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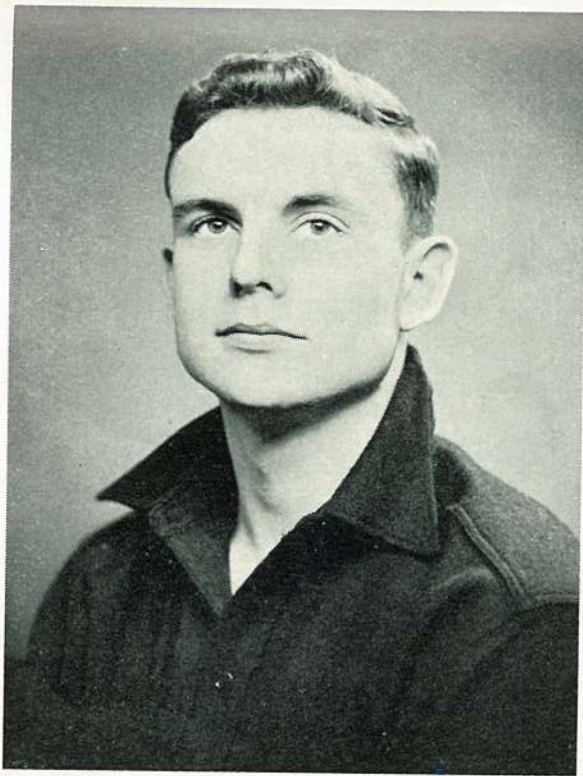
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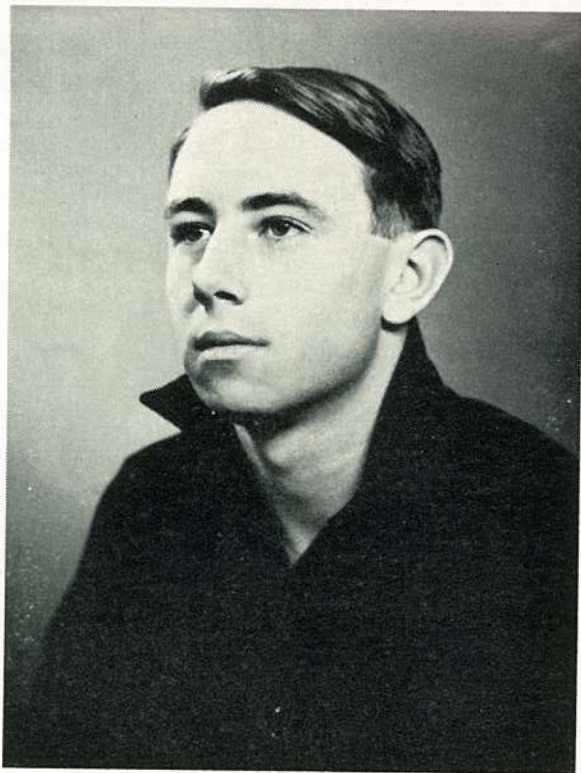
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EDITORIAL

A QUESTION of importance to us in New Zealand today is whether or not we are too concerned with the material aspect of life, and are neglecting the spiritual. By materialism here is meant the pursuit of a standard of material welfare, which can lead to a decline in the importance of our moral values seen in the reaction against the strict moral discipline of the Victorian Age. If we are too materialistic, and there are many reasons for thinking so, then we are affected both as schoolboys and as citizens. At any rate we place more importance on material comforts than did our ancestors, although such a change is natural, both because of the increased importance of science in our daily life, and because of the natural reaction against severe self-discipline of a few generations ago. We must consider whether we have allowed this reaction to go too far.

Our attitude to this question and our own moral values, are reflected in the state of the Government of our country. If, as many people say, we have too many restrictions placed on us by the Government, then we must consider where the fault lies—either with the people, or with the people's Government. Probably the responsibility can be shared by both.

The function of a Government is to guide the forces of a country in the right direction, and to give solid opposition to any changes which may harm the people. And just as important is its function to give the people a guarantee of justice, a force on which they can always

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rely, one which will never betray their trust. We, the people of New Zealand, have chosen our form of democracy because we could not find one man in whom we could place this trust, and not be disillusioned. But if our chosen Government fails to give us a sense of national pride, and is unworthy of our trust, then it can be said to have failed in its duty. For if we do not have this sense of national pride we will quickly lose interest in the Government and become apathetic towards it. Much of the value of having a monarch lies in this fact, and it is for the same reason that a high standard of politics must be maintained in our country today.

On the other hand, an unsympathetic or apathetic people cannot be governed by any form of Government other than totalitarianism, with the more intolerant laws which accompany it. Laws are made to safeguard the people. They take the place of moral laws and self-discipline which we the people, should have, and the question is not so much whether or not we have too many restrictions placed on us, but whether or not we are fitted to take the responsibility of less Government interference. For the standard of government of any country can be no higher than the standard of the people, and true democracy, the ultimate aim of any country such as ours, can be brought about only by complete responsibility of the people.

A very important factor, perhaps the most important, in this "government of the people, by the people, for the people" is education, for a prerequisite of democracy is that each person shall be conscious of what happens in his country, and shall have the ability to recognise a form of government acceptable to him. As most of our education is received during our formative years, the secondary school plays an important part in shaping the future, both of our country and of ourselves.

Today there is a growing emphasis on science, as opposed to the humanities, in the school syllabus, and it is up to us to decide if this is desirable. There are some who say, with deep conviction, that education is not merely a course taken in preparation for a career, but that it should be preparatory to life itself. That is to say that education can be divided into two sections—education which prepares us for a career, and education which gives us a broad basis on which to build our characters and formulate our philosophies. While not denying the cultural value of a course in science, it is doubtful whether a really broad education can be received without some knowledge of the humanities, which are necessary for our complete understanding of life. So perhaps we should aim at a more balanced education, which not only helps us in our careers, but also in all aspects of life.

It is perhaps characteristic of the present century that the individual places less reliance than formerly on a set of ideals and beliefs which constitute his goal in life. The worthiness of these values and the determination with which the individual keeps to them largely determines his character. Since these ideals usually take shape during adolescence, the post-primary school is allotted the important task of helping the boy to choose his particular set of values, and to discipline himself accordingly. The success with which a school does this may be said to constitute its tone, or standards, and our school is ranked highly in New Zealand. But should we not then examine this standard, for it is our responsibility to uphold it, and the way in which we do this is reflected

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in the general tone of the school which must not be lowered at any time. We must firstly realise the importance of maintaining such a standard in our school. It is this: When a boy starts his post-primary school education here, he has an important task ahead of him—to equip himself with a set of values which will stand him in good stead for the rest of his life. He has no definite ideals on which to base this moral discipline, and it is from the tone of the school that he takes his set of values. If there is a healthy school spirit this tone is impressed on him by the actions and attitude of the staff and of the boys, both those senior to him and those with whom he is most intimate. Without this spirit, which helps the boy to decide upon his attitude to life, a school such as ours would become merely an institution which would perhaps prepare a boy efficiently for a career, but which would fail badly in helping him formulate worthy ideals.

If then, we examine the reasons for the opinion that our own school spirit may be declining, we shall find that the fault may lie either with the boys or with the masters, and the whole school will be anxious to correct this fault; because with 75 years of tradition behind us we have no right to diminish the significance and value of our school, but rather have we a duty to increase it.

It has been said that a school is only as good as its staff, and a corollary to this might be that a school is only as good as its senior boys. We must firstly look at the importance of the master to the boy, and especially at the way in which our school is affected by this relationship. The official function of a master is to give instruction to boys on various subjects, but in this school we place a far greater emphasis on the responsibility which we naturally assume to be the master's. His is a tremendous influence in shaping the boy's character, as it is to him that the boy looks for a set of values, and it is from him that the boy should learn the discipline and control of a mature mind. The chief function of the staff is not so much to provide efficiency in the daily school routine, but to so affect the life of the boy that they give him a sense of responsibility and a firm set of values.

We would also expect of our staff that, when we break a rule, they should tell us just where we have gone wrong—whether we have broken a moral law or a disciplinary rule, and to punish us accordingly. The master who is confused as to the relative importance and seriousness of a moral crime and a breach of discipline, and who punishes in the same confused manner, does much harm both to the boy concerned and to the school, for we never respect such a master, and perhaps the most important condition for a healthy school spirit is mutual respect between masters and boys.

Older boys realise that a firm set of rules is necessary in an institution of this size, to create order and make efficiency possible. As this is discipline of the mass, it follows that some individuals will fall foul of it. Those in control must realise that these individuals will eventually be going out into life governed only, in many cases, by self-discipline, and too much restriction in an institution fails to give the individual the freedom and responsibility he needs to prepare himself for when he leaves. A period of restriction prior to this time can only retard his development, and does nothing constructive towards preparing him for the future.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

Discipline should be thought of by those who administer it in a school as an aid to shaping the character of a boy, and it should never be allowed to grow out of proportion. Thus it should be realised that the punishment of a whole group of boys for the misdeeds of one breeds distrust and resentment. This is indeed a very narrow conception of discipline. If an individual abuses a privilege, then he deserves to be punished, but to further restrict a whole group would lead to lack of faith in the administration and opposition to it.

But in the same way, in our school, much depends on the boy, and especially on the senior boy. At this level he should be responsible enough to have, in common with the masters, an interest in the school. He is the link between a junior boy and the staff, and his attitude to discipline is a constant influence in the moulding of a junior boy's attitude to the school. If a boy reaches the fifth form still with no sense of duty and responsibility, then he is not preparing himself for the time when he must leave school, when he has only himself to rely on, and the staff cannot be expected to treat him like a senior boy. When a boy does become more mature, however, it is for the staff to regard him as capable of the responsibility which a young man should have, and this does not apply only to those who become prefects. If the fifth former is treated as a responsible boy, and spoken to as such, his attitude of respect towards the staff will be of great value to his juniors, and will be of great benefit to him. This co-operation and mutual respect between masters and boys, especially the senior boys, is of even greater importance to a school, and has been to our own for over seventy-five years.

So then, although we are in a changing world, there are some things to which we must hold fast in this school if we are to keep up its high standard. One of the most important is a healthy school spirit, of which we have a long tradition and which can exist only with the whole school realising the responsibility of each individual to himself and to the school. This same spirit has produced many great men in all fields of life, and it is our duty while here to hold in respect this school and all it stands for, and to guard its spirit jealously.

N. D. Walter.

THE BREAK-UP

The 1959 Break-Up went off smoothly with a capacity crowd of boys and parents at the Opera House, and an exceptionally large number of parents of boarders. The complete ceremony was shorter than in previous years.

The official party consisted of Mr. N. Wilson, Q.C., and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Honnor, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Aderman, Mr. and Mrs. Moss, the Headmaster and Mrs. Webster, members of the Board and members of the staff.

Mr. Moss, the Chairman of the Board, welcomed all the parents and spoke briefly to the assembly. He then introduced the Headmaster, who presented his annual report. He reported that the School roll of 1959

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was a record, with 1032 boys attending the School. There were two other roll records—in the upper sixth form there were 51 boys, while in the boarding establishment there were 306.

Evening classes and continuation rolls had decreased from 1278 to 1181, and with remodelled buildings in the technical department more classes could be opened for 1960.

At the end of 1958, 123 (including 75 third-year boys) passed the School Certificate examination, 75 passed University Entrance, 70 by accrediting and five by sitting, and one boy gained a place in the University Scholarship examination. Five boys also gained passes in Bachelor of Commerce and Professional Accountancy exams.

Mr. Webster continued by saying the School had another good year on the sports field. The First XV was undefeated in all their games, and the First Cricket XI had been moulded into a fine team. The main thing he stated though, was that in all codes, and at all grades, there had been a splendid enthusiasm, team spirit and standard of play.

Mr. J. W. Mills resigned during the year to go to Rangitoto College, and Mr. A. R. Eustace left at the end of the year to go to Taupo High School. The Headmaster told the assembly that both had been most efficient teachers, and had given outstanding service in outside activities.

Mr. V. E. Kerr, who had taught at the School for 37 years, a truly remarkable record, had relinquished his relieving position at the end of the year.

The guest speaker was Mr. Nigel Wilson, Q.C., a distinguished Old Boy. Mr. Wilson gave a relatively short speech compared to previous break-up speakers and he quoted the School song of his time, "Forty Years On," which was rather appropriate, since it was exactly 40 years since he had attended his last break-up.

The general trend of his speech was summed up in his first sentences: "I am going to speak to you about the 'Spirit of Adventure.' I have misgivings that the spirit of adventure is vanishing from this Dominion—we are obsessed with security." He continued, telling us how our grand-parents and great-grandparents had come out to a relatively unknown island, driven by the Spirit of Adventure. He said that the generations now were acting as if they had no confidence of their ability, continually wanting Government security in all phases of life, in industry, in misfortunes and almost in their daily lives.

Mr. Wilson then explained that the Depression of the 1930's had done a lot to develop this tendency in the people's minds, and he urged the boys to take courage and face the challenge of nuclear energy and space exploration. He finished by maintaining that "defensive psychology" has never paid, giving examples of the French Maginot Line and the two great walls, Hadrian's and the Great Wall of China. His last words were the famous line of Tennyson: "To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield."

Conducted by Mr. N. Lynch, the massed School sang several items, including "Were you there when they crucified my Lord." The School Orchestra and Band contributed to the musical programme.

Sports prizes were presented by Mrs. Wilson, and the academic prizes by Mr. Wilson.

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| 3 E.B.3: D. J. McKenzie. | 4 P.2: W. R. Hetherington. |
| 3 E.B.2 Ag.: R. N. Southern. | 4 P.1: G. S. Wingate (George Prize) |
| 3 E.B.1: M. Clarke. | 5 Ag.: D. B. Hicks |
| 3 G.3: R. A. Hannaford. | 5 B: A. J. Clarke. |
| 3 G.2: S. J. Sexton. | 5 E: C. M. Collett. |
| 3 G.1: P. Williams. | 5 G.3: M. Saroa. |
| 3 P.3: M. G. Stephenson. | 5 G.2: G. H. J. Baird. |
| 3 P.2: A. G. Talbot. | 5 G.1: D. T. Alexander. |
| 3 P.1: J. D. Cumming. | 5 P.2: M. J. Erwin. |
| 4 E.B.: K. A. Cresswell. | 5 P.1: H. F. Jackson, P. J. Dempsey
(equal) |
| 4 B: J. C. Lankow. | 6 C.2: D. Macrone. |
| 4 E: W. D. Jackson. | 6 C.1: C. W. Bussell. |
| 4 G.4 Ag.: E. Larsen. | 6 Sc.: W. A. Mills. |
| 4 G.3: I. R. McQuilkin. | 6 B: N. D. Walter (Sheila Prentice Cup) |
| 4 G.2: W. R. Hutchens. | |
| 4 G.1: G. R. Paton. | |

SPECIAL PRIZES

- Rex Dowding Memorial Prize** (3rd and 4th Form Essay): R. F. Denne.
- Junior Oratory Prize** (Cup and Book presented by L. M. Moss, Esq.): L. Barker.
- Senior Debating Prize** (Cup presented by the Wellington Old Boys' Assn.): Carrington House—N. D. Walters and W. A. Mills.
- Art Prizes:** G. M. Sheppard and B. J. Allen.
- Music Prizes:** Senior (presented by H. C. Collier, Esq.): K. Carey-Smith.
Junior (presented by Mrs. J. Davie): J. Cumming.
- Singing Prize** (presented by an Old Boy): J. Ainsworth.
- General Competence:** D. Smith.
- Reading Prizes:** Reading in Assembly (presented by an Old Boy): M. S. Croxson. Senior Reading (Mr. H. N. Hewson's Prize): M. A. Irglis. Junior Reading: H. B. Gracie.
- Tabor Scholarships:** English, N. D. Walter; Science, W. A. Mills; Mathematics, T. P. Dobbie; Engineering, N. McL. Hayton.
- Prize for Best Maori Student** (presented by the Department of Maori Affairs): T. M. Karena.
- Taranaki Daily News Centennial Prize** (5th Form English): J. A. Codd.
- Bendall Memorial Prize** (6th Form History): A. P. Butler.
- White Memorial Prize** (Senior Literature): M. S. Croxson.
- Headmaster's Prize** (6A Mathematics and Science): D. J. O'Dea.
- Senior Latin Prize** (presented by Sir Ronald Syme): A. P. Butler and R. Chapman (equal).

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- Senior French Prize** (presented by French Legation): D. McEldowney.
- Heurtley Memorial Prize** (Original Verse): J. A. Codd.
- Prize for General Competence in 6A:** M. R. Sears and A. J. Forrest.
- Dr. George Home Memorial Prize:** D. J. O'Dea.
- John Brodie Memorial Prize** (Composition in 6A): J. D. Dickson.
- General Excellence Prize** (Dr. E. F. Fookes' Cup): R. C. Johns.
- Deputy Head Boy's Prize** (F. J. Eggleton Memorial Cup): P. J. Rumball.
- Head Boy's 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): M. S. Croxson.
- Dux Prize** (Buick Cup): D. J. O'Dea.

SPORTS PRIZES—ATHLETICS

- Noakes Cup** (Junior Steeplechase): M. D. Wardlaw.
- Osborne Cup** (Fastest time Junior Steeplechase): I. R. Stewart.
- Moran Cup** (High Jump Junior): P. E. Hagen.
- Bennett Cup** (100 Yards Junior Championship): F. Te Mata.
- Harman Cup** (440 Yards Junior Championship): J. R. Smith.
- Herbert Smith Cup** (Intermediate Steeplechase): A. N. Humphries.
- Easton Memorial Cup** (Fastest time Intermediate Steeplechase): R. L. Sexton.
- Marsh Cup** (120 Yards Intermediate Hurdles): P. A. Johns.
- Bothamley Cup** (440 Yards Intermediate Championship): C. T. Henderson.
- Gilmour Cup** (880 Yards Intermediate Championship): R. L. Sexton.
- Grieve Cup** (One Mile Intermediate Championship): A. N. Humphries.
- Beckbessinger Cup** (100 Yards Intermediate Championship): W. J. Lobb.
- Challenge Cup** (220 Yards Intermediate Championship): C. T. Henderson.
- Cartwright Cup** (Long Jump Intermediate): W. J. Lobb.
- Keller Cup** (High Jump Intermediate): P. A. 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): J. M. Miller.
- Fookes Cup** (One Mile Senior Championship): J. M. Miller.
- 1911 Cup** (Senior Steeplechase): D. E. Smith.
- Bryce Cup** (Fastest time Senior Steeplechase): A. J. Campbell.
- Challenge Cup** (Old Boys' Race): M. Mitchell.

SWIMMING

- Sykes Memorial Cup** (Senior Championship): M. G. Saxton.
- Challenge Cup** (Intermediate Championship): N. G. Rush.
- Fox Cup** (Junior Championship): C. G. Weir.
- O'Halloran Shield** (Inter-Form Relay): Form 5 P.1—W. T. Lawson.

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CADETS

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

GYMNASTICS

Hosking Cup (School Championship): B. Cleaver.

Challenge Cup (Fifth Form Championship): B. Cleaver.

Peter Saunders Memorial Cup (Fourth Form Championship): I. M. Titter.

Herbert Smith Cup (Third Form Championship): J. L. Talbot.

SHOOTING

Hamblyn Cup (Under 17 Championship): M. Neal.

Loveday Cup (Under 15 Championship): B. Hookham.

McLeod and Slade Cup (Under 14 Championship): K. Klein.

Lady Godley Cup (Senior Class Firing): D. Lobb.

Lady Godley Cup (Junior Class Firing): W. R. Watson.

Searle Cup (.303 Short Range Championship): N. W. Ashley.

Kelly Cup (.303 Long Range Championship): N. W. Ashley.

McDiarmid Belt (School Championship): N. W. Ashley.

TENNIS

Candy Cup (Senior Singles): R. Purser.

Herbert Smith Cup (Intermediate Singles): M. Hamilton.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Kerr Cup (Rugby Football): East and Carrington equal—P. J. Rumball.

Bates Cup (Cricket): Carrington.

Hayton Cup (Rowing): Carrington.

Hansard Cup (Athletics): East.

Stevenson Cup (Tennis): Central.

Holden Cup (Soccer): West.

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS

Pease Cup (Rugby Football): Boarders.

Birch Cup (Cricket): Boarders.



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Back Row: C. G. McLeod, J. C. Evershed, G. H. Page, J. M. Miller, P. R. Honeyfield.

Middle Row: D. M. Smith, W. T. Murdock, W. G. Shearer, N. McL. Hayton, W. A. Mills, N. D. Walter, A. G. Mackay,
M. G. Snowden.

Front Row: R. G. McCutcheon, D. G. Ferrier-Watson, R. B. Hedley, J. M. Scott, T. P. Dobbie.

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The School year began with 1069 boys enrolled, including 322 boarders, sixteen more boarders than last year. Forty-one boys left us during the course of the year. Forty-two boys comprised 6A and 6 Acc, and in the lower sixth there were 93 U.E. candidates, of whom 64 were accredited; 275 boys prepared for School Certificate and our third form intake was 315. The rest of the roll was comprised of 303 fourth-formers.

Barracks Week this year concluded with an evening parade for the public's benefit, instead of the usual afternoon demonstration. Several specialist units performed and impressed the crowd with their efficiency. Lieut.-Colonel J. G. McNaught, D.S.O., E.D., was reviewing officer at the parade, after which he inspected some of the battalion.

A new drill scheme was introduced this year, whereby one half-day every three weeks, during the first and third terms, is devoted to barracks. No drill is done during the middle term because the parade grounds become muddy and wet days limit activities too much. This year our cadet battalion took part in an exercise executed down at Paritutu, known as "Operation Gibraltar." The operation took the form of a mock battle and authoritative sources informed us that it was highly successful.

The School was distressed to hear, late in the third term, of the death of the Rev. Edward Herbert Strong. Canon Strong served on our staff as Chaplain from 1932-34, and during his time here he had a strong influence on School life. Later he became vicar of St. Mary's Church, where he introduced an hourly Sunday morning service for the boarders, which they still attend today.

Boys who returned to School from last year noted several changes about the establishment at the beginning of the first term. Construction of the bell tower was completed and the roadway between Pridham and the front of Carrington was tarred and chipped. The tennis courts had been repaired, and a new net erected around them. Two new rooms were added to the hospital for staff accommodation as was a new married man's quarters to the back of Moyes House. And many new gardens had appeared about the grounds, thanks to the skill of our new English-trained gardener, Mr. Wilson.

During this year we have seen many new gardens and shrubs planted about the grounds, and a remarkable improvement over all of our grounds. The glasshouse by the hospital has had its scope broadened this year. A large area around the building itself now serves as a nursery for seedlings and young plants. Working parties have cleared the bank behind the woodwork block and terraced it. Next year these terraces will serve as seedling areas for young native trees, which will later be planted around the new grounds area.

To cope with the extra intake of boarders this year, Carrington and Niger were fitted with bunks. Pridham is due for the same treatment next year, when we shall have even more boarders. Extra space in the dining room will prove hard to find in 1961.

This year we were once again fortunate to see a performance by the New Zealand Players. They acted for us four scenes from comedies from other lands. Their performance was very good indeed, and it was this year staged in the School Gymnasium.

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April the 1st saw, among other pranks, a mock assembly staged by 6A. Several impersonations of different masters were very good, particularly the one with the money bag, and the two with the jam spoon. We wonder if the reader's voice broke during the year.

A new scheme was introduced during the first term among the boarders, whereby working parties, consisting of third and fourth formers, spent Saturday mornings tidying the grounds, and clearing up scrubby areas, thereby assisting the groundsmen and gardeners with the colossal task they have, and at the same time keeping the boys occupied. Several masters have organised the work this year, but it would be good to see prefects and senior boys assisting this side of the task within the near future. Besides much other work, these parties constructed a nine-hole golf course on the School farm, which will be ready for use fairly soon, and will undoubtedly prove a valuable asset to our School in broadening the activities available to the boys.

School tennis this year saw a tremendous increase in the size of its club. Consequently a new club was formed between the Boys' and Girls' High Schools. Junior tennis players from School now play tennis at the G.H.S. on Saturday mornings and the seniors during the afternoon. Inter-House tennis continued as usual, and this year our School tennis team defeated Wanganui Collegiate in their annual match. Six new courts made their appearance behind the gym, incorporated in the new playing field area. Later three of these are to be sealed, but three of them will have to remain grassed for some time, until finance allows the completion of the project. At the same time work began during the third term to extend our present volley board right along the lower end of the courts on the Gully ground.

Along with the third and fourth form working parties has come another project for the fifth and sixth formers. They now do three hours supervised prep. on Saturday mornings, usually about eight weeks before their exams. Fifth and sixth form exams were held at the end of the first and second term this year, instead of the middle of the second and the end of the third. This spread the work covered for those boys sitting U.E. or School "C" into smaller amounts for each exam.

The lower ground pavilion was painted during the first term, as was the woodwork block. Both of these buildings are looking very neat at present, especially the pavilion. The inside of the assembly hall was also painted. Some boys are still getting used to the ultra-modern colour scheme. We think few boys would have swapped places with the painter perched up his extension ladder, high above the masters' stage, swaying backwards and forwards.

This year a restriction was put upon the boarders' leave, much to the disapproval of most. There is now no leave on Saturday morning, and no leave for tea on Saturday nights. Free leave on Saturday afternoons no longer exists. When leave is allowed, it is usually directed, and you must go where you are told to go, or else remain at School.

A new haircutting system was introduced at the beginning of this year. Boarders can now have their hair cut by two barbers who come to School on Saturday mornings and set up shop in a room behind the tuckshop.

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Last year a hobbies' room was outfitted beneath Rooms 15 and 16, for the boarders to use in their spare time. It has a comprehensive range of tools and since its opening many boys have derived a tremendous amount of useful enjoyment from it in following their respective hobbies.

This year saw the disappearance of the piggeries from the School Farm, and in their place working parties established a vegetable garden area. The emphasis this year has been on potatoes, but in future specialisation of vegetables will be possible as more boys become interested and more ground becomes available for use.

Last year in his editorial, Roy Johns mentioned the fact that our School has one of the finest Rugby traditions in any New Zealand school, and yet we are in the unfortunate position of possessing only one football field. This year, however, has seen a change and we now have another football field behind the gym, with six new tennis courts at its top end. It is proposed in future to have several more fields where the piggeries are on the School farm at present. This new field will certainly ease the pressure on the racecourse.

The rifle range disappeared with the formation of our new field, and a new one has been constructed just down the track, to the right of the old cowshed, further over on the farm. As yet it has not been grassed, but the Press Shield team shot there this year.

During the first two terms we lost the services of Mr. J. S. Hatherly from our staff. Mr. Hatherly went for a world tour, which he told us he enjoyed very much. While he was overseas he sent us several very interesting letters describing his journey and many of the sights he saw, as well as some opinions of several countries which he visited. At the beginning of the third term, however, we welcomed Mr. Hatherly back, and once again he has resumed the role of head boarding master, while presiding over the affairs of Moyes House.

Again this year our Swimming Sports were held on a fine day, and several records were broken. The Inter-Secondary School Swimming Sports were also held at our baths this year, and were attended by a very large crowd in the afternoon.

The Masters v. Boys Relay (a put-up job, so we believe, as a master judged the race) was held as the final event of the day at our sports. The boys were unlucky not to win for three reasons. Some of the performances by individual masters were really outstanding, the masters employed illegal tactics against the boys, and the referee, as well as the judge, was of course, biased.

The Band and Orchestra were both very large this year. During the course of the year we heard many fine performances from both these groups.

A branch activity to the School's musical side this year was a dance band. The band played at dancing classes each Saturday night, and at several School dances they supplied extras during the supper interval. The reason for the Second XV playing staccato Rugby on Saturdays could be laid down to the fact that they practised on the bottom ground, while the Band practised in the Memorial Hall.

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Last year the back of Lab. 5 was partitioned off and converted into a dark-room. It is approximately 10ft. by 15ft., and it has a large supply of dish developing equipment, several tank developers, an enlarger and three printers. These facilities have encouraged a very large membership, to the Camera Club, which was well over 80 at the beginning of the year.

At the beginning of this year, the School obtained the services of a permanent librarian. We are very grateful to Mrs. McLaughlin for the fine work she is doing in our library. Borrowing has been made much easier and a much better check has been kept on books.

We were very proud to hear this year that Glen Rush had won the Flannagan Cup swim. Glen is the third boy to have accomplished this feat while still at School.

The Victoria University show "Extravaganza" came to New Plymouth this year and from amongst the players a Weir House Rugby team was formed. In a most amusing game on the bottom ground the Seconds defeated them 28-3 on a muddy field. At one stage there were 25 players on the Weir House side, and two balls on the field. Not all of the Weir House players were wearing football togs, of course, and as a result, we believe the dry cleaners in the city did a flourishing trade the following Monday on every article of clothing, from overcoats to scarves.

