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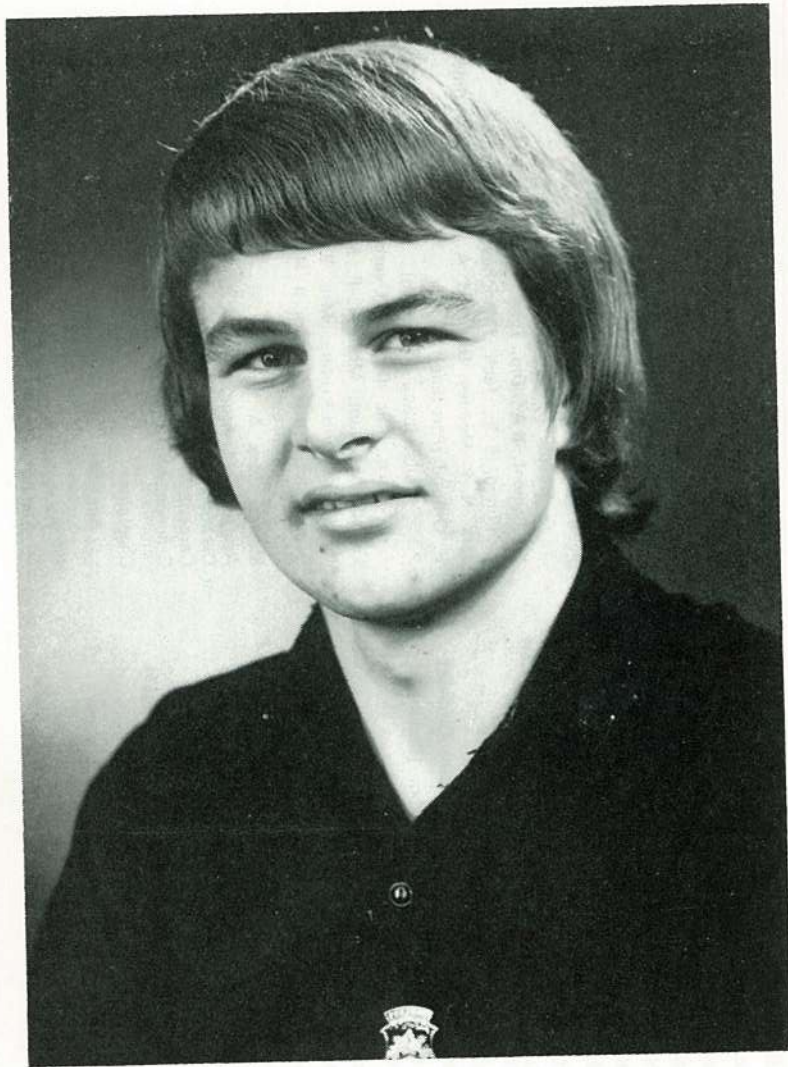


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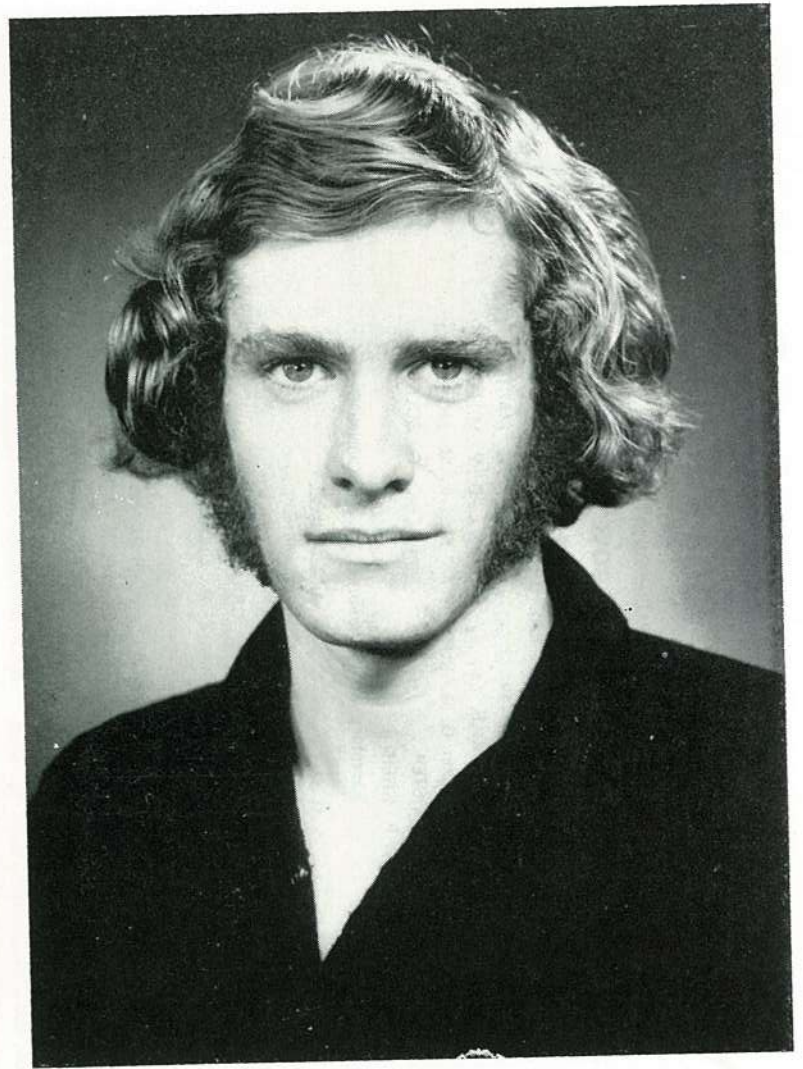
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R. B. FOY
Head Boy



R. W. PEARCE
Deputy Head Boy

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L. R. Brown.

Absent: K. R. Bennett, D. L. R. Harvic, G. L. Towler.

SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS

Head Boy: R. B. Foy.

Deputy Head Boy: R. W. Pearce.

Prefects: W. B. Armstrong, K. R. Bennett, L. R. Brown, B. M. Cawthray, M. W. Donaldson, R. G. Geden, R. N. C. Gray, D. L. R. Harvie, C. G. Hone, S. M. Lepper, J. T. Le Sueur, R. R. Masters, W. B. Meuli, A. B. Middleton, R. J. Newland, G. H. Old, G. D. Simons, L. W. Stallard, G. L. Towler, D. S. Willis, A. E. Wilson, P. J. Winter.

BOARDING HOUSES

CARRINGTON. Housemaster: Mr. L. K. Denton. **Assistant Housemasters:** Mr. K. J. Crawford, Mr. E. Picton. **Head Boy:** D. S. Willis. **Prefects:** W. D. Binnie, M. W. Donaldson, M. H. Herdman, M. A. Houston, J. R. Lockwood, A. B. Middleton, R. J. Newland, H. M. Ries, G. D. Simons, D. A. Turner.

MOYES. Housemaster: Mr. W. J. Morton. **Assistant Housemasters:** Mr. R. K. Evans, Mr. G. Lamont. **Head Boy:** W. B. Armstrong. **Prefects:** R. G. Anderson, S. B. Edwards, D. L. R. Harvie, D. E. Hutchings, W. E. Jackson, W. M. Macalister, R. M. Nicholas, J. W. F. Smith.

PRIDHAM. Housemaster: Mr. D. J. Mossop. **Assistant Housemasters:** Mr. I. D. Francis, Mr. B. Kennedy. **Head Boy:** L. W. Stallard. **Prefects:** A. G. Beverwijk, P. W. Broederlow, D. J. Dreadon, J. H. Gilmer, P. R. Handyside, P. M. Somerton, D. N. Strawbridge.

NIGER. Housemaster: Mr. B. E. Rattray. **Assistant Housemaster:** Mr. A. C. Hart. **Head Boy:** C. G. Hone. **Prefects:** W. N. Coley, D. J. Harkness, A. J. Parr, R. J. Thompson.

ANNEXE. Master-in-Charge: Mr. J. S. Hatherly. **Prefect:** R. B. Fox.

DAY HOUSES

CENTRAL. Housemaster: Mr. W. R. Halliburton. **Assistant Housemasters:** Mr. R. W. Baunton, Mr. L. R. Bublitz, Mr. M. C. Carroll, Mr. W. D. R. Currey, Mr. T. I. Gibbs, Mr. P. C. Huggett, Mr. T. P. Kreisler, Mr. O. J. Oats, Mr. R. G. Sinclair. **Head Boy:** L. R. Brown. **Prefects:** G. L. Towler, A. E. Wilson.

EAST. Housemaster: Mr. R. E. Brine. **Assistant Housemasters:** Mr. A. L. Anker, Mr. B. H. Barnitt, Mr. M. E. Dobson, Mr. J. A. Fulcher, Mr. K. J. Gledhill, Mr. T. G. Heaps, Mr. R. S. Watson, Mr. J. D. Whelan. **Head Boy:** R. W. Pearce. **Prefects:** K. R. Bennett, R. G. Geden, S. M. Lepper.

WEST. Housemaster: Mr. L. V. Giddy. **Assistant Housemasters:** Mr. E. J. Abraham, Mr. E. S. Allison, Mr. D. F. H. Gush, Mr. B. J. Hurle, Mr. E. J. Jennings, Dr. H. R. Lenk, Mr. E. M. Meuli, Mr. R. Neatherway, Mr. R. E. R. Penney, Mr. D. R. Ranger, Mr. N. G. Wright.

ACTIVITIES AND MASTERS-IN-CHARGE

Astronomy: Mr. Whelan.

Athletics: Mr. Currey.

Badminton and Table Tennis: Mr. Heaps.

Basketball: Mr. Francis.

Cadets: Mr. Carroll.

Careers: Mr. Carroll.

Chalet Classroom: Mr. Ranger.

Chapel: Mr. Hatherly.

Chess and Bridge: Dr. Lenk.

Cricket: Mr. Denton.

Debating: Mr. Crawford.

Drama: Mr. Whelan.

Films: Mr. Kreisler.

General Purposes Fund: Mr. Jennings.

Gymnastics: Mr. Rattray.

Hockey: Mr. Anker.

Interact: A. E. Wilson.

Library: Mrs. Steven.

Life-Saving: Mr. Rattray.

Music: Mr. Gibbs.

Old Boys' Notes: Mr. Giddy.

Parent-Teacher Association: Mr. Heaps (Secretary).

Philately: Mr. Watson.

Photography: Mr. Bublitz.

Pound: Mr. Abraham.

Rcwing: Mr. Sargent.

Rugby: Mr. Currey.

Sailing: Mr. Ranger.

S.C.M.: Mr. Barnitt.

Shooting: Mr. Oats.

Ski-ing: C. Molloy.

Soccer: Mr. Picton.

Softball: Mr. Gledhill.

Squash: Mr. Mossop.

Stationery: Mr. Morton.

Steeplechase: Mr. Currey.

Surf Riding: Mr. Rattray.

Swimming: Mr. Rattray.

"Taranakian": Mr. Halliburton.

Tennis: Mr. Heaps.

Text Books: Mr. Baunton.

Tramping: Mr. Morton.

Volleyball: Mr. Rattray.

"Whistle": V. A. Hutchinson.

Visual and Audio Systems: Mr. Huggett.

END OF AN ERA — Niger House closes

Niger House was built in 1906 as a private boarding house. It began its present connections with the school in 1910 as the School's first boarding house.

The following is an extract from the 1912 "Taranakian" on the establishment of the Boarding School under the heading of "Boarders' Notes":

"The House began in 1910. That year four boarders (N. Little, Lusk, Bayly and A. Little) played for the First XV and two (N. Little and Lusk) for the First XI. At the beginning of 1911 we were strengthened by the advent of Lepper, Bruce and Blundell, none of whom gained places in the XI or the XV. At the beginning of this year we were increased by Guild, Luxton, Goss, White, Monteith, White and Sykes. Three of us (N. Little, A. Little and Goss) were in the First XI."

After two and a half years in "Niger", at that stage still a private boarding house, in mid 1912, the boarders moved up to the newly constructed "Old House" (later to become Moyes House). In 1913, the numbers of boarders rose to 33, necessitating the lease of Niger at the beginning of 1914. Some 30 boarders were accommodated there by 1915. An attempt was made to burn down Niger in 1916, but, with the help of police protection, the house survived. Thus began Niger's long struggle to full house status.

In 1916, a new boarding house (now Carrington) was completed. The Niger boys shifted across to the "New House" as it was called from then on. The boarders continued to grow numerically and in 1917, Niger House came into use once more.

Niger House came into use again in 1925, but the majority of the boarders were still in the old School House.

Niger House finally became School property in 1943, often having been used at intervals since 1912 to take the overflow of boarders whenever available accommodation became overtaxed. In 1944, under the charge of Mr. A. H. Blundell, it became the exclusive home of the boarding portion of the Preparatory School until this was closed. The 29 boys housed at Niger comprised a large section of the class.

In 1952 Mr. A. H. Blundell retired. He joined the Preparatory School in 1926 and had been in charge of it since 1928 and of Niger House since 1944.

1955 saw a change in the status of Niger, previously the home of the Prep. School which had been discontinued. After extensive renovations, it became the then most luxurious boarding house in the School and was available for ordinary boarders who constituted an additional house with full status as one of the four boarding houses. It began with 40 boys, with Mr. A. F. Gardiner as Housemaster.

In 1959 Niger became a house for third formers only, who are assigned for inter-house organisation to the other three boarding houses.

In 1967 Niger underwent considerable improvement and study facilities were provided for senior boys associated with a tutorial system.

This year will be the last year of boarders in Niger since its early history, which began with the school 63 years ago. Next year there will be no more boarders here because the house would have to be expensively refitted to bring it up to fire regulation standards and if this was not done only the ground floor could be used for dormitories, which would be uneconomical.



Since 1959 there have only been third formers here, apart from the prefects. Most of the third formers have spent their initial year here, receiving a good grounding for their future in the "top school".

The house is indebted to the long service of Mrs. Woodward for her domestic service since 1961.

In its life Niger has fulfilled an important role and there are many who will be sorry to see this third form boarding house go..

