilton. Mr. H. Webster came from the School and with a very bright address gave his impressions of the School as it is in 1959. His pen pictures of the older members of the staff was greatly appreciated by all those present, many of whom felt in some way much indebted to those teachers of the years gone by.

Election of officers resulted: President, Pat Stephenson; Vice-President, M. E. Hassall; Secretary, D. L. Snelling; Committee, R. J. Ford and K. Hoben.

Highlights from the re-union were three members of the Grant family present, Ian, Don and Rod Grant.

A pleasant feature was again the number of fathers and sons: R. A. Candy, of Ngaruawahia, and his son; Chum Harbutt, of Te Miro, and his son; and N. F. Fookes, of Hamilton, and his son Tony, now a farmer at Te Awamutu.

The next re-union is to be held earlier next year—at a time when the cows of the Waikato permit the farming boys to get a night in the city. It is proposed to have it on the Queen's Birthday, when the Waikato comes to see the famous Waikato Winter Show.

Personal Notes

A. H. Gorringe, can be found at the Fairfield College; **E. J. Simmons**, at Newton King Ltd., Hamilton; **J. Ward**, still fiddling with aircraft, Robertson's Air Services Ltd., Hamilton; **E. Gorringe**, at a garage in



ROWING EIGHT, 1959

Back Row: G. M. Peterson, P. J. Rumball, G. Bridger, A. L. East, D. Bryant.
Front Row: R. B. Hedley, P. G. Crichton, D. I. Jones, M. Bryant.
Seated: P. E. Hagen.



SECOND XV, 1959

Back Row: R. A. Fcrod, W. J. Lobb, D. R. Davies, P. W. Savage, R. A. Hall, G. R. Harrold.
Middle Row: N. G. Henderson, B. D. Howarth, L. W. McEldowney, A. L. East, C. G. McLeod, T. Looparg, B. G. Sowry.
Front Row: R. W. Hughes, L. Death, B. H. Wills, D. G. Ferrier-Watson, N. W. Titter, L. F. Whittle, R. L. Broughton, H. Vyver.

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Cambridge; **Ted Foden**, 94 Grey Street, Hamilton; **Noel Fookes**, St. Andrew's; **Tiny Hassall**, Clyde Engineering Co. Ltd., Hamilton; **Arthur Betts**, No. 1 R.D., Te Awamutu; **Doug. Lepine**, N.Z. Co-op. Dairy Co. Ltd., Hamilton; **R. H. Ebbett**, Hamilton; **Ron Waller**, is at Tokoroa; **P. L. Dimond**, Te Kuiti, now Secretary Northern King Country Branch Old Boys' Association; **S. C. Downard**, Otorohanga Timber Co.; **W. T. Luxton**, still farming near Hamilton; **J. D. Clemow**, is a well-known Solicitor in Cambridge; **C. G. Wyborn**, lives in Te Aroha; **Gerald Webster's** address is R.D., Tirau; **Don Bryant** is at No. 5 R.D., Te Awamutu; **Grant Oliver**, is c/o Wilson Meat Co., Hamilton; **J. R. Lang**, Tencourt R.D. 1, Cambridge; **Ian P. Grant**, No. 4 R.D., Tauranga, now a retired Solicitor, was the oldest Old Boy present at the Waikato re-union; **A. B. Matthews**, Box 74, Hamilton; **H. W. Frost**, Tencourt R.D. 1, Cambridge; **D. W. Fulton**, Orini R.D. 2, Taupiri; **W. Duncan**, is Accountant at the National Bank of New Zealand Ltd., Waihi; **A. C. Fullerton-Smith**, Bank of New South Wales, Morrinsville; **W. I. Taylor**, Te Miro R.D. 1, Cambridge; **John Carter**, P.B. Waimiha, via Te Kuiti; **E. Johnston**, Box 53, Te Awamutu; **John Lovell**, c/o Te Awamutu College, Te Awamutu; **H. C. Graham**, Kihikihī; **A. Sterritt**, c/o Advance Cars, Te Awamutu; **G. Harkness**, Taupiri R.D.; **J. G. Johnston**, Rangiri. Tauranga; **Rod Grant**, 156 Cameron Road; **Bill Webster** is a Doctor as is **Ron Tingey**; **Bob Granger** is an Accountant; **Noel Guinness**, Electrician; **Tom Webster**, Bay Motors; **Gordon Sutherland**, Florist; **Cedric Sutherland**, Electrician, Supreme Radios; **Bob Thomas** is at "Colour Shop," Devonport Road; **Bill Wright**, Grange Road, Otoemautai; **A. Lennox**, is at Huntly; **James Sarten**, Ohuiwai; **J. A. Haywood**, No. 1 R.D., Morrinsville; **Colin Ross**, Matamata; **Sam Price**, Bank of New Zealand, Matamata; **Lyll Brewer**, Post Office, Matamata; **R. D. Stanley**, Tamihana, Matamata; **A. R. Lucas**, Headmaster Matamata College; **Fred Webster**, Matamata; **H. Cooke**, R.D. 1, Walton; **D. Framm**, R.D. 1, Walton; **G. Framm**, R.D. 1, Walton; **P. Milliken**, KIWITAHĪ, Morrinsville; **B. Houston**, KIWITAHĪ, Morrinsville; **I. Watson**, R.D. 1, Walton; **Tom Morgan**, is at Waharoa; **Dick Edgecombe**, Wallace Terrace, Te Awamutu; **Ken Kilpatrick**, is c/o Police Station, Te Awamutu; **K. A. Murray**, Mangotawhiri; **Dick Mossman** is now Assistant Accountant at Bank of New Zealand, Hamilton.