This year the School was proud to hear that three of our Old Boys had gained selection in the All Black squad to tour South Africa. The Old Boys chosen were Roger Urbahn, Kevin Briscoe and John Graham. We were also proud to hear that Dave Mathieson, another Old Boy, had gained selection in the Maori team to tour the Islands.

W. G. (Wattie) Wilkie: Wattie retired from the School two years ago after a very long association as a pupil under Mr. Pridham, and master under Mr. Moyes, Mr. McNaught and the present Head. He has not been well recently. We send our best wishes to him.

This year an established tradition was broken when the School did not go to Stratford to support their athletic team in the Inter-Secondary School Sports. The competitors maintained that they had missed the encouraging cheers of the supporters. Despite this, however, of the total 31 events, School gained 10 firsts, 11 seconds and 8 thirds. In only two events did School not qualify.

It must seem fantastic to Old Boys who were here only a few years ago to think of a total professional staff of 48, but this is due entirely to the increase in the roll to 1069 this year, and this in spite of the foundation of a new post-primary school at Spotswood. Notwithstanding the national shortage of teachers, this School has been fortunate in having no serious shortage at any stage.

Mr. J. D. Mills left us at the end of the second term of 1959 to go to Rangitoto College. At the end of 1959, Mr. A. R. P. Eustace accepted a position at Taupo, and Mr. K. R. Austin moved to Okato.

Boys of the School, the Staff, and Old Boys severally took the opportunity at the end of the year of saying "Thank you" and farewell to Mr. V. E. Kerr, who retired from the Staff after 36 years' service.

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During 1960 we have also lost Mr. T. E. Sanson, who has gone to Hokitika to do country service, and at the end of the second term Mr. D. Whitfield left us to go to Fairlie. At the end of the year we shall also lose Mr. J. A. Fulcher to the demands of country service.

At the beginning of this year six new appointments were made. Mr. D. C. Welch came to us from Stratford to take charge of the Foreign Language Department. Among the six were three Old Boys—Bruce Barnitt (1928-33), R. J. (Dick) Lattimer (1937-39), and E. J. Jennings (1939-41). In addition, Mr. I. M. L. Rennie now presides in Room 3, and Mr. B. D. Sadler teaches Maths. and Science. Dick Lattimer has taken charge of the Library. During the year Mr. D. A. Rhodes has been appointed to replace Mr. Whitfield, and we are fortunate in securing two masters from recruiting efforts in the United Kingdom—Mr. C. Clancy, who teaches mainly Science, and Mr. J. H. Bayfield, who is an additional specialist in Music.

At the beginning of this year Carrington House was intrigued to receive a student from British Borneo, Luk Dai Hui. He is one of ten such students sent to New Zealand on the Colombo Plan student scheme. Luk intends to be in New Zealand for five years. His subjects at School are Mechanics, English, Maths., Physics and Chemistry. From School he intends to go to Victoria University for a B.Sc., and if possible, a Dip.Ed. Then he intends to return to Sarawak as a science teacher. Luk has become very much a part of the School and has achieved scholastic distinction.

It was pleasing to hear that Neil Wolfe, captain of our last year's First XV, was selected to play first five-eighths in Ian McEwan's team to play Kevin Briscoe's team as a warm-up for the All Black trials. There were many trialists in the two teams, including three former internationalists, three trialists for the South African tour, and several current All Blacks. The School was also very proud to hear that Neil had been selected for the New Zealand Universities team which toured Australia.

Our School Haka was abbreviated this year, with the result that the two lines: a one a two a tootle on a zomba, quintripla quintripla let her flicka, were left out. The origin of these two lines, or their meaning, has always been unknown, and the haka, as far as the words are concerned, certainly makes more sense at present. Perhaps one of these days we shall have a complete Maori haka, with actions to it whereby to distinguish our support from other schools in a more appropriate manner.

Once again the School ran an excursion train to the St. Pat's game. It was a roaring success (as these trips always are). At the game many of us noticed one of our former more conspicuous haka leaders rousing a group of Old Boys periodically with traditional characteristic zest.

During the course of the year there have been several city contracting firms working about our grounds. One firm laid a system of water pipes for the purpose of fire-fighting. Consequently we have quite a few underground hydrants about the grounds. Another group tar sealed and chipped many of our roadways and the Ministry of Works asphalted around the back of Pridham and Lab. 5.

It was no longer necessary this year for two new boys to apply to Moyes House for a "book of clues." A School calendar was produced,

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containing the complete lay-out of all School activities and institutions. It has proved a handy book of reference and has assisted new boys to find their way about more readily.

As well as the usual day boy House dances, Pridham House ran a boarder dance for the first time in several years. Congratulations must go to the Pridham House prefects on what was classed as a very successful dance. The hall was well decorated and the supper seemed to be very much appreciated by all. Even by those boarders who did not attend the dance. We are still wondering if the stiletto heel holes in the cricket pitch affected us any way on the following Saturday's match.

Since a regrettable accident which occurred in Room 2 during the year, it is customary if any master is missing to lift the man-hole cover and search under the floor boards. Masters have also been warned against walking backwards down the class room while teaching.

On returning to School at the beginning of the third term, it was a pleasant surprise to learn that no longer would we have to sweep classrooms after school. A commercial cleaning firm contracted to cater for this job and as a result all that is required of boys now is not to drop paper on the floor.

The football match, Boys Leaving v. Boys Returning, proved an hilarious event this year, with a fair number of masters playing. A remark heard before the game from two of the masters: "Now . . .? do you think you're up to it, you're sure you won't conk out before we've finished." And the reply: "Ah, so and so, what more noble way to die than on the football field facing fearful odds." It will be interesting to see how many masters play for the boys returning next year after having seen their "done in" associates leave the field, including the noble gladiator who, despite his wishes and much to his disgust, failed to meet his doom on the football field. Perhaps a few will play for the boys leaving next year.

Bates Cup cricket brought to light varying House habits, in the matter of appealing to the umpire this year. Carrington—all of them—appealed continuously. Moyes House left it all to their wicketkeeper, who went like a bomb. Pridham hardly appealed at all. To them went the bitter pill of being told after the match that had they appealed Murdock, who made 93 not out, would have been out when two.

This year emergency escape routes from the various classrooms of the School were fully planned and the boys were familiarised with them. This, however, was not enough for a couple of lower sixth formers, who decided to take the reverse of the escape route in an effort to reach Room 25. They told the master when they arrived ten minutes late that they had been "just getting the feel of the route."

The Drama Club's production this year was a well-known comedy by Brandon Thomas, "Charley's Aunt." It was staged for three nights in the School gym., and was very much enjoyed by all who saw it.

A master on our staff this year, who has a reputation as a cyclist, was surprised when once he cycled back from Waitara where he had been watching Moyes House sixth grade play, to catch the First XV bus

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to Rahotu. He arrived back about a quarter of an hour before the bus which carried the Moyes team, only to find that it was the same one that went on later with the First XV to Rahotu.

An advance in the musical activities of the School occurred this year when a massed secondary schools' festival for Taranaki was held at the Stratford Memorial Hall. Many secondary schools were represented, and many good items were heard, of which several were produced by school music groups.

A newly-formed club this year was the Nature Study Club. During the year it had a membership of about twenty boys, who met in Lab. 5 on Tuesdays. Several film strips were shown during the year, but next year the club proposes to show some full-length films in the Memorial Hall. Several field days held this year were somewhat poorly attended.

The School golf team played their annual match against Wanganui Collegiate on the Ngamotu links, in which Wanganui maintained their unbeaten record in the fixture. The evenly-matched Collegiate team won decisively without the loss of a game, but all members of the School team played well. The School team consisted of: A. R. White, W. S. Shearer, B. L. White, R. Lewes, W. R. Watson and A. M. Morrison.

For the fifth consecutive year the First XV went through the football season without losing a college match. This year there were seventeen awards to boys for First XV sports blazers. This is evidence that our Rugby status is not declining one bit. One could also say that this year was probably a record one for injuries, which came the way of at least ten different First XV members.

This year an American Field Scholar, Gene Mullar, spent a week at our School. Gene hailed from Grand Island, Nebraska. He was interested in a theological career, and intended to pursue that course when he returned to the U.S.A.

At the beginning of the third term we said good-bye to "Bert" Johnson, who had been associated with the School in various capacities for the last 38 years. Prior to this appointment in 1922 the School janitor had always been referred to as "General" in school parlance, but Bert has never been anything but "Bert" to the School and this is evidence of his close personal relationship to two generations of boys. So he grew into the life of the School until he became part of its tradition—a tradition of devoted service and interest in his work and in the multitude of boys to whose environment he made no small contribution. "Bert" is still in good health and the whole School, staff and boys, would extend our thanks to him for his long and devoted service and our best wishes for his future.

Once again this year a team of cadets from the cadet ship "Durham" played our fourth grade "C's" on the racecourse. The game was watched by a fair crowd and proved a very amusing one, particularly as the "C's" deliberately handicapped themselves by playing forwards as backs and backs as forwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Vickers also left us towards the end of the third term to return to England. Both Mr. and Mrs. Vickers were popular figures

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about the establishment since their arrival, and Mr. Vickers did a good service to the School, filling the role of caretaker for two and a-half years. Nearly all the boarders knew Mr. Vickers at some time or another, whether it was to talk to him, or to borrow something, usually to borrow something.

In conclusion, to all boys leaving, we wish the very best of luck in their future walks of life, and to all those returning, we hope they have a most successful year in 1961.

M. R. Herbert.

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Front Row: R. L. Broughton, D. T. Alexander, J. Nicholls, E. G. Loten, T. J. Tier, W. D. Allison.



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Middle Row: T. S. Medley, M. J. Williams, G. E. Wall, L. G. Sunde, W. A. Burton, P. J. Dempsey, D. J. Renwick.
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1960 has provided the School with another good season of Rugby. Altogether 31 teams represented the School in the North Taranaki Junior Rugby Competition. The First XV played in the Junior Open Grade, the Second XV and three other teams fourth grade, six teams fifth grade, seven teams sixth grade, six teams seventh grade, six teams eighth grade and one ninth grade. The majority of these teams practised two nights a week and played in the competitions on Saturdays.

The First XV was beaten in a club match for the first time in four years and so did not win the Junior Open Championship, though it later won back the challenge shield. An unusually strong Second XV finished a very successful season by winning the North Taranaki Fourth Grade Competition. In the play-off for the Taranaki championship, they first drew with and then lost to Okaiawa. School White, for the second year, won the Fifth Grade Competition and went on to beat Opunake and Inglewood easily, so winning the Taranaki championship. In the Sixth Grade School Moyes won both their competition and shield by beating Waitara in their last game. Central sevenths and eighths and Moyes eighths were three other teams which did well in their grades.

Practically all the teams were coached by masters, who gave much of their own time to a job that sometimes brings little reward except the fulfilment of an enthusiasm shared and the knowledge of a team's gratitude.

The Second XV this year initiated a match between themselves and Hamilton High School Second XV. The match was played at Hamilton and the Seconds won 6-0 in a muddy game. The Seconds also played Wellington College Second XV, beating them 28-3 in another muddy match. This game was played in New Plymouth. Thus foundations were laid for the team to have two college matches in the future, one at home and one away. Another match won by the Second XV was that against New Plymouth Old Boys' third grade. This game is played annually for the Gordon Roper Memorial Shield and dates from the days when the Seconds played in the third grade. The shield was presented in memory of a keen football administrator and Old Boy who was killed in 1949.

A new system for the House games was brought into use this year. The six Houses may enter a junior and senior team and these play in a series of five games, gaining two points for a win, one for a draw and none for a loss. This means that the winner is selected more fairly and, as all the teams play each other, the other teams are placed. The disadvantage for the spectators is that there is not always a climaxing final.

The School under 15 years team beat Wanganui 8-6, while an under 16½ years team playing instead of a School fifth grade fifteen, beat Wanganui 11-9. The under 16 years team beat Stratford Technical High School 48-0. Thus it seems the School is assured of Rugby strength for a year or two.

The School would like to thank the Taranaki Rugby Union, the North Taranaki Junior Management Committee, the Referees' Association, the St. John's Ambulance, the Taranaki Jockey Club, the many supporters interested in the School and the many helpful people who billeted visiting teams, the First XV at Hawera and Auckland, and the Second XV at Hamilton.

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The team contained only four members of the 1959 Fifteen, and thus was the youngest the School has fielded for ten or so years.

Injuries hit the team quite severely and over the season eight members were unable to play for various periods of time; one in fact for the whole season.

A completely new scrum had to be built up with only the breakaway and vice-captain, C. Henderson, from last year's pack. The twenty-three out of whom the college teams were selected contained two very capable half-backs with little between them. Another problem of selection was that of the other breakaway, and in the four college matches four different forwards occupied the position.

An unwritten First XV tradition of haywire goal-kicking was broken by J. Evershed, who has provided the team with the most reliable kicker it has had for some years. Over the season he scored 101 points, thirty of which were much-needed college match penalties and conversions.

The club competition provided the team with many experiences, and the standard of Rugby gradually improved, though there were relapses. Tukapa beat the team, as did Tikorangi at a later date. Slow and uninspired play caused draws in three club matches. Two of them were immediately before college matches and so did nothing to promote confidence.

That the team went through the season undefeated in college matches, though often faced by much older and more experienced opponents, says much for the ability and keenness of the group.

The season has indeed been a successful one with the wonderful team spirit which has enabled twenty-three boys to get on together without friction, even though so many of them have their "little ways."

INTER-SCHOOL GAME

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

(Played at Rugby Park, New Plymouth, June 30th). Won 19-14.

The game, played on a hard ground and in bright sunshine, was undecided till the end. On the whole School had a slight territorial advantage, but lack of finish and periods of unsound play often prevented tries. The Combined pack was heavier than School's and put up a hard fight, even without the leadership of Finch, who was injured during the game. The School backs were well marked by a backline which had good combination, since all were from Hawera, except the half-back. The game was a hard struggle, though in parts play was scrappy and both packs wilted for one or two periods.

The final 19-14 win to School was by no means a solid victory, and it left the fifteen with the knowledge that much had to be improved before the next college game.

The teams were:—

Stratford-Hawera: D. Goodall, R. Worsley, R. Hickey, G. Young, B. Laird, P. Walsh, K. Caldwell, N. Clarke, J. Clarke, A. Linn, B. Finch, P. Jenkins, M. Hartley, G. Leigh, A. Ham. During the game P. Heremia replaced Laird, D. Taylor replaced Finch, T. Rogers replaced Caldwell.

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THE PLAY

The Combined team kicked off into the wind and low sun. School attacked for ten minutes, then Evershed opened the scoring with a penalty; 3-0 to School.

From School's territory, Te'o sent a long kick to Combined; Henderson and McCutcheon following the ball up were stopped by Worsley. From the resulting scrum Garbett made a gap on the blind side and passed to Te'o, who scored in the corner; 6-0 to School.

A penalty against School was kicked by Young, bringing the score to 6-3.

Combined got plenty of ball for a period, but School's fast, loose forwards were breaking down their play.

Another penalty to Combined was put over by Young, so equalising the scores.

School now attacked but could not quite penetrate. The Combined winger, Worsley, broke down the line and centre-kicked to Clarke, who scored. Young converted, and the half-time score was 6-11 to Combined.

School went in hard for the first ten minutes of the second half. A forward rush ended by Knowles falling on the ball after it rebounded from the upright. Evershed converted; 11-11.

Te'o and Henderson went on another run but were stopped after 60 yards. A penalty to School was put over by Evershed; 14-11.

Combined now attacked but a penalty put play back in their half. After a loose ground rush by the forwards, Hall picked up the ball and scored. Evershed converted; 19-11 to School.

Combined retaliated and Hickey went over after a fine blind-side run, bringing Combined to 14 points.

The play was now hard and fast, with School pressing but unable to go over. Sound defending left the final score 19-14 to School.

COLLEGE GAMES

v. ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE (Silverstream)

(Played at Hicks Park, Hawera, Saturday, July 2nd). Won 20-9.

Unfortunately through illness, the captain, G. McCutcheon, was unable to play. R. Broughton played centre three-quarters in his place and R. H. Wakelin was brought in as full-back. The change was a last-minute one and the backs co-ordinated and tackled very well indeed in spite of this.

The loss of McCutcheon meant that twelve of the team were playing their first college match. However, St. Pat's team were equally young and perhaps a shade lighter than School.

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As it turned out, School had the upper hand in both tight and loose play, though the loss of D. Martin early in the first half gave St. Pat's a good bit of possession from the line-outs. Sound tackling, however, by the backs with the loose forwards, had the desired effect and broke up most of St. Pat's movements.

Since the team had performed fairly poorly the week before, when it drew with Star for a second time, the 20-9 win was a valuable one and was particularly satisfying for the team.

The teams were:—

St. Patrick's College: P. Beck, P. Madarsz, A. Hewett, F. Pederson, J. Graham, D. Symons, N. Beckett, P. Brown, D. Dosser, A. Moleta, C. O'Leary, B. Bird, J. Allan, M. Egan, R. Kirton.

School: R. H. Wakelin, R. Hall, T. Te'o, R. Broughton, L. Knowles, G. Harrold, B. Fraser, J. Evershed, H. Jackson, C. Henderson, W. Lawson, M. Bryant, G. Ferrier-Watson.

THE PLAY

School kicked off into wind and sun, and the forwards went into the first ruck with plenty of vigour. After seven minutes of fast play School was awarded a penalty 40 yards out and in front of the posts. A beautiful kick by Evershed went over, in spite of the strong wind, and put the score to 3-0.

The fast play continued with School obtaining plenty of ball from Martin in the line-out and Bryant in the scrum. The possession was well used by Te'o, who made some good breaks, and Knowles, who kicked shrewdly.

After twenty minutes the St. Pat's half, Beckett, ran on the blind side from a scrum, passed to the wing and he scored in the corner. An unsuccessful conversion left the score at 3-3.

Mills replaced Martin, who had received a shoulder injury.

St. Pat's were now attacking with kicks, but Wakelin's and Te'o's defence was good. From half-way Te'o took a St. Pat's clearing kick, beat two men, then kicked up-field. Knowles, following up speedily, took the ball from a St. Pat's man and went on to score; 6-3 to School.

St. Pat's rallied and took play to School's line. From a line-out Dosser came round from his back-of-the-line-out position, collected the ball and scored a surprise try in the grandstand corner. This left the score 6-6 at half-time.

School, now with the sun and wind advantage, attacked confidently in the second half. From a ruck near the sideline the ball went to Te'o, who scored in the corner; 9-6 to School.

After ten minutes of even play, Harrold was hurt and moved to centre, while Broughton played first five-eighths.

School forwards began to dominate more clearly, and from a very quick ruck the ball went out and was taken by Hall, who had moved in from the blind side wing, and he scored 15 yards from the touchline. Evershed converted, putting the score to 14-6.

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St. Pat's took the ball to the School twenty-five and from there they attempted a penalty. The kick was short but St. Pat's won the ruck and Symons kicked a high dropped goal, bringing St. Pat's to 9-14.

School attacked again, Wakelin fielded a clearing kick and punted to Te'o's wing. The kick was well placed and Te'o scored in the corner; 17-9.

St. Pat's made a determined effort but School held them from the line. Evershed scored the final points when he put over an easy penalty, leaving School 20, St. Pat's 9.

v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

(Played at Wanganui, July 20th). Won 17-11.

The match was played in the Collegiate grounds on a firm ground made slightly damp by light showers during the match.

Because of the age limit, two of the group were not available for selection.

It was known before the match that Wanganui were at a peak year and that this was the match they were likely to make sure of. However, the School team went on with admirable determination, and though they were five points down at half-time, they hung together and slowly gained the winning points.

The Wanganui pack was a heavy one and supplied their very fast backs with enough ball for them to score three dazzling tries as well as reminding the School tacklers to be alert.

It is interesting to note that Wanganui's points came from three tries and a conversion, while School's from one converted try and four penalties.

The teams were:—

Wanganui Collegiate: P. Brindle, P. Burke, M. Wake, G. Thomas, B. Finch, M. Wright, M. Nitz, W. Haldane, M. Johnstone, A. Smith, J. Gibbons, R. Speedy, J. Holmes, A. Guy, R. Hamilton.

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THE PLAY

School kicked off in a light drizzle. Wanganui took the ball to School's line and from a quick ruck Wanganui whipped the ball out to the wing Burke, who scored in the corner.

Wanganui were penalised in front of their goal and Evershed put up the first points for School; 3-3.

Two minutes later Wanganui won a scrum on School's twenty-five, the ball went out to the centre who was tackled by Hall, but Burke received the pass and went on to score unmarked. The try was not converted, leaving Wanganui 6, School 3.

The Wanganui first five-eighths broke through three minutes later. He was tackled by Hall but passed to the centre who sent the ball on to Burke. Burke scored 15 yards from touch, enabling Wake to convert. School were down 3-11.

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The School backs began to work together and tackle more soundly now and with the loose forwards contained the fast Collegiate line. School held Collegiate for 20 minutes and Evershed brought the score to 6-11 with a long penalty.

From this point the School forwards began to gain the edge and kept Collegiate in their half till half-time. School's forward superiority was confirmed in the second half when Wanganui were pressed out of School's territory except for some dangerous raiding bursts. For twenty minutes both teams played some excellent Rugby with the Wanganui backs looking dangerous whenever they had the ball. Eventually a penalty enabled Evershed to bring the score to 9-11. School kept pressing Wanganui's line and Evershed put over another penalty; 12-11.

With ten minutes to go both teams were struggling hard. With three minutes to go School consolidated their lead when McCutcheon scored after School won a quick ruck on the Collegiate line. Evershed converted and the final score was: School 17, Wanganui 11.

v. TE AUTE COLLEGE

(Played at Rugby Park, New Plymouth, August 6th). Drew 11-11.

The match, a curtain-raiser to the Taranaki v. Waikato game, was played in hot sunshine and on a firm ground. The team did not display the same cohesion and drive seen at St. Pat's and Wanganui and for periods played lethargically and without purpose. This, of course, could well be attributed to the high standard of Te Aute's football. A heavy Te Aute pack dominated the School forwards both in broken and set play. It was not till the last quarter-hour that the School forwards showed more vigour than the visitors.

The School backs were given a very difficult time by their opposites. The close-marking broke backline movements down and the inside backs had to kick. Te Aute, however, had more than an answer for this and the full-back, Grennell, constantly collected the ball and slammed it out well down-field.

The last all-out effort which drew the game for School reflects well on the tenacity and determination of the team, which could well have lost hope and given up trying.

The teams were:—

Te Aute: G. Grennell, S. Kupa, T. Totaurangi, J. Wehi, R. Tikao, M. Ronginiwa, R. Manuel, P. Sharples, T. Lambert, K. Kiwha, R. Boswell, E. Raumati, B. Kawe, W. Potae, G. Cooper.

School: N. Walter, T. Te'o, G. McCutcheon, R. Hall, L. Knowles, R. Garbett, R. Hughes, D. Martin, W. Mills, J. Evershed, L. McEldowney, C. Henderson, H. Jackson, M. Bryant, W. Lawson.

THE PLAY

Te Aute kicked off and School attacked. A back movement broke down and Te Aute took play to half-way. Henderson came close to a try but was beaten to the ball by Grennell. Play now consisted of back-line attacks which kept breaking down as both teams tackled. Evershed

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missed a penalty and from a quick twenty-five the Te Aute forwards surprised the defence and burst down the line. Manuel went over and Tautarangi converted; 0-5.

Te Aute kept pressing but good kicking by Garbett held them back. Te Aute were penalised well out and Evershed sent over an excellent kick; 3-5.

School backs received more ball now but kicked too often to the extremely capable hands of Grennell.

Immediately after half-time School attacked but were sent back by a long penalty kick by Tautarangi. Henderson made a break but was held and Grennell kicked to School's twenty-five. Here School were penalised in a scrum and Tautarangi kicked the goal; 3-8 to Te Aute.

From a scrum on School's twenty-five Te'o kicked ahead. Grennell fielded the ball on the half-way line, sidestepped Te'o, kicked over Walter's head, collected the ball and scored a superb try. The try was not converted; 3-11.

School now fought desperately and pressed Te Aute's line with the backs trying everything. After School had made several breaks and attempted two dropped goals, Walter collected the ball from a Te Aute drop-out, kicked down-field and tackled Grennell as he took the ball. Hall, following up, collected the ball and made the line wrapped in a tackle. The try was not converted; 6-11.

Te Aute immediately retaliated but were stopped on School's line. Kicks by McCutcheon and Hall sent play to the halfway. From a line-out the ball went to McCutcheon who made a beautiful break, passed to Te'o and he scored. Evershed converted, making the final score: Te Aute 11, School 11.

v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL

(Played at Eden Park, Auckland, August 20th). Won 6-0.

Though the score was not big, this win was probably the most decisive victory that the team achieved in college matches.

Played on a dry, hard ground as a curtain-raiser to the Auckland v. North Auckland Ranfurly Shield challenge, the match was shortened by ten minutes. This brought the spells from thirty-five to thirty minutes each.

From the kick-off the intention of the team was obvious—to play careful and sound Rugby. The pack soon won the initiative from the unusually light Grammar forwards, and with very solid tackling by the backs and breakaways R. Broughton and C. Henderson, the Grammar team was kept in its own territory for 75 per cent. of the game.

Thus School built up a firm victory on play that was sound rather than brilliant or polished.

The teams were:—

Auckland Grammar: H. Johnstone, L. McBrayne, D. Montgomery, J. Peake, J. Stenhouse, R. Taylor, A. Hough, R. McFarland, N. Stanish, G. Rice, M. Douglas, D. Wotherspoon, W. Kent, R. Stevenson, C. Long.

School: T. Te'o, G. McCutcheon, R. Hall, L. Knowles, G. Harrold, B. Fraser, D. Martin, C. Henderson, J. Evershed, L. McEldowney, R. Broughton, W. Lawson, M. Bryant, H. Jackson, N. Walter.



FIRST XV, 1960

Back Row: R. S. Garbett, L. A. Knowles, D. G. Ferrier-Watson, R. A. Hall, G. J. M. Harrold, B. M. Fraser.
Middle Row: R. K. Hughes, R. H. Wakelin, N. D. Walter, D. W. Martin, W. A. Mills, R. L. Broughton, H. Vyver.
Front Row: M. Bryant, T. F. Te'o, J. C. Evershed, C. T. W. Henderson, R. G. McCutcheon, W. T. Lawson, L. W. McEldowney, H. F. W. Jackson.

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THE PLAY

Grammar kicked off and McElDowney marked the ball, then found touch at halfway. Grammar's backline attacked but Knowles tackled his man. From the ensuing ruck Harrold made a good break and put School on the Grammar twenty-five. Here School was awarded two penalties but both failed. Grammar pushed into School territory and also missed two penalties. With Martin jumping well in the line-out, School was getting plenty of ball; Harrold used the possession to keep play in Grammar's half by skilful kicking.

After coming close to scoring twice the School backs eventually penetrated Grammar's sound defence and Te'o went over, making the score 3-0 after twenty-four minutes.

The next points came when Auckland were penalised on their twenty-five and Evershed kicked the score to 6-0. Grammar retaliated and remained on the attack for the last minutes of the first half, but did not score.

No more points were scored in the second half, and although School kept a distinct territorial advantage, the team was unable to penetrate the last few yards to the line.

Evershed missed a penalty soon after the kick-off and Auckland took play to half-way. Knowles came close to scoring when he followed up a penalty but Johnstone kicked the ball dead. After a short time Grammar took play across the halfway but McCutcheon kicked the ball back out. The School backs took play near the Grammar line and here Evershed hit an upright with a late-tackle penalty. Hall nearly scored, then Te'o came close to a try when Harrold kicked to his wing. Two penalties to Grammar eased the pressure but School soon returned and attempted another penalty goal. The Grammar backs now got the ball and looked dangerous but the centre sent out a bad pass which the wing dropped. School kept pressing and Te'o broke through only to be tackled on the line. Play remained here till full time, when the score was still 6-0 to School.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

v. Clifton	Won 33-11	v. Tikorangi	Lost 3- 6
v. Star	Drew 12-12	v. Kaitake	Won 41- 3
v. Uruti	Won 13- 8	v. Tukapa	Won 8- 0
v. Tikorangi	Won 14- 6	v. Clifton	Drew 6- 6
v. Old Boys	Won 15- 0		
v. Tukapa	Lost 5-16	Played	15
v. Kaitake	Won 14- 5	Won	10
v. Rahoitu	Won 36-14	Drew	3
v. Urenui	Won (default)	Lost	2
v. Star	Drew 6- 6	Points for	253
v. Uruti	Won 47- 3	Points against	96

FOOTBALL

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS

(Played on the School Gully, September 28th). Boarders won 9-6.

The Gully ground was very dry and consequently play was fast. The Boarders team contained more weight and more First XV members than the Day Boys but on the field both teams were evenly matched. The breakaway Henderson was a valuable tactical advantage for the Day Boys and he constantly raided the Boarders' backline. The Boarders lacked a similarly experienced loose forward and Harrold, who played an excellent game, made the most of his opportunities.