Year	Housemasters	Head Boy
1955	Mr. A. F. Gardiner	M. G. Denton
1956	Mr. A. F. Gardiner	S. J. Carryer
1957	Mr. A. F. Gardiner	S. J. Carryer
1958	Mr. A. F. Gardiner	A. Wilson
1959	Mr. A. F. Gardiner, Mr. M. C. Carroll	G. M. H. Peterson
1960	Mr. M. C. Carroll	R. G. McCutcheon
1961	Mr. M. C. Carroll, Mr. E. G. Gibson	D. T. Alexander
1962	Mr. R. Lattimer, Mr. B. Farrell, Mr. D. Walker, Mr. D. Whaley	L. Birks
1963	Mr. N. Wright, Mr. D. Whaley	K. J. Garnham
1964	Mr. N. Wright, Mr. D. Whaley	A. D. Thompson
1965	Mr. N. Wright, Mr. D. Whaley, Mr. G. J. Burridge	I. R. Thurlow
1966	Mr. G. J. Burridge, Mr. L. R. Bublitz	R. P. Willis
1967	Mr. L. R. Bublitz, Mr. B. E. Rattray	D. T. Somerton
1968	Mr. G. J. Burridge, Mr. B. E. Rattray	G. T. Burton
1969	Mr. G. J. Burridge, Mr. P. Leonard	F. J. Geck
1970	Mr. A. J. Sheat, Mr. W. D. Barwood, Mr. J. A. Codd	S. Underwood
1971	Mr. Whaley (2 terms), Mr. B. E. Rattray (3rd term), Mr. A. J. Tracey, W. D. R. Currey	D. H. Whiteside
1972	Mr. B. E. Rattray, Mr. A. J. Tracey	H. W. Rauputu
1973	Mr. B. E. Rattray, Mr. A. C. Hart	C. G. Hone

Domestic staff: Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Raven, D. Harkness.

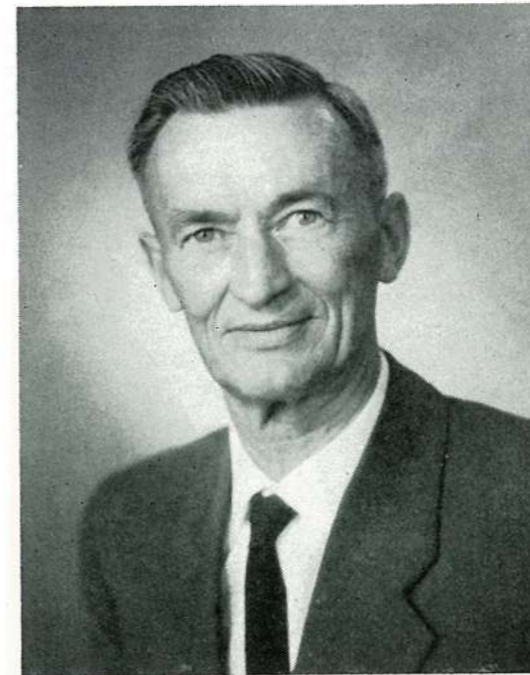


Prefects' Common Room



BOARDERS 1912

OBITUARY



MR. T. N. S. WATT (1936-1969)

The School was shocked to hear of the death in a motor accident on 16th March of Mr. T. N. S. Watt, former Deputy Headmaster, at the age of 60.

An Old Boy of the school, Mr. Watt joined the staff in 1936 after gaining his M.Sc. degree at Otago University and completing his teacher training in Auckland. During his 34 years with us, he at first taught Latin, book-keeping, sciences and mathematics. In 1948 he was appointed Head of the Mathematics Department, and in 1967 became Deputy-Principal.

Mr. Watt played a full part in the extra-curricular life of the school, having at various times run boarders' gymnastics, served for many years as an officer in the Cadet Battalion, supervised swimming and life-saving, revived the surf club, assisted with the "Taranakian", coached Rugby, run the alpine and camera clubs and taken charge of shooting. From 1936 to 1939 he was a housemaster and from 1951 to 1955 a senior boarding master in charge of Carrington House.

Outside the school, Mr. Watt's chief interest was in the Taranaki Acclimatisation Society, to which he gave outstanding service, especially in the field of conservation, and whose president he was for more than 12 years.

Mr. Watt's 34 years service to the school was interrupted only by a period of active service overseas for 5½ years during the Second World War.

Upon retiring at the end of 1969, Mr. Watt continued his active interest in the school, assisting with the intricacies of timetabling and at various times relieving on the staff as a highly skilled teacher of mathematics.

At the time of his death he was assisting in the administration of the newly-established Taranaki Polytechnic, where his considerable organising ability was highly valued.

To Mrs. Watt and her family we offer our deep sympathy in their loss of a man who is remembered by boys and staff for his ready sympathy, practical helpfulness, and energetic devotion to the school over many years.



MR. A. H. BLUNDELL (1926-1952)

The death occurred in New Plymouth on 26th October at the age of 71 of Mr. Arthur Blundell, whom many Old Boys of Prep days will remember with respect and affection.

Mr. Blundell joined the staff in 1926, and two years later took charge of the preparatory school, teaching boys at all levels from Standard I to Form II.

When in 1944 Niger House was acquired for junior boarders, Mr. and Mrs. Blundell became their adoptive father and mother, instilling into their young charges much of their own humane considerateness and enthusiasm for community projects. In addition, Mr. Blundell served for many years as a coach of cricket, Rugby and athletics and as a cadet officer; he was also awarded the Efficiency Decoration for 21 years service in the New Zealand Territorial Force.

Leaving the school after 27 years, Mr. Blundell moved to Wairarapa College, Masterton, in 1953, to work with Mr. W. I. Shrimpton, a former colleague at this school.

Returning to New Plymouth, Mr. Blundell spent a further year relieving at this school before turning his attention to the activities of retirement: he spent nine years as handicapper to the Fitzroy Golf Club, of which both he and Mrs. Blundell were elected life members, spent some time in book-keeping, and devoted his leisure hours to cultivating an extensive and flourishing garden and to keeping a watchful eye on the sea that he loved.

To Mrs. Blundell we offer our sincere sympathy in her loss, and our gratitude for the contribution made by herself and Mr. Blundell to this school for more than a quarter of a century.

RETIREMENTS and STAFF CHANGES



Mrs. B. L. Williams (1961-1973)

After thirteen years as Secretary to the Headmaster, Mrs. Williams is to retire at the end of this year. She has served under three headmasters, Mr. Webster, Mr. Alexander and latterly Mr. Cramond, and has established herself as an important part of the character of the present-day school.

Her role as Headmaster's Secretary has involved being one jump ahead in anticipating the wants and needs of the Headmaster, and doing her best to shield him from unnecessary interruptions and distractions. She has had to organise and smooth out many different administrative aspects of running a large and complex school; in addition, as many a boy will testify, she has always lent a sympathetic ear and a helpful hand to boys with personal problems. To her goes much of the credit for the achievements of the school, staff and boys, for more than a decade.

Mrs. Williams feels that she has always received tremendous co-operation from both boys and staff. Today's boys, she says, are little different from those in the past, except that they mature earlier and seem more aware of and concerned about the double standards with which society presents them. Boys today, she believes, are more honest in their approach to life in a materialistic age and have a consciousness of humanity and its needs.

We of the School thank Mrs. Williams for all she has done for us so ably and considerately, and wish her well in her retirement. We shall miss her charm and her friendliness.



Mr. R. S. Watson (1945-1973)

After twenty-nine years' faithful service, Mr. Watson retires at the end of this year, putting an end to an association which has been of immeasurable value to the school.

Mr. Watson's first connection with the school was as a pupil. Then, leaving school, he served his apprenticeship as a motor and electrical mechanic, at the same time maintaining his interest in the Army, originally stimulated by Cadets, by joining the Territorial Force. With the outbreak of war in 1939, he volunteered and was sent as a replacement officer to the 1st Fiji Battalion. After eighteen months service overseas, he returned to New Zealand on sick leave.

His career on the staff of Boys' High began almost by accident. Invited to join the staff by Mr. Gatland, at that time supervisor of the Technical Department, he declined, but jokingly promised to teach for one hour and see if he liked it. But his bluff was called, and teach he did; the hour stretched into a day, and from that point on Mr. Watson decided to be a teacher. He joined the permanent staff the following year, and found that his years of experience as an instructor in the army were to be of great value to him in his teaching career.

Mr. Watson took charge of soccer in the school almost in his first term, and for ten years he spent many hours "trying to make good players out of some very pleasant young men". Today he has many friends and memories left from his soccer days. In addition to soccer, he also coached Rugby for three years when coaches were short, and says that he enjoys both sports equally well as a result.

He has many fond memories of the school from his days of service to it. He feels that it has produced many fine people: head boys, Rugby players, cricketers, soldiers and "all in all, complete gentlemen". He has memories of "classes and boys who tried, and staff members too, who came and did their best and then moved on".

These are memories that Mr. Watson will cherish, we trust, for many years to come. We thank him for all that he has done, and wish him well in his retirement.



Mr. L. M. Moss, O.B.E.

THIRTY YEARS' SERVICE TO EDUCATION

New Zealand owes much to men and women all over the country who voluntarily give hours of their time in the service of education. Such a man is Mr. L. M. Moss, who retired this year after thirty years on the New Plymouth High School Board, fourteen of them as Chairman.

When he first took up legal practice in New Plymouth in 1922 after graduating B.A., LL.M. from Victoria University of Wellington, Mr. Moss found himself heavily engaged in court work; it was not until 20 years later, when he entered into partnership with Mr. R. D. Jamieson, that he was able to stand for election to the High School Board as a parents' representative—an election in which he topped the poll, as he did in successive years.

In 1956, when the late Mr. H. R. Billing retired after 32 years as Chairman, Mr. Moss was elected to the vacant position, at the same time becoming, at the Minister's suggestion, the Governor-General's nominee on the Board. When the Education Act was revised, he became a co-opted member, still as Chairman, and finally in 1969, after relinquishing the chairmanship, he was appointed as the representative of the Taranaki Education Board.

In addition to being Chairman of our Board, Mr. Moss was elected in 1948 to the National Executive of the Secondary School Boards Association, whose President he was for four years from 1966 to 1970. This year he was elected one of the first two life members of that Association.

Mr. Moss has also been Chairman of the Taranaki Scholarships Trust Board since its foundation in 1957, for which he was largely responsible, thus ensuring that the administration of Taranaki Scholarship funds remained in Taranaki hands, to the great benefit of dozens of students from this province's schools who enjoy an advantage unique in New Zealand.

In recognition of his many services to education and to public life, Mr. Moss was awarded an O.B.E. in 1963.

Mr. Moss has seen, and largely been responsible for, many changes in secondary education during his thirty years on the Board. In that time, secondary roll numbers have almost trebled, necessitating extensive building programmes at the Girls' and Boys' schools and the founding of the flourishing Spotswood College. These additions involved much hard work and some protracted (and at times heated) negotiations; it is due in great measure to the energetic determination of the Board under Mr. Moss's chairmanship that Spotswood College has taken its present form and that the Girls' and Boys' schools enjoy their impressive new classroom blocks and outstanding assembly halls.

Another matter close to Mr. Moss's heart has been the development of technical education in Taranaki, especially for country students. For this reason it is fitting that, before retiring, he should have seen the launching of the Taranaki Polytechnic as an independent institution offering great promise for the future of tertiary education in the province.

For his services to this school and to education generally over a long period, we offer Mr. Moss our sincere thanks and our best wishes in his retirement.

Other Changes

At the beginning of the year we welcomed five new masters: Mr. Evans from Wainuiomata College to teach geography, economics and social studies; Mr. Picton from England to teach physics and general science; and three New Zealanders: Mr. Gledhill teaching physical education; Mr. Heaps teaching English and social studies; and Mr. Lamont teaching English, history and social studies.

In the third term Mr. Price arrived from Britain to teach mathematics, while Mr. Wells joined the staff in a relieving capacity, also teaching mathematics.

RETIREMENTS AND STAFF CHANGES

This year sees, too, a number of the staff moving to fresh pastures.

Mrs. Steven, after three years with us as Librarian and English teacher, leaves for Hammer Springs, where her husband has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the Queen Mary Hospital.

Mr. Gibbs, who joined the staff in 1969 in charge of the Music Department, and has achieved some outstanding results with the School Choir, has been appointed Director of Music at the Wanganui Collegiate School.

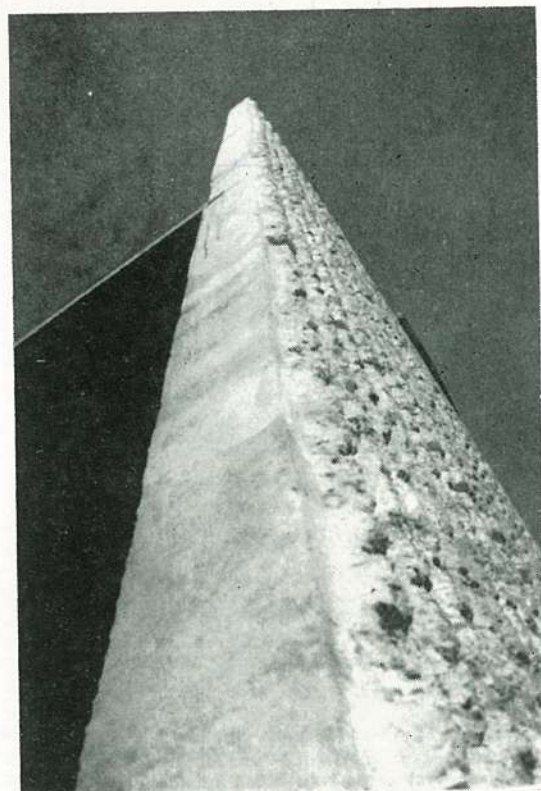
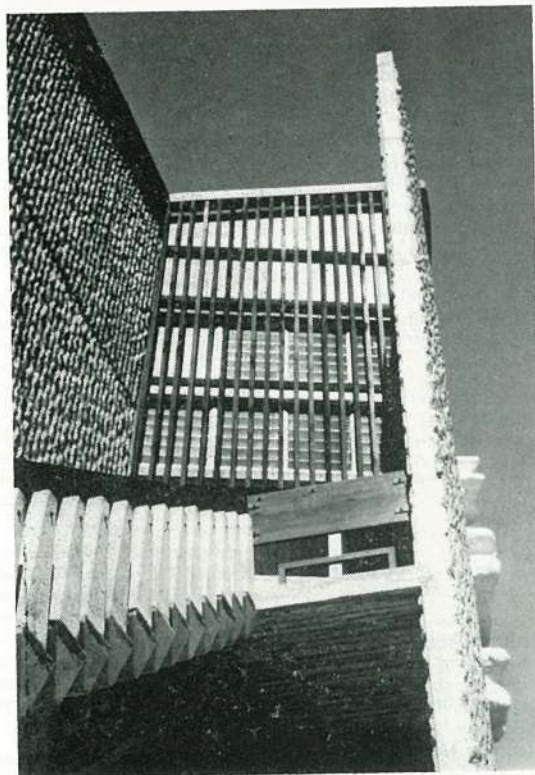
Mr. Currey, a noted sportsman who has contributed much to physical education in general, and athletics in particular, in the last four years, is going to England to sample life in the raw, accompanied by Mrs. Currey and their family.