SOUTH TARANAKI BRANCH GOLF TOURNAMENT

For the sixth year a large gathering of Old Boys teed off at the Te Ngutu Golf Course. This tournament has become a permanent fixture now and each year a steadily increasing field makes the McNaught Cup even harder to win.

A threatening sky in the early morning caused a few scratchings but a capable committee managed to smooth out all the hitches. All the card recording, checking of results and marking up was done by members of the Te Ngutu Club and South Taranaki Old Boys later expressed their thanks by making a gift to the ladies.

Mr. McNaught was present for the presentation of trophies and, aided by Dave Ekdahl, the lucky winners finally received their correct prizes.

The winners were:—

McNaught Cup (all day Stableford on Handicap): **J. L. Fairey** (won on a count-back from **N. Preston**).

Morning Gross: **N. Preston**.

Morning Nett: **I. R. Inch**.

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Morning Stableford: B. Arthur.

Afternoon Nett: R. S. James.

Afternoon Stableford: N. Quin.

Teams Match: R. J. Baxter, B. Miller, B. Arthur, P. Ramsay.

The South Taranaki Branch takes this opportunity of acquainting more Old Boys from other parts with information about this golf day. Visitors are very well catered for indeed—morning tea on arrival, lunch, afternoon tea, counter lunch, and a course that is not too long and strenuous. Eleven holes only are played in the afternoon, which allows a fairly early finish and visitors are drawn late where possible.

For information please write to Box 22, Hawera.

Obituaries

Mr. John Mervyn Lobb, a partner in the New Plymouth firm of Public Accountants, of Watts, Lobb and Keightley, died suddenly at his home. He was aged 48 years.

Mr. Lobb was acting-secretary of the New Plymouth Airport Board and a former secretary and treasurer of the New Plymouth Aero Club and of the New Plymouth Girls' High School Parent-Teacher Association. He was widely known as a tennis enthusiast and a keen fisherman. In his earlier days he played Rugby for the Tukapa Club.

PETER WALLACE BODDIE

The news of Peter's passing came as a great shock to his many friends, some of whom are still at School, in spite of the knowledge that he was gravely ill. At School in Moyes House from '52-55, he was a good all-rounder at sport and was known for his typically carefree nature. To his family at Eltham we should like to extend our sincerest sympathy. Sadness was deepened when the School was acquainted with Peter's last message and thoughts for the School.