The Boarders scored the first points when Evershed put over a long penalty. Bennett scored a try for the Day Boys a short time later. For a period before half-time the Day Boys pressed the Boarders back and came close to scoring, but in the second half the Boarders took more control of the game. A forward's try by Evershed was unconverted and put the Boarders in front, 6-3. Hannon equalised the score when he put over a penalty. With only a few minutes of play left the Boarders strove hard to gain the lead. Eventually Te'o scored and the final score was: Boarders 9, Day Boys 6.

The teams were:—

Day Boys: B. P. Hannon, D. H. Bennett, F. Te Mata, G. M. Carter, L. A. Knowles, G. J. Harrold, R. K. Hughes, M. McCallum, C. W. T. Henderson, B. W. Gardiner, C. G. McLeod, L. W. McEldowney, J. M. Scott, J. S. Revell, W. T. Lawson.

Boarders: N. D. Walter, R. A. Hall, R. G. McCutcheon, T. F. Te'o, R. Broughton, R. S. Garbett, B. M. Fraser, W. A. Mills, G. J. Walter, M. I. Bossley, J. C. Evershed, H. F. W. Jackson, B. H. Wills, M. Bryant, D. G. Ferrier-Watson.

HOUSE RUGBY

The six Houses each fielded a junior and senior team and these played in a series of five junior and five senior matches. The final placings were calculated on a points system.

Senior Competition: All the games were close and victories were difficult to gain. Moyes and Carrington were the strongest two teams on paper, and when they met in the last series the game decided the winner of the competition. Moyes had won all their previous matches but Carrington had drawn one, thus Moyes could win the Kerr Cup with a draw. Late in the second half the score was Moyes 6 (B. Wills try, M. Keech penalty), Carrington 6 (J. Evershed two penalties), but M. Bryant put Carrington up to nine points by scoring a surprise try in the last minutes of play. The final score was: Moyes 6, Carrington 9.

Senior Competition Points Result: Carrington 9, Moyes 8, East 6, Central 5, Pridham 2, West 0.

Carrington Senior XV: T. L. Rae, R. A. Hall, H. T. Mills, C. R. Pring, W. Allison, N. D. Walter, S. R. Goodwin, W. A. Mills, R. C. Geck, J. C. Evershed, G. J. Walter, B. J. Allen, C. H. Hunt, M. Bryant, H. F. W. Jackson, K. Smith.

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Junior Competition: The competition was won by Pridham, who fielded a heavy team with a large number of fifth graders in it. Their most testing match was that against Moyes, the runners-up. This game was played in the first round, and thus the competition was in fact decided prematurely when Pridham won 8-6. The other junior teams had no match for Pridham's forwards and they won the remainder of their games by good margins.

Junior Competition Points Result: Pridham 10, Moyes 8, Central 5, Carrington 4, East 3, West 0.

Pridham Junior XV: B. N. MacDiarmid, K. G. Craig, M. W. Johnson, G. M. Furness, T. A. Mackay, P. R. Jamieson, M. M. Dickie, D. J. Sherson, J. W. Ley, L. Birks, T. Ford, N. J. Wilson, R. N. West, K. R. J. Taylor, B. N. Fulton, J. F. Gamlin, P. A. Jupp, M. Morris, H. M. Hockley, G. H. W. Taylor, H. F. W. Jackson.

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The 1959-60 cricket season began with a flourish, but after the summer vacation the standard tended to drop generally to an average conclusion. More young players were introduced into the First XI when "old caps" T. N. Wolfe, M. S. Croxson, J. Giles and R. Worn left at the end of 1959, and the team shows signs of developing into a very strong side.

Saturday morning form cricket and mid-week House cricket continued successfully this season. Net practice, under the supervision of masters, was increased to provide for from eighty to ninety boys.

School emerged with a win, a draw and a loss from the college fixtures. The game with Nelson was fairly closely contested, but School proved too strong and gained a creditable win. School appeared unlucky not to defeat Wellington College, the game resulting in a draw. One feels that had no time been lost owing to weather, School might have gained the victory. However, that is cricket. Once again, the Wanganui Collegiate "jinx" was only too apparent, and School suffered a heavy defeat.

During the 1959 half-season, the First XI really "clicked" and functioned consistently as a team, so much so that by the end of the third term the First XI were leading in the local senior competition. The team, however, was weakened by boys leaving and being unavailable during the holidays and inevitably slipped from top place and never regained the lead. However, some extremely good individual performances were recorded. B. Prestidge, playing against Inglewood, recorded the first century to be scored for the School since 1955. W. Murdock, T. Medley and N. Wolfe were consistently high scorers, while J. Smith recorded some excellent bowling performances.

Mr. M. C. Carroll, a Taranaki representative cricketer himself, has taken over the task of coaching the First XI from Mr. R. W. Baunton for the 1960-61 season, and it will be interesting to observe the progress of the team under his guidance. Mr. Baunton had coached the First XI

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since 1954 and his absence has been deeply felt by members of the First XI especially. He has given great service to cricket in this School and this service has made heavy demands on his leisure time. His teams, we know, greatly appreciated the personal attention he gave to so many of them.

During the 1959-60 summer vacation, W. T. Murdock, T. S. Medley and J. R. Smith were chosen to represent Taranaki Colts in the annual Central Districts Colts' Tournament at Palmerston North. All three performed remarkably well, especially Murdock, who scored a fine century and was selected for the Central Districts Colts' rep. team. They brought great credit to the School through their achievements. Murdock also later represented Taranaki.

On Saturday, 22nd October, 1960, W. T. Murdock (100 not out) and B. R. Prestidge (106) both scored a century for the First XI in the first innings against Waitara C.C. This was the second time in the School's history that this remarkable feat has been performed, the first occasion being in 1935, when M. P. Donnelly and T. C. Larkin both scored a century in the same innings against Western Park.

While they did not prove outstanding, the Second, Third, Fourth Form and Third Form Elevens each enjoyed a good season, playing attractive cricket of a reasonably high standard, with some excellent individual performances.

COLLEGE GAMES

v. NELSON COLLEGE

(Played at School on December 11th and 12th, 1959. Result: Won by 57 runs.)

After winning the toss, School elected to bat and Medley and Murdock gave School an average start, the opening partnership realising 37 runs. However, the remaining batsmen were unable to consolidate the position and School were all out for 104.

Before long, the Nelson batsmen were in trouble and were soon four wickets down for only 22 runs. Apart from an attempt by Ruegg and Robinson, who both scored 17, Nelson were unable to retrieve the position, and were out for 69. Smith was largely responsible for the collapse of the Nelson batting, bowling very accurately to capture seven wickets for 12 runs.

Once again, School's openers began well, scoring 41 before the first wicket fell. At stumps three more wickets had fallen with Giles, on 28, and Wolfe, the not out batsmen. The following morning Giles completed a fine innings of 51, but it was not long before School were all out for 123. The most successful Nelson bowler was Nimmo, who captured seven wickets for 39 runs. Nelson College now required 159 runs for victory.

However, the Nelson batsmen had first to reckon with the hostile School attack. This was made only too apparent when Smith dismissed two batsmen a few moments after the start of the innings. Apart from a sound innings of 51 by Ralfe, the captain, the Nelson batsmen were never confident and they were all out for 101.

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Thus School gained a very creditable 57-run victory to complete a very successful half-season.

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First Innings—				Second Innings—			
W. T. Murdock, c. Robinson, b. Nimmo	20	c. Peterson, b. Nimmo	20				
T. S. Medley, l.b.w., b. Nimmo	28	b. Nimmo	21				
M. S. Croxson, b. Nimmo	6	b. Nimmo	5				
J. Giles, b. Gaffikin	8	b. Nimmo	51				
B. R. Prestidge, c. and b. Hinchcliff	6	b. Nimmo	7				
T. N. Wolfe, b. Nimmo	9	run out	9				
R. S. Paton, c. Robinson, b. Hinchcliff	2	b. Nimmo	0				
A. M. Morrison, c. Gaffikin, b. Button	6	b. Button	0				
R. G. McCutcheon, c. Ralfe, b. Button	8	not out	0				
J. R. Smith, b. Gaffikin	7	run out	2				
R. H. Worn, not out	0	b. Nimmo	3				
Extras	9	Extras	5				
Total	104	Total	123				

Bowling for Nelson

First Innings—				Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
B. Nimmo	19.1	7	30	4	22	4	39	7
D. Gaffikin	11	2	25	1	11	3	19	0
G. Button	10	1	24	3	16	2	42	1
R. Hinchcliff	9	2	12	2	6	0	18	0

NELSON COLLEGE

First Innings—				Second Innings—			
M. Henderson, c. Wolfe, b. Worn	7	run out	4				
R. Hinchcliff, b. Smith	3	b. Smith	0				
M. Smith, c. Wolfe, b. Smith	5	b. Smith	4				
J. Ralfe, l.b.w., b. Smith	2	b. Giles	51				
J. Peterson, b. Smith	0	b. Worn	10				
D. P. Gaffikin, b. Worn	7	run out	5				
D. Ruegg, b. Smith	17	b. Worn	4				
L. R. Robinson, b. Smith	17	b. Giles	5				
R. Reaney, b. Morrison	1	c. Wolfe, b. Smith	2				
B. Nimmo, l.b.w., b. Smith	0	c. Wolfe, b. Giles	3				
G. Button, not out	10	not out	2				
Extras	10	Extras	11				
Total	69	Total	101				

Bowling for School

First Innings—				Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. R. Smith	17.5	11	12	7	25	10	31	3
R. H. Worn	17	5	31	2	21	9	32	2
A. M. Morrison	7	2	16	1	-	-	-	-
J. Giles	-	-	-	-	10.1	4	12	3
R. G. McCutcheon	-	-	-	-	4	1	15	0

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v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

(Played at School on March 16th and 17th. Result: Lost by an innings and 107 runs.)

Murdock won the toss and elected to bat on what unfortunately proved to be a lively wicket. Before long Medley was bowled, and from then on a steady collapse of the School batting was brought about by the accurate Collegiate bowling. Bennett and MacDiarmid provided a fighting last wicket partnership, but School were all out at lunch for the meagre total of 72.

Wanganui Collegiate opened their innings after lunch on a wicket which had, by now, dried out. Before long, the Wanganui batsmen were scoring freely, the lower order batsmen particularly taking toll of the demoralised School bowling. Consequently, they were able to declare with nine wickets down for the impressive total of 335. A disappointing feature was the apparent lack of purpose in School's fielding as the Wanganui batsmen increased their score.

School now faced the difficult task of holding off the fiery Wanganui bowling attack for the whole of the second day's play. The position was made more difficult by injury and sickness. Medley broke a finger while fielding and Paton was suffering from a bout of influenza.

Murdock and Bennett opened the innings and these two were still there at the lunch adjournment with 82 runs to their credit. But soon after lunch, with the score at 82, Murdock was bowled after an excellent innings worth 75 runs. Before long Bennett was also bowled after a gallant innings which lasted three hours. The remainder of the School batsmen were unable to provide much resistance, and the School innings closed shortly after afternoon tea.

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First Innings—		Second Innings—	
W. T. Murdock, run out	9	b. Hunter	75
T. S. Medley, b. Pomare	4	did not bat	
B. R. Prestidge, b. Wake	1	c. Mason, b. Wake	0
A. M. Morrison, b. Wake	0	b. Wake	8
R. S. Paton, b. Wake	6	b. Wright	0
R. G. McCutcheon, c. Wake, b. Smith	7	c. Ludbrook, b. Wright	2
C. F. Prestidge, c. Smith, b. Hunter	6	c. Payton, b. Pomare	6
J. R. Smith, c. Wright, b. Hunter	0	c. Pomare, b. Hunter	8
B. N. MacDiarmid, c. and b. Nitz	11	not out	14
R. J. Crow, b. Wake	4	c. Priest, b. Wake	1
D. H. Bennett, not out	13	b. Wright	14
Extras	11	Extras	29
Total	72	Total	156

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Bowling for Wanganui

First Innings—	O.	M.	R.	W.	Second Innings—	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. W. Pomare	12	8	4	1	19	7	33	1	
M. Hunter	6	2	6	2	15	9	19	2	
M. F. Smith	8	2	12	1	8	3	7	0	
M. Nitz	3.4	1	4	1	-	-	-	-	
R. W. Wake	13	3	35	4	15	5	33	3	
M. Wright	-	-	-	-	30.1	14	30	3	

Bowling for School

	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. R. Smith	28	5	104	2
A. M. Morrison	9	0	55	1
C. F. Prestidge	15	2	64	2
R. G. McCutcheon	22.4	3	93	4

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

First Innings—		
M. S. Wright, b. McCutcheon		61
D. W. Ludbrook, b. Morrison		11
M. F. Smith, c. Murdock, b. McCutcheon		57
J. Carver, b. McCutcheon		1
E. W. Pomare, b. Smith		0
D. H. Payton, l.b.w., b. Prestidge		72
R. W. Wake, b. Prestidge		46
M. Hunter, b. Smith		20
M. Priest, c. and b. McCutcheon		33
D. R. Mason, not out		18
M. Nitz, not out		0
Extras		16
Total (for nine wickets declared)		335

v. WELLINGTON COLLEGE

(Played at School on March 22nd and 23rd. Result: Drawn.)

School elected to bat on a fairly hard wicket and by lunch-time had 99 runs at a cost of five wickets. Murdock batted well for 22, but B. Prestidge was the only other batsman really in command of the bowling, and had compiled 42 not out.

Soon after lunch Prestidge was out and the remaining batsmen offered little resistance. School's innings closed with the score at 114, Wright being the chief wicket-taker for Wellington with eight wickets for 18 runs.

From the commencement of the Wellington College innings the School bowlers had control, and by afternoon tea Wellington had compiled 38 runs for the loss of three wickets. When play ended at 5.10 p.m. owing to bad light, Wellington had lost nine wickets for 70 runs. The innings closed half an hour after play began the following morning with the score at 83. Smith bowled well for School, taking five wickets for 19 runs.

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After a poor start to School's second innings, Murdock and C. Prestidge took control of the bowling and at lunch School had lost three wickets for 53 runs. Murdock began to force the scoring rate along but with the score at 70 he was caught after a sound innings of 42. The School innings steadily collapsed after this, and the innings closed with the score at 95. This left Wellington College requiring 127 for victory.

However, from the start of Wellington's innings the School bowlers gained the initiative. Toward the latter stage the School fielding was approaching brilliance and mention must be made of Murdock's brilliant catch to dismiss Wright. Unfortunately School were unable to dismiss the whole Wellington team in time, and at the close of play Wellington had lost eight wickets for 56 runs. Te'o was the most successful bowler for School and he captured six wickets for 13 runs off 19 overs. He was ably supported by Smith, who bowled 24 overs, yet conceded only 17 runs.

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First Innings—		Second Innings—	
W. T. Murdock, b. Wright	22	c. Gould, b. Taylor	42
D. H. Bennett, c. Wright, b. Myers	0	c. Gould, b. Myers	0
B. R. Prestidge, l.b.w., b. Wright	42	b. Wright	8
A. M. Morrison, b. Wright	11	run out	1
C. F. Prestidge, l.b.w., b. Wright	2	l.b.w., b. Myers	19
R. G. McCutcheon, b. Wright	0	b. Sturrock	1
J. R. Smith, b. Wright	13	c. Wood, b. Gould	14
B. N. MacDiarmid, b. Wright	0	c. Coney, b. Myers	4
A. F. Willson, not out	6	b. Myers	0
T. Te'o, b. Wright	0	not out	2
B. Hannon, b. Crotty	1	run out	0
Extras	17	Extras	4
Total	114	Total	95

Bowling for Wellington

First Innings—	Bowling				Second Innings—			
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. Gould	8	3	22	0	12.2	9	19	1
J. S. Myers	15	7	30	1	8	3	15	4
J. Wright	16	8	18	8	10	5	18	1
R. Taylor	6	2	13	0	18	5	33	1
R. Crotty	7	3	51	1	4	1	9	1
C. Coney	1	-	2	-				

WELLINGTON COLLEGE

First Innings—		Second Innings—	
R. Wood, b. Te'o	14	b. Te'o	2
A. McIntosh, c. Bennett, b. Smith	3	b. Te'o	14
J. S. Myers, c. Bennett, b. Smith	4	c. Bennett, b. McCutcheon	9
J. Gould, c. Prestidge, b. Morrison	15	b. Te'o	11
K. Sturrock, b. Smith	0	run out	4
C. Coney, run out	8	b. Te'o	1
H. Speakman, c. McCutcheon, b. Smith	1	not out	4
R. Crotty, l.b.w., b. Te'o	8	l.b.w., b. Te'o	2
J. Wright, b. Smith	0	c. Murdock, b. Te'o	0
R. Taylor, not out	8	not out	0
R. Booth, run out	10		
Extras	12	Extras	8
Total	83	Total for 8 wkts.)	56



FIRST XI, 1960

Back Row: R. S. Paton, J. R. Smith, A. M. Morrison, J. Giles, R. H. Worn, W. T. Murdock.

Sitting: B. R. Prestidge, R. G. McCutcheon, T. N. Wolfe (Captain), M. S. Croxson, T. S. Medley.

CRICKET**Bowling for School**

First Innings—					Second Innings—			
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
T. Te'o	18	6	37	2	19	9	13	6
J. R. Smith	25	14	19	5	24	15	17	0
A. M. Morrison	7.2	1	15	1	-	-	-	-
R. G. McCutcheon	-	-	-	-	8	2	12	1
C. F. Prestidge	-	-	-	-	3	1	6	0

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS

(Played on December 8th, 1959. Result: Drawn.)

Unfortunately this match had to be abandoned before a result could be reached, owing to rain.

The Boarders batted first on a very wet wicket and had lost seven wickets for 81 runs when play stopped. Principal scorers were Morrison, who was not out 25, and Te'o 31.

BATES CUP

The results of this year's Bates Cup matches were once again unpredictable, and some exciting contests were witnessed, with high scoring in most matches.

Preliminary matches: In the first round Pridham defeated Carrington, last year's winners. Moyes, against heavy odds, tied with East, each side scoring 109 runs in the allotted time.

The second round saw Moyes defeat Central and East defeat Pridham. Features of these two matches were T. Te'o's nine wickets for 13 runs for Moyes against Central, and W. T. Murdock's lightning 93 not out for East against Pridham.

In the final, East once again met Moyes and won on the first innings.

Details:—

Moyes 105 (R. Garbett 34, G. Willson 21, W. Shearer 17, A. Morrison 14; C. Prestidge seven for 39, J. Smith three for 22).

East 107 for two wickets (J. Smith 34 not out, C. Prestidge 32 not out, W. Murdock 32; A. Morrison one for 47, T. Te'o one for 48).

SECOND XI

The team began 1960 with only two former members of the group, and the side had to be almost entirely rebuilt. Consequently, the team took some time to settle down and did not fare quite as well as usual in the local competition.

However, with some development evident in the team, a high standard of cricket should be attained during the current season.

M. Barrowman, D. C. Irvine, B. Hannon, J. C. Evershed and J. Medley comprised the bowling attack, while Evershed, Hannon, R. Lewes, W. J. Lobb and D. Renwick provided the batting strength.

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THIRD XI

The Third XI, although evidently lacking experience to begin with, developed rapidly during the season and have begun the current season very well. M. R. Keech, Marsden and Busing bowled well, while Paton, Marsden and Diack made some good scores during the season. Marsden scored 117 in one game—a very good performance.

The team consisted of the following players: M. R. Keech (Captain), I. R. Marsden (Vice-Captain), K. G. Diack, G. R. Paton, M. J. Keech, D. R. Martin, N. S. Busing, P. J. Churchouse, D. J. Watt, G. E. Wall, M. V. Cross.

FOURTH FORM XI

Consisted of the following players: R. H. Hopkinson (Captain), D. W. Agnew, M. H. Alexander, D. F. Coddington, J. E. Garbett, D. G. Gyde, G. T. Kitto, R. D. MacMillan, W. K. Rendall, D. E. Tuffery.

This team performed well on occasions, but the apparent inability to play consistently as a team was a disappointing feature. Agnew, Alexander, MacMillan and Rendall made some good scores during the season, but the bowling attack generally lacked hostility.

THIRD FORM XI

In the annual fixture with the Primary Schools' XI, the 1959 Third Form XI had a close game but gained a first innings victory. Johnstone bowled well, while Agnew batted very well in School's second innings.

The 1960 Third Form XI is rapidly improving and should benefit greatly with more competitive play. Sampson is a very promising young left-hand batsman, while Mana and Stewart are promising all-rounders. Te Mata and Bennett are the most promising bowlers. Success will come with more experience, and a good record can be expected of the side in the current season.

The following players comprised the 1960 Third Form XI: H. C. Sampson, M. M. Mana, H. P. Fullerton-Smith, W. E. Bennett, B. H. Tompkins, R. J. West, E. Flaszynski, I. C. Stewart, K. Te Mata, R. F. Rowson, G. G. Orr.

THIRD AND FOURTH FORM B TEAMS

Throughout the year these teams have shown a steady improvement in the basic skills of cricket. This improvement in technique has resulted in better match performances and the enthusiasm displayed by members of these teams augurs well for the future of cricket in the School.

A. M. Morrison.

TRACK AND FIELD

The greatest era of record breaking the School has ever known is over. In the past six years no fewer than 33 new marks were made, seventeen of these being in senior events, while this year only three records were bettered, all in senior events. Records are made to be broken and with more boys learning the finer points of athletics through better training methods and more widely advertised schedules, a new era is no doubt in the process of growth.

It must be remembered that the beautiful is difficult—to excel at anything one must work hard. Many boys have argued that it is not worth while spending hours, days, weeks or even months in training for a few minutes of glory; but ask any good athlete what it is like to be in command of a strong, physically fit body. A boy will not make a good scholar unless he is physically fit and so in training for track athletics boys learn, not only to become physically fit but also to conquer their minds and develop self control.

During this year's athletics some creditable performances were made by junior boys, who will have been inspired by the example set by their predecessors. This interest must be fostered and expanded so that the very high standard of School's athletics will be maintained. With the opening of New Plymouth's third high school, these boys realise that they now have some opposition and it will be up to them to keep the black, gold and white on top.

The facilities for athletics in the School have never been better. The School now possesses a complete set of equipment, including two new discuses, and a room has been provided at the back of the old pavilion for storing this gear. One thing, however, that could be added, is a set of flags to mark the track. The 4ft. poles now used are not very efficient and don't add to the beauty of the Gully on Sports Day.

The Hansard Cup was held on March 10th on a sodden track. The rain held off for the afternoon and the large crowd of parents and Old Boys witnessed a most exciting competition. The result was in doubt right up until the last event, the Senior Relay. This race provided a blanket finish, West finally emerging as the winner, and as "The Whistle" so aptly described it, "the Hansard Cup went West." This is the first time West has won the cup since it was presented by Mr. K. R. Hansard in 1943. An outstanding performance was put up by J. M. Miller in striding around the sodden track to a new Senior One Mile record of 4min. 39.4sec. This was the only record of the day, and proved to be the only track record made this year. East and Central both had wins in the individual grades, but West's commanding lead in the Senior competition won them the cup from Central by four points. Final House totals were: West 75, Central 71, Moyes 62, East 51, Carrington 42, Pridham 41.

Once again the School Gully was the venue for the Annual Sports on March 19th. Although the day was fine and sunny, the track was rough through being cut up by spikes when it was sodden. A large crowd of parents and Old Boys were welcomed and later entertained to afternoon tea. Highlight of the morning's programme was the Senior High Jump, in which the oldest School record was broken by both the winner and second place getter. D. W. Martin jumped 5ft. 7½in. to better by ½in. the record set by J. C. Gordon in 1929. P. A. Johns jumped 5ft. 7in. for second place. Both boys gave near perfect exhibitions of the

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Western Roll technique, and the crowd on the terraces clapped each jump as the intense competition went on half an hour into the lunch break. Martin broke his second record when he threw the Senior Discus 139ft. 4½in., and proved to be an outstanding field athlete in winning six senior titles: High Jump, Discus, Shot Put, Long Jump, Hop Step and Jump and the 440 Yards. P. A. Johns came next to Martin in four of these events and also won the 120 Yards Senior Hurdles. J. M. Miller dominated the distance track events in winning comfortably the Senior 880 Yards and Mile, while T. F. Te'o established himself as the School's fastest pupil in winning the Senior 100 Yards and 220 Yards in good times, and also taking the Javelin title.

The intermediate sprints were dominated by F. Te Mata and R. L. Schierling, the latter also doing well in the jumps. B. M. MacDonell and M. W. J. Patten both ran strongly to win the 440 Yards and 880 Yards respectively, while K. J. Dalton was placed in five field events.

M. D. Morris ran easily to win the Junior 220 Yards and 440 Yards, and came second to long-legged S. J. Moffit in the 100 Yards, Moffit again using his legs to advantage in winning the Long Jump. L. N. McCabe showed good style in winning the 80 Metres Hurdles. These juniors, together with distance runner M. D. Wardlaw, looked impressive and should form the nucleus of School's athletic teams in the future.

The "Inter-Sec. Sports" were held at Stratford Technical High School on March 26th in adverse weather conditions on a good track. For the first time the usual much-enjoyed train excursion was not made, and the athletic team missed the support of their school fellows. School did not win as many titles as usual, but overall gained the most number of places. In the 31 events School won ten firsts, eleven seconds and eight thirds. Winners of titles were: P. A. Johns, Senior 120 Yards Hurdles, Hop Step and Jump; D. W. Martin, Senior Discus; M. Saroa, Senior 100 Yards; R. L. Schierling, Intermediate Hop, Step and Jump; K. J. Dalton, Intermediate 120 Yards Hurdles; G. F. Willson, Intermediate Discus; M. D. Morris, Junior 440 Yards; L. N. McCabe, Junior 80 Metres Hurdles. In addition, School won all three Relays, but the juniors were unfortunately disqualified for a technical mistake. The atrocious weather conditions accounted for only two records being broken in boys' events—Senior Shot Put and Senior Mile. Most exciting events from School's point of view were the Senior Mile and Senior Relay. In the former, J. M. Miller led most of the way from B. Rose (Opunake H.S.) who sprinted past Miller in the last fifty yards, both boys finishing more than five seconds under the previous record of 4min. 40.7sec. Amends were made for this ten minutes later when D. W. Martin and J. Clarke (Hawera Tech.) fought out the last leg of the Senior Relay. Martin lunged forward and threw himself into the tape to gain the decision by inches.

The Monday night handicap meetings on the Gully proved popular, especially amongst the boarders, and the athletes appreciated the interest taken and help given by several staff members. Many day boys competed on Thursday nights with the New Plymouth Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club, in cycling events too incidentally, but because of the improvements being made to the Pukekura Park ground, these meetings were held at Rugby Park, which prevented the boarders from attending. From this club, J. M. Miller, D. W. Martin and P. A. Johns were selected to compete at the Taranaki Championships, where Martin won the Discus, High Jump,

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and was second in the Long Jump; Johns won the 120 Yards Hurdles and was second in the High Jump; and Miller was second in the 880 Yards and Mile. These three were again chosen to compete in the West Coast North Island Centre Championships, a meeting in which many School athletes have won events on previous occasions. Martin won the Discus, Miller again came second in the 880 Yards and Mile, and Johns was placed third in the High Jump.

The School is indebted to the N.P.A.A.C. officials for helping at the School Sports and for the interest shown and opportunities given to boys to compete on their club nights and in provincial meetings. The Athletic Committee would like to thank the staff members who have shown their enthusiasm in conducting races, in coaching, and for the help they have given, and also the dining staff, without whose service to the visitors on Sports Day this occasion would not have been such a memorable one.

J. M. Miller.

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The Annual Steeplechase was held this year on Thursday, 6th October, over the usual School Farm-Coronation Avenue course.

Rain which fell earlier in the day caused the course to be rather slippery, a fact that troubled most competitors, but for the actual running of the events the weather remained fair.

There were some creditable performances, but none more than that of A. Humphries, who won the three-mile Senior event in fastest time. B. Rollo, a limit man, won the Intermediate event, and D. Ebbett took fastest time for a 2-mile course. The Junior, after a 1½-mile race, was won by K. Murrell, with M. Wardlaw taking fastest time.

For the third year the House Points aggregate was won by West. Although West were last in the Juniors, they improved in the Intermediates and came home clear winners in the Seniors. Final House points were: West 1288, Central 1253, East 931, Carrington 837, Moyes 681, Pridham 530.