Mr. Sergeant, who joined us in 1972 and has put some sterling work into the rowing club, will take up a position as Head of Commerce and Senior boarding master at Southland Boys' High School.

Mr. Evans is returning to the United Kingdom, while **Mr. Wells** will be attending teachers' college next year.

To these members of our staff we offer our thanks for their contribution to the well-being of the school and our best wishes for the future.

Finally, we wish bon voyage to Mr. and Mrs. Morton, who are taking a year's leave of absence to visit Britain and Europe. We trust that they will not become too homesick for their Moyes boys while away.



THE NEW HALL—TWO VIEWS

THE SCHOOL SCENE 1973 ...

Work, Change and Apathy

Structurally, the school has not changed much this year; everyone has settled into the new block, which has virtually become the centre of the school. Very little building has been done, but work should be getting under way soon on the new technical block, for which a tender has been let.

In the new hall we have seen two innovations. The first is the installation of the fire curtain, a controversial one, which costs thousands of dollars and is only the second of its type in the country. Composed of steel, it has a two-inch water pipe running across it.

The second innovation is a large and again rather controversial fibreglass relief mural on the north wall of the hall. This was designed and executed by Robin Hill, a sixth-former, with the fibreglass work by Nigel Dwyer of surfboard fame.

The scene in the old assembly hall has changed too, but for the worse. The old hall has certainly gone downhill since the staff and main offices moved out, and has been subject to a great deal of vandalism from all sectors of the school. Consequently, the furniture is the worse for wear and the rooms look generally grubby.

Rooms 14, 15 and 16, the only remaining parts of the original wooden school, have been closed for demolition later this year, and new toilets will be provided in the old main block.

Next year the house system will be changing; the present system will be inadequate when Niger and Pridham houses close down and the boarding roll drops. In addition, the day houses do not have equal rolls; Central has hardly anyone in it. A proposed new system is one with six houses, containing both boarders and day boys, divided on alphabetical lines, with Moyes and Carrington houses becoming Moyes and Carrington 'hostels'.

Associated with the changed house system, there will probably be a changed prefect system next year. This, perhaps the most traditional feature of the school, has also been the most unsuccessful during the year, largely owing to the fact that the idea of having prefects seemed to be going out of favour. Prefects this year found themselves with very limited powers and almost no backing from boys or staff; consequently, most were plunged into apathy as far as their duties were concerned.

A welcome change this year has been the increase in freedom in the boarding establishment. Here, antique rules are being relaxed or thrown out altogether; such requirements as boarders' having to wear greys or suits when going to parties or concerts no longer exist. This freedom given to boarders is bringing the boarding and day boy communities closer together by helping to wipe out the social stigma that comes with being a boarder.

The new hall has proved a great place for dances, and two have been held there this year; the first run by Pridham House and the second by the combined New Plymouth Interact clubs. Five or six dances have been run by the Girls' High in their hall, but these have been so poorly patronised by the boys that some of them found it hard even to get off the ground.



Outside the Memorial Gates

The music at quite a number of school dances was by a new school band called "Valhalla", comprising Richard Baxter (lead guitar), Perry May (drums), Alan Glen (vocals), Neil Campbell (bass), and Frank Molloy (piano and guitar). They were very popular, and their music was good and professional.

The Girls' High School ball this year was dominated by parents showing their skill, although when the boys got onto the floor it was obvious that quite a few went to dancing classes. The music was by the Galvin Edser Trio plus two.

Fashion at dances, as far as the girls were concerned, centred around long dresses and make-up, especially stars and glitter. Not many boys wore make-up this year, but at the beginning of the year there was a great-coat craze. This was begun by a seventh form gabardine group, but quickly spread to the boarding establishment when they nipped home for the May holidays and came back wearing their fathers' long coats. The Salvation Army rag shop, too, was much patronised, with a high demand for long coats and pinstripes.

Visitors to the school will certainly notice the great increase in the number of motorbikes. More and more new Japanese bikes have been bought, the commonest being in the 50cc to 100cc range. Big bikes are evident only in the sixth and seventh forms, and there are two 650's in the school fleet, an A.J.S. and a B.S.A. The motorbike parking column has been moved from Rogan Street to Wakefield Street, as there were many accidents in Coronation Avenue. We are getting more and more cars at school too; quite a number of seniors have their own.

The butt hole this year had its usual patronage, and an efficient prefect/teacher warning system was in operation. Raids are becoming highly organised, though: Mr. Ranger is very good at the Gully Ground swoop, while Mr. Sinclair patrols the rear area with all the style of a game hunter. Two boarding masters have become quite daring with their cloak-and-dagger zaps, sometimes disguising themselves as innocent butters and waiting for a group to gather before making their zap.

This year saw the continuation of the Pupils' Advisory Council, but only in an ineffectual way. There is widespread discontent among the boys because they feel that the Council really does nothing and has no real powers. Consequently, attendances at meetings have been poor and the conclusions reached have not been fully representative.

A campaign was launched this year by a group of Form 7 boys to abolish uniforms. It consisted of running surveys through the P.A.C. and the P.T.A. to ascertain what people thought about retaining or abolishing uniforms. Now that the groundwork has been laid, it is hoped that some firm action by the Headmaster and the Board will be taken next year. Results of the survey can be found in the final issue of the "Whistle".

Cadets have again been subject to apathy, from both the cadets themselves and their N.C.O.'s. Much interest, though, has been generated by the civil defence platoons, and a majority of boys feel that the cadet course should be brought more in line with civil defence or youth training activities.

This year, there was introduced into the curriculum a course known as General Studies. Teachers taught subjects of their own choice outside the normal curriculum and classes rotated so that the boys learnt from many different teachers throughout the year. The idea was to get away from the usual subjects and introduce studies that could be taken just because the students were interested in them. Initially, the weekly allocation was three single periods spread over the week, but owing to dissatisfaction among both boys and staff it was cut to only one period. The dissatisfaction was due mainly to the attitudes of the boys towards the

course; since it was non-examinable, boys were treating the General Studies period virtually as an extended lunch-hour and were not really trying to get anything from it.

The timetable this year has made greater provision for study periods for senior forms. This has been greatly welcomed, as it has meant school time for individual study and time in which one may do research in the library.

One of the most successful schemes introduced this year has been the Work Experience programme followed by one fifth form: on one day a week, instead of coming to school, these boys do a full day's work for some employer in New Plymouth. They have a change of job each term, and they are not paid for their work. The programme will certainly be carrying on next year and may be extended to other forms.

Mrs. Hall, the assistant secretary, has left the office to take up a position in the Psychological Service, and has been replaced by the equally popular Mrs. Major.

Finally, we are all sorry to hear that Mrs. Williams is retiring at the end of this year. It is good to see someone like her, who has given so much to the school for so long, being asked to present the school prizes at the end of the year.

V. A. HUTCHINSON.



WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME—B. A. Kjestrup, 5H, at work in a city architect's office

PRIZE GIVING 1972

Three innovations appeared in the 1972 Prize-Giving: first, the practice of inviting a guest speaker was discontinued; second, the ceremony was divided into two parts, the senior in November before public examinations and the junior in December at the end of the school year; and third, the number of awards made at the two ceremonies was substantially reduced following the new practice of awarding as many trophies as possible at the annual athletics and swimming sports, thus enabling winners to mark their triumph on the spot and enjoy possession for a longer period.

Reports on the year's progress were given by the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. W. M. Spedding, and the Headmaster, Mr. G. R. Cramond, after which the following prizes were awarded:

SPORTS AWARDS

SWIMMING

33 1/3 yards Under 13: S. Kay.

50 yards Under 14: A. Wood.

50 yards Freestyle Junior: P. Van Praagh.

100 yards Freestyle Junior: P. Van Praagh.

50 yards Backstroke Junior: R. White.

50 yards Breaststroke Junior: K. Burgess.

100 yards Medley Junior: K. Burgess.

220 yards Freestyle Junior: R. Beaven.

Junior Dive: G. Leathley.

Senior Championship (Sykes Memorial Cup): R. W. Ridland.

ATHLETICS

100 metres Junior Championship: G. Eichstaedt.

200 metres Junior Championship: G. Eichstaedt.

400 metres Junior Championship: J. Mildenhall.

100 metres Junior Hurdles: J. Mildenhall.

High Jump Junior Championship: J. Mildenhall.

800 metres Junior Championship: D. Fredrickson.

Long Jump Junior Championship: T. Tito.

School Championship (Fookes Cup): G. L. Towler.

TENNIS

Third Form Singles: W. McDonnell.

Junior Doubles: A. Fisher and P. Lilloco.

Junior Championship (Herbert Smith Trust Cup): K. Burgess.

CROSS COUNTRY

Junior Winner (Osborne Cup): R. Tomblason.

Junior Fastest Time (Noakes Cup): S. Lowrie.

Intermediate Winner (Herbert Smith Trust Cup): S. Newton.

Intermediate Fastest Time (Easton Memorial Cup): W. Wright.

Senior Championship (1911 Cup): G. L. Towler.

GYMNASTICS

Third Form Championship (Herbert Smith Trust Cup): C. Burr.

Fourth Form Championship (Peter Saunders Memorial Cup): R. Hogg.

Senior Championship (Hoskin Cup): R. Hogg.

CRICKET

Best Bowler (Parkinson Memorial Cup): N. S. Johnston.

BADMINTON

Junior Singles (Isaac Cup): J. Mells.

Senior Championship (Cook & Lister Cup): K. S. Cole.

HOCKEY

Most Improved Player (Simonson Cup): J. Arthur.

ROWING

Third Form Inter-Secondary Eight (Gibbs Cup): S. Harper.

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS:

Rugby (Pease Cup): Boarders.

Swimming (Dempsey Shield): Boarders.

Cricket (Birch Cup): Day Boys.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION:

Rugby (Kerr Cup): Carrington.

Athletics (Hansard Cup): Moyes.

Swimming (Burbank Cup): West.

Soccer (Holder Cup): West.

Tennis (Stevenson Cup): East.

Cricket (Bates Cup): East.

ACADEMIC PRIZES

THIRD FORM

English: I. D. Lightbourne.

Latin: R. B. Jones.

French: C. Bevan.

Mathematics: R. A. Beaven.

Science: M. T. Gowing.

Social Studies: R. J. M. Mills.

Roberts, P. M.; Rowe, P. C.; Sim, B. J.; Simons, G. D.; Smith, M. H.; Stallard, L. W.; Strawbridge, D. N.; Taylor, E. W.; Thompson, R. J.; Tolerton, M. J.; Urbahn, P. J.; Warren, P. H.; Whitham, G. P.; Williams, A. S.; Willis, D. S.; Wilson, A. E.; Winter, P. J.

Higher School Certificate: Belavskis, M. R.; Bland, G. W.; Bromley, C. J.; Burn, C.; Buxton, D. R.; Clearwater, M. E.; Cooper, D. A. J.; Dick, A. G.; Douglas, G. F.; Duff, I. G.; Fuller, C.; Giles, O. W.; Glennie, K. S.; Hannah, D. V.; Haylock, S. J.; Hill, W.; Hodder, I. M.; Joe, P. A.; Kay, J. R. P.; McCaughan, R. J.; Mackay, R. D.; Markland, F. J.; Marks, D. H.; Meuli, P. M.; Moss, S. J. J.; Mulraney, J. A.; Munro, I. R.; Murray, R. J.; Newton, B. J.; O'Neill, M. H.; Pillette, M. W.; Price, G. R.; Pyselman, R. J.; Roebuck, D. B.; Samuela, R. R.; Shearer, G. K.; Smart, J. B.; Stewart, A. B.; Urquhart, I. M.; Vaifale, U.; Vink, R. P.; Whiting, B. S.

University Bursary: Bland, G. W. (A); Bromley, C. J. (A); Buxton, D. R. (A); Dick, A. G. (A); Douglas, G. F. (B); Fraser, G. M. (B); Giles, O. W. (B); Haylock, S. J. (A); Hodder, I. M. (B); Joe, P. A. (B); Kay, J. R. P. (B); Markland, F. J. (A); Munro, I. R. (B); O'Neill, M. H. (B); Smart, J. B. (A); Stewart, A. B. (A); Whiting, B. S. (A).

Taranaki Scholarship: Bland, G. W.; Bromley, C. J.; Buxton, D. R.; Dick, A. G.; Haylock, S. J.; Markland, F. J.; Smart, J. B.; Stewart, A. B.; Whiting, B. S.

BLAZER AWARDS 1973

Prefects: R. B. Foy (Head Boy), R. W. Pearce (Deputy Head Boy), W. B. Armstrong, K. R. Bennett, L. R. Brown, B. M. Cawthray, M. W. Donaldson, R. G. Geden, R. N. C. Gray, D. L. R. Harvie, C. G. Hone, S. M. Lepper, J. T. Le Sueur, R. R. Masters, W. B. Meuli, A. B. Middleton, R. J. Newland, G. H. Old, G. D. Simons, L. W. Stallard, G. L. Towler, D. S. Willis, A. E. Wilson, P. J. Winter.

Athletics: D. H. Brown, D. L. R. Harvie, M. A. Houston, G. B. Rendall, G. L. Towler.

Badminton: K. S. Cole.

Cricket: J. A. Cameron, J. G. Carroll, B. M. Cawthray, M. W. Donaldson, S. M. Harrop, A. B. Middleton, G. H. Old, D. J. Radford, G. Roper, A. R. Urbahn.

Basketball: B. R. Baillie, J. M. Burmester, W. M. Tuki.

Cross Country: D. H. Brown.

Gymnastics: R. A. Hogg.

Hockey: R. J. Barker, R. B. Hayward, A. N. Lane.

Rugby: W. D. Binnie, K. D. Bolstad, P. W. Broederlow, J. A. Cameron, B. M. Cawthray, M. W. Donaldson, R. B. Foy, J. H. Gilmer, D. L. R. Harvie, J. R. Hepworth, P. J. Jackson, J. R. Lockwood, R. A. McCarthy, A. B. Middleton, R. J. Newland, G. H. Old, G. B. Rendall, G. D. Simons, P. M. Somerton, D. S. Willis.