LES BOSWELL

It was with regret that the School learnt of the sudden and tragic death of Les Boswell. He was one of the most popular young men of the Northern King Country district where he lived and his sudden passing came as a terrible shock to his many friends. He received his early education at Te Kuiti and then came to New Plymouth Boys' High where he became a prefect and a member of the First XV in 1940-41. Les was rated as one of the best five-eighths the King Country has produced and was a past captain of both the Waitete and the Maniapoto teams. After leaving School he joined the Navy and was later awarded his commission. On leaving the service he retained his interest and was naval liaison officer at Te Kuiti, with the rank of Lieutenant-Commander at the time of his death. Public affairs played a large part in his life and

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he was a member of many associations, being a past president of the Te Kuiti Carriers' Association and the first Jaycee president. He entered into public functions with his typical energetic spirit and was noted for his conspicuous service to the Te Kuiti Borough Council, to which he was elected in 1957. Les Boswell will be best remembered for his energy and good cheer as well as his sparkling ability on the Rugby field. To his family the School extends its deepest sympathy.

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Sir Ronald Syme, a distinguished Old Boy, has received his Knighthood in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List. He is now Professor of Ancient History at Oxford University. Over the years he has compiled an impressive list of academic honours and has served in various important capacities in diplomatic circles, especially during the war. Sir Ronald is the author of "The Roman Revolution," several chapters in the "Cambridge Ancient History," and has just had a two-volume work on Tacitus, the Roman Historian, published.

Group Captain William Crawford-Compton, C.B.E., D.S.O., has been appointed Senior Air Officer No. 11 (Fighter) Group with the acting rank of Air Commodore.

R. Harvey has been awarded a Fullbright Scholarship to study for a Ph.D. degree in the United States. He will study bacteriology and biochemistry.

J. D. McNaught, who was recently Farm Superintendent at Lincoln College, has taken up his new position as field officer for the New Zealand Meat and Wool Board's economic service, with his headquarters at Feilding.

John Tannahill has been awarded the Archibald Francis McCallum Scholarship in Law at Victoria University.

Flying-Officer Michael Dillon ('51-'54) has qualified for aviation's top licence as a flight navigator thus becoming, at 21, the youngest operational navigator in the Far East Air Force.

David and Peter Lloyd, twins who attended Pridham '51-'54. David has graduated First Class Honours at Canterbury and has been awarded a Fellowship to Harvard in September this year. Peter, an Honours graduate from Victoria, has been awarded a Fellowship to Duke University.

I. G. Turner, who left School in '53, has taken a position in the U.S.A. after graduating with honours from Canterbury.

Richard Routley has graduated with First Class Honours in Maths. and Philosophy at Princeton University.

Larry Pruden has won first prize in the full orchestra section of the A.P.R.A.-N.Z.B.S. Composers' Competition with his composition "Lambton Quay." A good deal of his work has been broadcast by the N.Z.B.S.

Tony Ruakere, who was top Maori scholar at School last year and is now studying at the University of Otago, has been awarded a Ngarimu Scholarship.

Walter Steward, who was at School in '57, is now a junior under-officer at Sandhurst and is due to graduate at the end of this year. He will return to New Zealand and take up an officer position in January.

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Barry Webby has been awarded the Michael Hyatt Baker Scholarship and has commenced studies at the Bristol University for a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Geology. He graduated M.Sc. with first class honours at Victoria University earlier this year. His brother **Tony** is studying for a Fine Arts Diploma at Elam Art School in Auckland.

Neil Waters has been awarded two fellowships from Britain; one from the University of London for Post-Doctoral Research at University College, and the other is from the Atomic Energy Authority for research work in nuclear chemistry at Harwell. Neil accepted the latter, however, and will study at Harwell.

Hugh Fleming has relinquished his post as Director of Cardiology for Australia and has taken up a position as cardiologist for East Anglia with a centre in Cambridge, after an extensive lecture tour of the United States.