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

Detailed results with the following abbreviations: (Car.) Carrington, (C.) Central, (E.) East, (M.) Moyes, (P.) Pridham, (W.) West, are:—

SENIOR

A. Humphries (E., 100sec.), 18min. 43sec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
M. Bryant (Car., 110sec.), 19min. 16sec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
H. Vyver (W., 110sec.), 19min. 29sec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
B. J. Allen (Car., 150sec.), 19min. 30sec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
R. Hall (Car., 120sec.), 19min. 36sec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
K. Dravitski (W., 140sec.), 19min. 45sec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
M. J. MacCullum (W., 120sec.), 19min. 48sec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
K. George (W., 140sec.), 19min. 48sec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
M. Miller (W., 50sec.), 19min. 49sec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
R. MacDonell (C., 120sec.), 20min. 15sec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10

Then followed: G. Dravitski (W.), C. McLeod (W.), H. F. Jackson (Car.), K. S. McDonald (C.), M. R. Keech (M.), G. B. Edgecombe (W.), J. R. Adlum (E.), J. M. Holmes (W.), L. Girling-Butcher (W.), R. G. McCutcheon (P.).

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Fastest Times:

A. Humphries (E.), 20min. 23sec.	1
M. Miller (W.), 20min. 39sec.	2
M. Bryant (Car.), 21min. 16sec.	3
H. Vyver (W.), 21min. 19sec.	4
G. Dravitski (W.), 21min. 26sec.	5
C. McLeod (W.), 21min. 34sec.	6
R. Hall (Car.), 21min. 36sec.	7
M. McCallum (W.), 21min. 48sec.	8
L. Girling-Butcher (W.), 21min. 58sec.	9=
G. Carter (C.), 21min. 58sec.	9=

House Points:

West 599, Carrington 389, Central 242, East 224, Moyes 220, Pridham 146.

INTERMEDIATE

B. Rollo (C., 80sec.), 11min. 4sec.	1
B. H. Hookham (E., 80sec.), 11min. 7sec.	2
L. J. Purdy (W., 60sec.), 11min. 20sec.	3
J. B. Page (M., 60sec.), 11min. 28sec.	4
D. Fenwick (C., 80sec.), 11min. 32sec.	5
D. Ebbett (Car., 20sec.), 11min. 40sec.	6
S. Sexton (C., 60sec.), 11min. 44sec.	7
B. Milne (W., 40sec.), 11min. 48sec.	8
J. Medley (E., 50sec.), 11min. 53sec.	9
D. McMillan (C., 80sec.), 11min. 53sec.	10

Then followed: M. Patten (W.), J. McNeice (E.), F. S. McDonald (C.), D. R. Balson (C.), M. P. Drake (M.), D. L. Emett (E.), M. J. Barrowman (C.), M. J. Taylor (W.), M. R. Vosper (C.), M. Craven (E.).

Fastest Times:

D. Ebbett (Car.), 12min. 0sec.	1
M. Patten (W.), 12min. 4sec.	2
L. Purdy (W.), 12min. 20sec.	3
B. Rollo (C.), 12min. 24sec.	4
L. McNeice (E.), 12min. 26sec.	5
B. Hookham (E.), 12min. 27sec.	6
J. Page (M.), 12min. 28sec.	7=
B. Milne (W.), 12min. 28sec.	7=
B. Mills (Car.), 12min. 29sec.	9
D. Emett (E.), 12min. 37sec.	10

House Points:

Central 617, West 479, East 287, Moyes 251, Carrington 118, Pridham 78.

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K. R. Murrell (Car., 100sec.), 9min. 2sec.	1
R. Malcolm (C., 110sec.), 9min. 17sec.	2
R. W. Williams (P., 80sec.), 9min. 26sec.	3
M. D. Morris (P., 50sec.), 9min. 35sec.	4
R. D. Gordon (E., 110sec.), 9min. 35sec.	5
G. M. Ross (C., 100sec.), 9min. 37sec.	6
M. Wardlaw (C., 40sec.), 9min. 43sec.	7
M. Sweetman (M., 90sec.), 9min. 45sec.	8
M. Chapman (M., 80sec.), 9min. 46sec.	9
B. R. Upson (E., 80sec.), 9min. 50sec.	10

Then followed: M. Jones (Car.), P. Lay (E.), T. A. Mason (Car.), I. K. Johnston (P.), L. M. Cameron (E.), J. E. Tucker (E.), K. T. Williams (C.), N. C. Sampson (E.), M. D. Carryer (Car.), D. G. Lister (C.).

Fastest Times:

M. Wardlaw (Car.), 10min. 23sec.	1
M. Morris (P.), 10min. 25sec.	2
P. Barney (M.), 10min. 27sec.	3
K. Murrell (Car.), 10min. 42sec.	4
P. Williams (P.), 10min. 46sec.	5
L. Cameron (E.), 10min. 50sec.	6=
I. Johnston (P.), 10min. 50sec.	6=
D. Lister (C.), 10min. 53sec.	8
D. Agnew (M.), 10min. 54sec.	9
K. Williams (C.), 11min. 4sec.	10

House Points:

East 420, Central 394, Carrington 330, Pridham 306, West and Moyes 210.

The second Taranaki Inter-Secondary Schools' Cross-Country Championships were held this year at Opunake. Though the courses were relatively flat, the distances were greater than those used at School, the actual distances being 3.6, 3.1 and 2.7 miles for Senior, Intermediate and Junior respectively.

Again a team point system was used in which the first three of the four runners count for points. Although School won no individual titles, the Senior team convincingly won the team event.

Congratulations to all those who represented the School and M. Bryant, who came home a good second in the Senior event.

The School teams and places were:—

Senior: M. Bryant (2nd), M. Millar (4th), H. Vyver (6th), G. Dravitski (11th).

Intermediates: D. Ebbett (2nd), L. Purdy (8th), M. Patten (9th), B. Rollo.

Juniors: M. Wardlaw (14th), D. Barney (20th), M. Morris, K. Murrell.

W. J. Lobb.

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CHAPEL NOTES

The High School Service, arranged for the boarders of both Schools, has been held, as in past years, every Sunday at 9.30 a.m. The services have been conducted by Archdeacon K. Liggett.

At the beginning of this year, there was a re-arrangement of the Scripture Classes held every Friday night for boarders. A special class was conducted by the Rev. E. Smith for boys wishing to be confirmed, while the remaining boys attended the Rev. F. Middlebrook's class. Instruction was given to those already confirmed by Archdeacon Liggett and was held in the War Memorial Hall.

Confirmation classes were held each Friday afternoon at the School. The Confirmation Service was held in St. Mary's Church on Saturday, October 8th, when the following boys were confirmed:

- P. A. Anderson, R. M. Askew, M. R. Bell, R. H. Blundell, W. R. Boon, J. T. Boyd, W. M. Bridger, P. C. E. Britton, W. A. Burton, M. D. Carryer, L. G. Chitty, D. A. Dean, P. W. Deighton, C. S. Evans, W. D. Funnell, A. H. Halcombe, C. H. Hunt, P. J. Jackson, R. L. James, M. C. Jones, N. M. Mason, D. C. Maxwell, D. M. Menzies, D. B. E. Lange, W. J. Ley, G. R. Masters, B. F. Milne, A. B. Moore, W. K. Rendall, G. E. Robinson, P. L. Robinson, S. J. Rowe, D. C. Shelton, M. J. Silver, R. H. Soundy, I. D. Strombom, P. A. Shepherd, R. L. Symes, C. R. Taylor, P. J. Taylor, J. D. Vickers, W. R. Watson, R. J. West, P. Williams.

For the boarders, Holy Communion has been held in the Library on the first Sunday of every month at 7.15 a.m.

An Inter-denominational sixth form forum was held at St. Andrew's Hall on September 30th, and a number of neighbouring schools were represented. After an appetising tea, the topic "Leaving School, What Then?" was discussed and a variety of questions were adequately answered by a panel of four, led by the Rev. Jackson-Campbell.

Archdeacon Liggett has the following message:—

"This has been a good year with plenty of activity apart from the usual 9.30 a.m. Services, which have been constantly well attended. The early mornings in the Library have, however, found a few sleepy-heads. We must remember that early morning worship is a question of mind over mattress. We shall miss Rev. E. Smith, who goes to Kawhia as Vicar, and we would like to thank him for arranging the many interesting and instructive films shown in the Memorial Theatre.

"One of the highlights as far as the writer is concerned was the recorded discussions with a panel of prefects on the subject of vocation, when we found that one of the main reasons why more boys do not offer themselves for the Ministry is that they do not know what a parson's job is. The taking of services is but a small part of the busy life which is intimately connected with people in many walks of life and in every activity.

"But undoubtedly the most popular activity as far as the boys were concerned was the visit of the party of girls from Hukarere School,

Table with multiple columns and rows, containing various data points and headings such as 'INTERMEDIATE', 'JUNIOR', 'GRADED EVENTS', and 'OTHER EVENTS'. The text is mirrored and difficult to read.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS, 1960

EVENT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	TIME, HEIGHT DISTANCE	SCHOOL RECORD
SENIOR—					
Championships					
100 Yards	T. F. Te'o	M. Saroa	C. T. Henderson	10.4sec.	10.3sec., R. C. Johns, 1959
220 Yards	T. F. Te'o	W. J. Lcbb	C. T. Henderson	23.3sec.	22.9sec., R. C. Johns, 1959
440 Yards	D. W. Martin	G. R. McCutcheon	W. J. Lobb	53.3sec.	52.6sec., J. A. Ross, 1948
880 Yards	J. M. Miller	R. B. Hedley	C. G. McLeod	2min. 3.4sec.	2min. 2.1sec., M. H. Tizard, 1957
One Mile	J. M. Miller	J. R. MacDonell	R. B. Hedley	4min. 41.0sec.	4min. 39.4sec., J. M. Miller, 1960
120 Yards Hurdles	P. A. Johns	M. Saroa	G. R. McCutcheon	15.6sec.	14.5sec., R. C. Johns, 1959
Long Jump	D. W. Martin	J. Waitere	H. T. Mills	18ft. 10in.	21ft. 3in., A. G. MacIntyre, 1937
High Jump	D. W. Martin	P. A. Johns	R. Geck	5ft. 7½in.	5ft. 7½in., D. W. Martin, 1960
Hop, Step and Jump	D. W. Martin	P. A. Johns	J. C. Evershed	39ft. 11in.	43ft. 6in., L. J. Croxson, 1952
Discus	D. W. Martin	P. A. Johns	J. C. Evershed	139ft. 4½in.	139ft. 4½in., D. W. Martin, 1960
Shot Put	D. W. Martin	T. F. Te'o	P. A. Johns	39ft. 6in.	43ft. 0½in., J. K. Lay, 1955
Javelin	T. F. Te'o	M. G. Snowden	R. A. Wakelin	164ft. 6in.	175ft. 8in., J. K. Lay, 1955
INTERMEDIATE—					
Championships					
100 Yards	F. Te Mata	R. L. Schierling	A. Browning	11.0sec.	10.6sec., C. C. Kiestrup, 1937
220 Yards	F. Te Mata	R. L. Schierling	R. Bourn	24.9sec.	24.2sec., O. A. Greensill, 1948
440 Yards	B. M. MacDonell	B. F. Milne	R. Bourn	57.2sec.	55.2sec., D. G. Lloyd, 1953
880 Yards	M. W. J. Patten	K. F. Dalton	L. J. Purdy	2min. 13.3sec.	2min. 9.6sec., R. L. Sexton, 1959
120 Yards Hurdles	K. F. Dalton	C. R. Pring	B. N. MacDiarmid	16.8sec.	15.4sec., R. C. Johns, 1956
Long Jump	J. G. C. Wilson	R. L. Schierling	K. F. Dalton	16ft. 9½in.	20ft. 5½in., C. C. Kiestrup, 1937
High Jump	E. P. Hagen	K. F. Dalton	T. Russell	4ft. 11in.	5ft. 2½in., P. A. Johns, 1959
Hop, Step and Jump	R. L. Schierling	E. P. Hagen	K. F. Dalton	37ft. 0½in.	40ft. 2in., J. K. Lay, 1953
Discus	G. F. Willson	B. H. Wills	R. N. Goudie	119ft. 9in.	120ft. 3in., R. A. Hodges, 1956
Shot Put	B. H. Wills	K. F. Dalton	L. W. McEldowney	37ft. 3½in.	41ft. 1in., B. H. Wills, 1959
JUNIOR—					
Championships					
100 Yards	S. J. Moffit	M. D. Morris	L. N. McCabe	11.9sec.	11.4sec., A. R. Hill, 1954
220 Yards	M. D. Morris	B. D. Hookham	D. G. Lister	27.5sec.	25.5sec., T. N. Wolfe, 1956
440 Yards	M. D. Morris	B. D. Hookham	N. M. Mason	60.0sec.	58.6sec., T. N. Wolfe, 1956
880 Yards	M. D. Wardlaw	B. I. Candy	D. L. Wilson	2min. 25.1sec.	2min. 18.5sec., B. N. Patten, 1955
80 Metres Hurdles	L. N. McCabe	C. H. Hunt	T. B. Kardos	13.3sec.	12.8sec., R. C. Johns, 1955
Long Jump	S. J. Moffit	D. J. George	A. H. Bayly	15ft. 0½in.	17ft. 5in., T. N. Wolfe, 1956
High Jump	M. A. Miller	J. D. A. Ferguson	—	4ft. 7½in.	4ft. 10in., R. A. Clarke, 1956
GRADED EVENTS—					
Senior					
100 Yards A:	G. R. McCutcheon	M. G. Snowden	T. F. Fockes	11.1sec.	
B:	W. G. Gifford	T. J. Tier	R. T. Insull	11.4sec.	
220 Yards A:	M. R. Keech	P. R. Honeyfield	R. J. Crow	25.5sec.	
B:	H. T. Mills	T. F. Fockes	G. Ellett	24.7sec.	
C:	J. E. Cousins	I. R. Marsden	R. Maxwell	27.0sec.	
440 Yards A:	T. P. Dobbie	H. T. Mills	P. R. Honeyfield	58.0sec.	
B:	R. N. Streeter	R. T. Hamilton	T. Ford	58.5sec.	
C:	J. E. Cousins	G. S. Elliot	M. J. Erwin	58.3sec.	
D:	N. G. Gifford	M. L. Pease	K. L. George	60.1sec.	
880 Yards Handicap	J. E. Cousins	R. L. Broughton	M. J. McCallum	2min. 14sec.	
One Mile Handicap	H. F. Jackson	N. G. Rush	L. Birks	5min. 10.5sec.	
Intermediate					
100 Yards A:	S. N. Baty	C. R. Pring	C. R. Harrison	11.4sec.	
B:	T. J. Trask	S. Catchpole	R. J. Rielly	11.9sec.	
220 Yards A:	S. N. Baty	C. R. Pring	I. Reid	26.0sec.	
B:	J. Gardiner	J. Barker	T. J. Trask	27.0sec.	
440 Yards A:	M. J. Taylor	G. Johnstone	F. McNeil	63.2sec.	
B:	B. H. Edwards	J. F. Syme	—	63.2sec.	
C:	S. Catchpole	D. Sherson	J. Lucas	62.3sec.	
D:	R. Taylor	J. Allen	I. Haw	2min. 13.8sec.	
880 Yards Handicap	M. W. J. Patten	B. Mills	L. J. Purdy	5min. 5.8sec.	
Junior					
100 Yards A:	L. J. Patten	K. Grey	N. Penwarden	12.7sec.	
B:	K. Garnham	I. Johnston	R. Dickie	12.8sec.	
220 Yards A:	G. Harbutt	T. Kardos	K. Grey	28.6sec.	
B:	D. Parker	I. Johnston	G. Kitto	29.1sec.	
880 Yards Handicap	W. R. F. Carter	L. M. Cemeron	K. Mussell	2min. 19.9sec.	
Under 13½					
75 Yards A:	T. Williams	M. Chapman	G. Holdswich	9.2sec.	
B:	M. Mist	M. Bell	D. Britton	10.2sec.	
100 Yards A:	M. Chapman	T. Williams	G. Holdswich	12.1sec.	
B:	I. Johnston	M. Bell	G. Hemmings	13.2sec.	
220 Yards A:	T. Williams	M. Chapman	J. G. Holdswich	27.5sec.	
B:	D. Wilson	R. Williams	G. Houston	30.5sec.	
OTHER EVENTS—					
Day Boys v. Boarders	Boarders				
Six-Man Relay					
Old Boys' Race	G. Mace	D. McPherson	O. Quilts	9.7sec.	



ATHLETIC TEAM, 1960

Back Row: S. G. Wilson, C. G. McLeod, C. W. Henderson, D. M. Martin, J. R. MacDonnell, F. TeMata, M. Saroa.
Middle Row: R. L. Schierling, B. M. MacDonnell, J. Waitere, W. J. Lobb, P. A. Johns, G. R. McCutcheon, J. M. Miller, K. J. Dalton, G. Patten,
L. McCabe, S. Moffit.
In Front: C. Hunt, G. Willson, A. Browning, M. Miller, M. Wardlaw, B. Candy, M. Morris, B. Hookam.

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Napier. We all enjoyed their singing at the 9.30 Service, along with Bishop Panapa's Sermon, and it is a pity more boys were not able to attend the concert on the Saturday night.

"I have arranged for a "leaving" card to be presented to any boy who wishes to have one. It has an etching of St. Mary's on the front cover, and a letter and a prayer on the inside. If this is read by Old Taranakians, please remember that you are not forgotten, but frequently remembered at the Altar."

Macta nova virtute, puer, sic itur ad astra.

B. MacDiarmid.

CRUSADERS

The regular attendance this year has been about 10-16. Eleven Scripture Union (S.U.) Badges were given to boys, mainly in the third form, who attended regularly, while Mr. Sanson was with us. Third and fourth formers are not eligible for the Crusader Badge, but only fifth formers whose attendance has been good. The attendance has greatly declined since Mr. Sanson left us at the end of the second term. Crusader Badges have been given to G. Dewar and P. Gardiner this year. This year we have had a good range of films thanks to Mr. Barnitt. We have got six boys going to Ponui Crusader Camp this year.

Jesus said unto them: "I am the Bread of Life, he that cometh to Me shall never hunger."—John 6:35.

A. C. Bell.

"THE WHISTLE"

In previous issues of "The Taranakian," the only record of the "Whistle" within its pages has been the names of the committee. Some readers will therefore be unaware of what the "Whistle" is.

It is a publication of the boys brought out every two weeks in the form of a periodical. It originated in 1956 when Mr. A. R. P. Eustace, one of our staff members, in conjunction with Form 4G1, brought out an eight-sheet foolscap size paper, once a fortnight throughout the middle term, dealing mainly with sporting fixtures. The following year its coverage broadened to all aspects of School life, and photographs were included, and it became a three-weekly publication of nine pages, printed on octavo size paper. Its editorial staff consisted of senior boys, but 4G1 still collected the material. These conditions continued through 1958. Then in 1959 senior boys, all ex-4G1 members, and Mr. A. R. P. Eustace, did most of the work.

This year, however, it has had the emphasis of being a form activity shifted to a school newspaper. The committee this year has therefore been several senior boys, doing all the work. Our issues this year have contained material from varied sources. Each issue has had an editorial incorporated as an integral part of the paper, usually dealing with a School activity. All School sporting activities for this year have been covered by the "Whistle." A new section known as "Historicus" has dealt with the historical side of important events. General news has been

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made a distinguished contribution to the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Music Festival, featuring a Gilbert and Sullivan selection, and was even more successful at the Brass Bands' Festival in New Plymouth on Queen's Birthday week-end. Other creditable performances were given at the Inter-Secondary Schools Athletic Sports held at Stratford, the St. Pat's and Te Aute College matches, on Anzac Day and at Waitara High School. A special display was given at Rugby Park in aid of the Band funds. Enough money was collected to purchase new drums and to repair some of the older ones.

The highlight of the year's activities was the recording of a tape for Radio 2XP. This is to be played on December 19th.

Practices were held on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8 a.m., and on Wednesday evenings for two hours. The Band owes much to the kind help and guidance given by Mr. L. Hall, of the City Band, and to Mr. L. Smith, an Old Boy, who instructed the drummers.

Special congratulations go to Bandsman B. R. Prestige, who gained first place in the Taranaki Under Fifteen and Open Solo Championships, and second place in the Dominion Horn Solo Championships.

The Band played in assembly three mornings a week, but its range of hymns was limited to three or four.

Members of this year's Band are:—

Drum Major: L. J. Sunde.

Cornets: D. M. Smith, R. J. Maxwell, P. G. Douch, D. J. Davidson, B. J. Gerrard, A. E. Guilford, L. G. Foreman, G. A. Old, M. H. Alexander, N. Birks, M. F. Tett, W. E. Sharp, N. B. Lange, C. R. Jury, D. Fenwick, G. J. Holswich, J. D. Thompson, P. J. Wilson.

Tenor Horns: G. K. Garnham, D. W. Agnew, G. Orr, D. K. Theobald, B. R. Prestige.

Euphonium: M. J. Williams.

Trombones: T. I. Gibbs, P. J. Carter, R. W. Raitt, B. F. Jury, K. J. McIntyre.

Bass: M. E. Dobson, A. M. Faull.

Triangle: T. C. Oliver.

Cymbal: B. W. Gilbert.

Bass Drum: R. G. Taylor, K. R. J. Taylor.

Side Drum: G. Smith, G. W. Way, C. F. Sweney, L. Koha, N. R. Des Forges, L. Wharepouri, R. D. Gordon, G. M. Hine, G. Pearse, P. D. Stewart, W. Peters, J. Parker, R. K. Parton.

M. J. Williams.

SPECIAL CHOIR

A special Choir was formed this year of boys from all forms, the aim being to provide boys with a chance to do some serious singing. It also included in its membership of thirty-four, several members of the staff. Practices three times weekly helped mould them into a very effective choral group. The group has sung several times to the whole School, and have also been requested to perform as guest artists for St. Mary's Diocesan School, Stratford. Their first public performance was also at Stratford, in the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Festival. This year

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they have been currently engaged in rehearsals for "Amahl and The Night Visitors," a Christmas opera to be presented at the end of this year. This concert is being arranged to raise funds for Heritage and the School's Music Department. The choir has had a standing invitation to sing in several of the city's churches, and this invitation will probably be filled next year as soon as a suitable repertoire is built up. A broadcast is also envisaged.

Late in the third term we had the pleasure of welcoming to our usual Sunday afternoon practice the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Choir, from Stratford. They joined with our choir in singing the "Psalm of the Seafarers," which developed into a good piece of choral singing owing to increased representation in each section. We also sang the "Drum Carol" or "Little Drummer Boy." Altogether it has been a most successful year for the choir, and with good representation from junior boys, prospects look good for the future.

J. C. Lankow.

CADET NOTES

This year the Cadet Battalion started off with the usual Barracks Week. The first two days were mainly taken up with the organising of the specialist units and the third formers. There was very strong competition for entry into the many specialist units and selection was done very smoothly. In general all units settled down to work very quickly.

Barracks Week ended with a march-past held in the evening, the salute being taken by Colonel G. J. McNaught, D.S.O., E.D. Colonel McNaught inspected a guard of honour of 58 N.C.O.T.U. cadets. After the march-past and display by specialist units, Colonel McNaught addressed the Battalion and commended it on its turn-out. The parade was finalised by a massed P.T. display.

The introduction of the final parade of Barracks Week being held in the cool of the evening is one that is well worthwhile carrying out in the future. It gives a great majority of the cadets' parents the opportunity to attend the parade. This was verified by the large number of parents that attended this year's parade—about seven hundred.

The introduction of half a day's drill every three weeks in the first and third terms only appeared justified because in previous years it was found that a large percentage of the middle term drill days were lost owing to wet weather.

During the second term drill parades were held for all N.C.O.'s so as to keep the drill at the high standard that was attained during the first term. The attendances at these parades, and also the standard of drill attained, will have some effect on promotions next year. The instructor for all these parades was Staff-Sergeant Worrell, from Area 8.

The annual Anzac Day Parade entailed the traditional short service held outside the Memorial Gates in the presence of the Battalion and Old Boys. On the sounding of the "Last Post" wreaths were laid simultaneously at the Memorial Gates and in the Memorial Shrine. The

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Battalion was then dismissed so that cadets could make their own way to Fulford Street where the Battalion re-assembled to march to Rugby Park for the R.S.A. service.

On the 28th April the Battalion marched to Paritutu for a field day—"Operation Gibraltar." This entailed the briefing of all units as to their object in this operation and the allocating of positions to be defended by each unit. During the day three cadets from the A.T.C., two in the Aero Club's Piper and one in the club's Tiger Moth, flew over the area on a spotting mission. Most cadets should have gained a great deal of information and experience from this exercise. On completion of the exercise the Battalion marched back to School for dismissal.

The School's nominee as the Area 8 candidate for the William Robert Friar Memorial Prize this year was W.O.1 G. H. Page. The Sole Cup, awarded to the School's best N.C.O., was won by W.O.1 G. H. Page.

N.C.O. camps have been held at both Waiouru and Linton this year. In January, six N.C.O.'s attended a Senior N.C.O.'s Course at Waiouru and during the May and August vacations five officers attended promotion courses at Linton. Thirty-five cadets attended a preliminary N.C.O. qualification course at Linton in August. Also thirty-two N.C.O.'s attended a refresher course at Linton in August and four N.C.O.'s went as instructors.

A live shoot is to be conducted at the Rewa Rewa Range on December 8th under the guidance of the Army staff. This will give N.C.O.'s and cadets a well deserved opportunity to handle the weapons they have spent so much time and hard work on.

On the whole, the Battalion has taken the changes that occurred during the year in its stride, consolidated them, and carried on with a high standard of work that compares very well with the standard set over other years.

G. H. Page.

A.T.C.

This year the School A.T.C. Unit achieved national prominence in the flying field and on the football field.

In the flying field Flight-Sergeant C. T. W. Henderson was awarded one of the twelve R.N.Z.A.F. Flying Scholarships. He spent the May holidays at the R.N.Z.A.F. Central Flying School, Wigram, and logged a total of 13 hours' flying.

On the football field Flight-Sergeant Henderson and Sergeant J. C. Evershed were selected to represent Central Area in the New Zealand A.T.C. Rugby Competition. After the competition, Sergeant Evershed was selected for the New Zealand A.T.C. Rugby team which played an Auckland rep. team.

Our congratulations are extended to Cyril and John on their achievements.

The S.W.O. of last year, "Tubby" Walsh, was awarded the Washer Memorial Flying Scholarship. Several days after flying solo, he entered

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the R.N.Z.A.F. as a trainee navigator. He is now an Acting Pilot-Officer in the second phase of his training. We wish the best of luck to Gary for the future.

A fellow member of the School Unit, Cadet B. Lockstone, also of No. 8 (Town) Squadron, was awarded the newly inaugurated Town Squadron Flying Scholarship. This entitles him to ten hours' flying at the New Plymouth Aero Club.

During Barracks Week there were a few changes made. We saw Squadron-Leader Archibald move up to Second in Command of the Battalion and Flight-Lieutenant Crane appointed as Squadron Commander. The squadron was again divided into three flights and attached as a separate unit during Battalion Parade. A high standard in foot drill and rifle drill was attained.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the current military year was "Operation Gibraltar," in which the unit's "Flying Corp" took an active part. The group consisted of the School Unit's three pilots, K. Wakelin, C. Henderson and K. Green, taking the part of aerial observers. C. Henderson piloted a Piper PA18 Super Cub, K. Wakelin piloted the DH 82 Tiger Moth. The exercise was a complete success.

Our heartiest congratulations are extended to Flight-Sergeant Wakelin on being the first pupil to receive a Private Pilot Licence while still at School.

The Squadron also wishes to thank the Area Instructor, Sergeant Bartholomew, for his able assistance and attention during this and past years. We wish the best of luck to all those who have applied for or have been selected for Air Force careers.

This Squadron, together with No. 8 Town Squadron, extend the primary object of the A.T.C., that is to promote air-mindedness among the youth of New Zealand.

K. J. Green.

N.C.O.T.U.

A high standard of drill was maintained by the unit this year and the Battalion can look forward to some excellent N.C.O.'s in the future. The fifty fourth formers worked hard and enthusiastically and were a credit to their officers. The unit formed two platoons at the head of B Company, which is now the Specialist Company.

Each cadet was assigned a rifle, and frequent lunch hour parades were held during the first term to clean and inspect the rifles. The unit was also taken for guard drill by Lieutenant P. A. Taylor, and once again formed a smart Guard of Honour for the reviewing officer, Lieut.-Colonel G. J. McNaught, at the Barracks Week Parade. Several cadets were again chosen for a Guard of Honour at the Memorial Shrine on Anzac Day.

Special emphasis was placed on the giving and taking of commands by N.C.O.'s. Each N.C.O. had to be fully competent with his drill before

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he was allowed to give orders, for a good N.C.O. cannot teach other cadets unless he himself is fully confident and able to show as well as explain how a move is executed.

The result of this training was proved when during the final term each N.C.O. was given six third-form cadets to instruct on a topic of drill. The N.C.O.'s were marked on their ability and from this exercise the nucleus of next year's drill N.C.O.'s will be formed.