Soccer: D. G. Batty, A. G. Beverwijk, G. L. Dods, A. L. Fox, B. S. Hollins, J. T. Le Sueur, N. J. Le Sueur, D. A. Mackay, W. B. Meuli, R. S. White, P. J. Winter, G. D. Yearbury.

Swimming: R. B. Baillie, J. L. Clark.

Tennis: K. R. Bennett, C. G. Hone, A. A. Roguski, P. J. Winter.

SPORTS



THE SCHOOL INTER-SECONDARY ATHLETICS TEAM

Athletics

This year the School Athletic Sports were held at Pukekura Park, having been moved from Webster Field. The first date, 16th March, had to be changed to 22nd March owing to bad weather. Luckily we got fine weather on the second day and everything went well, except when a 200m race clashed with the hurdles and had to be re-run. The efficient running of the sports was mainly due to the organisation and help the masters gave, which made it a very successful day.

No records were broken this year but several close times and distances were attained. The over-all standard was very high and a much larger contingent gained entry into the Intersec team.

Multiple wins were gained by M. Houston (3), D. Willis (2), G. Rendall (2), B. Edwards (2) in the Seniors; P. Fitzpatrick (4) in the Intermediates; G. Whitehead (2), R. Loft (2) in the Juniors.

The competition between the boarding houses was as fierce as ever with a lot of support for house runners in every race. Moyes House finally took the Hansard Cup for the fourth consecutive time. They took the lead only in the last events of the day, with a total of 171 points. Carrington was a very close second with 167 points and Pridham third with 160 points. As usual

there was not a lot of support for this school activity from the day boys, but several individuals showed up very well. An extremely successful day was rounded off by a good win to the Boarders relay team in the Boarders—Day Boys relay.

Taranaki Intersecondary School Athletics:

These were held at Francis Douglas College on March 24th. The weather was fine, but a very strong wind hindered the long races. Even with this hindrance, School managed to uphold its traditional dominance.

One record was broken by Marc Baillie in the Junior Triple Jump, with a jump of 34ft., to beat the old record by 3 feet. He also won the Long Jump.

P. Fitzpatrick ran an extremely fast 100m in the Intermediate final with a time of 11.4 sec. Unfortunately this was disallowed as a record time because of wind assistance. He also gained 1st equal in the Long Jump and 2nd in the Triple Jump.

D. Harvie did very well in the Senior throws with first place in both Shot Put and Javelin.

N. Harrison also did very well in his main races with a 1st in the Intermediate 400m and 2nd in the 200m.

The standard set by the School was very high in all events and showed up in the relays, where all three were won. A very good effort from all boys.

Places—Seniors: D. Willis (3rd Hurdles, 3rd High Jump); B. Edwards (3rd Discus, 3rd Pole Vault); D.

Harvie (1st Javelin, 1st Shot Put); B. Armstrong (3rd Javelin); G. Old (2nd Shot Put); G. Rendall (1st 200m); R. Tansey (1st Pole Vault); D. Hutchings (2nd 400m); D. Turner (3rd 400m); D. Brown (3rd 800m); R. Pearce (2nd Hurdles); Relay team (1st).
 Intermediates: P. Fitzpatrick (1st 100m, 1st equal Long Jump, 2nd Triple Jump); N. Harrison (1st 400m, 2nd 200m); R. Barker (1st Hurdles); T. Bartlett (2nd Javelin); S. Lowrie (3rd Javelin); C. Wilson (2nd Shot Put); R. Gaskin (3rd Shot Put); Relay team (1st).
 Juniors: M. Baillie (1st Triple Jump, 1st Long Jump); G. Whitehead (1st Hurdles); M. Smith (2nd Discus, 2nd Javelin); B. Te Uira (3rd Javelin); Relay team (1st).

North Island Intersecs.:

This year the meeting was at Mt. Smart Stadium in Auckland. Selection for the Taranaki team is taken from the Taranaki Intersecs. where a good time or distance in the first three places of most events makes an athlete eligible for the North Island Champs. This meeting involves the best secondary school athletes in the North Island, so the five members of the School who went showed a very high standard of performance. They were: D. Brown, N. Harrison, P. Fitzpatrick, M. Baillie and G. Whitehead.



SPORTS DAY, PUKEKURA PARK



Dennis Brown was the only Senior selected from the School and ran very well in the 800m final to gain 5th place.

Neil Harrison ran exceptionally well in the Intermediate 400m to become the North Island Champion in this event. He was also in the Taranaki Intermediate relay team which won the 4 x 100m event.

Peter Fitzpatrick performed well in the Intermediate Triple Jump to gain 5th place. He was also in the Taranaki Intermediate relay team.

Marc Baillie competed in the Junior Triple Jump and matched his record-breaking form with a well deserved 2nd place. He also competed in the Long Jump and managed 4th place.

Finally, Gavin Whitehead did not quite make the Junior Hurdles final with a 5th place in his heat, but helped to gain 2nd place as a member of the Taranaki Junior relay team.

New Zealand Secondary School Championships:

This is a new meeting, held this year at Christchurch on Queen Elizabeth II Park on December 8-9th. It is intended to be a dress rehearsal for the Games staff of the Park.

There will be two members of the School going to this meeting; they are Mark Houston and Dennis Brown, who have attained the qualifying time for the 800m. These two boys will be representing the School and it is hoped that they do well. This will be a very large meeting and the 800m field alone has 69 runners divided into 9 heats and 3 semi-finals.

Athletics in the School has a great potential showing up in all ages from 3rd to 7th formers. It was good to see such a lot of participation this year and it is hoped that this will increase next year and in years to come.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS — 1973

EVENT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	PERFORMANCE	SCHOOL RECORD
SENIOR—					
Championship					
100 Metres	J. Cameron	R. Anderson	P. Broederlow	11.9 sec.	11.1, P. Hickey, S. Underwood, 1970
200 Metres	G. Rendall	P. Broederlow	D. Hutchings	23.8 sec.	22.8sec., R. C. Johns, 1959
400 Metres	G. Rendall	D. Hutchings	I. Turner	53.9 sec.	51.2sec., K. T. Williams, 1964
800 Metres	M. Houston	D. Brown	W. Wright	2 min. 4.3 sec.	2min. 1sec., L. J. Purdy, 1962
1500 Metres	M. Houston	L. Stallard	W. Wright	4 min. 38.5 sec.	4min. 20.2sec., B. Crocker, 1970
110 Metre Hurdles	D. Willis	R. Pearce	D. Dreadon	15.8 sec.	14.5sec., R. C. Johns, 1959
Long Jump	B. Kjestrup 1= P. Somerton 1= D. Willis		R. Pearce 3= R. Anderson 3= M. Lovve 3= B. Baillie 3= B. Edwards C. Hill C. Hill M. Ries S. Newton Carrington	18ft. 10in. 4ft. 10½in.	21ft. 8in., A. C. McIntyre, 1937 5ft. 8in., A. Martin, 1970
High Jump		P. Somerton			
Triple Jump	R. Newland	B. Kjestrup	B. Edwards	37ft. ½in.	43ft. 10½in., P. A. Johns, 1962
Shot Put	G. Old	D. Harvie	C. Hill	12 metres	45ft. 1½in., V. Temata, 1972
Discus	B. Edwards	J. Lockwood	C. Hill	32.24 metres	158ft. ½in., N. Edmonds, 1968
Javelin	D. Harvie	B. Armstrong	M. Ries	41.15 metres	178ft. 8in., J. K. Lay, 1955
Pole Vault	B. Edwards	S. Smith	S. Newton	9ft.	
Relay	Moyes	Pridham	Carrington	47.8 sec.	46.9sec., Carrington, 1968, '70
INTERMEDIATE—					
100 Metres	P. Fitzpatrick	R. Hill	K. Ruakere	11.9 sec.	11.3sec., K. T. Williams, 1962
200 Metres	P. Fitzpatrick	N. Harrison	R. Hill	23.7 sec.	23.5sec., T. Jordan, 1968
400 Metres	N. Harrison	L. Kjestrup	R. Barker	54.7 sec.	53.4sec., M. S. Johnson, 1969
800 Metres	P. White	L. Kjestrup	R. Harkness	2 min. 19 sec.	2min. 6.2sec., L. Purdy, 1961
100 Metres Hurdles	R. Barker	W. Persson	D. Wetere	17.5 sec.	15.3sec., M. S. Johnson, 1969
Long Jump	P. Fitzpatrick	N. Harrison	S. Jones	18ft. 5½in.	20ft. 8½in., C. Kjestrup, 1937
High Jump	W. Tuki	P. Fitzpatrick	W. Persson	4ft. 11½in.	5ft. 4in., A. Martin, 1968; G. Towler, 1971
Triple Jump	P. Fitzpatrick	S. Jones	W. Tuki	35ft. 10in.	40ft. 2in., J. K. Lay, 1953
Shot Put	C. Wilson	P. Fitzpatrick	D. Gaskin	40ft. 4in.	48ft. 3½in., F. Hutchings, 1969
Discus	S. Smith	W. Persson	R. Barker	31.6 metres	162ft. 5½in., W. Garnham, 1966
Relay	Moyes	Central	Pridham	48.5 sec.	47.7sec., Carrington, 1969
JUNIOR—					
100 Metres	G. Whitehead	R. Loft	K. Wallace	13.1 sec.	11.7sec., B. Binnie, 1968
200 Metres	R. Loft	W. Harrison	R. Adlam	27.0 sec.	24sec., B. Binnie, 1968
400 Metres	W. Harrison	C. Marshall	R. Mills	59.9 sec.	56.7sec., P. H. Rowe, 1963
800 Metres	R. Tombleson	D. Frederickson	K. Death	2 min. 20.6 sec.	2min. 14.7sec., M. Martin, 1965
Long Jump	M. Baillie	J. Adlam	J. Mellis	16ft. 9in.	18ft. 1½in., B. Binnie, 1968
High Jump	R. Loft	B. Blennerhasset	N. Rive	4ft. 6in.	5ft. 1in., H. Clark, 1969
100 Metres Hurdles	G. Whitehead	S. Kay	R. Loft	15.7 sec.	15.4sec., A. Martin, 1967; T. Burkhardt, 1968
Shot Put	R. Cooper	B. Te Uira	M. Smith	30ft. 9in.	50.6sec., Carrington, 1968
Relay	Pridham	Carrington	Moyes	52.3 sec.	
NON-CHAMPIONSHIP					
Senior					
100 Metres A	P. Strawbridge	R. Nicholas	A. Williams	12.4 sec.	
B	R. Campbell	N. Butler	A. Wilson	12.6 sec.	
200 Metres A	M. Donaldson	M. Ries	D. Dreadon	25.7 sec.	
B	C. Hone	W. McAlister	D. Hodge	26.4 sec.	
800 Metres	D. McKay	M. Herdman	P. Christophers	2 min. 19.1 sec.	
1500 Metres	K. Bennett	W. Coley	M. Horrocks		
Intermediate					
100 Metres A	D. Te Uira	S. Hartley	C. Howan	12.4 sec.	
B	K. Dixon	R. Edgar	M. Stewart	13.1 sec.	
200 Metres A	S. Hartley	D. Te Uira	M. Stewart	25.6 sec.	
B	G. Dennis	G. Wagner	D. McDonald	27.3 sec.	
800 Metres	M. Coster	D. Burgess	K. Sandilands	2 min. 27.1 sec.	
Junior					
100 Metres A	S. Mitchell	I. Turner	J. Torrens	13.6 sec.	
B	B. Procter	S. Gatenby	M. Fagan	14 sec.	
200 Metres A	T. Clarke	P. Binnie	R. Parsons	29.7 sec.	
B	J. Torrens	P. Dampney	T. Wilson	30 sec.	
C	A. Wood	S. Young	D. Lane	29.9 sec.	
800 Metres	C. Halter	K. Burgess	A. Geary	2 min. 29.3 sec.	
Relay					
(8 x 100 Metres)	Boarders	Day Boys			



Back: W. Persson, Mr. T. Heaps (coach), J. Mellis.
Front: R. Thompson, K. Cole (captain), M. Johnston, M. Downey.

Badminton & Table Tennis

Membership of the club was slightly up this year. Club members met regularly in the second term on Monday and Thursday afternoons from about 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the gymnasium, thus enabling players from other sports to join in on non-practice nights. Special mention must be made of Mr. Heaps and Mr. Hart, under whom the standard of play improved.

Badminton

The badminton side of the club was numerically stronger than the table tennis side, because of the incentive of playing in the School team. This year the badminton team played Hamilton Boys' High School, and it is hoped that next year a fixture against Rongotai College can be arranged, with a table tennis team participating in both fixtures.

The badminton team of K. Cole (captain), M. Johnston, J. Mellis, R. Thompson, W. Persson, and M. Downey, under the guidance of Mr. Heaps, practised in the Army Hall on Wednesday afternoons. The team travelled to play Hamilton Boys' High School, and played very well, winning 8-1.

The School championships were held at the beginning of the third term, and were keenly contested; the good

entries showing the increasing popularity of the sport in the school.

The results were—

Senior Singles (Cook and Lister Cup): K. Cole.
Senior Doubles: K. Cole and M. Johnston.
Junior Singles (Isaacs Cup): J. Mellis.
Junior Doubles: J. Mellis and M. Chivers.

Some of the members of the club played in outside competition. K. Cole played in the Taranaki A Grade competition, and was a member of the winning team from the New Plymouth Club. Cole was also a member of the Taranaki Junior Representative team. He was the 1973 Taranaki Junior Triple Champion, and also won the B Grade Mixed Doubles at the Taranaki championship. K. Cole.

Table Tennis

A team of three, K. Sandilands, S. Carruthers and M. Lowe, played in the North Taranaki inter-club competition, in the B Grade. The team won the division they played in, but lost 9-3 to Hillsborough, the winner of the other division, so being the runner-up in the tournament.

The School championships were held at the beginning of the third term, and a large number of entries were received. The standard of the juniors was particularly encouraging.

The results were—

Senior Singles: K. Sandilands.
Senior Doubles: K. Sandilands and S. Carruthers.
Junior Singles: B. Fraser.
Junior Doubles: S. Kay and T. Wilson.

Some of the members played in the North Taranaki Residential Championships, with K. Sandilands winning the B Grade Singles, and Sandilands and S. Carruthers runners-up in the B Grade Doubles.

K. Sandilands was ranked No. 4 in the Junior rankings in North Taranaki.

S. Carruthers.

Basketball

This year the School entered two teams in the New Plymouth men's competition, the A team playing B grade and the B team C grade. The A team managed a third in its competition.