Alan Ayson is now in Wellington working for the Weed Control Division of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co. Ltd.

Rex (Henry) Ford, who is in the Air Force and who was previously stationed at Ohakea, was sighted one morning recently "commuting" from the Hutt Valley. It was noted that his timing of the train departure was remarkable.

Also in the Air Force, stationed at Shelly Bay, are **Don Fleming** and **Trev. Huggard**.

Bruce Brown, who incidentally gave a speech quite up to the standard expected of him when proposing the toast to the Masters at the Annual Dinner, is now working in the External Affairs Department after several years as Private Secretary to Mr. Walter Nash.

Gary Milne has been trooping the Continent after leaving School last year. He is now in England and keeps up a correspondence with the School. His present intention is to remain in England.

A portrait of **Mr. G. J. McNaught**, headmaster from 1942 to 1947, painted by well-known Wellington artist Peter McIntyre, was presented to the School by the Old Boys' Association. The portrait now hangs in the vestibule beside the photographs of the two previous headmasters. Mr. McNaught, Mr. L. M. Moss, and the President of the Old Boys' Association, Mr. M. Sykes, addressed the School. The portrait was accepted on behalf of the Board by Mr. Moss, and on behalf of the School by the present Headmaster, Mr. J. S. Webster.

John Veale is lecturing in Physiology at Otago Med. School. He married Ann, daughter of Ramsay Howie of Archmoor, and now has two sons. His brother **Arthur**, who has been under Professor Smith on medical research at Otago Medical School, was granted a Fellowship by the Medical Research Council for two years' research at Galton Laboratories under Professor Penrose, and is attending London University. He is married and has three children.

George Sullivan has taken first class honours in Zoology from Victoria and has been awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy at Sydney University, where he will be lecturing to medical students.

Tony Hooper has had a research fellowship at Harvard University and is taking a teaching fellowship next year. He is studying for his Ph.D. in Anthropology. His wife, nee Robin McFarland, teaches English at a girls' school there.

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AT THE "GRAN CORRIDA DE GALA CON PICADORES"

Arthur Veale writes from Lima, Peru:—

... the Velardes and I left and they drove me into Lima to the Plaza del Acho where they left me, after having bought me a ticket for the "Gran Corrida de Gala con Picadores." This is one of the Sunday afternoon recreations in Lima—Toros en Acho. Yes, you've guessed it—the bull fight. Well, it was a great experience. I was soon carried away with the whole business, and found myself shouting "olé" with the rest of the crowd. Altogether there were six fights in the afternoon, and I subsequently heard that it was a very good afternoon for visitors to see as there was a great range of performance on the part of the six different matadors. These matadors were not in the Senior Grade, if you will allow a Rugby analogy. Apparently they were making their kind of debut with some senior grade bulls. A couple of the matadors took a terrific beating. They were tossed or thrown to the ground not once but several times, and how they ever continued I don't know. Apart from that, when the bull did get at one of them, it always amazed me that the chap came out of it alive, even though the bull had his attention quickly diverted by other people rushing into the ring with capes. They were really dicing with death—there is no doubt about that. The bulls too, were not like any kind of bull that we see in New Zealand. They were lean, muscular and fast, and notwithstanding the preliminary wounding that goes on before the matador appears, viz. two gashes in the back from the picadores and three sets of banderillos between the shoulders that are meant to weaken the bull, he still has plenty of zing left in him when the matador comes out to do his fancy work with the cape. You really have to hand it to these fellows. It becomes a form of psychological warfare, and when the matador gets on top he is really in control, and turns his back on the mad bull pawing the ground about six feet away, and strikes a statuesque pose with a wave of the hand while the crowd goes mad. The last fight of the afternoon was one such as this, and the matador did incredible things such as reducing his own mobility by going down on his knees while the bull came at him from all angles. In the end the matador holds his cape behind him, and with the sword outstretched in his right hand, stands still while the bull charges right at him. He then reaches over the head of the bull and plunges the sword through the back and into the heart. At the same time he has to leap to one side to avoid being borne down by half a ton of enraged and dying bull. This is quite an art, and we saw one of the matadors miss getting the sword in with his first attempt. If the matador feels he has done a good job he then goes back to the area in front of where the president of the fight is sitting, and gets his hat back. He then walks slowly round the edge of the arena, waving to the crowd and striking poses. The crowd went wild for this last matador I have been talking about, and threw him their hats, cushions and bunches of flowers. The matador or one of the other fighters who are accompanying him throw everything back into the stand except the flowers which the matador gathers up and carries round with him. A young woman in front of me was clapping furiously when this chap came round, and in a frenzy she threw him her gloves which he picked up and kept, acknowledging them by kissing his fingers to her, whereupon she went into raptures of delight. I heard afterwards that on the other side of the ring a pair of lace panties appeared floating through the air, but what the matador did with these or how he acknowledged the tribute