The enthusiasm of the unit was shown when 43 cadets attended the pre-qualification course at Linton in August and all gained good marks. Some of the cadets have enrolled again for the course in January.

Thus the N.C.O.T.U. has gained the distinction of being an efficient drill unit and the cadets' experience together with their enthusiasm for drill will benefit cadet training in the Battalion in future years.

J. M. Miller.

SIGNALS

The Signals Unit has had another very good year. But unfortunately our unit will have to reduce its numbers next year, owing to lack of equipment. During the year we had approximately 70 boys, divided into two platoons. The seniors concentrated on "48" sets, while the juniors did work on "Don 5's," and were drilled in the fundamentals of cable laying.

During Barracks Week a field exercise was arranged for the sigs., but there was not time to fit it into our schedule, and it did not eventuate. However, the unit performed particularly well during "Operation Gibraltar," proving useful and efficient in the execution of messages. During this operation the importance of the signals unit to the battalion as a whole was clearly demonstrated.

At the end of last year the unit filled an important role carrying out communications between the butts and the targets out at Rewa Rewa Range, where other specialist units were holding a live shoot. It is to be hoped that the unit performs as well out there this year as they did last.

The signals unit extends its thanks to Sergeant Glover, from Area 8, for the tremendous amount of help he has given to us during the year.

M. R. Herbert.

BREN PLATOON

In its second year the Bren Platoon has attained a high standard of drill and fieldcraft. During Barracks Week the new members were made familiar with the gun and a live shoot was held at the Rewa Rewa Range.

For the remainder of the first term the unit concentrated on stripping, assembling and stoppage drill. Here again this year it was found that the lack of specialised N.C.O.'s was a great handicap. New boys interested in joining this unit would be well advised to spend any camp training during the Christmas holidays on this weapon, as there are no specialised N.C.O.'s returning.



FIRST SOCCER XI, 1960

Back Row: K. McDonald, I. D. Symes, I. R. Marsden, N. McL. Hayton, K. J. Dalton, S. P. Catchpole, J. F. Brattle.

Front Row: F. McDonald, W. T. Murdock, G. E. Wall, C. Collett, T. B. Kardos, R. H. Charters.



FIRST HOCKEY XI

Back Row: D. J. George, I. W. Johns, J. K. Ward, J. R. MacDonell, J. G. C. Wilson, K. L. George, B. P. Valintine

Front Row: K. Harrington, G. Elliott, N. M. Cavaney (Captain), D. Milne (Vice-Captain), J. C. Coldwell, R. J. Watson.

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In the third term the platoon has concentrated on fieldcraft and camouflage. A shoot is hoped for towards the end of the term. Though these live shoots are not as frequent as required they have improved the standard of gun drill as well as created interest.

The platoon acknowledges the assistance it has received from the Army, and especially the extra time Second-Lieutenant Carroll has spent in preparing our fieldcraft display.

D. G. Ferrier-Watson.

MEDICAL UNIT

This year the Medical Unit has 32 members and four N.C.O.'s.

During Barracks Week bandaging and stretcher work were carried out and this year we attempted different field exercises, such as river crossings, collecting of patients and the rigging of the flying fox.

On drill days during the term the N.C.O.'s and officers gave lectures on bandaging and the structure of the body. Staff-Sergeant Cooper instructed the unit in the setting-up of a field dressing station and in the treatment of patients. This was carried out at Paritutu during the Battalion field exercise.

We would like to thank Staff-Sergeant Cooper for the help he has given us during the year.

P. Masson.

MORTAR PLATOON

After a year's training the platoon has become well versed in the use of weapons. A much higher standard than last year has been reached, owing to the assistance of the Army and N.C.O.'s, who attended a training course at the beginning of the year.

The platoon will have a ballistic and a live shoot before the end of the year, with the help of the Army. We would like to thank the Army staff, who have been a great help to us during the year.

Next year the platoon hopes to have the use of additional weapons and the platoon can look forward to a bright future.

B. G. Mills.

M.M.G.

This platoon reached a maximum number of fifty this year, and was divided into three squads, each under the control of a sergeant and two corporals, and each equipped with a gun from Area 8, for which we are very grateful.

A camp was held in the holidays at Area 8 and five members attended it. They were drilled vigorously in the maintenance and firing of the gun and ended their course with a live shoot.

The Regular Army is arranging for a shoot at the end of the term for the whole platoon and with the valuable help of Staff-Sergeant Worrell, a high standard will, we hope, be attained by then.

B. MacDiarmid.

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INTELLIGENCE NOTES

The Intelligence Platoon has been re-organised this year and is now functioning with an officer and six N.C.O.'s. Numbers throughout the year have been reduced and the platoon is now composed of a keen group.

During Barracks Week the platoon, using the Tramping Club hut on Carrington Road, endeavoured to continue our plane-table of the ranges. The weather was against us, but senior members of the platoon were able to instruct junior members and all enjoyed themselves, with many thanks to our capable cook.

The time now available for drill has been improved, but a more basic grounding in the essentials of intelligence work is needed and as this is accomplished the platoon will continue to achieve more. We would like to thank the Tramping Club for the kind use of their hut during our sojourn into the ranges.

D. Renwick.

ARTILLERY

The troop this year consists of 28 cadets, of whom about one-half are in their second year of training, and from these are taken the six N.C.O.'s. At the beginning of each year the unit accepts fifth and sixth formers to bring the numbers up to 25-28, which allows for a detachment of six for each of the four guns available for instructors and for various absences.

The two Regular Army staff, Sergeant-Major MacWhinney and Sergeant Birchell, train the unit in the variety of subjects associated with this gun, including manoeuvring into and out of firing positions; indirect shooting (with the target invisible from the gun); direct shooting; types of ammunition (high explosive, smoke, propaganda, chemical, etc.); fuses (percussion, time); the construction and operation of the recoil system; etc.

The climax of the year's training is the live shoot at the Rewa Rewa Range in the first week of December. The target is a raft of four 44-gallon drums tied together and moored out at sea. Last year the marksmanship was very pleasing, as the four drums were blown apart before the afternoon was over. We hope it will be at least as good this year.

A. J. Pettigrew.

SHOOTING

Shooting this year has been mainly .303 shooting on the Rewa Rewa 25-yard range, as the School's range was removed to make way for new playing fields. A new range has been constructed further over the School farm, but has only come into use late this year. It has not yet been grassed or properly finished off, but is slowly showing signs of becoming a first-class range.

Because of these conditions, only fifth formers and fourth formers in specialist units have shot this year but by the end of the third term most of the third and fourth form units should have had their shoot.

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The results of the 1959 School Championships are as follows:—

.303 Shooting Awards

The School Championship and McDiarmid Belt for the highest aggregate was won by N. Ashley in a dramatic shoot-off with J. W. Dyer and P. Simcock. Simcock dropped his first shot but Dyer and Ashley went on with five bulls and a four each until on the seventh shoot-off Dyer dropped to a four. Ashley and Dyer scored 53 out of 60. Simcock was third with 53, but dropped in the shoot-off.

The Searle Cup for the Short Range (25 yards) Championship was won by N. Ashley.

The Senior Lady Godley Cup for best .303 class shooting was won by D. Lobb, who scored 105 out of 120.

.22 Shooting Awards

The Lady Godley Cup (Junior Classification) was won by G. Wilkinson.

The winner of the Hamblin Cup for boys Under-17 was M. H. Neal, scoring 60 out of 65. Runner-up was P. Simcock with 57.

The Loveday Cup for boys Under-15 was won by B. D. Hookam, with 55 out of 65. Runner-up was J. M. Reed, with 54.

The MacLeod and Slade Cup was won by K. Klein, with 52 out of 65. Runners-up second equal were R. Dickie and P. Mace, with 51.

Early in May the Inter-Secondary School Shoot was held at Rewa Rewa Range. The winning school was Hawera Technical High School, with the School team placed fourth.

School entered two teams in the Press Shield Competition for 1960, but due to many reasons did not shoot as well as in other years. The standard was not up to that reached in earlier practices. The teams and scores were:—

A Team: Watson 92, Jackson 90, Mace 89, Miller 89, Ross 88, Reed 88, Hookham 87, Ley 86, Shearer 86, Davidson 80; Average, 87.5%.

B Team: Riddle 93, Foreman 92, Gamlin 89, Hicks 87, Allen 87, Klein 85, Morton 85, MacDonell 83, Dickie 83, Johnson 80; Average 85.5%.

B. J. Allen.

SOCCER NOTES

Enthusiasm started early in the season when a hurriedly put together team came runners-up in a seven-a-side tournament held at Inglewood on April 2nd. In the final of the Senior B section, School drew with McKechnie's, but lost the cup by a corner.

The First XI this year were most unfortunate to lose the Acheson Cup, but had decisive victories over McKechnie's, who won the competition last season. In the cup final against Hawera Old Boys School drew, two goals each at full time, but by common agreement played twenty minutes extra time. Hawera Old Boys emerged the victors, winning by a corner kick, but it was generally felt that this hard-fought final had

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produced the highest standard of Senior B football in Taranaki for many years. Throughout the last season the First XI was defeated only three times out of fifteen games played in club competition.

Features of our college games this year were that we did not fail to score and that we won a hard-earned and encouraging college match against Wanganui Tech.

Most of the team this year were young, inexperienced (and the lack of size of some players was a disadvantage) but their skill and determination were valuable assets.

The first college match was played at Auckland against Mt. Albert Grammar, and although we lost seven goals to two, the result was very flattering because territorially play was even. The team played very well but we could not adapt ourselves to the extremely heavy condition and the stronger Mt. Albert team proved too powerful on attack for our defence to withhold them.

Our next college match was played against Wellington College on Western Park, again in fairly heavy conditions. This game saw new players in reshuffled positions and although an improvement the visiting team's superiority was shown by the 6-1 score. With C. Collett unavailable, the defence lacked a valuable core to prevent the fast Wellington forwards from scoring. The position improved in the second half when G. Wall went back to centre-half, T. Kardos back to full-back and K. Dalton to left-half, a position he filled remarkably well.

It was in our last college game, against Wanganui Tech. at the racecourse, that we were able to field our strongest team and were able to exploit our tactical plan of attack which we had persevered with for so long. When it was put into operation, even though playing in difficult conditions (a strong westerly wind and a heavy downpour at the start) we outplayed Wanganui in all phases to win 4-1. C. Collett provided a pivot around which a strong defence effectively broke up most of Wanganui's attacks before becoming dangerous, while G. Wall, playing as an attacking centre-half, distributed the ball among the wings and the two inside forwards, Murdock and McDonald, who attacked relentlessly throughout the game. The game was fast and open and the team was rewarded for its effort.

Members who played college matches were: K. McDonald, I. Marsden, N. Hayton, K. Dalton, G. Catchpole, J. Brattle, F. McDonald, W. Murdock, G. Wall (captain), C. Collett, I. Kardos and R. Charters.

Of these, some deserve special mention. G. Wall, our captain, played consistently good football and was always to be heard giving encouraging comments when things were not going all our way. K. McDonald at centre-forward, and his brother F. McDonald, on the right wing, both deserve special mention for their undoubted skill and ability. Though small, both possessed determination which made them shine through in the hardest of times. C. Collett, at centre-half, was always in the right position and saved many a close goal. T. Kardos, at right back, was a very sturdy defensive player who showed resilience and skill on many occasions. Our goalkeeper, I. Marsden, deserves special mention, for it is some time since we have had one so skilled or determined. Though not much in the limelight it was a comforting feeling to know that between "them" and the goal was Ian.

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In the Inter-Secondary School A grade competition were the Second and Third XI's, School Gold and School Red respectively. The Second XI came runners-up in the competition, while the Third XI performed reasonably well. Two players of note were Talbot and Boddy, both of whom played skilled games with sensible tactics.

The Fourth XI (School White) won the Taranaki Inter-Secondary B Grade without a loss and without conceding a goal against them. In all, they scored 90 goals, a truly remarkable achievement. All players are promising third formers. Goalie Cooper was reliable and efficient, and with Lay and Hall formed a sound line of defence. The team was well served in the halves with Smith excelling as an attacking centre-half, Mana (the captain) the best all-round player, and Holswich playing a sound game. On the wings, Plowright was very speedy and was the second top scorer, while Boddy although small, proved very effective. The inside forwards, Walter and Murray, worked hard while Simpson, a bustling centre-forward, emerged the principal scorer. Mana, Smith, Collins, Plowright and Hall were selected as Under 14½ Taranaki reps., but the latter was not able to travel.

The Fifth XI (School Maroon) was the second third form team and although not high on the Intermediate championship ladder, performed creditably. Mainstays of the team were the captain, Thame, playing at centre-half, Wagstaff at inside-left, and Collins, who was a reliable goalkeeper and won rep. honours. Other improving players are: Field, Hale, Rofe, Jackson, Julian, Bamforth, Adams and Clegg.

Our congratulations to those players selected for rep. teams: G. Wall, Taranaki B Junior National Cup team; G. Wall, C. Collett, I. Marsden and K. McDonald, Taranaki Under 21 Colts; K. McDonald, F. McDonald, W. Murdock, C. Collett, K. Dalton, C. Catchpole, J. Brattle, I. Marsden and I. Symes, all of whom were selected for the Under 16½ reps., but unfortunately Symes was unavailable for the tournament played at Wellington. These in the Under 14½ reps. were: A. Talbot, A. Boddy, R. Charters and T. Kardos, with the latter selected to play in the North Island team, but an injury in the last provincial game prevented him from doing so.

Blazer Awards this year went to G. Wall, C. Collett, I. Marsden and K. McDonald.

The Inter-House Holden Cup Soccer Competition this year was made more interesting by the entry of teams from the boarding Houses. In the first round West defeated Pridham 6-0, Central defeated Carrington 5-0 and East defeated Moyes 4-2. West drew the bye for the semi-finals, so Central played East, winning a close game by 2-1. In the final West proved the victors 2-1, and so retained the cup for another year.

N. McL. Hayton.

HOCKEY

This year the School was represented by three teams in the local competitions.

Only two of last year's First XI returned to School, but we were fortunate to gain from other schools, boys who had had considerable experience. A number of promising juniors from last year were also promoted to the first team. The Second XI was fairly strong, while the Third XI, which consisted of third formers, did quite well. Practices

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were held two nights a week, but attendances were poor except for the First XI.

The First XI, which played in the junior men's grade, came second, while the Second XI played well to win the Secondary School grade. The Third XI, which played in the same grade, did not do so well.

In the second term the Taranaki colts' trial was held and N. Cavaney and R. MacDonell were nominated from School. N. Cavaney succeeded in getting in as a reserve.

In this year's inter-school games, the First XI was beaten by Opunake in a hard-fought game, held at Opunake. The First XI also lost to Wanganui Technical School, whose superior stick work and better control of the ball gave them a well-earned win, even though this match was played in sticky conditions on the racecourse.

During the first week of the August vacation the First XI travelled to Wellington, where they competed in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Hockey Association's annual tournament, without success. They won only one of the four games played.

K. L. George.

SWIMMING

The annual sports this year were held in February, under ideal conditions. Many parents and friends were present as spectators and, with the rest of the School, witnessed some excellent swimming.

Day Boys and Boarders were evenly matched, as was illustrated by the Day Boys v. Boarders Relay. This relay was the climax of the sports and the Day Boys' win was decided only in the last few yards.

East won the House points total with 142 points. Central were second with 104 points. No other House scored more than 40 points.

N. G. Rush, M. R. Walsh and N. H. Penwarden were the winners of the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Freestyle Championships respectively.

On the whole, the standard of swimming was high and there were many good swimmers rather than a few brilliant ones. Next year should be a prosperous one for swimming in the School, since all of this year's place-getters are returning in 1961.

The Taranaki Inter-Secondary School Swimming Sports were held on March 5th in the School Baths. The 200 competitors from nine schools broke 35 of the 50 records, indicating the improvement in secondary school swimming in the last few years.

The School team gained 15 titles and broke seven records (including the three new records set by the three School relay teams).

The titles won by School swimmers were:—

Senior:

- M. J. Lecher: 50 Yards Freestyle. Time, 27.4sec. (Record.)
- M. Bossley: 100 Yards Freestyle.
- N. G. Rush: 440 Yards Freestyle.
- H. F. W. Jackson: 100 Yards Breaststroke. Time, 81.5sec. (Record.)
- J. E. Cousins: 100 Yards Backstroke.
- P. J. Dempsey: 100 Yards Medley; 50 Yards Butterfly. Time, 33.8sec. (Record.)
- Relay: Time, 69.2sec. (Record.)

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Intermediate:

- H. B. Gracie: 33 1-3 Yards Freestyle.
- P. A. Johns: 66 2-3 Yards Breaststroke.
- D. L. Emmett: 66 2-3 Yards Backstroke.
- Relay: Time, 75.3sec. (Record.)

Junior:

- H. P. Anderson: 33 1-3 Yards Freestyle.
- N. H. Penwarden: 66 2-3 Yards Breaststroke. Time, 53.9sec. (Record.)
- Relay: Time, 81.8sec. (Record.)

The School sent a team of eight to the North Island Secondary Schools' Championship held at Palmerston North on the 12th March.

Forty-six schools competed and the standard of swimming was the highest yet experienced by the School swimmers.

The School team was somewhat unsuccessful. Penwarden swam well and gained third place in the 220 Yards Breaststroke under 15 years. This was the only place won by a member of the School team, although Cousins, Dempsey, Penwarden and Rush worked their way into the finals.

Several members of the School competed in the Taranaki Championships and Dempsey, Jackson, Penwarden and Rush won titles. The School also extends its congratulations to N.G. Rush for winning this year's Flannagan Cup Harbour Swim.

This year's sports have shown that the School has many promising swimmers, especially in the senior and junior sections, indicating a high potential for years to come.

Competition in the senior section was very intense. No swimmer dominated the whole section. Instead, there was much specialisation in strokes and distances which is necessary and desirable for championship swimming.

Detailed results of the Annual Swimming Sports are:—

Championship Events

Senior:

- 440 Yards Freestyle: N. G. Rush 1, P. J. Dempsey 2, H. F. Jackson 3. Time, 5min. 53sec.
- 220 Yards Freestyle: N. G. Rush 1, P. J. Dempsey 2, M. I. Bossley 3. Time, 2min. 41.9sec.
- 100 Yards Freestyle: M. I. Bossley 1, P. J. Dempsey 2, N. G. Rush 3. Time, 63.5sec.
- 100 Yards Backstroke: J. E. Cousins 1, N. G. Rush 2, P. J. Dempsey 3. Time, 72.6sec.
- 100 Yards Breaststroke: H. F. Jackson 1, D. J. Paynter 2, M. J. Erwin 3. Time, 80.9sec.
- 100 Yards Medley: P. J. Dempsey 1, H. F. Jackson 2, D. J. Paynter 3. Time, 75.7sec.
- 33 1-3 Yards Butterfly: P. J. Dempsey 1, N. G. Rush 2, D. J. Paynter 3. Time, 21.2sec.

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Intermediate:

- 440 Yards Freestyle: M. R. Walsh 1, R. C. Wallace-Wells 2, C. G. Weir 3.
Time, 6min. 26.2sec.
220 Yards Freestyle: M. R. Walsh 1, C. G. Weir 2, R. C. Wallace-Wells 3.
Time, 2min. 55.4sec.
100 Yards Freestyle: C. G. Weir 1, A. Browning 2, R. C. Wallace-Wells 3.
Time, 70sec.
100 Yards Backstroke: G. W. McKee 1, D. L. Emmett 2, R. C. Wallace-Wells 3. Time, 79.9sec.
100 Yards Breaststroke: P. A. Johns 1, G. C. Johnston 2, B. F. Milne 3.
Time, 88.4sec.
100 Yards Medley: M. R. Walsh 1, B. F. Milne 2, R. C. Wallace-Wells 3.
Time, 79.5sec.

Junior:

- 220 Yards Freestyle: N. H. Penwarden 1, B. H. Tompkins 2, A. C. Gayford 3. Time, 3min. 5.3sec.
100 Yards Freestyle: N. H. Penwarden 1, B. H. Tompkins 2, P. R. Jamieson and A. C. Gayford equal 3. Time, 72.5sec.
50 Yards Freestyle: N. H. Penwarden 1, P. R. Jamieson 2, B. H. Tompkins 3. Time, 30.9sec.
50 Yards Backstroke: B. H. Tompkins 1, D. S. Britton 2, S. K. Watkins 3. Time, 37.1sec.
50 Yards Breaststroke: N. H. Penwarden 1, M. C. Rich 2, M. J. Silver 3. Time, 37.6sec.
100 Yards Medley: N. H. Penwarden 1, B. H. Tompkins 2, H. P. Anderson 3. Time, 80sec.

Relays:

- Inter-Form: 3P2 1, 5E 2, 6Sc. 3. Time, 1min. 26.6sec.
Inter-House: Moyes 1, Central 2, East 3. Time, 1min. 10.5sec.
Day Boys v. Boarders: Day Boys 1, Boarders 2. Time, 1min. 48.7sec.
Old Boys' Race: I. Foreman 1, J. Law 2, C. Bryant 3.

Diving:

- Senior: M. J. Lecher 1, W. Rumball 2, M. Bryant 3.
Intermediate: R. W. Green 1, J. P. Barker 2, J. Ainsworth 3.
Junior: D. Evans 1, R. H. Charters 2, T. C. Oliver 3.

NEW RECORDS

Senior:

- 100 Yards Breaststroke—
Old Record: M. J. Saxton, 82.8sec.
New Record: H. F. Jackson, 80.9sec.

Junior:

- 50 Yards Breaststroke—
Old Record: M. J. Saxton, 38.2sec.
New Record: N. H. Penwarden, 37.6sec.
100 Yards Medley—
Old Record: P. J. Dempsey, 83.8sec.
New Record: N. H. Penwarden, 80sec.

P. J. Dempsey.



FIFTH GRADE WHITE (Winners Fifth Grade Competition)

Back Row: B. W. Gardiner, J. S. Revell, J. R. Lindsay, T. W. Fookes, J. Gardiner.
Middle Row: B. R. Prestidge, D. J. Renwick, B. P. Hannon, J. R. Davies.
Front Row: T. S. Medley, R. N. Goudie (Vice-Captain), R. S. Paton (Captain), J. W. Medley, J. E. Cousins. (Absent: N. G. Rush.)



ROWING EIGHT, 1960

Standing: W. T. Lawson, R. B. Hedley, R. C. Geck, W. A. Mills, H. F. S. Jackson.
Sitting: W. Allison, B. H. Wills, M. Bryant (strcke), D. E. Jonas.
In Front: J. T. Boyd (cox), P. E. Hagen.

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LIFE-SAVING

Classes held in the first term brought about a high standard of ability, as was shown in the number of passes in the examinations. Several Instructor's Certificates were gained by boys who, having been awarded the Bronze Medallion, taught this year's Medallion group, eighteen of whom gained the award.

The awards of the Royal Life-Saving Society this year were:—

Award of Merit: G. M. Dryden and J. W. Petch.

Instructor's Certificate: K. B. Beaurepaire, B. A. Cleaver, G. M. Dryden and P. S. Simcock.

Bronze Cross: D. D. Holmes and J. W. Petch.

Bronze Medallion: M. J. Aldrich, H. P. Anderson, A. J. Coddington, J. R. Davies, J. W. Dempsey, L. G. Foreman, S. J. Fraser, K. C. Gayford, R. W. Green, J. B. Guy, B. F. Jury, A. R. P. Kear, J. H. Kirkby, L. W. McEldowney, J. T. Neville, G. W. Paynter, J. D. Strombom and R. L. Todd.

The Smith and Easton Cup was won this year by J. T. Neville and H. P. Anderson by only a small margin, the standard being high and the competition close.

Classes are also being held later in the third term, and more passes are hoped for.

P. S. Simcock.

TENNIS

This year was an excellent one for tennis in the School, particularly in respect to enthusiasm among the boys. A number of younger players showed considerable promise and they should help to maintain the present high standard in the next few years.

At the beginning of the new season School entered two teams in both the Men's "A" Grade and the Soffe Cup competitions instead of the customary one. Because the "A" Grade matches are played on Sunday mornings and boarders are thus excluded, the first twelve on the ladder were called upon for these matches. They were: W. G. Shearer, N. D. Walter, C. T. Henderson, M. Hamilton, M. G. Snowden, K. L. Wakelin, A. R. White, B. J. White, W. Rumball, R. J. Watson, B. I. Candy and M. McCallum.

Of these Walter and Shearer were included in the Taranaki Junior team in its matches during the first term.

For the first time the inter-House competition was played among the boys alone and a keen contest resulted. Pridham won the senior without the loss of a match, Carrington and Moyes being equal second. The winning Pridham team was B. I. Candy, D. T. Alexander, M. J. Erwin and D. B. R. Wood. Moyes won the junior, also without the loss of a match, and East were the runners-up. The Moyes team was G. N. Harbutt, G. Davidson, D. Bossley and N. Harbutt.

A combined club was formed at the beginning of the third term comprising boarders from the Boys' and Girls' High Schools' third and fourth formers on Saturday mornings and fifth and sixth formers on

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Saturday afternoons. Competition matches for a small prize were played on the Girls' High School courts and they proved very popular and successful.

At the beginning of the third term a coaching group was formed by Mr. Beetham. This consisted of the top twelve boys on the ladder and a number of promising younger players who will be returning to School for at least two years. It was held on Monday and Wednesday nights and it was evident that all the boys concerned benefited greatly from it.

A match in the first term against Wanganui Collegiate was narrowly won by School and a return encounter has been arranged late in the third term. Also to be played then are the annual match against Stratford Technical High School and a junior match against Francis Douglas College.

At the time of going to press, the inter-House knock-out competition for the Stevens Cup and the 1960 School Championships had not been played, but results of last year's championships are:—

Senior Singles: R. H. Purser d. W. G. Shearer.

Senior Doubles: J. W. Dyer and W. G. Shearer d. R. H. Purser and N. W. Titter.

Intermediate Singles: M. Hamilton d. W. R. Watson.

Intermediate Doubles: A. R. and B. J. White d. W. R. Watson and W. I. Bamford.

Junior Singles: G. N. Harbutt d. T. B. Kardos.

Junior Doubles: A. Sanger and R. Wood d. H. M. Hockly and G. T. Jackson.

W. G. Shearer.

BADMINTON

The Badminton Club had a record membership of seventy-four, the majority of them being boarders. Club matches were played in the School gymnasium on Monday and Thursday after school and on Sunday afternoons.

Although the club had no outstanding players like last year's R. H. Purser, to whom we extend our congratulations on winning all three titles at the National Junior Championships, it was an excellent season enjoyed by all.

The results of the championships held at the end of the season are:—

Senior Singles: G. W. Ellett d. W. G. Shearer, 11-2, 8-11, 15-13.

Senior Doubles: A. R. White and W. G. Shearer d. G. W. Ellett and W. T. Bamford 5-11, 11-3, 11-5.

Junior Singles: B. Candy d. R. Langmuir 11-6, 11-3.

Junior Doubles: B. Candy and R. Langmuir d. D. F. Coddington and B. N. Fulton 11-2, 11-6.

W. G. Shearer.

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ROWING

The club is still progressing and expanding rapidly and this year it has improved the grounds at Waitara, obtained more members and more equipment.

Again the facilities at Waitara and the transport difficulty cut the membership down to about 50 boys. The club hires a bus and rows on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and Wednesday after school.

A great deal of work has gone into the grounds: the inside of the shed has been floored with sand, a new lawn has been levelled and sown, and in the latter part of this year the earth has been excavated and the foundations laid for enlarging the shed.

A great deal of work has also been put into the eight and the three fours. Organised mainly by I. Montgomery, T. Ford, B. Taylor, T. Tier and M. Pease, the boys have maintained and improved all the boats. The old and almost discarded "Star" has had its hull fibre-glassed and its fittings improved beyond recognition. The eight (the Dave Stotter) has a new set of ply-seats, which were fitted with their wheels at School.

The first regatta attended by the School crews was the Waikato Inter-Secondary Schools' Regatta held on Lake Karapiro on March 26th. The third four gained the only place for the School when it was placed third in its race. The first, second and fourth fours held their own and kept in the middle of the field in their races. The eight, with six new members, was placed fourth.

On the 2nd of April the eight competed in the Head of the Harbour Regatta at Auckland. From a slow start the crew rowed very creditably to obtain a third place, one canvass behind Mt. Albert and a length behind King's College.

The eight and four fours competed in the Maadi Cup Regatta on the 9th of April at Wanganui. The eight raced with eight other schools and once again, after a bad start, rowed well to gain a fourth. The fours competed with club crews and all did reasonably well.

The crews were:—

The Eight: M. Bryant, B. H. Wills, W. T. Lawson, R. B. Hedley, W. Allison, R. C. Geck, W. A. Mills, D. E. Jonas, P. E. Hagen (cox).

The First Four: D. G. Ferrier-Watson, H. F. Jackson, L. W. McEldowney, R. G. Taylor, R. L. Bosson (cox).