We played three college games this year, gaining two wins and an unlucky loss, but we made up for that by winning the Taranaki Inter-Secondary Schools tournament at Spotswood College.

The A team this year was: J. Burmester, W. Tuki, B. Baillie, B. Manning, G. Yearbury, P. Adds, A. Dee and A. Gardiner, with I. MacKenzie playing on occasions. Three players, Manning, Tuki and Baillie, gained selection in the New Plymouth Colts team.

Our first college game was against Wanganui Collegiate in New Plymouth. We lost 57-60. The game was fast, with plenty of fouls being dished out, most of them our way. We played the last five minutes with three players; during this period we were leading, but with only three players we could not hold off the Wanganui attack.

In our second game, against Wanganui Boys' College, we won 48-30. After a slow start, we managed to hold our ground against the slow Wanganui game, which at first we had not been able to adjust to.

A strong Hamilton Boys' High School team was our next college opponent, and we won 48-42. The teams were very evenly matched, the score being even throughout, with Hamilton in the lead most of the time; not until the final minutes did we manage to pull out in front.

During the season the school fielded a team to play the prisoners at the local jail on Saturday mornings. We played four games, winning the series 3-1.

The teachers of the school challenged the A team to a game, which the teachers lost 28-14.

Everybody enjoyed playing basketball this season, but it could not have been achieved without the aid of Mr. Francis, Mr. Hoben and Mr. Rattray, who coached teams and generally made things run smoothly. W. Tuki.

Cricket

FIRST XI

This year's team was much younger than in previous years, but its achievement was creditable. Club form was not consistent, inexperience taking its toll in some matches. In both college fixtures good performances were recorded, showing the promise of many young players.

The 1st XI squad was: B. Cawthray (captain), D. Radford, J. Cameron, G. Old, G. Roper, S. Harrop, T. Urbahn, A. Fisher, M. Donaldson, J. Carroll, B. Middleton, and S. Lowrie.

B. Cawthray, J. Cameron and A. Fisher left before the commencement of the new season, so D. Radford became captain and D. Fahey was brought in as wicket-keeper.

INTER-COLLEGE

v. Wellington College (at N.P.B.H.S.). Drawn.

Play began an hour late because heavy rain the previous day had made the pitch too wet for the scheduled start.

Wellington won the toss and elected to bat on the slow track. A non-penetrative School attack allowed the visitors to get away to a good start, with R. Vance (67) batting solidly.



Jon Mellis in action



Back: M. W. Donaldson, S. R. Lowrie, A. B. Middleton, G. Roper, J. C. Carroll.

Front: S. M. Harrop, G. H. Old, B. M. Cawthray (captain), D. J. Radford, J. A. Cameron, T. R. Urbahn.

However, School's change bowlers made the breakthrough and Wellington were all out for 182. Main wicket-takers were J. Carroll (4-27), J. Cameron (3-47).

School started poorly, but things brightened up with B. Cawthray (54), G. Roper (42), and G. Old (40) batting very capably. School's lower order though, staged a dramatic collapse against mediocre bowling and School found themselves all out for 178, five runs short of their opponents.

School broke through early in Wellington's second innings, but the pressure was not maintained and runs flowed from Wellington's middle order, allowing them to make a safe declaration at 135 for 6, R. Dean (52 n.o.), and M. Green (37) being the main scorers. J. Cameron (2-19) and D. Radford (2-24) did the initial damage. With time against us, School found the 140 runs required too many, and did well to be 81 for 5 at stumps. Top scorer was D. Radford with a fast, hard-hit 32.

v. Wanganui Collegiate (at Collegiate). Outright win 6 wickets to N.P.B.H.S.

On a sound Collegiate wicket our opposition won the toss and elected to bat. Some good bowling from N.P.B.H.S. saw Collegiate all out for 105. M. Donaldson (3-13), G. Old (3-22), D. Radford (2-27) did most damage.

Collegiate's spinners proved too good for our batsmen and we crumpled for a dismal 84; B. Cawthray

(31) was the only batsman to show any form. For Collegiate A. Cave (5-17) and S. Collins (4-27) bowled very well.

Collegiate started their second innings in fine style, hammering School's erratic opening attack, but D. Radford switched from medium pace to spin and ripped the middle out of their order, taking 4 for 30 off 12 overs. M. Donaldson (2-10), J. Carroll (2-18), G. Old (2-21) also bowled well.

Collegiate's second innings ended at 126, leaving School to make 148 for the outright. Runs came slowly at first, but then B. Cawthray (50) and D. Radford (31) had a fine partnership, forming the backbone of the innings, which J. Cameron (16), G. Roper (20 n.o.), and G. Old (13 n.o.) finished off in fine fashion, giving N.P.B.H.S. an outright win by six wickets with an hour to spare.

v. Hawera High School (at Hawera). Won on 1st Innings.

School won the toss and batted on a hard wicket. School scored freely to enable a declaration at 235/8. D. Radford (69), J. Cameron (13), T. Urbahn (15), S. Harrop (31 n.o.), A. Fisher (37), J. Carroll (31 n.o.) all batted confidently. E. Perrett took 4 for 55 for Hawera.

Hawera's batting crumbled to be all out for 139 with P. McLeod (58) scoring well. Bowling for School, D. Radford (2-23), J. Cameron (2-19), G. Old (2-38), J. Carroll (2-15), M. Donaldson (1-0) took wickets.

v. Opunake H.S. (at N.P.B.H.S.). Won on 1st Innings.

Low scoring was the feature of this pre-season match. School won the toss and elected to bat. Poor batting performances saw School all out for 70. T. Urbahn (13), S. Wright (11), D. Fairey (12 n.o.) were the only players to reach double figures. P. Kensington (3-13), R. Burrows (3-30) took the wickets.

A little worried, School took the field, but excellent bowling from G. Old (4-8) and D. Radford (4-14) soon had Opunake 8 down for 15 runs, though a defiant 9th wicket stand enabled them to reach 54, still 16 runs short.

SECOND XI

In the first term, the team which at the half way mark had been at the bottom of the list had a most successful finish to the season, winding up in third place.

Already at the start of the new season the team has played the top two teams, and our batsmen have been scoring heavily. Mark Fairey, Mark Torrens and Richard Baxter have indicated possibilities for higher honours with excellent batting against good bowling; the side's main strength is depth in batting and a forceful approach.

Though the team has no coach, Mr. Denton plays on Saturdays and, with R. Baxter, G. Hayward and T. Bartlett, bears the brunt of the bowling.

Result-wise, the team has had its best season for some years and should continue to do well. Stephen Wright has been a useful and keen all-rounder.

THIRD GRADE

A very young side under Mr. Francis has tried hard against experienced opposition and, although not strong, has had some good games; G. Fraser, C. Burr, G. Mells and T. Harris are four who have had a fairly successful season. This is mainly a junior team which needs a few seniors to boost it.

SOCIAL TEAM

In this team, at present composed mainly of boarders, every effort is being made to attract day boys.

Richard Baxter has been promoted to the 2nd XI, but players like Mark Newland, John Gilmer, Geoff Heale and Roger Foy have ensured a full turnout for every game.

FOURTH GRADE

A keen bunch of fourth formers tries hard under difficulties, but we hope to improve matters. Ian Wright and Michael Le Pine do a good job in securing a full turnout each week.

THIRD FORM

Two teams are fielded at this level under the eye of Mr. Picton, with the Rev. T. Woods giving most useful assistance. In the group are some outstanding prospects such as R. Parsons, S. Young and R. Palmer, and in addition the sides include players who are showing rapid improvement.

HOUSE COMPETITION (Bates Cup)

A West House team dominated by First XI players came out the victors. Highlight of the competition was a dazzling century by the West House captain, B. Cawthray, against Central in the final.

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS (Birch Cup)

Pre-match favourites, the Day Boys were unexpectedly beaten by a less experienced Boarders eleven by one wicket in a closely contested match.

D. J. Radford.

Gymnastics

The School Gymnastic Championships were held this year on 18th October in the School Gym, and attracted thirty-five entrants in the Open, 5th form, 4th form, and 3rd form championships. Competition was keen, especially in the Open event, where placings were close, and the 3rd and 4th form events also produced even competition. There was no Gym club formed this year and this could probably account for the smaller number of entries this year.



Coming out of the gym



Back: Mr. A. L. Anker, A. O. Salisbury, J. J. Arthur, S. D. Chamberlain, R. B. Hayward, G. D. Graham, R. A. Bremer, Mr. P. V. Wells.
Front: G. M. Cullen, C. D. Wilden, T. D. Shearer, R. J. Barker (captain), A. N. Lane, A. B. McCandlish, A. N. Underwood.

Contestants were required to perform in Agilities (compulsory), and any four other apparatus—these being cross-box, long box, parallel bars, trampoline and rings. The standard was high in each championship, especially in the Open where some good performances were seen from R. Hogg, D. Mackay and P. Ritchie.

Next year, it is hoped to have a Gym club formed, where regular practice sessions will be held, as it is obvious there is an interest in Gymnastics in the School. Placings this year were:

Third Form: P. Jackson 1st, P. Hall 2nd, S. Wildon 3rd.

Fourth Form: B. Giles, C. Howan 1st=; M. Baillie 3rd.

Fifth Form: P. Ritchie 1st, S. Hall 2nd, W. Persson 3rd.

Open: R. Hogg 1st, D. Mackay 2nd, P. Ritchie 3rd.
 K. Gledhill.

Hockey

Although only 13 boys played hockey this season, School did very well. In the 4th Grade competition we held the lead until half way through the season, when we lost to Stratford, Hawera and Old Boys.

In its first college game against Wanganui Collegiate, School just could not capitalise on its chances, though players who stood out were Lane, McCandlish, Barker, Underwood and Chamberlain. Collegiate 7, School 0.

A few weeks later, School played in the annual five-a-side tournament. The A team, consisting of Barker, Lane, McCandlish, Hayward and Arthur, got through to the final in the Under-19 section, putting up a good fight against a highly skilled Opunake team. The only score came in the last minute, when Opunake broke through School's defence.

In the second college match, against Wanganui Boys' College, School played well below expectation and the game was marred by a few "incidents". Wanganui 3, School 1.

On 4th August, School fielded a team against a top-class Hamilton Boys' High School team, and played the hockey it was capable of. The score at half-time was 1-all, but near the end of the second half Hamilton scored again, to win 2-1. A good fight, with no giving up.

During the August holidays we entered a team in the annual eleven-a-side at Hamilton, held during two days of heavy rain. School played good steady hockey throughout and was full of surprises, winning three games and losing two. The player who showed up most was Garth Hayward, who shot one of the only two goals scored against the tournament winners. The mainstays of our defence were Lane, Barker, Underwood, McCandlish and Cullen.

This year we had three players selected for the Taranaki Secondary Schools side; they were: Ross Barker (captain), A. Lane and B. McCandlish.



M. Phillips, T. Harris, A. E. Wilson, P. Thompson, G. Mildenhall.

The team thanks Mr. Anker and Mr. Wells for helping us so much in a most enjoyable season. Though losing our college matches, in competition games we won seven, lost three and drew one.

R. Barker.

Life-saving

Life-saving this year has continued to have a fairly strong following in the junior school. As in past years, the various awards of The Royal Life Saving Society were competed for and several attained, including 2 Awards of Merit.

A team consisting of M. Phillips, T. Harris, P. Thompson, G. Mildenhall, and Instructor A. Wilson was entered in the annual Intersec Life-saving contest and were awarded the Butcher Cup.

Congratulations to N. Gray and A. Wilson on their winning of the Smith and Easton Cup at the School swimming sports for the third time.

Congratulations must also go to Mr. Rattray and Mr. Dobson for their appointment to the Executive Committee of the Taranaki Branch of the Surf Life-Saving Association, a reward well deserved for their continued time and effort in the sport.

A. E. Wilson.

Rowing

The last regatta of 1972 was for third and fourth formers, at Hamilton. In this regatta the 4th form VIII came 2nd in the final after winning their heat, the 4th form IV was placed 3rd, and the 3rd form VIII, S. Gatenby, T. Wood, R. Julian, M. Fagon, A. Milliken, B. Te Uira, G. Whitehead, S. Harper (stroke), and G. Cullen (cox), won their final.

The first 1973 regatta was at Levin on February 24th, when we stayed in Wellington for the two nights. The 5th form VIII, A. Ernest, C. Tahi, M. Eady, P. Van Praagh, W. Eady, S. Harkness, P. White, R. Harkness (stroke), and R. Gray (cox), won. The 6th form VIII were 3rd. The 5th form IV did well, considering the large field, to come 7th.

The house races were held on March 3rd at Waitara, with 100 boys rowing. Good participation from Carrington and Pridham was noted, as also were the efforts of the day boys who now take part. Carrington won overall with 20 points, Pridham was 2nd with 17 points, Moyes 8 points, and Day Boys 4 points.

The following Saturday a 5th form IV competed in the picnic races at Wanganui and came 3rd.

The club was lucky enough to have Mr. Dick Joyce of the N.Z. Olympic VIII to spend the weekend at Waitara teaching the skills of rowing on the 17th March.

The next Saturday was spent at Wanganui where the 6th form VIII was 5th, the 5th form VIII 4th, the 5th form IV 5th, the 4th form VIII 3rd and the 3rd form VIII 5th.

The highlight of the season was the trip to Karapiro on the 30th and 31st March for the Maadi Cup. In this two-day fixture the 6th form VIII, D. White, D. Cobham, W. Newton, R. Thurston, J. Sarten, D. Dreadon, P. Jackson, M. Opie (stroke), and C. Bunn (cox) was 4th in its heat after a mishap shortly before the finish, and the 5th form VIII was also 4th in its heat, the 5th form IV 5th in its heat, and the 4th form IV made a good spurt to come 3rd in its final.

The last trip of the season was on the following weekend to Auckland, where the 5th form VIII was 5th, the 5th form IV a very good second, and the 4th form IV was 4th.

Upwards of 80 boys have rowed regularly through the year; this has been a big strain on Mr. Sargent.

The boys have worked hard at fund-raising projects such as pig farming, raffles and a dance to defray different expenses and mainly to pay for the brand new four which has just arrived and has been needed for a long time. The club now has a fleet of 14 rowable boats including one double scull which is a lot of fun, as it is easily tipped over. Could this be anything to do with its name, the J. S. Hatherly?

The club still has many problems with the pollution at Waitara and the increasing number of snags in the river, on one of which the 1st VIII was damaged and had to be sent to Christchurch for repairs, but has since returned in good order.