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I cannot say. Having completed one circuit of the ring, the matador goes round once more with a kind of skipping run, and everyone stands up again but all at once this time, and give him a tremendous ovation while he completes the circuit, and then bows and waves and poses from the centre of the ring, and finally retires. The gates are then opened and the next bull comes charging in. The chap who missed getting his sword in the first time had also been knocked over by the bull a couple of times—when he did manage to get the sword in and the bull was dead—didn't even bother to go to get his hat back, knowing he had done a poor job.

The dead bulls are dragged around the ring by a team of three horses flanked by running men in blue denims and white hats. If the bull was not good he is dragged out of the ring without a preliminary circuit. If he was up to the standard expected he gets dragged round once, and if he was exceptionally good he gets dragged around twice. Of course this isn't much consolation for the bull, but the crowd give him a big ovation in the event of a circuit being done. Altogether there were six fights on the afternoon, and the show finished about 5.30.

ENGAGEMENTS

BRIDGE—BENNOCH.—Eileen Ella Bennoch to Brian Arthur Bridge.
ALSWEILER—SOLE.—Judith Eleanore to Mervyn Neal Alswailer.
SHRIMPTON—DAVIS.—Helen Ruth Davis to Lionel John Shrimpton.
WHYTCROSS—ALLEN.—Barbara Rae Allen to Rex Robert Whytcross.
SMILLIE—HARRINGTON.—Margaret Elizabeth Ann Harrington to Neil Stuart Smillie.
LEVERSHA—COLE.—Lesley Ethel Cole to Robert George William Leversha.

BIRTHS

ARTHUR.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Arthur; a son.
DAVIES.—To Mr. and Mrs. L. J. S. Davies; a son.
EDDOWES.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Eddowes; a son.
FAIREY.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Fairey; a son.
HATHERLY.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hatherly; a son.
LANDER.—To Mr. and Mrs. P. Lander; a son.
McGEACHEN.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. McGeachen; a daughter.
MONAGHAN.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Monaghan; a daughter.
QUICKFALL.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Quickfall; a son.
SYKES.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Sykes; a daughter.
WAITE.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Waite; a son.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

ESTABLISHED 1882

FEES (per Term)—

Board: £50.

Music: £5/5/-.

Dancing (Winter Term only): 15/-.

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 fees.

SUBSCRIPTION TO GENERAL PURPOSES FUND (Per Term):

Boarders: 9/6.

Day Boys: 7/6.

SCHOOL TERMS—

The School year is divided into three terms of approximately thirteen weeks each. The terms for 1960 are as follows:—

First Term	-	Tuesday, February 2nd to Friday, May 6th.
Second Term	-	Tuesday, May 24th to Friday, August 19th.
Third Term	-	Tuesday, September 13th to Wednesday, December 14th.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

ESTABLISHED 1883

The school year is divided into three terms: first term, second term, and third term. The school year begins in January and ends in December. The school year is divided into three terms: first term, second term, and third term. The school year begins in January and ends in December. The school year is divided into three terms: first term, second term, and third term. The school year begins in January and ends in December.

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