The Second Four: B. J. Allen, T. J. Tier, R. R. Dean, L. G. Sunde, J. T. Boyd (cox).

The Third Four: I. L. Montgomery, M. D. Lilley, T. Ford, M. L. Pease, R. H. Hicks (cox).

The Fourth Four: T. P. Dobbie, A. G. Mackay, K. A. Cavey-Smith, G. M. Smale, B. M. Fraser (cox).

The new season opened at the end of October. Many new members were taken into the club as some of the senior boys are not able to row this term.

The final of the trophy races held in the first term, were held this term. The crews for these races were picked out of a hat and rowed in the two old fours. The winning crew was: M. Bryant, G. J. Walter, J. Walter and T. Tier.

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House races will be held later this term. Last year Carrington won the Hayton Cup fairly easily. The Carrington four was: M. Bryant, P. J. Rumball, I. D. Jones, R. B. Hedley, R. L. Bosson (cox).

The long sought for eight finally has arrived. The boat was bought from North Shore Grammar School, Sydney, and cut in half by the makers to enable its transportation. North Shore has had the boat for three seasons.

On the 10th of December the eight will have its first race in the new boat when they compete in the maiden eights for the Jury Cup. Last year they came a very close third.

The Rowing Club and School again thank the Clifton Rowing Club for the co-operation and aid they have always given.

H. F. Jackson.

GYMNASTIC NOTES

1960 has seen a big boost in gymnastics in the School, and now the activity is emerging as a popular sphere of school life.

Gym classes are held in the School Gym twice-weekly in the evening and often on week-end mornings, by the Y.M.C.A. instructors. This has tended to attract apparatus, boys and a competitive spirit. Formally gymnastics taught at the School were largely confined to a few keen boarders, now many more, and a number of day boys, regularly attend the classes.

The general standard and attainment of the boys have risen from previous years—this is especially noticeable in the School open competition. It is indeed gratifying to the masters involved to see the gym representatives from the School do as well as they did at Hawera for the Taranaki Gymnastic Championships. Up until now the emphasis has been to develop the boys on every piece of apparatus, but some hope in the future to specialise in one aspect, and perhaps the School Championships will be accordingly re-arranged to allow for them.

This year the School Championships, to the satisfaction of competitors and spectators, were held in the evening, at the School Gym. The night was a success, boys, judges and audience being well pleased with the show. Congratulations to all those who won their respective sections.

Results of competition:—

Third Form: W. Carter, 56.4, 1; A. Thorne, 55.45, 2; R. Langmuir, 54.7, 3.

This section was very competitive, probably the hardest of the evening. Carter gained small leads on the horse and the horizontal bar, and managed to hold his own on the other apparatus. Marks were consistent throughout, only four marks between the first and last in the section.

Fourth Form: J. Talbot, 62.65, 1; M. Ranger, 61.4, 2; M. Silver, 58.75, 3.

These three place-getters were well above the others in this section, and the whole competition was between them. Talbot never lost his lead over Ranger, and the former must be complimented on his excellent and mature display on the mats and the horse.

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Fifth Form: B. Cleaver, 60.2, 1; I. Titter, 58.75, 2; M. Craven, 57.5, 3.

This section was also close between the leaders, with Titter holding his own until near the end. Performances were on the whole careful and difficult, especially the bars and rings, but it was noticeable that the horse had been somewhat neglected, as the standard here fell away.

Open: B. Cleaver, 65.8, 1; M. Lecher, 65.5, 2; I. Titter, 60.0, 3.

These three winners were noticeably better than the others, and the actual standard was better than it has been for many years. Cleaver and Titter both excelled at different exercises, Titter taking the mats and horse, while Cleaver won the bars and rings. Lecher, although not winning any exercise, maintained his steady marks to end up second. Again it appeared that each competitor had succeeded in achieving a difficult movement, but had not polished it as it could have been. Although the lack of care spoiled the horse, and in some cases the mats exercises, the performances seen on the horizontal bar had the polish of accomplished and experienced gymnasts.

W. Rumball.

TRAMPING CLUB

With a membership of over one hundred and twenty, the Tramping Club has had a most successful year. Thirteen tramps were held, six in the Pouakai Ranges and the others to the mountain for climbing and ski-ing. Two trips were held in conjunction with the Taranaki Alpine Club. All the excursions were very well attended, and only once were we turned back by poor weather conditions. Unfortunately we had our mishaps and the bus broke down three times.

A new track linking Maude Road with the tops of the Pouakais has been cut, and much work has been done on Mangorei Hut. Club nights were held on three occasions. The club owes its thanks to Mr. R. L. Scott, who gave a talk and showed slides on the Southern Alps, and also to Mr. Bayfield, who gave a talk and showed slides on England.

The club received a grant from the National Park Board to paint and renovate the Carrington Road cottage. In the near future the Maude-track will be marked and snow-poles placed to mark the track on the open tops of the Pouakais.

D. F. Ebbett.

DEBATING

During the last two years there has been an increase in the number of boys interested in Debating. The reason is mainly that the Memorial Theatre has provided a convenient and suitable place, while the debates have usually been of a type in which all the audience could participate.

This year several debating nights have been held on week-end evenings in the winter term. Three of these were Oxford Union Debates, that is ones in which the audience discusses various subjects; two were panel debates with panels of eight or so boys giving their opinions on topics put forward by the audience; and two were formal debates between Pridham and Carrington fifth formers and between Moyes and Niger thirds. Attendances were always big, mostly boarders with free evenings, and often over 150 boys were present. The correct procedures and proper methods of debating were usually explained by the master in charge,

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Mr. Stewart, while Mr. Halliburton and Mr. Rennie each judged one of the formal debates.

The Inter-House formal debates for the Union Debating Prize will be held later in this, the third term. This year each of the six Houses has entered a two-man team. The cup was won last year by Carrington, when W. A. Mills and N. D. Walter narrowly defeated T. M. Karena and E. J. Slyfield, of West.

H. F. W. Jackson.

LIBRARY NOTES

The main and most recent change in the administration of the School Library has been the appointment of a full-time library assistant. Mrs. McLaughlin works in the library between the hours of ten in the morning to five in the afternoon. This has proved both convenient and popular.

With the growth of the School has been a consequent widening of interests and reading tastes. These interests are reflected in the growth of the range of different types of books that are available. It has been estimated that at present there are ten thousand books held in stock. This year so far over 600 books have been put on the library shelves.

A proposed improvement is the anticipated structural changes—within the library building. This will modernise the library without altering the essential character of the building.

The library grows as the traditions of the School strengthen not only in the increase of stock but from the support of interested patrons and it is with this thought in mind that the School Library welcomes donations of books from past and present members. Such a donation would be a fitting contribution to a growing and progressive institution.

STAMPS

The Stamp Club this year has been a particularly good one. Our membership was approximately 100, and we held three meetings each week, during lunch hours, in Room 18. During these lunch meetings many stamps were bought, swapped and discussed. Each week we were able to choose from a good selection of stamps from Pim's and other companies, such as South Seas or Universal. During the year we had a wide selection of stamps from New Zealand, Russia, Australia, the Pacific Islands and England.

ASTRONOMY

Our membership this year remained at about twenty. At meetings on Saturday evenings, up at the Marsland Hill Observatory, we made observations of the moon and the stars on fine nights, and on wet or cloudy evenings we saw films or coloured slides. Many discussions were also held, and usually a talk was given by one of the club members. During the third term we studied mainly the planets, comets and satellites with the aid of a new six-inch refracting telescope which the Observatory now owns.

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DRAMA CLUB

It has been a very good year for the Drama Club, and although only one play was produced there have been great improvements in dressing rooms and equipment. Over fifty boys applied at the beginning of the year, but few were able to take an active part as plans for another play by Douglas Stewart, an Old Boy living in Sydney, unfortunately fell through.

The play performed was the famous comedy "Charley's Aunt," by Brandon Thomas, and the cast, chosen in March, was as follows: Colonel Sir Francis Chesney, Lance McEldowney; Stephen Spettigue, Keith Carey-Smith; Jack Chesney, Graeme Sheppard; Charles Wykeham, Martin Alexander; Lord Fancourt Babberly, Murray Inglis; Brassett, Robert Insull; Dona Lucia Dalvadorez, Len Barrack; Kitty Verdun, Philip Edwards; Amy Spettigue, Ainsley Talbot; and Ela Delahay, Ian Miller. The producer was Mr. A. N. Wilson.

Judging by attendance, rehearsals, held after school and during the week-end, were enjoyed very much by all the cast. We were glad of the comments of Mr. Welch at some of them.

There were two public performances, on June 23rd and 25th, and one for boarders on the 24th. The first performance was rather shaky, but fortunately not many mistakes were noticed by the audience. At one stage, Lord Fancourt clumsily knocked over the fireplace. Everything was confusion backstage until Brassett, the butler, in his usual efficient manner, appeared, picked up the offending fireplace, and calmly replaced the ornaments. The play continued as if nothing had happened—it was fortunate it was a comedy.

As always, the best performance was on the last night. Everyone had gained confidence from the previous performances and it went without a hitch, especially in the closely co-ordinated humorous parts. The evening was capped by a supper for cast and parents given by Mr. and Mrs. Webster.

The completion of the new dressing rooms beneath the stage has greatly eased the congestion up above, but we are still envious of the enormous stage in the Girls' High School new assembly hall.

K. Carey-Smith.

CRITICISM OF "CHARLEY'S AUNT"

The School chose "Charley's Aunt," a three-act comedy by Brandon Thomas, for their annual production this year.

The play was very well received for three nights in the School Gym, and the overall quality of the play was probably the best that has been seen at School for some time.

The cast was well fitted by the players, who all without exception filled their roles remarkably naturally. The lighting was excellent and spotlights were used to advantage. Owing to the size of the gym stage, the scenery had to be simplified from the plan, but even so it was of an extremely high standard, very authentic and real. The staging of the plot took place about the end of the last century, and the whole of the costumes could therefore be classed as particularly good. Some of them were meticulously authentic, to the smallest detail.

Bottom: M. H. Alexander, G. M. Sheppard, M. A. Inglis.

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The leading role, of Lord Fancourt Babberly, was well acted by Murray Inglis. His part was humorous, but he gave a very intelligent interpretation to it, and made the most of his opportunities. His voice was particularly good, and together with his actions, he filled his part in every respect, and showed himself to be a young actor with plenty of promise.

The role of Charley's aunt, Donna Lucia D' Alvadorez, was acted by Len Barrock. His interpretation of his part would have been hard to better. His natural manner and size were particularly useful to him in his part, and he made good use of them. His voice carried well, and his dress was excellent.

The role of Charley, the in love university student, was taken by Martin Alexander. His role was not really a leading one but at the same time he absorbed himself, by his actions and manner, completely in his part. His voice was excellent and he appeared as another young actor with plenty of talent.

Jack Chesney, the very much in love university student, was acted by Graeme Shepherd. Graeme had the most active part of the performance, and made the most of this. His voice was particularly good, although at times he emphasised his speech to the point of sounding a little unnatural. On the whole though, he absorbed himself completely in his role and was probably the outstanding actor of the cast. He gave a good performance at all times, and portrayed his role with realism and conviction.

Robert Insull as the butler Brassett, was another young actor who showed a lot of promise. His voice was also excellent.

The two actors who appeared as particularly authentic characters were the two old men. Lance McEldowney, as the ageing Colonel Sir Francis Chesney, was particularly good. His voice was not the best, but what he lacked in this respect he made up for in bearing and manner. He fitted his role remarkably naturally, and his dress was very good.

Keith Carey-Smith, filling the role of Stephen Spettigue, the very Victorian guardian of his niece and daughter, was also very good. It is always difficult for a young actor to take the part of an old man, and Keith in this respect did remarkably well. His speech and dress and manner were all excellent.

The three young ladies' parts were all filled by boys. All three were very good. Philip Edwards, as the somewhat strong-minded Kitty Verdun, was very good. His speech at times, however, appeared a little too deep, and did not carry too well; but what he lacked in this respect he made up for in appearance, as did Ian Millar, as the woe-begone Ella Delahay. His appearance was particularly striking, and his bearing was good. Ainsley Talbot, as Amy Spettigue, was very good in this role. The two betrothed, Amy and Charley, acted very well together. Once again, Amy's voice was not particularly strong. But he made up for this by his appearance.

The make-up was very good indeed, particularly that of the two old men. The curtain this year broke an established tradition by going right to the wings without a hitch. On the whole the play was very well accepted and attained a high standard in all respects.

M. R. Herbert.



DRAMA CLUB—"CHARLEY'S AUNT"

Top: L. A. Barrock, R. J. Insull, M. A. Inglis, G. M. Sheppard, M. H. Alexander, P. Edwards, A. G. Talbot, K. A. Carey-Smith.

Bottom: M. H. Alexander, G. M. Sheppard, M. A. Inglis.

BLAZER AWARDS

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

R. B. Hedley, Head Boy.
R. G. McCutcheon, School Prefect, First XV, First XI.
J. C. Evershed, School Prefect, First XV.
D. G. Ferrier-Watson, School Prefect, First XV.
W. A. Mills, School Prefect, First XV.
N. D. Walter, School Prefect, First XV.
W. T. Murdock, School Prefect, First XI.
H. F. Jackson, First XV, Swimming.

School Prefects—

W. G. Shearer
P. R. Honeyfield
A. Mackay
N. McL. Hayton
G. H. Page
P. M. Smith
J. M. Scott
T. P. Dobbie
C. G. McCleod
M. G. Snowden
J. M. Miller

Swimming—

N. G. Rush
P. J. Dempsey

Cricket—

B. R. Prestige
A. M. Morrison
T. Hedley
J. Smith

Athletics—

P. A. Johns

First XV—

M. Bryant
R. Broughton
D. Martin
B. M. Fraser
R. A. Hall
G. J. M. Harrold
W. T. Lawson
R. Broughton
L. W. McEldowney
R. H. Wakelin
H. Vyver
R. S. Garbett

Soccer—

G. Wall
K. M. Donald
I. Marsden
C. Collett

Hockey—

D. J. Milne
J. Coldwell
N. Cavaney

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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

LIE DOWN MY WEARY

Lie down my weary;
Rest in the arms of time.
Calmly draw the blinds
On your eyes that weep and pine
For solace and peace of mind.

Ah! for the bed of the land;
The stroke of a windy hand,
That draws on shapeless pleasant memories
And drifting like snow
They go.

Bail out the shouts!
Leave them heaped and trodden as you go!
Treasure the soft-built pleasure,
All on feathered wings,
Winding winds of leisure.
The still that fills
And flows from the five-centred heart,
Lurking in the murky mines
Of a deep and unscanned mind
Drowning the nagging distant chimes.

Deep down in a velvet den
Away from the flesh and the fetters of men.
Lie down in a memories' mist,
You, who grieve at the sun!
Lie down my weary!

J. A. Codd, 6 Sc.

LIKE LIGHTNING LOST

We are like lightning lost
In the faceless brain of night;
Spat by the aimless wind
Into the hollow, heartless sea,
Bereft of sound and sight,
And lost; dissolved in the rose and sword.
One blinding flash and all is seen;
One deafening sound and all is heard:
As brief in the endless universe of truth
As a buried atom
In the blind and thoughtless sun.
What of all these fleeting scenes,
Dreams, in rivers lost like streams,
After that?
After that! Then the wires can arc;
A million volts can flow,
But the light lies dead,
Impotent for the meekest glow.
Stone and dirt are lost
And the clumsy magnet of a corpse can rot.
The thoughts and scenes are all that go,
Roll forth and are born
Like thunder in the air,
Bursting with liberty.
We are like lightning lost
And born again like thunder.

J. A. Codd, 6 Sc.

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LOST

Lost all alone in a world,
A world in which everything looks ugly,
Even the birds, the trees, the flowers,
They all seem to be sneering at you,
And laughing, "You're lost, you're lost,"
Every tree bears forth an unhappy shadow,
Every bird an unhappy song,
The birds, the trees, the animals,
Seem to be staring at you,
Always staring, making you feel so small,
And them so big,
Silently you stand looking back at all the shapes around you,
Then suddenly you can stand it no longer,
Carelessly, wildly, frantically, you run,
Through the trees and undergrowth,
Your head in a whirl, not caring which way you go,
Running on blindly, running, running, running,
Never stopping until you can run no further,
Then falling, falling on the ground and sobbing,
Sobbing with despair, with misery and with hate,
Lying in an unhappy heap,
Your bitter tears mingling with the dark brown earth.

K. Russell, 4 G2.

BEACH OF DESTINY

The silent beach all grey in sand,
Cut by cliff and rolled by wave.
Gave soldier path to stricken land,
To end the fear the jackboot gave.

Machine gun nest and tangled wire,
Concrete pillbox, mortar round,
Rent and tore with murderous fire,
The gallant attackers, striving for ground.

Out of the barges black and grey,
On to the beach all riddled with shell,
Rushed with vigour into the fray,
As we are left with pride to tell.

Angry shout and frightened gasp
Mingled in the sounds of war,
As many a man there lost his grasp,
And fell askew at death's door.

Landing by the mighty armour,
Thrown about by shot and shell,
Thinking not of times but calmer,
They strove into the living hell.

Bombed and gunned on either flank,
The enemy retreated the inferno,
Using last grenade and tank,
On the blazing beach of Salerno.

G. Masters, 3 P1.

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BUILDING AND DYING

These are birds, these swooping, swerving,
 Diving, swaying, turning creatures;
 The chattering magpies, the rooks
 On the top of the pine grove,
 The twittering sparrows hopping
 On grass; in search for worm-trove.
 This is life, this hustling,
 Bustling, frantic frustling.
 This is life, this swooping, swerving,
 Diving, swaying, turning of these creatures.

These are clouds, piling up, up, upward.
 These twisting shapes, grotesque, ungainly.
 These are clouds, drooping with the wind.
 These little, thin mice-eating fairy balls,
 These long lands stretching far away,
 Without their grass, their flowers, their trees,
 A rustling on the land breeze.
 This is their way, their floating way.
 This is the way, this piling, up, up, upwards.
 This is the way, this drooping with the wind.
 These are grasses whispering willow canes,
 Long and thin, short and thin,
 Little frail stalks rippling with the soft breeze.
 Falling under the mower's sunny humming,
 Large fragilities, small fragilities
 That groan under the weight of small lambs,
 Playing and breaking them, but this is the world,
 The way of the world, this is the way.

This is the ant, this hurrying, scurrying
 Climbing, building, falling, worrying
 About children lost under the human tread.
 This minute, tiny, strong little eggsling
 These houses built tier on tier are
 Ant houses where by day and night
 The near-microbes work untiring.
 This is work, the work, the only work,
 This life of dying, living, hatching
 Moving of the ant.

This stream what is it doing now
 These little eddies dancing, twirling.
 Leaves, singing birds swooping low over
 The stagnant water under the willows
 Sweeping, mosquito-bent boughs. The blue
 And yellow streak of the dragonfly
 As it fits the stream, let's the day go by.
 This is rest, peaceful rest,
 This is happy joyful rest,
 This is rest.

J. S. Hales, 3 P1.

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MEET ME ON THE ROCK

Meet me on the rock,
 The solemn metal face,
 Tonight at twelve o'clock,
 Meet me, greet me at the place.

There at the wave-washed shore
 Where the solid meets the soft,
 The sea's soft pouring roar
 Bashes the solid rock.

Dreams are lined with silk,
 Flowing, soothing deep;
 Dawn, the shore so sudden felt,
 When the rock of day meets the sea of sleep.

Beauty is pure and free,
 Death is the stabbing stone;
 Love is the heaving sea,
 At peace till it strikes the stone.

Meet me on the rock,
 The night to you and me,
 And I shall be the rock
 And you the rolling sea.

J. A. Codd, 6 Sc.

THE RAID

Fifty twin-tailed bombers,
 From fifteen thousand feet,
 Poured down upon the German lines,
 A message of defeat.

The air was thick with shrapnel,
 The lights were glaring bright.
 The pilots, they knew only too well,
 Might not return that night.

The scream of dropping bombs,
 The staccato wail of lead,
 Brought to the pilots memories
 Of friends, alive and dead.

The gunner's job was fearsome;
 Filled with peril and fright,
 He had to keep a steady nerve,
 To sight and thence to fight.

And so the group of bombers
 (For only ten survived).
 Were welcomed home to friendly soil,
 To relate and be revived.

P. Britton, 4 G2.

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THE STONE AND THE CLOUD

Things inanimate, cold,
 Moulded in heartless geometry;
 Cast in congruence,
 Proportion. Blast the pedantic Brain
 Caged in symmetry!
 Turn now. Now turn.
 And watch the cloud,
 Beaten by electric spears,
 Scorned by the sonorous mirth
 Of the earth,
 Rising, rising serene.
 Borne by no plan,
 Shaped by no scheme,
 Barely a dream,
 Seen but not touched.
 Oh but we are the dust of the air,
 Swallowed and lost,
 Where the eyes; pleading, seeking eyes
 Are blind.
 There is the masterpiece!
 A faceless cloud; growing, shaping,
 Destined, doomed;
 Dilly-dallied, stunned and rallied,
 Saturated in the tears
 Of loves and fears.
 And griefs,
 And the roof, the mask of stubborn daylight,
 False.
 The stone that stiffens underfoot,
 Thrown up, up in regularity,
 Is the shield
 That deflects and protects
 From the cloud that may yet burst
 And scatter all its human glory
 From human cloud to the snatching air.

J. A. Codd, 6 Cc.

CHICK

Who opens the home of this chick,
 Lets it out to smell the hardships of the world,
 This little helpless being,
 Slowly uncurling and seeing
 The life, the warm life under its mother's breast?

Who lets it stand
 On wobbly feet to meet the drying sun
 And see this world?
 For now, uncurled,
 He feels assured his life is best.

J. S. Hales, 3 P1.

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QUALITY

Pierre Michel Rousseau had never been a particularly successful young man. To make the situation worse, the last few weeks had been a prolonged nightmare to him. The Germans had invaded France.

Now he paused at the bottom of a flight of damp grey steps, half turned, and looked again at the weathered plaque on the door at the top—"M. le Comte du Bourgenois." After all those monotonous days it had been a highly satisfactory interview for him, it filled a void that had existed over his stomach. At first the interview had been harassing . . . "and why this sudden urge?"

"My mother and father were taken by the Gestapo . . . then I heard of you." "Not really a good reason, you know . . . name? . . . nationality? . . . any peculiarities? . . . age? . . ." and on and on, page after page. Then, quite suddenly—"you'll do."

Pierre had no home, only an acre of devastated rubble, sealing his sister's grave; he was an orphan of France. Unguided, his feet led him along the uneven streets, one after the other. Sudden elation does strange things to men's minds, and with little apprehension he turned into one of the notorious cul-de-sacs of Paris. Pierre was not brave—just excitable.

M. Rousseau was not destined ever to realise what hit his neck, but he did remember the cobble pavement rose up to meet him with alacrity. When he regained his mental facilities he first discerned his four shabby-clad feet, nearby were three sets of masked identical twins, a pair of low voltage bulbs and shadows—even they were in pairs. Eventually things materialised into worldly shapes, and Pierre scanned the room in fearful curiosity.

From a hitherto unseen doorway, a small man emerged. He motioned to the three thugs, after a cursory glance at Pierre, who was lifted to his feet and dragged to a large concrete tank containing dank, green water, lapping over the rim.

"You are here for one purpose, M. Rousseau; just satisfy our curiosity and you will be liberated—untouched. How did you get an introduction to du Bourgenois, and what did he ask you?" Expressing utter derision, Pierre sneered into the small face and hissed, "You wouldn't get the name of the day out a me, lousy Hun!"

"Young man, I am renowned for my patience, but when I over-reach it, perhaps you will realise your folly!" Pierre refrained from replying. "Mein Gott! He will suffer." He motioned his henchmen to proceed. Pierre was bodily thrust head first into the water and held there, struggling and violent. One pinioned his legs, another kept him under. Quietly and coldly intoning the time the small man counted the seconds—fifteen less than the average man would drown in. Pierre emerged, face blue and tongue distended. He leaned helplessly on the edge and agreed to hear, "Now, my friend?"

"Never," moaned the would-be martyr. This time the voice added another five seconds when Pierre once more took to the water

Eventually, for the third time in three hours, M. Rousseau awoke and survived the previous torture. In one flickering corner, a squatting figure tended a fire. "M. Rousseau, you are surely a brave man, also very foolish. If you refuse me again, you won't see the light of day." Pierre

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was not in a condition to reply. "Well then . . . proceed." The Frenchman was bound neck, hands and feet and laid on a stone near the fire. He couldn't shut his eyes but stared as a fascinated bird at a snake, at the white poker several inches above his face. Lower . . . lower . . . lower . . . lower. The heat was intense and his eyebrows were singeing. "God is useless now, only you can save your eyes." Pierre smarted, and muttered, "Vive la France." Closer . . . closer . . . closer, and then Pierre fainted.

Cold water and brusque hands reunited his body and spirit, but his eyes refused to focus until he saw a familiar face over him. "Well done, Rousseau—we must be sure we have the right men in the French underground!" boomed the Comte du Bourgenois.

W. Rumball, 6 A.

NIGHT THINK

"Ten-thirty—I should be asleep by now; only nine hours till the exam. I must get to sleep. But I can't—I can't if I think about it—think about something else: Thermionic emission? Sodium dihydrogen phosphide? Munchen-Gladbach? Gerunds? Shakespeare? Othello? White sheep? That's it—count sheep. Oh, that never works; much easier to multiply—calculus? Better still—integral of a hyperbola of sheep. No! No! I must stop thinking altogether—must get to sleep. Sheep—cows—old cowsheds—Whangamomona—inland Taranaki—trends—characteristics, characteristics—slips—mudstone—manuka; agh! Hell, it's eleven! It'll cost my parents two hundred quid for another year. Get to sleep—don't think about anything. I can't help thinking—my mind's a cathode oscilloscope—thousands of waves—sine waves—sine wave formula: displacement = amplitude into sine of two pi into frequency by time. I must stop thinking. I can't—I can't—I CAN'T STOP THINKING!"

"English paper: essay last, comprehension first. Five minutes to read questions; look at the clots not reading their's—I'll read mine. —! Took me twenty minutes to read it. Which questions can I answer? For Heaven's sake start—I'm behind all the others—quick! No; read the comprehension carefully. Took twenty minutes to read the passage. Start writing—don't panic—three pens to use; which one? Any one, but hurry up! Don't panic—I'm shaking—can't write—hands sweating like oil filters—can't hold the pen—poor writing'll lose me marks.

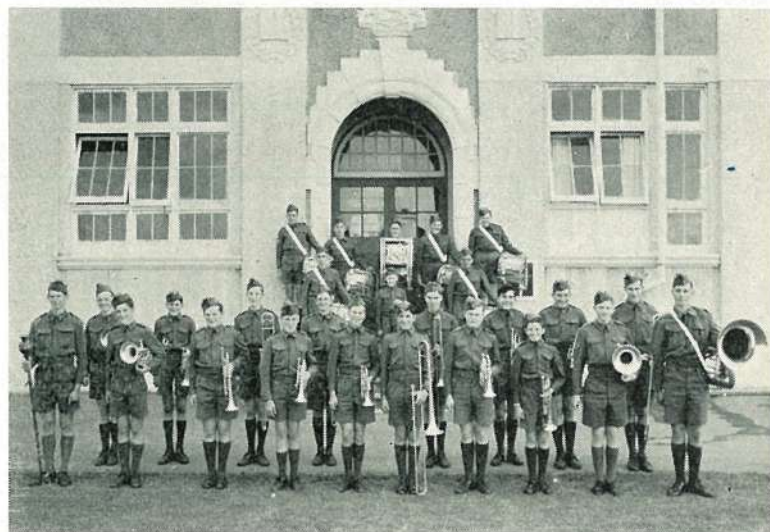
I spent too long on comprehension—only ten minutes for the essay—essay's worth thirty per cent.—I should have forty minutes—only ten left. Which topic? Aero modelling? Too dry. A factory? Too mechanical. Fishing? Never been. A scene? Ah! Plenty of scope for description—vivid description—like Jane Mansfield—it's got to be personal experience too. I must have seen a score—can't remember one. Start writing—only five minutes for two pages. Made a mistake—start again. Can't hold my pen—this stuff's corney—wrong subject—I don't know a thing about it—too late to change—keep going—only two minutes left—only half a page done—no more ideas. Think! Think! My mind's jellified. Think! Think! THINK! I can't, I CAN'T THINK!"

H. F. Jackson, 6 Sc.



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"OLD FAITHFUL"

The first shadows of the mountain ranges fell upon the farm at their feet. They seemed to chase Buck down the road each night as he trotted out to bring the cows in. He had gone for the cows alone, every night, since he was six months old, but the shadows still frightened him.