Thanks must go to Mr. Speck (for his help in transport), the kitchen staff for supplying lunches, the hospital staff, Mr. Joyce, and Mr. Sargent especially for his time and also for driving the bus and car loads of boys out to Waitara for extra training.

S. Harkness.

FIRST XV



Back: G. B. Rendall, R. J. Newland, G. H. Old, J. R. Hepworth, D. S. Willis, J. R. Lockwood, D. L. R. Harvie.
Middle: J. H. Gilmer, K. D. Bolstad, K. R. Bennett, P. J. Jackson, W. D. Binnie, B. M. Cawthray, P. M. Somerton, W. N. Coley.
Front: R. A. McCarthy, P. W. Broederlow, R. B. Foy, A. B. Middleton (captain), M. W. Donaldson, J. A. Cameron, G. D. Simons.

Rugby

The School this year fielded 21 teams in the local competitions. Three teams won their grade championships: the fourth grade team (which, incidentally, is the first time a school team has won this grade since 1965), Carrington 6th and Carrington 7th.

We would like to express our thanks once again to all those who helped to promote Rugby in the school: the coaches, St. John Ambulance, the Referees' Association, the Northern Junior Management Committee, the Taranaki Jockey Club for the use of the racecourse, and all those who have billeted visiting teams and have billeted or assisted our own teams travelling to other centres.

FIRST XV

The first squad was selected at Queen's Birthday weekend and consisted of twenty-two players: B. Cawthray, P. Broederlow, G. Rendall, G. Simons, R. McCarthy, K. Bennett, J. Cameron, P. Somerton, M. Donaldson (vice-captain), J. Gilmer, R. Newland, J. Lockwood, B. Middleton (captain), D. Willis, G. Old, J. Hepworth, D. Harvie, W. Binnie, P. Jackson, K. Bolstad, R. Foy, W. Coley.

Once again School played in the local Senior Third competition, losing only two and drawing one of its

games. School's mobility and fitness, combined with some good scores, would have made the team front-runners in the competition. They also played the Taranaki Trojans in their annual match in which, although they lost 36-34, School played determinedly and managed to hold the much more experienced veterans to a close and evenly contested game, and in some ways were unlucky not to take a win.

Much of the XV's strength lay (besides having ten of last year's squad back) within the forward pack, which averaged around 13.4 stone; this, along with added mobility and experience, paved the way to their unbeaten college season. With the good possession gained, the backs were able to play a penetrating game resulting in scoring opportunities.

The strength of the team is evident by the selection of ten of its members into the Taranaki Secondary Schools team and ten into the Taranaki Under-18 team.

The highlight of the season was the selection of four of our members into the North Island Under-18 team. G. Old and B. Middleton were selected to play, and R. Foy and R. McCarthy, who were reserves, both took the field.

Our thanks must of course go to Mr. Carroll, who this year coached his ninth 1st XV and in doing so has had 50 college games, losing only 7, a remarkable effort. Also our thanks to all Rugby administrators, billetters



WEST SENIORS—Winners of the Senior House Competition

both at home and away, and to the Seconds, who have been our chopping block this year and who, we hope next year will be the backbone of future 1st XV's.

St. Pat's Silverstream (Rugby Park, 7th July)

In the first college game of the season School defeated a highly rated St. Pat's team in their annual game at the new venue of Rugby Park, by 18-7.

School kicked off with a strong wind in their favour and went straight onto attack. However quick and close marking from the pacy St. Pat's backs thwarted many School attacks. School's first points came from a penalty by J. Cameron. During the first half the St. Pat's backs looked particularly dangerous and eventually winger G. Foster scored in the corner. R. McCarthy drop-kicked a goal and Cameron kicked another penalty to make the half-time score 9-4. At this stage it looked as if St. Pat's could easily win the game. But School applied themselves well in the second half and good driving from the forwards and strong mid-field tackling from the backs saved the game. School added further points by another penalty from Cameron and a fine try by McCarthy which was converted. St. Pat's only other points came from a penalty by fullback M. Tocker. The School forwards, led by B. Middleton, completely dominated the smaller St. Pat's pack and this proved to be the winning factor in the game.

Points: R. McCarthy, a try and a field-goal; J. Cameron, a field-goal, 2 penalties, and a conversion. St. Pat's: G. Foster, a try; M. Tocker, penalty.

Wanganui Collegiate (School Gully, 19th July)

In hot and dry conditions, the first half of this game was scrappy and with many mistakes, good tackling thwarting constructive moves on both sides.

School was quickly on attack and quick thinking by M. Donaldson allowed him to score behind the Collegiate scrum. G. Old converted, making the score 6-0 at the changeover.

The second half saw School eliminating a lot of first half mistakes and consequently we began to score points. Collegiate's tactics proved unusual in that they played three-man lineouts for practically the entire game. Instead of being an upset, it gave School easy possession and G. Old capitalised well. This negative approach meant that the Collegiate backline spent all day on defence when they could have been more effectively utilised on attack.

D. Willis played well for School and was supported by the School pack which won a feast of ball for the backs. School won by 26 points to 3.

Tries: G. Rendall, M. Donaldson, D. Willis (2), G. Old (2) conversions and (2) penalties.

Collegiate's points came from a penalty by full-back A. N. Cave.

Palmerston North Boys' High School (P.N.B.H.S., 26th July)

This game, played in wet, cold conditions, could go down as one of School's best performances this year.

A try in the third minute by School surprised the well-drilled Palmerston North team. School remained on attack, so Palmerston never got going in the first half. The try originated from a lineout from the kick-off; a ruck formed and Donaldson spun to Rendall who dived to score in the corner. G. Old converted.

Next points came from a try by G. Rendall after the ball was put through the backline. This was followed soon after by a field-goal from R. McCarthy. The scoring



PRIDHAM JUNIORS—Winners of the Junior House Competition.

in the first half was finished with a penalty to B. Wright, the Palmerston captain. Half-time score: 12-3.

In the second half the domination of the School forwards held the game out of Palmerston's reach, while School continued to score points. D. Willis and P. Broederlow scored and R. McCarthy dropped a goal, while G. Old kicked a penalty. In this half School's forwards won 90% of lineout ball and more than half the scrums and rucks. In the lineouts G. Old took clean two-handed takes and J. Hepworth also got good ball. In the backs, P. Somerton, fed well by Donaldson, had a good sound game in his first college match. Rendall also showed good form in attacking moves. The game ended 27-3.

Tries: G. Rendall (2), P. Broederlow, D. Willis; dropped goals: R. McCarthy; G. Old, penalty and conversion.

B. Wright scored Palmerston's only points with one penalty.

Te Aute College (Te Aute, 28th July)

After a very good game against Palmerston North Boys' High, School was perhaps a little travel-weary when it met Te Aute at Te Aute. In the first half of the game neither team made much constructive play, each cancelling the other out with effective tackles. Te Aute's captain, R. Hunt, made a break late in the first half, but was caught by a scrambling School defence.

The scoring was opened with a penalty by Te Aute's fullback, R. Eltu, closely followed by a penalty for School by G. Old, making the half-time score 3-all. In the second half School settled down to play better Rugby with J. Gilmer, playing his first college game at

halfback, serving his backs well. The first try of the game was scored when B. Middleton linked well with the outside backs. G. Old converted. From the kick-off School retained possession and ran the ball, with G. Simons making a break and putting G. Rendall over in the corner. School continued to dominate, winning much of the possession and keeping a good territorial advantage, though good tackling prevented them from scoring. The final points came with a penalty try resulting from a dangerous tackle on P. Broederlow, making the final score 19-3.

Hamilton Boys' High School (Hamilton, 4th August)

This was to prove to be one of School's hardest games and the result, 10-10, was a fair indication of the game.

In the first half School played with the strong breeze which was to be one of the deciding factors later in the game. School were first to score, with M. Donaldson scoring from a scrum. The game was played mainly in the forwards, although School spun the ball well. R. McCarthy was later to score and J. Cameron converted. At the change School was leading 10-0.

The second half saw Hamilton using the wind well; high up-and-unders were used throughout the half and good defence by School backs held Hamilton out. Hamilton scored and converted, then scored again to draw the game 10-10. Late in the second half School missed several scoring opportunities and dominated the final stages of the 2nd half.

Tries: M. Donaldson and R. McCarthy; J. Cameron, conversion.

For Hamilton: R. Ofoske and R. McGhie scored tries; C. Litt converted one try.

Auckland Grammar (Rugby Park, 18th August)

In a fine climax to the season, School secured its unbeaten record in the last game, against Auckland Grammar, with a 35-6 win. This was in more ways than one a good note to end the season on, as it represented Mr. M. Carroll's 50th college game.

School played into the wind in the first half and when it led 13-3 at half-time the writing was on the wall for Grammar. Within minutes of the second spell School had added another 14 points to lead 27-3. School's forwards dominated the match and paved the way for some fine backline running. Auckland Grammar was also hamstrung by the lack of ball, though on occasions the centres got the ball and there was more than a hint of promising running, especially by centre L. Henley-Smith.

School combined as a team with every member playing his part; in the forwards G. Old showed his usual excellent form, while the loose trio dominated broken play. Replacement forward D. Harvie was to show reserved ability. G. Simons and R. McCarthy combined well and created most of the scoring opportunities, while M. Donaldson played a sound game and served as a fine pivot.

Tries: R. McCarthy (2), G. Simons (2), J. Cameron, D. Willis; drop goal, J. Cameron; conversions, G. Old (2). Auckland Grammar: penalty goals, H. Newton (2).

2nd XV

The team consisted of: M. Houston, L. Kjestrup, D. Strawbridge, P. Fitzpatrick, D. Dreadon, R. Nicholas, G. Roper (captain), P. Somerton, M. Broadmore, D. Hutchings, B. Emson, W. Newton, M. Ries (vice-captain), P. Lightbourne, M. Gray, J. Numa, B. Armstrong, and D. Fischer.

Compared to previous years, this team turned on some fine games, despite numerous injuries and promotions to the First Squad during the season.

Particularly notable games were those played on the School Gully. However, this is not to say the team did not perform well outside the school.

The traditional game against N.P. Old Boys 3rd grade, played at Vogeltown Park, showed the determination of the team as a whole, and resulted in a very good win and the retention of the Gordon Roper Memorial Shield. The annual match against Hamilton Boys' High School 2nd XV, this year played on the Gully, ended in a hard-fought three-all draw.

Injuries in the 1st XV led to the promotion of P. Somerton to play for the "Firsts" against P.N.B.H.S., and also the Te Aute match. D. Fischer and G. Roper also reserved for the 1st XV.

Several young players showed promise and performed well during the season. These include: L. Kjestrup, M. Gray and P. Fitzpatrick; the latter two were selected to play for the Taranaki Under-16 team.

Good performances throughout the season were produced by: J. Numa, a solid-running prop forward; D. Fischer, who played consistently hard games; M. Ries, an intelligent and fast loose forward; P. Somerton, a sound first five-eighth; and D. Strawbridge, a determined winger.

The successful season must be credited to the hard practices against the 1st's, to Mr. Carroll's coaching, and to the help provided by Mr. Mossop.

Fourth Grade

This year the 4th Grade side has proved successful in winning the Flanagan Shield for the top team in Taranaki; this is the first time in eight years that a School team has won the Shield, which has been held by a very strong Inglewood side for several years.

The competition was closest from the Stratford, Clifton and Fitzroy teams, and even stronger when our team faced Opunake in the final. However, we secured the victory by two points in a fast and close-fought game, to win 9-7.

The team thanks Mr. Bellringer for his enthusiastic coaching throughout the season.

Intersec B's

This season, as usual, the B's was a very good team; in fact it was so strong that it would be unfair to name 'good' players because everyone qualified. However, the top try-scorer was N. Harrison, whose play was outstanding.

In spite of being such a good team we failed to win the competition, coming second to Stratford High School's 1st XV after drawing 9-9 with them in the first round, but losing the second match 17-6. A consolation is that in past years Stratford High School has fielded its 2nd XV in this grade.

Top score this season was a win of 50-0 over Opunake High School's 1st XV.

This year the captain of the team was C. Hone, with M. Herdman as vice-captain.

The Intersec B's would like to thank our very efficient and popular coach, Mr. Bublitz.

Fifth Grade

This year saw only one 5th grade team entered in the competition and success was difficult to attain. A squad of 18 players enabled all to play regularly and some enjoyable and close games were played. Try scorers on trips away invariably had to "shout" eats and lemonade to the other less fortunate mortals, and this may have accounted for an overall disappointing season in that more games were lost than won, although none were lost by large margins.

Some good team Rugby was seen during the season and individually some players shone consistently throughout the season. Those worthy of mention for consistent performance were: Newland (captain), Campbell (vice-captain), Eady, Brown, Wilson, Ensor, Christophers and Carruthers.

School Under 15½ v. Wanganui Collegiate

The School side was outclassed in all aspects of the game, which was held at Wanganui Collegiate, and although we managed to score, the end result never looked seriously in doubt, as the Wanganui side continued to combine well as a team and force the School side into defence time and time again. Perfect handling by the Wanganui side was their strongest asset and this, allied with teamwork, enabled them to emerge the victors. Our side had not trained as a team before and this became evident throughout the game, although there was some good individual play from S. Lowrie and B. Te Uira. We look forward to meeting Wanganui in New Plymouth next year and perhaps this time we will give our rivals a greater challenge.

Sailing

At the beginning of the year a second-hand Z Class yacht in reasonable condition was purchased for \$35. A terylene sail was donated by Mr. Cleaver and after some minor work, the boat was raced during the season. During the winter several members stripped, sanded, and repainted the boat and replaced the foredeck.

Membership of the school club gives use of facilities at the N.P. Yacht Club. Each boy using the school boat is expected to contribute 20 cents per day to cover maintenance and replacement of gear.

R. Power.

Skiing

This year was one of the North Island's most disappointing ski seasons, with poor snow conditions and consequent cancellation of many major races, including the annual Inter-Secondary Schools Championships. However, considering that boys from this school race against New Zealand's best, some of whom train continually here and overseas, they do well.

Some of this season's features include: coaching in national training camps by the American Women's team coach, Ron Sargent, and by New Zealand's top racing instructors, John Zapp and John Armstrong (this was received by W. Brown, C. Burr, and C. Molloy); Chris Burr's selection for the MacKenzie Scholarship after being coached by a top American instructor, Tim Kennedy; participation in the North Island and National championships at Mt. Ruapehu by Burr, Brown and Molloy; R. Geden's and W. Brown's attendance at the Coronet Cup sponsored by Mount Cook Airlines; positions held by Brown, Burr, Molloy and Geden on the national points register, run on a similar basis to the F.I.S. points system.