Buck was an old dog now. His once-smooth, black coat had weathered in places to a rough grey and his tread was heavy and deliberate. His tail was the only limb of his body capable of rapid movement, and as he trotted along behind the placid herd it swung rhythmically.

As he kept them moving forward his thoughts wandered back. Far back—in his active past he recalled the runs with his master across the beach; the gritty feel of the sand between his toes, the salty air, and the roar of the sea in his ears; the shooting trips, the blast of the gun, and the smooth water gliding past his chin as he paddled back with the duck.

But what of the harsh events in his life? These lay deeper in his mind and with difficulty, Buck recalled them. He remembered especially the night his master had arrived home drunk. He had rushed up with his tail wagging and greeted his master, only to receive a stinging blow in the face. He had accepted this with an air of guilt and had caressed his master's rough hand with his long pink tongue the moment the blows ceased. However, his master, who was in no mood for having fun, had led him into the house and . . .

Buck stumbled over a log and drove his nose into the mud. He struggled up, his tail still swinging, and plodded wearily on behind the snorting herd. He could see his master's silhouette now, moving to and fro in the lighted kitchen window, and his pace quickened. Rounding the side of the shed, he hustled the cows into the yard.

Then, with a final burst of speed, his weary legs doing their best to keep up with the pace, he reached the house. He waggled gaily up to his master, who patted him on the chest.

He flopped down by the fire with his head between his front paws. His velvet-soft ears fell forward and he uttered a long, soft sigh.

P. J. Dempsey, 6 Sc.

PORTRAIT

Mr. Johnston eased himself back in his chair and peered pugnaciously through his glasses at the waiting class. His rimless glasses were propped on his prominent nose and only a very small portion of his red spotted tie could be seen below his double chin. His brown waistcoat was struggling to remain buttoned across his ample paunch while his braces were stretched tight in their fight to keep his trousers above the same protuberance. His chair was balanced on the back two legs and he rocked gently back and forward while his right hand stroked his thin grey hair back over his head. His thin, whining voice floated across the room, and at regular intervals, to emphasise an important point, his free hand would stretch one of his tortured braces off his chest and let it go with a sharp twang.

G. McIntyre, 5 P1.

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I clambered up the last few steps in the cliff and turned. In front of me was the whole valley. Directly below were the cottages, their roofs like coloured stepping-stones along the water's edge. On the river a small orange dinghy butted upstream on the corrugated water against the tide. It disappeared under the bridge and when it appeared on the other side turned the corner and passed out of sight. Suddenly I heard a roaring sound and a large red articulated van burst round the corner and sped down the opposite cliff. It passed a car look-out and simultaneously with the sound disappeared behind the rugged little island with the white cross on the top. The roaring began again as the van came into sight and was cut into strips as it crossed the long bridge and rumbled up the main road. Now all was silent except for the gentle roaring of the sea which echoed round the steep hills.

A. J. McKenzie, 5 P1.

THE CREEK

I ran over the brim of the hill and slithered down in the dust and long, sticky rat's-tail grass. I could not see the creek itself, but its path was easily seen by the small native bushes and blackberry and raupo which enclosed it as it meandered down to the sea. I could hear it though: just a faint gurgle came drifting up to me. A ewe poked her head from behind a bush, gave me a look of blank distaste, and withdrew her head again. I stared across the fields and the fences towards the distant sea, wondering what these pastures had been like before the influence of the white man.

The tingling aroma of the pines brought me back from that world and I looked down to the left and saw them, as I had often seen them before—three regimental statues, stretching their gaunt limbs towards infinity as if reaching out for the future.

I looked again at the paddock below me. It was covered with little white dots—mushrooms! Grabbing the basket beside me, I fell down the hill to pick them.

M. H. T. Alexander, 5P1.

THE PLACE

I came out of the clearing and gradually started to zig-zag down the steep ridge. The manuka brushed past my bare arms and legs and made them tingle. Suddenly my dog barked down below; he had seen an opossum. Immediately my body tensed, my heart fluttered. The chase was on: boy, knife and dog versus opossum.

I ran lightly down the ridge, crushing the fern before me. The barking was over to my left now. I altered my course and made for the barking. I heard running water close at hand.

Suddenly the ferns stopped and I knew I had come to a bluff. I turned and made away from it. I stopped and saw that I could jump down quite easily. I did so and the dog, hearing my arrival, stopped barking as I turned and surveyed the scene.

It seemed as though I had jumped into a little paradise. In the foreground it was swampy and covered in the fresh light green of water cress. I did not dare to put my foot on it in case I sank into it. To

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the left was a small stream of crystal-clear water which was flowing over a papa mudstone. In the background a waterfall playfully leapt and landed in a pool which bubbled and gurgled and distorted the reflection of the trout which scurried behind a rock. On the sides of this stream grew ferns which glistened in the sun that filtered through the trees. Tiny drops of water ran off the leaves and down among the roots, gradually making their way to the pool.

The opossum gave a rasping cry, and immediately the dog started barking again, in annoyance at my transfixed stare.

I turned and forgot the little paradise as we chased the opossum.

P. L. Cook, 5P1.

ESCAPE

Doc Short and I were only a few hundred yards ahead of the revenge-crazed natives from whose village we had just escaped, accompanied by a barrage of threats and spears.

We had come to the Congo to search for a missing explorer, William Bedford, and a half-million pounds' worth of diamonds. We had found the diamonds, but only the remains of Bedford. William, so it seemed, had stumbled across a party of natives digging in the soft alluvial banks of the Ganges River. After seeing the number of diamonds extracted, so in an afternoon, he decided it was worth the risk of being murdered, so he began working the soil by night. When he estimated he had half a million pounds' worth he prepared to pull out, but one of his native carriers got drunk on "bush brew" and blurted the secret to a group of tribesmen who immediately told the chief, the result being that William Bedford was fed to the crocodiles and the bag of diamonds lost in the confusion.

We received this information, as well as the diamonds, from an elderly hunter who had been expelled from the tribe and so bore them no love.

We paused for a few minutes while Doc Short examined a small wound on my arm, when a blood-curdling scream reverberated amongst the gigantic trees. Swinging my rifle to my shoulder I just had time to squeeze a swift shot into the hate-contorted face of an enraged native. He slumped to the ground. There was silence in the brooding evergreen jungle. The monkeys ceased their chatter and we heard a frightened antelope springing effortlessly through the dense thicket. We sprang to our feet and fought through the undergrowth. The natives were much closer than we had expected. Encumbered by our 70lb. packs and rifles, we were easy prey for our pursuers, so we dropped the packs and kept only our rifles, ammunition and diamonds. The natives were by now a mere five hundred yards behind us. Fear lent us wings, and we fairly flew over the last thousand yards. Suddenly the strip and then the plane came into view.

Thousands of rivets glistened, aluminium plates shone in the stifling noon-day sun. Ginger, our pilot, already had the engine running as we scrambled aboard. Just as we began to taxi down the strip, about fifty painted savages burst into the clearing. We could not help feeling relieved as the Auster lifted above the frightening jungle below.

P. J. Newman, 4 E.B.2.

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VINTAGE

Several years ago I bought a 1928 Chrysler Royal, which we christened "Sputnik," although it became better known as "the bomb." It cost thirty pounds and, although dangerous at times, provided us with much fun.

After fitting a new rotor button and applying a hammer to the bent mudguards, I was able to start home. On rounding a bad corner on the mud road I had the misfortune to find a stationary car blocking my further progress. I applied the long-useless hand brake, but of course there was no result. I then turned the key off, also with no result. "Apply the foot-brake!" "Hardly—it doesn't possess one!" I had three options: (1) To ram them; (2) to go head first into the river; (3) to charge over a mound of earth 1ft. 6in. high which ran parallel to the edge of the road. At thirty miles per hour, the third option was the best. Out, up, down and over, a repetition, and I was clear. "Sputnik" received four broken leaves in the front right-hand spring and a smashed fuel pipe, broken by the descending bonnet.

Another time my two brothers converted the infamous vehicle and drove off to an unknown destination. At six o'clock I received a ring from them: they were at a rabbit's cabin on a deserted mud road about ten miles away. They told me that when they discovered I had taken out the starter motor they had tried to make a crank-handle out of gate hinges. Their efforts were in vain, as it had broken at the first crank. They had then got out and shoved, dug and pushed to make a rise where they could start in gear. They had done this for six hours, and during that time had occasionally eaten a mouldy peach from a nearby tree to boost their muscle power.

Another memorable episode happened when my parents went to town, leaving the cowhand and me to go to our top station and lay battens along a fence line. On arrival we, like most modern youths, did not feel up to carrying battens when there was a machine nearby. To reach the site we had to cross what looked like a small artesian seepage. As usual we got stuck and, on skidding the wheel-chains, we found ourselves resting on the differential in mud. We dug and pushed all day, and finally walked six miles to borrow a Land-rover with which to tow the old crate to safety.

"Sputnik" does eight miles to one gallon of petrol and one pint of oil. Although not always economical, old cars can sometimes provide you with a lot of fun.

B. P. J. Herbert, 4 G1.

MAN AT PEACE

He mused over his life. The things he had done which he ought not to have done, and the things he had left undone.

All his life he had sought security, and yet he was still seeking. Was this the end of his life? . . . Some inner craving was as yet unsatisfied.

He thought briefly of his wife and her loyalty to him, and his utter lack of loyalty to her . . . His desire for money, a calculated consuming desire which occupied his every waking thought and drained his energy pursuing it. Nothing stood in the way of his achieving it, and when he

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had achieved it he was still seeking an elusive something. Perhaps it was fame, or was it courage? He had never been famous or courageous, and yet . . .

He tossed his head and there was the nurse standing at the foot of his bed.

She smiled down at him. "A visitor to see you," she said. Her uniform crackled as she moved quickly away. He glanced up and there was a clerk from his office. He smiled wanly, and his employee came diffidently nearer the bed. He was a small man, a man who had suffered from asthma all his life, but not trace of bitterness was in his face. For the first time he really saw his employee—the steadfast look in his eye, the resolute courage of the man in the face of sickness and a livelihood which was precarious and often meagre. What sustained him?

"Jim," he said, "why did you bother to come here to see me?" He struggled to get the words out, and his breath came in long sucking gasps. His face convulsed into pain as he coughed, the harsh, hacking cough of a lung cancer case.

Jim bent over him.

"I have been thinking of you and . . . and I felt I must see you." "I have been thinking too, thinking back for the first time in my life. You know, Jim, when I lived I provided for everything but death. Now I must die, I am unprepared."

Jim's heart beat quicker as he bent to offer words of comfort. He looked into his eyes and saw the panic and fear in their depths, and he saw too, the appeal. With a heart full of compassion he spoke.

"My friend," he said, "there is One who sticks closer than a brother. There is One who bore all our sins, that if we believe in His name we would be saved."

Was this the elusive something he had sought? Bewilderment and astonishment showed on his face, until finally his countenance was transfused with wonder.

He thought, "He has taught me to die. Had I but heeded He could have taught me how to live." There was peace in his heart, and courage was his staff, for:

"Nothing in his life became him like his leaving it."

T. Williams, 3 P1.

CHIMNEY WAY

I was walking along 42nd South Street, by Grimley's, when rough hands grabbed the seat of my pants and my collar, and propelled me violently into the open door of a Rolls Royce. The car shot forward.

"Dis de guy?"

"Yeah!"

"Sure?"

"Yeah!"

"Youse knows what de boss is like?"

"Yeah!"

"If it's de wrong guy, he'll croak youse."

"Yeah!"

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"Youse overwelm me wid de talkativeness of youse."

"Yeah?"

"Yeah!"

After this stimulating conversation I decided to find out what was going on.

"Where am I going?" I asked in a peremptory manner.

"Does youse want yer puss mashed in?" he asked.

I admitted I did not want my puss mashed in.

"Keep it shut den," he said.

Conversation lagged after this, mainly because the driver rolled up the windows and proceeded to fumigate the car with a large Continental-looking cheroot.

At last the car drew up outside a house which had seen better days, probably about a hundred years ago.

A retinue of hoodlums, who looked as though they had been left over from the general clean-up behind Al Capone, appeared from a doorway and guided us in.

'n dere!" one said, and gave me a shove and slammed the door. I looked round. There was a case of 30-30 rifles with no ammunition leaning against the wall. I picked one up. The walls offered no chance; they were stone. I crossed to the chimney. That seemed to offer no chance either; it was blocked by a ledge.

Suddenly I had it. Picking up the poker, I soon had a stone out of the ledge that prevented my escape. I went to the door to listen. There was not a sound. I came back to the fireplace and squirmed through. I hauled the stone up with me and put it firmly into place.

One thing which made my job easier was the ledge provided for the sweep's boy.

I got out from the top of the stack with a squeeze, and with an agile spring any mountain goat would have been proud of, reached another roof. I ran to the other side of this house, expecting to hear a fusillade of shots break out from behind. However, nothing happened, and I resolved as I reached the ground via the fire escape, to go home and wash off the obvious signs of the chimney.

It may have been coincidence, but Anton Moriaglia's boys, who hung out in that district, left a note to say that they had gone to Suva, and would be there for quite some time.

A. Smith, 4 P3.

MIDNIGHT THE, UNTAMABLE

Jane and Tom Jamison were just sitting down to tea in their ranch-house on the Bar-Q ranch, Colorado, when there came a knock on the door and in walked Red Harrison from a nearby ranch. He was bandaged practically from head to foot.

"What happened?" asked Jane, shocked.

"Give me a good glass of beer and I'll tell you," said Red, grinning.

Jane fetched a glass and a bottle of beer. She poured it out and gave it to Red.

"Well," said Red, "there's a horse in town that has been claimed to be unrideable, so . . ."

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"So you had a go," broke in Tom.

"Yes," answered Red, "and I found out all about it." He pointed to his bandages. "He's an outlaw if I ever saw one; he 'sun-fished,' cork-screwed and even squashed me against the rails in his efforts to throw me. I hung on, but suddenly he stopped dead in his tracks, throwing me over his head in the process. The only reason I rode him was that anyone who can tame him can have him. But I'd advise you to steer clear of that critter, he's a killer."

"I could do with a new cattle horse; Bessie's getting too old for the job now," answered Tom. "I'll go into town first thing tomorrow and tame that horse."

"Don't be daft!" replied Red, shocked. "You couldn't stick on for two seconds."

"I've had a lot of experience in riding horses," said Tom.

Joan and Red tried to talk him out of the idea, but he wouldn't listen, and so next morning Tom saddled up old Bessie and rode into town. There was a big crowd surrounding the fenced-off oval, so Tom tied Bessie up under an oak tree and went over to the mounting shute. When he got there he saw a young man just about to be put on the back of the untamable horse. He watched as the horse was let out of the shute, and then the black beauty put all it had into its bucks and twists, and in a matter of seconds the rider was on the ground. The horse turned and charged the fallen man, but another cowboy ran out and diverted the horse while the fallen man ran to the safety of the rails. The black horse was rounded up and put back in the shute, ready for Tom.

Tom dropped on to the back of the horse and the shute was opened. The horse stood for a second, then shot out into the arena, bucking and whirling as he went. At one stage he reared, then flung his hind legs in the air, hitting the ground with such a jar that Tom lost his stirrups and nearly went over the animal's head. But grasping the horn on the front of the saddle, he managed to hang on and not be thrown. Slowly, little by little, the horse became more and more tired, until at last he could do was stand and snort, trembling from head to foot. Tom had mastered the untamable horse.

Tom rode out of the arena and over to where his old horse, Bessie, was tied. Mounting Bessie, he led "Midnight" home, and let him go in the corral with Bessie. Then he went inside, had tea, and went to bed, very bruised after his hard day.

R. S. Guthrie, 3 P2.

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

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Technical College Review," "The Waitakian," "The Hamiltonian," "The Fideriter," "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," "Westanian," "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."

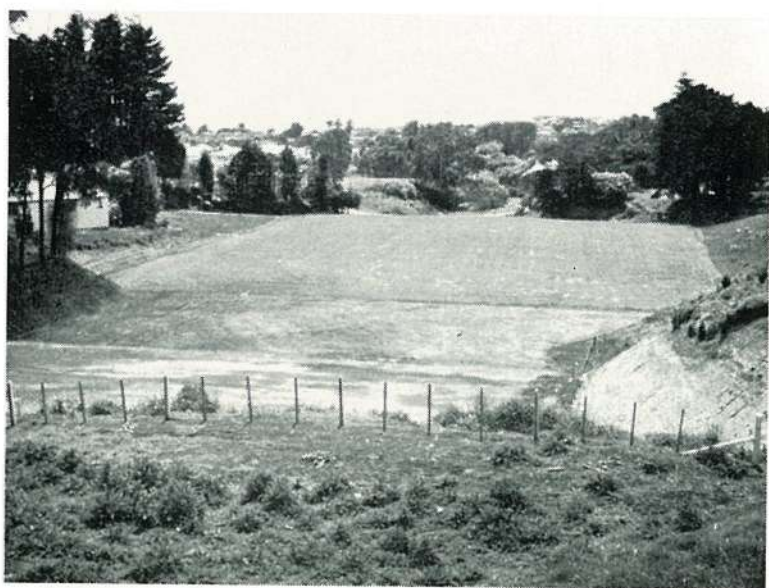
U.S.A.: "Springfield College Bulletin."



ROWING CLUB

(Top Right): School's Rowing Shed on left, drain shows proposed area of extension.

(Top Left, Lower Left and Right): Club activities.



VIEWS OF THE NEW GROUNDS

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The changes which returning Old Boys notice in the School—the growth of trees, new buildings and equipment, new grounds—seemed more a new creation to our oldest Old Boy when he returned recently. He spoke of boyish fights with small potatoes in a marsh which is now the cultivated environment of our baths, of some "school rooms," of 25 boys and 25 girls and three teachers. The distant prospect which he described is attractive to all who know of intricate timetables and diverse curricula, and stimulates thought.

In 75 years, the roll of 50 pupils has become one of more than 1050; much that the three teachers provided in themselves is replaced by teaching aids; the old rooms, steep roofed, heavy timbered and repaired, will soon be replaced. All the changes which appeared to our oldest Old Boy as a new creation, have been made in the service of boyhood and in almost every case the Old Boys' Association has been of the greatest assistance.

BRANCH SECRETARIES

New Plymouth (Parent Association).—B. Moorhead, 58 Bank Street, New Plymouth.

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

Manawatu.—Bruce Kerr, 31 Edinburgh Street, Feilding.

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

Wanganui.—T. Crone, Ridgeway Street, Wanganui.

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

Wellington.—Ken Comber, Box 524, Wellington.

Auckland.—W. F. Short, Box 501, Auckland.

Dunedin.—I. A. H. Ross, Knox College, Dunedin.

King Country.—D. C. Dimond, No. 4 R.D., Te Kuiti.

Many Old Boys are finding it convenient to become life members of the Parent Association. This may be done by sending £7/7/- to the Secretary of the Parent Association. Such members are relieved of the concern of yearly subs (10/-) and receive the magazine regularly.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE

This year's Annual General Meeting was held at the School on Sports Day, and the following officers elected: President, E. J. Insull; Secretary, Brian Moorhead; Committee, M. A. Shearer, G. A. E. Neve, John Glasgow, G. R. Insull, H. P. Webster, K. E. Denham and Steven James.

The matter of delegates or representatives from Branches was left to the incoming Executive, each of whom was allotted a Branch to represent and who undertook to advise that Branch that he was their representative.

On Sports Day the bell tower was formally handed over to the Board Chairman, Mr. L. M. Moss, who in turn placed it in the care of

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the Headmaster. It is a very striking design, strategically placed between the three Houses, and makes another graceful and useful addition to the School grounds.

Mr. V. E. Kerr was farewelled on Sports Day. He was presented with a suitably engraved silver tray and a cheque. "Yank's" 36 years at the School was close to if not a record of service by any previous master.

Your Executive decided not to hold a Ball this year, notwithstanding that those who attended in the past have always enjoyed an excellent evening. The function has not been sufficiently supported in the past two or three years and had consequently become a drain on funds, which we can ill-afford. We propose to hold the Ball at the School on Easter Monday next, when the future of the event which be decided by the attendance.

It is proposed to hold an informal "get-together" in the Old Boys' Football Club's new club rooms, Carrington Street, on Friday, the 9th December. This is the day School breaks up and all Old Boys, Masters, Parents and members of the various Old Boys' clubs are cordially invited—with wives and/or lady friends.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To the following Old Boys who have achieved Rugby honours: Kevin Briscoe (All Blacks and Taranaki); John Graham (All Blacks and Canterbury); Roger Urbahn (All Blacks and Taranaki); Bob Graham (Auckland, North Island and "The Rest"); John and David Wood (Waikato); Gary Hayes (Counties); Hugh Lilley (King Country); Ross Elliott (Bush); Neil Wolfe (New Zealand Universities and Wellington); Roy Johns, Lane Penn, Ivan Komene, Barry Darney, Ike Flavell, O. Roberts, D. Mathieson, P. Bishop (all Taranaki) . . . and to any whom we have missed.

BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS

SYDNEY BRANCH NOTES

I am pleased to give you the following resume of the recent activities of this Sydney Branch of N.P.B.H.S.O.B.A.

A convivial gathering was held to meet and honour Mr. L. M. Moss, Chairman of the Board of Governors, who kindly exhibited a series of slides showing excellent views of the School and its activities. This was greatly appreciated by all, who spent an enjoyable evening learning of first hand news of recent activities at School.

With pleasure the Branch was able to assist Mr. Moss in his purchase of a rowing eight, which has the distinction of having won once and been placed twice in Head of the River races in Sydney. It is trusted that similar results will be achieved when the boat reaches its new domicile in Taranaki in the near future.

Mr. Moss visited Western Australia in company with our President, Mr. Noel Brookman, returning to New Zealand by sea in "Dominion Monarch." His visit was most opportune and it is hoped "big" developments may result next year from his Sydney discussions.

A Dinner Dance is planned for members during November. We are pleased to hear that Auckland Grammar may follow our lead and establish a Sydney Old Boys' Branch. We wish them luck.

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AUCKLAND BRANCH NOTES

The Auckland Branch continues to flourish and expand, and we now have a mailing list of 370. Two functions were held throughout the last year. The first was our June "Smoko" and Annual General Meeting, at which 70 Old Boys were present, and on the 20th August, after the annual Rugby match between Auckland Grammar and School, the Association held a most successful reunion in the Overseas League Rooms, at which 106 Old Boys were present. It was most pleasing to see both the older and the younger Old Boys all enjoying the proceedings. The official party included: The Headmaster, Mr. Jack Webster; First XV Coach, Mr. John Stewart; President, Mr. Bob Thompson; Vice-President, Mr. Brian Bews; Secretary, Mr. Warren Shortt. We were also pleased to see ex-Master Mr. John Mills and present Master Mr. Brian Quinn at the reunion.

Toasts proposed were: "The School" (Mr. Brian Bews, Mr. Webster); "The First XV" (Mr. Harry Calder, Mr. Stewart).

From the informal and enjoyable evening the following personal notes have been compiled.

Bob Graham, recently married and now partner in an accounting firm, has distinguished himself on the football field during the last season by captaining the Ranfurly Shield team at Auckland. Some North Auckland types at the reunion gloated over his numerous bruises from the successful North Auckland challenge earlier in the day.

Allan Campbell, farming at Whangarei with two brothers, **Spot (Bruce)** and **Ron Wellwood** on a neighbouring farm.

Clyde Colson, married (plus brand new son) carrying on the family business with two younger brothers, **Victor** and **Milton**, at Kaiwaka, Northland, **Milton** earning distinction as captain of North Auckland Junior Rugby team.

Roger Davies, citrus farming at Kerikeri; brother **Daly** working in Auckland while **Warwick** overseas, and at present in South America.

Bruce Smith, farming in the Coromandel district.

Several Old Boys are finishing at Auckland University: **Allen Poletti** (Science), **Terry Boon** (Architecture), **Gary Lloyd**, recently married (Accountancy), **David Wright** (Radio-Physics). There are numerous 'Varsity students at Auckland, among whom we saw at the reunion, **Jeremy Stubbs**, **Jerry Phillips**, **Mike Geary**, **Don Crozman** and **Peter Woodcock**.

The **Brackenbush** family, **Ian** and **Graham**, are keen Old Boys. **Ian** qualified Motor Mechanic and **Graham** starting own Jewellery business.

Tony Smith, at Ardmore doing Engineering.

Another Ardmore student, **Garry Hayes**, is playing representative Rugby for Counties.

Gary Hyde, Panelbeater at Lees Bros., Papakura.

We have new Aucklanders in **Richard Crosson**, **John Simcock** (House Surgeons at Auckland Public Hospital), and **Don Calder**, now finished his Dentistry Degree.

Older brigade present included **Harry Calder**, Master at Mt. Albert Grammar School, **J. M. (Bunny) Hutchinson**, **Jack Leslie**, **Len Abbott**, **Eric Cole**, **Jim Palmer**, **N. Kirkley**, **A. S. Allan**, **G. Allan**, **Bruce Bell**, **E. Boulton**,

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K. S. Ewing, S. Anderson, N. Gardiner, Robin Wood, Laurie Inch, Stan Hutchen, Owen Evans, H. S. Hurlle, Ron Shepherd, M. H. Robb, Jack Galbraith and Norm McMillan.

Bruce Kohn and Guy Sanders are working with John McFlinn on the staff of the N.Z. Herald.

John Mills, while not an Old Boy, but a past Master, is now teaching at Rangitoto College, and still has a strong interest in the School and the Old Boys' Association.

A group of Old Boys of the same vintage working in Auckland include "Chook" Osborn, Colin McDonald, Peter Erskine, Hugo Bedford, Dick Still, John Bathgate, John MacLean, John Raines and "Slash" McGlashan.

For new Auckland Old Boys wishing to contact the Association, we include the Old Boys' Committee: President, Bob Thompson, working with Standard-Vacuum Oil Company; Vice-President, Brian Bews, with T.E.A.L.; Secretary, Warren Shortt, with Dormer-Beck Advertising Ltd.; Committee members, Newton Roch, with T. C. Latham Ltd., Newmarket; Harold Bartley, Chemist, at Meadowbank; John McFlinn, with N.Z. Herald; Ashley Tubman, with Public Accountants, Daniel, Pike and Co.; George Swan, with Bank of New South Wales.

WAIKATO BRANCH NOTES

The annual reunion of the Waikato Branch was held in the Cardrona Tea Rooms in Hamilton on Monday, the 6th June. The previous annual meeting had requested the change to this time of the year to enable farmers to attend. Apart from the reunion, it was a busy day for Hamilton, as thousands were on the move—to the annual fixture, Auckland v. Waikato, the first representative football match of the season, and to the Waikato Show. The reunion was timed to fit into both of these functions. The attendance was 53, and was addressed by Arthur Lucas, now the Principal of the Matamata College. Mr. Lucas spoke on his associations with the School and the value it had been to him in his own work. Ted Foden, in thanking the speaker, spoke highly of the quality of the speech made by Mr. Lucas.

The President, Mr. P. F. L. Stephenson, particularly welcomed the following members present:—

The Grant family, Don, Ian and Rod, without whom no Waikato reunion would be quite the same.

Roy Bryant, brother of the late L. V. Bryant, who came with his three sons, E., D. and W. Bryant. Roy was a proud father when he presented his sons.

"Chum" Harbutt had his son "Chum" Junior with him.

Peter Davidson came with his son Nigel and nephew "Gerry."

The meeting decided that at the next reunion the wives and girl friends of the members would be invited. If it is the success it is hoped it will be, then it is likely that the ladies might be included every few years.

Election of officers resulted: President, P. F. L. Stephenson; Secretary, D. L. Snelling; Committee, Keith Hoben, Jack Ford, H. E. (Chick) Fowler and Bill Taylor.