Individual results in some of this season's major races were—

Taranaki Championships: C. Burr and W. Brown, 5th equal (members of the New Zealand B squad, now named the Junior squad);

Stratford Mountain Club Junior Slalom: Brown 1st;

North Island Championships: Brown 8th in the slalom, Burr 15th in the giant slalom;

National Championships: Brown 9th in the slalom, 14th in the giant slalom, 14th in the downhill, and 8th in the combined.

C. Molloy.

Soccer

FIRST XI

At the beginning of the season we decided that because of a lack of coaches and players, together with other factors, we would not field a team in the local senior competition for probably the first time in First XI history. Instead, under the auspices of Mr. Picton, a team would be selected from club players attending the school to play college games, something many people have been wanting for years. The result would supposedly be a stronger team; however, because of lack of combination, this was not to be the case.

Wellington College (lost 5-1)

Because of the factors already mentioned, School was at a disadvantage, but put all its heart into keeping the game open. College scored first, but G. Dods equalised soon after. However, College kept the game tight and played well under the conditions, so that by the end they had run up a formidable win. But School was not disgraced; the baby of the team, Roger White, turned in a sterling example of wet-weather football, as did A. Peverwijk and B. Hollins.

Mt. Albert Grammar (drew 3-3)

In this second game, School had lost Yearbury (the goalkeeper) and Dods, who had Central League commitments; but I. Stevens, P. Ritchie and D. Batty were worthy replacements. P. Winter moved into goal, where he played outstandingly for a retired keeper.

In this game, at Western Park on an extremely windy day, School was out to uphold its win of the previous year and to keep the Egmont Trophy.

Winning the toss, Le Sueur elected to play with the wind—a move that was to prove decisive. Both teams went immediately onto attack and, against the run of play, Grammar scored from a goal-mouth scramble. Undaunted, School retaliated, and was rewarded with a goal by J. Le Sueur from 40 yards out. Grammar, still with plenty of fight, scored again, but just before half-time left-wing dynamo Meuli scored from 30 yards out to level the score at 2-2.

After some tactical changes at half-time, School went out to defend its honour. Beverwijk and Rodrigues, though a brickwall on defence, could not stop the powerful groundshots, and eventually Grammar drew ahead with a well-placed drive by Freshwater.

School, not to be outdone, broke the wind and some carefully calculated play by Ritchie set Stevens up for the equaliser. The teams remained evenly matched until ten minutes from the end when School began to dominate, but could not manage a clincher. However, we had kept the Egmont Trophy, and Peter Winter had shown us that goalies can run (very fast).

Wanganui Boys' College (lost 2-1)

In this game, team morale was high after the draw against Mt. Albert. School started with constructive football, but against the run of play Wanganui scored. Play was then even until good forward play resulted in an equaliser by P. Urbahn.

After the break, School lost J. Le Sueur and B. Meuli, but I. Stevens and N. Le Sueur were able replacements. Urbahn, fresh out of the social soccer side, made some devastating runs, coming close to scoring on several occasions. School had Wanganui running in circles, but a much-disputed decision gave Boys' College an easy goal, bringing the final score to 2-1.

Hamilton Boys' High School (lost 3-1)

With exams in the air, School lost the services of Beverwijk and Rodrigues, and some re-arrangement was necessary. In this last game, at Hamilton, we were hoping for a win, but this was not to be.

When play began, School showed its class in defence and mid-field play and had Hamilton stretched. Finally a defender deflected a drive from Urbahn goalwards and we had scored. However, Hamilton rebounded to level the score by catching our keeper, Winter, out of place. Several minutes later they scored again, bringing the half-time score to 2-1.

FIRST SOCCER XI



Back: I. Stevens, P. J. Winter, N. J. Le Sueur, G. D. Yearbury, D. G. Batty, R. K. Bromley, G. L. Dods.
Front: R. S. White, W. B. Meuli, P. E. Ritchie, J. T. Le Sueur, A. G. Beverwijk, A. L. Fox, D. A. Mackay, B. S. Hollins.

In the second half School, despite some constructive attacks, failed to capitalise on its chances; our defence, caught too square, left a Hamilton attacker free for the shot. After that, try as we might, we could not score. Meuli clipped a beautiful shot, but it hit the crossbar; J. Le Sueur made a dazzling run, but his shot met the same fate. At full-time no fewer than five of our shots had beaten the Hamilton keeper and then hit the goalposts. School was unlucky to lose, but full credit must go to Hamilton for playing good, clean, winning football.

In retrospect, the team had the greatest potential of any First XI in the last half decade, but it could not overcome the lack of match combination attributable to the fact that it played only four games as a unit. What is the future of the XI? Even if only to uphold our college commitments, School should do its utmost to field a team, but to achieve success it must play together permanently.

We thank Mr. Picton, who gained the respect of all for his deep knowledge of the game and his willingness to pass this on. The season may not have been a great success in terms of results, but most of us enjoyed it in many other respects. The team for the season was: G. Yearbury, P. Winter, R. Bromley, A. Fox, A. Rodrigues, A. Beverwijk, J. Le Sueur (captain), B. Hollins, R. White, B. Meuli, P. Ritchie, G. Dods, N. Le Sueur, P. Urbahn, I. Stevens, D. Mackay, D. Batty.

J. Le Sueur.

Lower Grades

With the departure of Mr. Wright on leave to England and of Mr. de Zeeuw for Rhodesia, we lost their valuable services this season. Consequently, fewer teams represented the School on Saturday mornings.

School fielded two third grade teams, whose progress in the second half of the season was such that one finished runners-up in the division, while the other finished in the top half. Credit is due to all players for their willingness to learn and their sportsmanship on the field.

Social Soccer

"Who reckons it was a success?"

"It was a success."

"Paul thinks it was—egotist!"

"It was a success—I was the captain; I was the boss!"

"How many did we have playing for us?"

"Twenty-five; we always managed to scrape up a team."

"Remember Harold from Hawera? And Joe Cool's magic water?"

"Would you go back to playing Rugby?"

"I never did anyway—properly, that is."

"Paul, do you think you'd go back?"

"In social soccer you can become an individual; Rugby is a team game which just doesn't hold with me."

"The thing is with social soccer that anyone can play anywhere; we didn't have special positions or anything like that. Morris is a spasmodic player—stands with his hands in his pockets!"

"Yeah, well, if you get the stitch you can just lie down on the field."

"There should be a special social soccer grade; there were too many keen teams."

"Where did we come in the competition, anyway?"

"Last!"

"Did we? Oh, that was well done!"

"Hey, who arranged the social soccer team?"

"It came out of last year's Second XI really; that was virtually a social team."

"I never knew how to play soccer till I joined the team. I suppose it was the same for most of us. It is easy to learn."

"Who needs to learn anyway?"

"We weren't told off for wearing jeans and jandals."

"No-one wore jeans and jandals."

"I did—once."

"Radical!"

"What happened that time on the way to Stratford?"

"Joe Cool blew a hole in his piston. But the 'Blob' made it all the way there and back."

"Did we win?"

"Beat them 6-2."

"I don't reckon there'll be a social soccer team next year; the sixth form is too apathetic."

"The fifths are a good bunch, though."

It was obvious that everyone enjoyed playing. The emphasis was not on winning (as the results testify!) on playing the game. However, we did have potential; Paul Urbahn made the First XI and a number of other First XI members played for us regularly.

B. Sim, et al.

Softball

Softball games began for the 1973-74 season on October 27th, and the School is fortunate in being able to field two teams in regular competition. The teams are known as Black and White, and some most promising players are evident in these teams. Practice sessions are held on Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes and Tuesday and Thursday after school, and each session attracts full attendance. It is hoped to have the National Softball coach in attendance early in December to instruct the boys, and we have received generous assistance in coaching from Mr. R. Shippey, who is associated with the Taranaki Softball Association. A tournament has been arranged in Hamilton on December 2nd, and several boys have indicated their intention to seek inclusion in the inter-secondary school squad for this tournament.

The school competition in February and March, 1973, resulted in the School team coming 2nd in the competition.

Squash

This newly founded club, initiated by Mr. Mossop, gained immediate support, with over 30 members taking on the sport at the beginning of the year. By paying a subscription of \$7, the boys became members of the Y.M.C.A. Junior Squash Club, which entitled them to hire a court at no charge. By joining the club through the School, boys could take part in arranged competition, weekly on Tuesday afternoons from 3.20 to 5.00 p.m.

Attendance on club nights was pleasing, as boys familiarised themselves with the game and developed technique by playing more experienced players. With the arrival of the Rugby season it was found that a majority of the members had Rugby practices on Tuesday nights; this necessitated changing club night to Friday. Unfortunately, during the Rugby season enthusiasm fell, as boys found that they had less time to devote to squash with their increasing obligations to other winter sports. Our newly developed ladder had to be abandoned,

as many senior boys could not find the time to play the required matches. Many boys are now arranging games between themselves when it suits them. We encourage this and are sure that members feel the initial subscription is well worthwhile.

It is generally agreed that squash is a most invigorating and enjoyable game and is ideal for maintaining peak physical fitness. The club will continue next year, and it is hoped that N.P.B.H.S. will field a team in the inter-secondary school competition.

D. R. Jans.

Steeplechase

The annual Cross Country Championships were held on Tuesday, October 2nd. The weather was overcast and rather cool, which provided good conditions for running, though some cold rain fell during the senior race. Despite rain during the previous day and night, the course was in a reasonable condition, though it got pretty slippery going down Fort Niger. Courses were the same as in previous years.

D. Brown established an early lead in the Seniors and held that lead, finishing clear of the rest of the field, also gaining fastest time. D. Harkness ran well for second. The outstanding aspect of the Senior race was the participation of the Carrington Seniors, who convincingly won the House points with 864, with 27 runners in the first 60 home. Moyes were second with 288, and Pridham third with 209.

K. Burgess ran well off his handicap of 80 sec. and was the first runner home in the Intermediate section. J. Bennetts finished second and on amended times he was placed fourth. S. Newton, off 20 sec., finished seventh but recorded the fastest time. The Intermediate House competition was won by Pridham with 440; second was East with 415; third Carrington with 365.

In the Juniors, M. Waite off 50 secs. finished first well ahead of the others and also had the fastest time, only 22 sec. off the record. D. Frederikson also ran well and was third home with second fastest time. Junior House points were won by West with 401; second was Carrington with 381; third Moyes with 379.

Total House points saw Carrington with a convincing victory ahead of the other houses with 1610 points. Pridham (827) were second and West (803) third.

Results in detail:—

JUNIOR

M. Waite (Central)	....	....	....	....	1
D. Robinson (West)	....	....	....	....	2
D. Frederikson (Moyes)	....	....	....	....	3
K. Death (Pridham)	....	....	....	....	4
P. Lennon (Carr.)	....	....	....	....	5

Fastest Times

M. Waite (Central), 11min. 9sec.	....	1
D. Frederikson (Moyes), 11min. 27sec.	....	2
B. Fleming (West), 11min. 53sec.	....	3
K. Death (Pridham), 11min. 55sec.	....	4
P. Lennon (Carr.), 12min. 1sec.	....	5=
G. Charteris (Moyes), 12min. 1sec.	....	5=

INTERMEDIATE

K. Burgess (West)	....	....	....	....	1
J. Bennetts (East)	....	....	....	....	2
G. Leathley (West)	....	....	....	....	3
P. Ritchie (Central)	....	....	....	....	4
R. White (Central)	....	....	....	....	5



STEEPLECHASE PREPARATIONS

Fastest Times

S. Newton (Moyes), 13min. 18sec.	....	1
P. Broad (Central), 13min. 25sec.	....	2
P. White (Carr.), 13min. 29sec.	....	3
J. Bennetts (East), 13min. 44sec.	....	4
P. Ritchie (Central), 13min. 47sec.	....	5

Seniors, also fastest times

D. Brown (West), 17min. 30sec.	....	1
D. Harkness (Carr.), 18min. 4sec.	....	2
M. Houston (Carr.), 18min. 19sec.	....	3
B. Kjestrup (Moyes), 18min. 20sec.	....	4
M. Bone (Central), 18min. 23sec.	....	5

D. Harkness.

Taranaki Inter-Secondary School Steeplechase

This year the intersec cross-country was held just over a week after our own School steeplechase. It was held at Spotswood, under ideal running conditions, but the course soon checked those runners who were unaccustomed to running on small tracks and in sheep ruts.

Results of our entrants:

Senior: B. Kjestrup (17.28) 4th, D. Harkness (17.29) 5th, M. Herdman (17.30) 6th, M. Houston (17.32) 8th. Team: 1st place.

Intermediate: P. Broad (14.23) 7th, P. White (14.45) 10th, J. Smith (15.09) 13th, S. Bennetts (15.06) 14th. Team: 2nd place.

Juniors: D. Frederikson (11.50) 10th, M. Waite (11.51) 11th, K. Death (12.17) 20th, L. Sarten (12.19) 22nd. Team: 3rd place.

A very good performance by all teams, even though we lacked outstanding runners. The Seniors must be mentioned for their very fine effort of having all eight runners in the first 13 places.

Our thanks to those who supplied transport and to Mr. Rattray for his support.

L. W. Stallard.

Surfing

This is the second year in which the school has had organised surfing, a strong club having been formed under the guidance of Mr. Rattray. Before entry could be gained, the following tests had to be passed:

1. Demonstrate expired-air resuscitation;
2. In a moderate surf, swim out at least 100 yards and return;
3. In contact with one's board, bring in a patient.

These tests had to be completed before entry into the School Championships on 26 March. In choppy conditions, the following gained places: 1. Glass 1st, M. Anderson 2nd, M. Whitlam 3rd, A. Mossop 4th.

These four boys were chosen, with M. Erceg as reserve, to represent the School in the Taranaki Inter-Secondary Championships at Waitara the week before Easter. In ideal conditions, they retained the Dennis Whittaker Memorial Trophy after an extremely close contest against Spotswood and Waitara. Ian Glass won the individual contest with an outstanding display of boardriding.

We thank Mr. Rattray and Nigel Dwyer of Del Surfboards for organising the competition and arranging the judging.

A. Mossop.



Oops!