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The following is a list of attending members and news of the addresses of other Old Boys: Ted Foden, Solicitor, Hamilton; Charles D. Collins, Bank Manager, Raglan; Noel Fookes, retired Company Manager, Hamilton; Arthur Betts, Te Awamutu; W. S. Harbutt, Cambridge; Roy Bryant, Morrinsville; G. Fairbrother, Hamilton; Don Grant, Hamilton; Ian Grant, Tauranga; O. M. Douglas, Te Awamutu; J. R. Michaels, Auckland; H. E. Fowler, Department Manager, Hamilton; Keith Ryburn, Ohaupo; George Vodane, Hamilton; Rod Grant, Tauranga; Bob Thomas, Colour Shop, Tauranga; Bob Granger, Accountant, Tauranga; Bill Wright, Grange Road, Tauranga; Dr. Ron Tingey, Tauranga; Dr. Bill Webster, Tauranga; Tom Webster, Bay Motors, Tauranga; Kelly Peace, Bay Hardware, Tauranga; Gordon Sutherland, Florist, Tauranga; Cedric Sutherland, Sutherland's Radio Repairs, Tauranga; Noel Guinness, Electrician, Tauranga; Gary Fulton, Taupiri; Don Parlane, Te Awamutu; Peter Read, Te Puke; Russell Wilson, Ngaruawahia; Bruce Gibson, Ngaruawahia; John Lawton, Ngaruawahia; K. N. Collins, Matamata; J. Church, Tauranga; C., R. and D. Bell, Morrinsville; T. R. Brake, Morrinsville; Hugh Boardman, Tahuna; Stringfield Brothers, Morrinsville; Watson Bros., Walton; Pat McMiken, Morrinsville; Terry Barker, Walton; Harley Cooke, Walton; G. A. Tapp, Ngaruawahia; L. M. Saunders, Tokaroa; A. N. Fookes, Te Awamutu; K. A. Murray, Maungatawhiri; D. Bilkey, Department of Agriculture, Hamilton; J. Alexander, Alexander and Cambridge, Frankton Junction; Geoffrey Kay, Te Awamutu; Terry Crean, Te Awamutu; Colin Haworth, Cambridge; Dave Sykes, Chemist, Putaruru; Don McLennan, Te Kuiti; John Irving, Hamilton; E. P. Davidson, Farmer, Huntly; Jim Smith, Coromandel; Bill Telford, Huntly; Doug Morris, Huntly; Tom Cleland, Horotui; N. P. Davidson, Huntly; Kevin Hanley, Huntly; Owen Bullott, Post Office, Hamilton; M. W. Croot, Hamilton; G. P. Houghton, No. 10 R.D., Frankton Junction; D. W. Fulton, Taupiri; G. L. Petersen, Taupiri; N. G. Frost, Cambridge; Bill Taylor, No. 1 R.D., Cambridge; Phil Sweetman, Te Uku; G. D. Belfield, Waitoa; K. R. Belfield, Waitoa; D. A. Wallis, Raglan; M. D. Wallis, Raglan; T. L. Sweetman, Te Uku; G. Watkins, Hamilton; G. R. Maunsell, Te Uku; E. Broughton, Huntly; E. D. and W. Bryant, Morrinsville; R. Baker, Rotorua; I. Jones, Manawhe; R. Ford, Rotorua; D. B. Hicks, Cambridge; J. B. Houston, Morrinsville; C. B. Williams, Morrinsville; I. and D. Wills, Walton.

W. T. Luxton, past president of the Waikato Branch, has recently made a donation valued at £10,000 to Hamilton Y.M.C.A. The donation is in the form of property on which are to be erected a new building and amenities for the youth of the city. The presentation happened to coincide with the visit of the General Secretary of Y.M.C.A.'s of America, Mr. H. P. Lansdale Junr., who said that Mr. Luxton's investment in youth would bear fruit, and the prospect for the Hamilton Y.M.C.A. and city community was exciting as a result.

MANAWATU BRANCH

We have had another very active year, the two main functions being a dance in Perry's Shed and a reunion. The dance was attended by Old Boys and their wives, together with Old Boys from other schools. A very pleasant atmosphere was created by having the shed decorated like Pukekura Park. But due to lack of support from Old Boys and other close branches the function ran at a loss. Next year another function is hoped for Old Boys and their wives.

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At the reunion twenty-four were present, with the usual refreshments, etc. Mr. J. Webster spoke about the School, while Mr. E. Insull spoke for the Old Boys' Association. Mr. J. J. Stewart also enlightened us on sporting activities in the School. The new President-elect was Dick Harpen, and the Secretary B. Crowley. The Committee now stands as A. Wylde-Brown, G. Kean, G. Harpen, I. Bussell, T. East and D. Fitzpatrick. It is hoped in the near future to combine the Wanganui Branch with the Manawatu.

Acton Wilde-Browne, President of the Manawatu Branch of the Old Boys' Association, is in practice as an Architect in Feilding.

A. E. Gracie has a Men's Outfitters business in Feilding.

R. Martin is Headmaster of West End Primary School in Palmerston North.

Dick Harper is Farming near Palmerston North.

Jim Perry (1914-24) is Farming near Feilding.

Ron Looney (1923-24) has a Men's Outfitters business in Palmerston North.

Bruce Kerr is School Teaching in Palmerston North.

Bernard Crowley, newly appointed Secretary to the Manawatu Branch, is with Glaxo (Bonny Babies) Ltd., Palmerston North.

Peter and Paul Sutton are Farming at Bulls.

Clive and Ian Bussell are Farming at Colyton, near Palmerston North.

WELLINGTON BRANCH

Officers elected at the Annual General Meeting in March were as follows: Patron, J. S. Webster; President, P. M. McCaw; Vice-Presidents, L. M. Papps, R. Taylor, P. A. Taylor, R. S. V. Simpson; Secretary-Treasurer, K. Comber; Committee, B. Boon, B. Brown, C. Boulton, T. Fookes, S. Comber, T. N. Wolfe, B. Waite.

The Branch has held a number of functions during the year, all of which have been satisfactorily, and in some cases, well attended. Highlights have been the cricket match against the Wanganui College Old Boys' Association and the Annual Dinner.

Cricket Match: The previous year's loss to the Wanganui College Old Boys' Association was fully avenged this year, thanks in the main to a fine double by Bill Hamilton—a century and five wickets—and some sparkling batting by Malcolm McCaw for 83. This fixture has become a permanent one and is turning out to be a real trial of strength. Suggestions have been made that a golf fixture be instituted with the Wanganui Association, and arrangements are in train.

Annual Dinner: The Branch was delighted to have Mr. Webster present and there was a good attendance of local members. The function took the form of a buffet dinner held at Wakefield House, on the Terrace, on July 30th. Of particular interest to everyone present was the presentation by Mr. Webster of a series of coloured slides showing views of the School and of School activities. It is very much hoped that next year Mr.

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Webster will produce the next instalment in the series. Those present were: Mr. J. S. Webster, Graeme Russell (Wanganui representative), Harold Titter, R. B. Horner, Tim Fookes, Bruce Brown, Malcolm McCaw, John Davies, David Sarten, Harold Short, B. W. Smith, C. S. Wood, "Sandy" Powell, Ken Comber, Stuart Comber, Lyn Papps, Dick Simpson, Barry Waite, Ron Taylor, Phil Taylor, Clem Boulton, Neil Wolfe, Roger Woodhouse, Mark Harris, Neil Henderson, Malcolm Burt, David Davy, Paul Crichton, Graham Peterson, Barry Boon, Noel Ashley, Graham Thomas, Angus MacDougall, George Buchanan, Phil Power, Harold Christiansen, Noel Titter, Don Frank, Roy Urry, Nick Carter, Rob and Don Calder, David Gill, John Morine, R. J. Hislop, Dennis MacEldowney and Bob McCaw.

A "smoko" was held in the new National Club rooms in September and the usual Christmas gathering is to be held early in December.

Personal Notes

Brian Horner is now finding himself to be busier than ever in his retirement, since he has joined the staff of a well-known land and estate agency firm.

Miles Ekdahl, who was for many years in Gisborne, is now at the Wallaceville Animal Research Station.

Neil Wolfe made a successful debut on the local football scene during the winter, playing some good games for 'Varsity and for Wellington.

Ken Comber is another who played for the 'Varsity senior side.

Laurie Smith left Wellington during the year to take up his appointment as General Manager of the new T.A.B. that is being set up in Victoria.

Phil Taylor has made a change of profession from Public Accountant to Stockbroker.

Rongotai College is a haven for Old Boys. On the staff there are **Don Frank, Bob Hislop** and **Sandy Powell**.

There is the usual large contingent at Weir House, comprising **Mac Burt, Neil Wolfe, Noel Ashley, Noel Titter, Simon Gale, Des Hinch, Tim Fookes, Roger Woodhouse, Graeme Thomas**.

DUNEDIN BRANCH

In spite of the changing student population who make up the greater proportion of members, the branch continues to flourish.

The annual reunion, in the form of dinner and sundries, was held as usual in the Victoria Hotel. **Ted Jones**, maintaining a high position in the fourth year Med. class, succeeded **Fyfe Bygrave**, completing B.Sc., as President. Unfortunately **Keith Way**, starting B.Med.Sc. this year, retreated from the limelight, allowing **Dave Fowler** to elaborate on a few bedtime stories. **Ian Ross, Paul Chicken, Dennis Woodward** and **John Burford**, who are all fortifying the Dental profession, together with Medicals **Matt Tizard** and **Boyd Webster** maintained the pace of the after dinner party. Also present were **Warren Jonas**, completing a post-graduate year in Microbiology; **Bruce Ellis**, who continues to insure; **Barry Cannell, Doug Parsons** and **Rick Cavaney**, each completing B.Sc. in Biochemistry and Chemistry; **Tony Ruakere** and **Mark Jagusch** uphold Equeas Hall and the intermediates. Newcomers **Mike Croxson** and **Alister Forrest**, intermediate students, filled

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in with snippets from School over the last year. Towards the latter half of the evening two girls appeared out of the blue and almost depleted the numbers but were evicted without loss. Finally the evening roared to a conclusion with a School haka and song.

Apologies were received from **Brian Davey**, second year Physiotherapist; **Dave Bathgate**, one of the stalwarts completing sixth year Medicine; **Ian McNickle**, doing a B.Sc. in Microbiology; **John Stewart**, starting Medicine; **Ian Bayly**, Mining; and **Martin Smith**, a Dental. **Pete Foreman** was also unable to make it. He is completing fourth year Dentistry, besides leading a Dance Band and part of Capping Concert.

Pete Foreman and **Warren Jonas** were married this year. **Fyfe Bygrave** and **Barry Cannell** have announced their engagements.

With the support this year the Branch will possibly hold an extra social function next year besides the annual reunion.

Ted Jones writes from Dunedin:

I have succeeded **Fyfe Bygrave** as the President of the "Speights Branch" of the Old Boys' Association. If there are any 6A lads who are coming to Dunedin next year I would like them to write to me at this address: 1 Smith Street, Dunedin.

If possible could they give me their names and where they will be residing next year. This will prevent **Ian Ross** a deuce of a lot of trouble when arranging next year's reunion dinner. 1961 Old Boys are cordially invited to visit me as soon as they arrive here. They can find me on display at 18 London Street, popularly glamourised as "Skid Row."

The Dunedin Association, if not exactly flourishing, still provides a large number of opportunities for friendly get-togethers.

This year we have had a number of older, non-Varsity Old Boys with us—among them **Warren Jonas**, from Australia, and **Bruce Ellis**. It would be good to see the Head, or one of the masters down here for the reunion next year.

Please convey our regards to those at School who still remember us.

Obituaries

ARTHUR REGINALD BRASELL

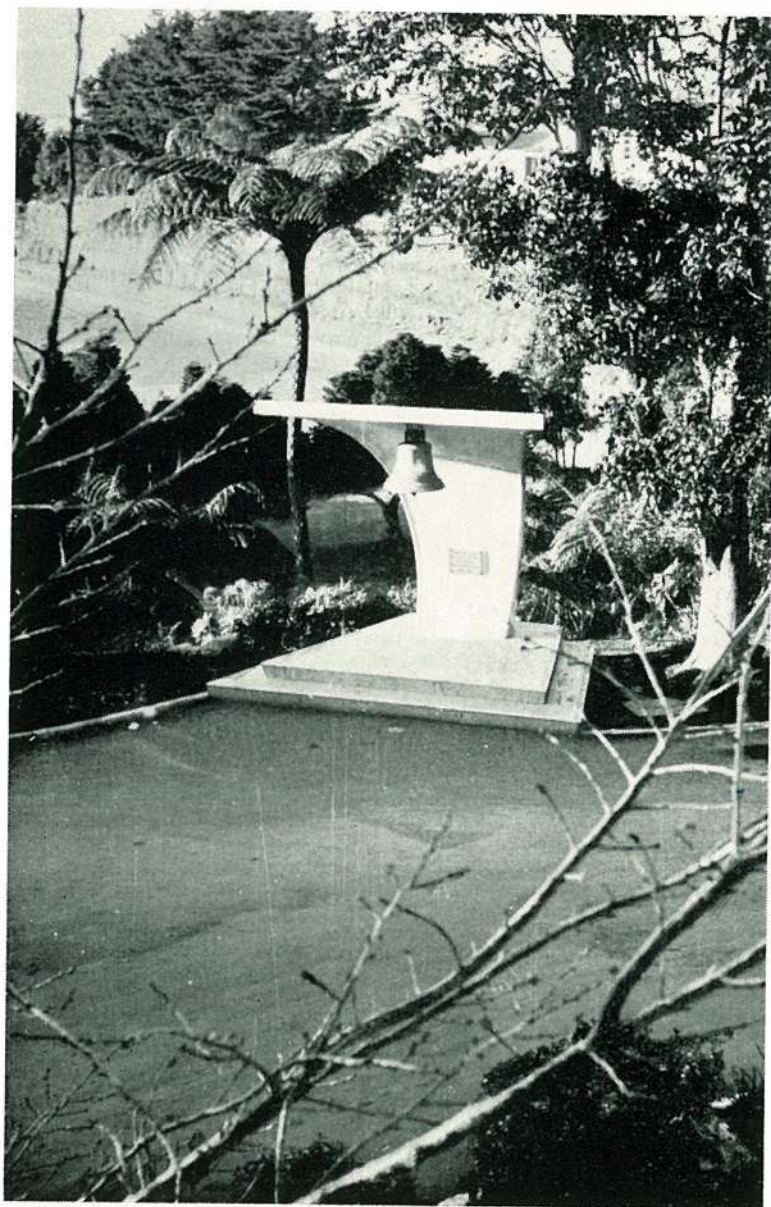
Arthur Reginald Brasell, his wife and 11-year-old son were drowned this year at Cape Campbell, Western Victoria.

Arthur was educated at Central Primary and New Plymouth Boys' High Schools. After leaving School **Mr. Brasell** went to Australia, where he later married. He worked for a short time as a photographer in Hamilton and then returned to farm in Australia.

To his two sisters and brother we extend sincere sympathy.

J. R. GRANT

His many friends were shocked to read of the death earlier this year of **J. R. (Jack) Grant**. Jack was at School from 1936 to 1939 and took a very full part in the life of the School. He was later one of the keenest Old Boys in the Hawke's Bay and held office in the Hawke's Bay Branch. We extend to his wife and family our deepest sympathy.



THE BELL TOWER

A gift from the Old Boys to commemorate the 75th Jubilee.

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CANON E. H. STRONG HAD NOTABLE CAREER

A well-known figure in the Church of England, the Rev. Edward Herbert Strong died in Dunedin recently. He was eighty-two.

Canon Strong's early home was at Hope, near Nelson, and he was educated at Nelson College, where he was head boy. While there, Canon Strong won the Stafford Scholarship for excellence in History and the Simmons Prize for English Literature. In school he was a contemporary of Lord Rutherford.

After gaining his M.A. at Auckland University College, he travelled to Oxford, where he took the M.A. and B.Litt. degrees. As well, he was senior colonial student and won a Casberd Exhibition.

He then studied theology at Cuddiston College and was ordained at Birmingham in 1906. He was assistant curate in St. Barnabas' parish, Balsall Heath, Birmingham, until 1908.

The following year Canon Strong returned to New Zealand and became sub-warden of St. John's College, Auckland. He held this position until 1914, when he became chaplain of King's College.

In 1919 he returned to England as vice-principal of Wells' Theological College, Somerset. He was appointed Archdeacon of Tonga in 1930, and two years later returned to New Zealand, becoming chaplain at New Plymouth Boys' High School and, later, vicar of St. Mary's, New Plymouth.

While chaplain at the Boys' High School he was appointed examining chaplain to the Bishop of Waikato. Later he became a Canon of Waikato.

From 1931 to 1938 he was warden of St. John's College, Auckland. He became examining chaplain to the Bishop of Auckland and a Canon of St. Mary's Cathedral.

He then came to Dunedin Cathedral for a short period before returning to Auckland and continuing his duties as commissary for the Bishop of Melanesia.

In 1940 Canon Strong went to Rockhampton, Queensland, as rector of the cathedral there. Later he returned to Dunedin as Dean and remained after the completion of that temporary appointment, becoming vicar of Anderson's Bay. He retired in 1944.

Canon Strong became a well-known figure in the city as he went daily to the cathedral and paid regular visits to the diocesan office.

Latterly he sought enjoyment in reading poetry, which he also wrote in English, Latin and Greek.

MURRAY DOUGLAS WAITE

Old Boys extend sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. K. R. B. Waite in their recent loss.

Mr. Murray Douglas Waite died at New Plymouth following a serious illness contracted in Canada earlier this year. His parents flew to Vancouver, where he was operated on, and brought him back to New Zealand. He was twenty-three.

A pupil of the Welbourn Primary School and later the New Plymouth Boys' High School, Mr. Waite gained his teaching certificate at Ardmore Teachers' College and taught at the West End School, New Plymouth, and later at the Westown School. He obtained leave of absence from the Westown School to go to Canada on a working holiday and planned to continue to England and the Continent.

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IN MEMORIAM

We were all very sorry to hear this year of Stuart Tuck's death on July 14th. Stuart, who was seventeen this year, was an Old Boy of the School and was here from 1956 to 1958, when he took the general course.

He will best be remembered by those in Pridham where he took part in all House activities for three years. He was a keen forward, being one of the leaders in the House grade team in his last year, and during the summer he was a member of the House tennis team.

Since he left School, Stuart had been helping his father on their Waikato farm, but unfortunately for the last seven months he was almost continuously in the Waikato Hospital.

The School extends its deepest sympathy to his parents, brother and sister, at this time and we hope that their grief may be lightened to some extent by the knowledge that it is shared by many Old Boys and boys still at School.

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H. P. Richmond, Q.C., visited the School recently and recalled the days when as a third former, in 1888, he swam in the Te Henui pool and had schoolboy games in a swampy area which is now the baths. He also described riding his pony along continuous flax bordered beach, from Fitzroy to Ngamotu.

Campbell Turner, now Air Commodore, R.N.Z.A.F., is serving in London, and has been made Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

John Foote: We have been most interested to hear from John (Pridham '53-'56). He is on a world tour and is at present in the U.S.A., where he finds work sometimes hard to get due to unemployment. So far he has toured Canada and a large part of the U.S.A. on a motor scooter. John sends good wishes to his old friends of Pridham, and we wish him the best of luck.

V. E. Kerr (Yank, that is) is weeding vast quantities of oxalis from the property of his retirement, with the same vigour as he wrenched verbs from his forms.

J. Martin Halliday is a Cadet Midshipman, R.N.Z.N., and is at present at the Royal Australian Naval College, H.M.A.S. Creswell, Jervis Bay, A.C.T., Australia.

John Lay, Flying-Officer, R.N.Z.A.F., is at present stationed at Ohakea doing a conversion on to Canberras.

David Diprose, B.Sc., was one of the new ministers received into membership at the annual assembly of the Baptist Union in Dunedin. He has been called to the Lyall Bay Church pastorate.

J. Spencer Nicholls has completed his Civil Engineering Degree at Canterbury University and has accepted a position in Melbourne with the Standard Vacuum Oil Company.

Richard Routley, who graduated with 1st class honours in Maths. and Philos., is at present studying Advanced Maths., Physics and Philosophy for Ph.D. Degree at Princeton, U.S.A.

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Ron Sharrock: Ron was judged the best all-round cadet athlete of the year when he graduated at the Regular Force Cadet School, Waiouru, this year. He was awarded the Thomas Trophy. During the year he has won two army pockets, one for cricket and one for indoor basketball. He played full-back for King Country junior representative team which beat Taranaki on July 26th.

Dennis Lambourne writes from Ruakura: For the past two years I have been getting practical experience in Animal Research, but am off to Portava University in January to do Veterinary Science. During my time here I have been in contact with the following Old Boys.

Norman Clare: At School from 1926-1930. He is Chief Biochemist at Ruakura, and is engaged in facial eczema research.

Dr. Neil Worker: Was in Moyes House from 1943-1947. He is a Biochemist here, working on facial eczema. At present, however, he is doing a post-graduate course on radioactive isotopes in Calgary, Canada.

Tom Millar: Finished School in 1953 and was at Ruakura in 1959 as a Bacteriologist in the diagnostic section. He is now at the Auckland Central Hospital.

Peter Muller: Was at School 1953 to 1954. He is now a technician at Ruakura Hill country research station.

Kevin Gilbert: At School from 1953-1954. He is now a technician at Ruakura Hill country research station.

Derek Thurston: Left School in 1954 and was at Ruakura in 1958, but is now in the Palmerston North district.

Bill Bygrave: At School from 1952-1956. He has just finished a diploma at Massey, and is on a farm just out of Hamilton.

FROM JOHN HATHERLY

We welcomed John Hatherly back from his travels in Europe at the beginning of the third term. He writes of his impressions of German schools and West German life.

... There is school every day except Sunday. The first period begins at 7.30, all boys going straight to their classrooms. There are seven 50-minute periods with a short interval at 10.15. School finishes at ten past one except on Saturdays, when there are six periods, finishing at 12.20.

The subjects taught are certainly non-technical. I saw on the timetable English, German, French, Russian, Latin, Greek, Hebrew, not to mention Maths, Science, History, etc. The core subjects differ from ours in that (there is no military drill and) Art, Music, P.T. and Scripture must each be given at least two periods a week in all forms. In Eastern Germany the Scripture was stopped as soon as the Russians took control after the war and it was replaced by five periods a week of Communist philosophy, called Social Science.

I wondered as I entered this school whether it would be as spotless as those I saw before the war. It was. As I walked up a marble staircase I saw a woman sweeping hard—but there was nothing to sweep! All I could find after 1000 boys had used the building for seven periods

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was one bus ticket and a tiny piece of paper! I might add that the boys' hands, notebooks and shoes were equally clean. I couldn't find a blot or a smudge in any book.

The tragedy of Germany is what is happening in the Russian Zone. The Christians there are finding conditions extremely difficult. It is impossible to buy a Bible as it is illegal to sell one. Bibles cannot be brought into the zone from outside nor can they be posted to Eastern Germans. Civil servants such as policemen and teachers are dismissed if found in possession of Bibles. No church schools are allowed. I was told of a man working in the railways who has nine children but who is very hard up as he is denied promotion for being a keen member of the Lutheran Church.

To conclude, I shall write a list of my "observations." Very little interest in television, although excellent sets are on sale in the shops. German family life very like ours except daughters curtsy to a visitor, boys put heels and toes together when shaking hands, and also bow their heads right against their chests. Meat is passed round at the table instead of being served by the host; grace almost universally said before meals, and host and hostess shake hands with a guest every night and every morning. Police and traffic officers armed. Trees are very carefully cultivated and respected. Decimal coinage. Most things, especially food, are cheap. (A large-sized long playing record costs £1/5/-. Mourning worn, black dress for woman and black tie and stripe on lapel for men one year after a death. Serious manpower problem. (Thousands of Italians and Spaniards in Germany in the P.O., etc., because there are no Germans available.) Germans like things big. (I saw a death notice in the paper measuring 6in. by 3in.! This would cost about £30. Sometimes a whole page of the paper is used for one death notice, the idea being that it would please the dead person.) Autobans, large four-lane roads, which make motoring very easy, except when you forget a turn-off. Shops closed on Sunday unlike France, but race meetings held on Sunday afternoons only—like France. (No gambling at race meetings. I don't think there are any lotteries either in Germany.) Compulsory military service for one year—at a certain age. Figure seven always written with a cross through the stem. All telephone calls cost at least 3d each. Liquor served with meals and hotel bars open every day until 2 a.m. next morning. Most houses have very steep roofs. People are generally very honest. (About five miles out of Stuttgart I drove through an enormous orchard of pear and apple trees which went for miles. The trees line the road and there is no fence at all. In fact the roads are seldom fenced. People are allowed to pick up fruit that falls on the tar-sealed road but not anywhere else. When I asked whether the fruit was taken at night, the answer was "Oh! No! that would be theft.")

GRAHAM WRIGHT—RHODES SCHOLAR 1957

(Writes of his experiences at Oxford.)

I left Oxford last July after two pleasant years at Balliol College. Oxford life centres round the college. At Balliol we had about 400 undergraduates and 25 "dons," which is small enough to know most people but sufficiently large to give variety. About 10 per cent. of us were from abroad, including Asians, Africans, Americans and Australians. The foreigners were popular and quite prominent—during my two years

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they won a majority of the Blues for university sport and the firsts in examinations awarded to members of the college. The system of education is individual tuition by the college dons; each undergraduate has a tutor and works very closely with him. My tutor was Mr. R. P. Bell, a Fellow of the Royal Society and quite a distinguished scientist. Like all the tutors he took a personal interest in his pupils. He and his wife gave dinner parties for us several times, and once they took me on an evening trip to the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon.

I worked in Mr. Bell's research group of about twelve people, each with our own research project in the field of physical chemistry, on which Mr. Bell was a leading authority. At the same laboratory there were several of the "big names" of chemistry, including a Nobel Prize winner and many Fellows of the Royal Society—it was a valuable experience to be there. While browsing through the laboratory records one day, I found some old research papers of M. (Monty) Barak, an Old Boy who was at Oxford before the war, and who now lives at Manchester.

The Oxford colleges are well provided with facilities. Balliol had a large sports field for cricket and lawn tennis in summer, or hockey, soccer and rugby in winter. There were also hardcourts, indoor squash courts (very popular during the English winter), a pavilion and a boat-house on the Thames. Sport was played regularly every afternoon, especially in the summer term, there being many inter-college matches and intense competition amongst the best sportsmen for places in the university teams. Apart from rowing, which was taken very seriously, most games were played casually for enjoyment—there was even bowls and croquet on quadrangle lawns for the less energetic.

Most Oxford undergraduates complete their two years of National Service in the forces before beginning at the university. They were frequently well-travelled and well-informed with a lively interest in affairs of all kinds, as shown by the great number of clubs and societies dealing with everything from Nuclear Disarmament to Early Hindu Art. Oxford is far from being an ivory tower. The dons are drawn from many nationalities and walks of life—the recluse academic is a rarity nowadays. I found friendships easy to make and very rewarding—the greatest benefit of college life is the opportunities it gives to enjoy life with one's fellows.

I have seen some of Britain's popular tourist places, with their much photographed architecture: Cambridge, Windsor, York, Edinburgh and the Lake District. To the north-west of Oxford is the charming Cotswold country, with its stone villages that harmonise so well with the surrounding countryside. The golden brown limestone of this district is ideal for building and carving; it has been used for centuries for the university buildings in Oxford. At the present time there is a great deal of new building and restoration work at Oxford. In the Cotswold village of Burford I saw sculptors at work carving stonework for the renovation of the Sheldonian Theatre, which was built in the 17th century by Christopher Wren. Through hospitality provided by the British Council and Balliol friends I was able to spend some time in the less glamorous parts of Lancashire, Sheffield and Newcastle-on-Tyne. Here one can see clearly the price that has been paid for Britain's industrial power: drab housing, dirty, smoky factories, slag heaps, piles of overburden from coal mines and the decaying remnants of earlier enterprises. But it is not all depressing. There are some fine, modern industrial estates which

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consist of a large number of well-designed factories integrated into a pleasant and efficient complex. I also had the opportunity of visiting some research establishments, such as the Glass Technology Institute in Sheffield, where they deal with many interesting and imaginative problems.

At present I am working in a laboratory at the Technical University of Denmark, in Copenhagen. This country has a very good scientific tradition and there are many able and enthusiastic people to meet. Denmark is a charming little country, with a flat landscape, densely populated, and excellent modern architecture. The people are very hospitable, and modest about their own country; although they are intensely proud of their soccer team which won an Olympic silver medal.

There are many young New Zealanders in England these days, usually on "working holidays." Old Boys among them are **Hugh Jackson, Eric Batten, Hugh Barr, Ross Brown, Garth Cassidy** and **Gary Keenan**. There was quite a good impromptu School haka at the Down Under Club in London on one occasion! **Neil Waters** has recently completed three years at Harwell.

ENGAGEMENTS

CONNELL—DOWLING.—Mr. and Mrs. John Dowling, of Apsley Street, Timaru, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their elder daughter Madelene to Michael, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Connell, of 191 Brooklands Road, Vogeltown, New Plymouth.

CHONG—GILMOUR.—Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gilmour, 5 Maratahu Street, New Plymouth, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter, Margaret, to Brian, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Chong, 245 Courtenay Street, New Plymouth.

SHEARER—STEELE.—The engagement is announced between Helen Patricia, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Steele, Swiss Avenue, Wanganui, and Monty Arden, second son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Shearer, Wairau, Oakura.

BIRTHS

ULENBERG.—To Phoebe and Maurie; a daughter. December 15th, 1959.

BARCLAY.—To Colleen and Laurie; a son. December 8th, 1959.

NOVAK.—To Molly and Frank; a son. December 22nd, 1958.

BATES.—To Valerie and Gordon; a daughter. November 6th, 1960.

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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 1961 are as follows:—

First Term	-	Wednesday, February 1st to Friday, May 5th.
Second Term	-	Tuesday, May 23rd to Friday, August 18th.
Third Term	-	Tuesday, September 12th to Friday, December 8th.