SCHOOL SURFING TEAM

SPORTS



A. G. Mossop, M. Anderson, M. Whitham, I. Glass.

Swimming

The School Swimming Sports were held in perfect weather on 27th February. Moyes House won the house competition, followed by West and Pridham. Individual championships were won by: Senior, B. Baillie; Intermediate, R. Tansey; Junior, R. Beaven. Although most races were contested strongly and lots of spirit was shown everywhere, there was only one record broken, when J. Clark broke his own 100 yards Intermediate breaststroke record.

SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

- 440 yards Freestyle: B. Baillie 1, M. Bone 2, S. Lepper 3.
 220 yards Freestyle: B. Baillie 1, J. Hepworth 2, S. Lepper 3. Time: 2mins. 31.2secs.
 100 yards Freestyle: G. Old 1, B. Baillie 2, J. Hepworth 3. Time: 60.8sec.
 100 yards Breaststroke: J. Clark 1, J. Hepworth 2, G. Yearbury 3. Time: 1min. 22.5sec.
 100 yards Backstroke: B. Baillie 1, M. Bone 2. Time: 1min. 19.5 secs.
 100 yards Butterfly: S. Edwards 1. Time: 1min. 59.8sec.
 133 1/3 yards Medley: M. Bone 1, J. Grayling 2, S. Edwards 3. Time: 1min. 54sec.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 440 yards Freestyle: R. Tansey 1, M. Gray 2, J. Mildenhall 3.
 220 yards Freestyle: R. Tansey 1, M. Gray 2, I. Fraser 3. Time: 2mins. 35.5secs.
 100 yards Freestyle: R. Tansey 1, J. Clark 2, M. Gray 3. Time: 60.3secs.
 100 yards Breaststroke: J. Clark 1, I. Fraser 2, M. Gray 3. Time: 1min. 13.7secs. (Record).
 100 yards Backstroke: M. Gray 1, B. Giles 2, R. Tansey 3. Time: 1min. 18.8secs.
 50 yards Butterfly: J. Clark 1, R. White 2, B. Giles 3. Time: 32.2secs.
 133 1/3 yards Medley: J. Clark 1, R. Tansey 2, M. Gray 3. Time: 1min. 38.6sec.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 220 yards Freestyle: R. Beaven 1, B. Giles 2, R. Greenway 3.
 100 yards Freestyle: R. Beaven 1, R. White 2, R. Greenway 3. Time: 1min. 2.1secs.
 50 yards Freestyle: R. White 1, R. Beaven 2, R. Greenway 3. Time: 28.8secs.
 50 yards Breaststroke: K. Burgess 1, M. Nielson 2, C. Marshall 3. Time: 37.9secs.
 50 yards Backstroke: R. Greenway 1, R. Beaven 2, R. White 3. Time: 35.9secs.
 100 yards Medley: B. Giles 1, R. Beaven 2, R. Greenway 3. Time: 1min. 15.1secs.

AGE RACES

- 33 1/3 yards Freestyle (Under 13): S. Chamberlain 1, A. Berentson 2, V. Langman 3. Time: 22.2secs.
 50 yards Freestyle (Under 14): Smart 1, B. Blennerhasset 2, S. Shanahan 3. Time: 30.4secs.
 50 yards Freestyle (Under 15): A. Wood 1, G. Wood 2, M. Coplestone 3. Time: 30.6secs.
 50 yards Freestyle (Under 16): J. Shearer 1, P. Thompson 2, M. McLaughlin 3. Time: 28.8secs.
 50 yards Freestyle (Under 17): D. Dreadon 1, N. Campbell 2, M. Lowe 3. Time: 27.8secs.
 50 yards Freestyle (Over 17): D. Strawbridge 1, B. Middleton 2, M. Donaldson 3. Time: 28secs.

DIVING

Senior: S. Edwards 1, B. Armstrong 2, G. Yearbury 3.
 Intermediate: P. Fitzpatrick 1, G. Leathley 2, P. Hurley 3.

Junior: A. Berentson 1, M. Le Pine 2, S. Shanahan 3.

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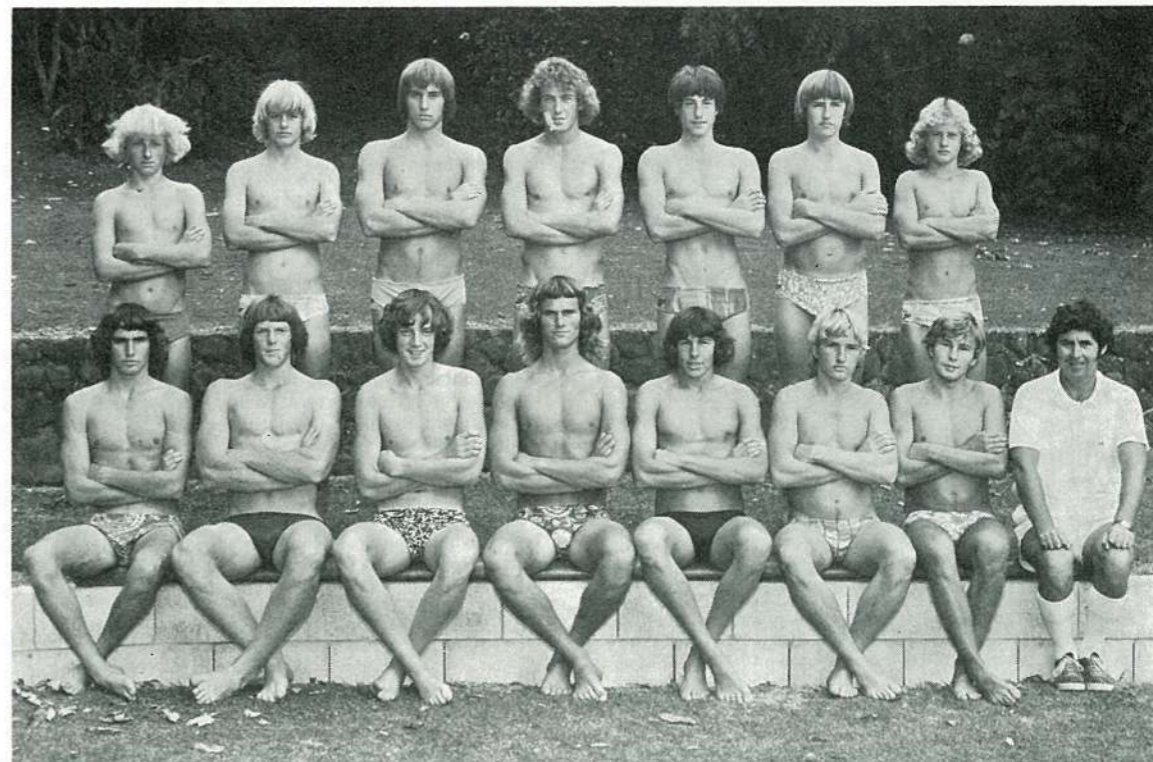
Old Boys' Race: Old Boys 1, School 2.
 Inter-Form: 3A 1, 6A 2, 5G 3. Time: 1min. 20.5secs.
 Inter-House: Pridham 1, West 2, Carrington 3. Time: 1min. 10.1secs.
 Day Boys v. Boarders: Days Boys 1, Boarders 2. Time: 1min. 46.1secs.

House Competition: Moyes 1, West 2, Pridham 3.

Life-Saving (Smith and Easton Cup): A. Wilson and R. Gray 1, M. Phillips and M. Thompson 2, B. Armstrong and S. Edwards, T. Power and J. Owen, 3rd equal.

SCHOOL SWIMMING TEAM

SPORTS



Back: R. Beaven, K. Burgess, A. Gray, G. Mildenhall, R. Tansey, T. Shearer, D. White.

Front: D. J. Dreadon, G. Old, J. Hepworth, B. Manning, R. B. Baillie, J. Clark, M. Bone, Mr. B. E. Rattray.

Taranaki Inter-Secondary Schools' Swimming Sports

The Inter-secs were also held in good conditions at Hawera. The team, captained by L. Brown, produced some excellent results. A notable achievement was the winning of all three relays, particularly the Intermediate relay, in which our team did not look the strongest on paper. There were three records broken by School swimmers: the Junior boys 66 2/3 yards Freestyle by R. Greenway; the Junior boys 66 2/3 yards Backstroke by B. Giles; and the Senior boys 100 yards Breaststroke by J. Clark.

Results:—

Senior

D. Dreadon: 3rd 66 2/3 yards Freestyle.
 G. Old: 1st 66 2/3 yards Freestyle.
 B. Manning: 1st 100 yards Butterfly, 1st 133 1/3 yards Medley, 2nd 100 yards Freestyle.
 B. Baillie: 2nd 200 yards Freestyle, 2nd 100 yards Backstroke, 3rd 100 yards Freestyle.
 J. Clark: 1st 100 yards Breaststroke (record).
 M. Bone: 3rd 133 1/3 yards Medley.
 J. Hepworth: 2nd 100 yards Breaststroke.

Intermediate

I. Fraser: 3rd 66 2/3 yards Breaststroke.
 J. Clark: 2nd 133 1/3 yards Medley, 2nd 66 2/3 yards Butterfly.

Junior

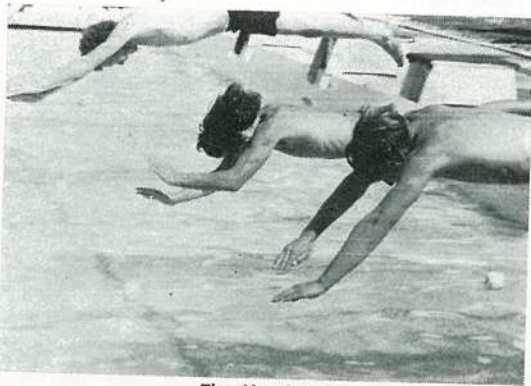
R. White: 1st 33 1/3 yards Butterfly, 3rd 66 2/3 yards Freestyle, 3rd 100 yards Freestyle.
 K. Burgess: 1st 66 2/3 yards Breaststroke, 3rd 33 1/3 yards Butterfly.
 B. Giles: 1st 66 2/3 yards Backstroke (record), 1st 100 yards Medley, 3rd 200 yards Freestyle.
 R. Greenway: 1st 66 2/3 yards Freestyle (record), 2nd 66 2/3 yards Backstroke.
 R. Beaven: 2nd 100 yards Freestyle, 2nd 200 yards Freestyle.

North Island Inter-Secondary Schools Championships

Mr. Rattray took a team of four down to Palmerston North for the North Island Inter-secs. The team consisted of: B. Baillie, Senior 100 metres Freestyle; J. Clarke, Senior 100 metres Breaststroke, 200 metres breaststroke; R. Tansey, Junior 100 metres Freestyle and R. Beaven, Junior 200 metres Freestyle.

Although our only placing was a 3rd in the 100 metres Breaststroke by J. Clark, the whole team did personal best times and all enjoyed the trip.

We thank Mr. Rattray for the time and effort he has put not only into the School swimming squads, but also into swimming within the school in general.



The Heat's On

Tennis

Again this year, tennis in the senior school, particularly, has retained a high standard. A. Roguski and K. Bennett made the Taranaki Junior ladder. Most of the senior team do, of course, play in the Northern Division A Grade inter-club competition for outside clubs.

In the first term A. Roguski and J. Norton represented the School in the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Championship singles competition held at Inglewood High School, while Bennett and C. Hone paired off in the doubles. We completely dominated the championships, with Roguski taking the singles title, and Norton the runner-up. Bennett and Hone took the doubles title, completely outclassing the Hawera pair 9-0.

In the first term two inter-collegiate fixtures were played; the first one, played on our home courts, was against Wanganui Collegiate. The team was: A. Roguski, K. Bennett (captain), C. Hone, P. Winter, K. Burgess, and R. Giffkins. As usual the team was never pushed and ran out the winners by 8-1.

Our next opponents were Hamilton Boys' High School. Although beaten 9-0, we were far from disgraced. Luck just was not with us! Seven of the nine games went to three sets—just pipped each time. Hamilton, watch out next year when we play you here!

In the third term we are due to play three fixtures: Palmerston North Boys' High School, a return match against Wanganui Collegiate, and a new fixture this year, in combination with the Girls' High School, against Hutt Valley High School. The team will be: A. Roguski, K. Bennett (captain), C. Hone, P. Winter, K. Burgess, R. Giffkins, and D. Martin. Let's hope we can win these.

During the year a number of competitions were held in the school, with good entries in the various events. The results were:

Third form tournament: S. Wood.

Junior singles (Hebert Smith Cup): S. Wood.

Intermediate singles (McKeon Cup): S. Wood.

Senior singles (Candy Cup): A. Roguski.

House competition (Stevenson Cup): East House.

Day Boys v. Boarders, Beetham Cup): Day Boys.

In the Taranaki Junior Championships K. Bennett and A. Roguski were successful in winning the doubles, against strong opposition from throughout the province. Many thanks to Mr. Heaps who has done so much for tennis this year.

K. Bennett.

Tramping

The club has had a successful year, with many boys undertaking tramps to different parts of the mountain and one to White Cliffs on the national gas pipeline. Tramps were led by seniors boys with the help of the new masters; the club has done nine tramps during the year.

The Masters-in-charge have been Mr. Morton, Mr. Hart and Mr. Lamont, while the committee elected at the beginning of the year comprised C. Molloy (club captain), D. Gaskin (secretary), A. Gordon (treasurer), M. Bone, R. Bristol, B. Emson, D. Ensor, G. Gower, M. Hayton, M. Keat and A. Wilson.

Unfortunately we were unable to make an ascent of the mountain; we tried three times, but each time the weather forced us to turn back. But we did complete an overnight camp in the Kaitakes run by some of the senior members.

Trips during the second term included a ski trip on the Stratford side of the Mountain, with gear hired from Mr. Mace. Another trip was held on the Maketawa Track, when senior members had to lend out gear because the weather turned bad and some boys were not fully equipped. This is a fault that we will have to correct on future tramps.

D. H. Gaskin.

Volleyball

Again this year volleyball did not have a great following as far as a School team was concerned. Early in the first term the Inter-Secondary School Tournament was held again at Spotswood one Friday night. It was obvious that enthusiasm was lacking in the other schools too, evidenced by the lack of entries.

Our team, comprising R. Pearce, S. Lepper, D. Mackay, P. Winter, D. Gaskin and G. Jones, was formed on the Monday before the tournament. We managed one half-hearted practice after school one night and turned up on the Friday ready to "sweep the pool". In the final against Opuake, we met our match. The set was the best of three games, with Opuake narrowly defeating us 15-12 in the third game.

It can be learnt from this that volleyball is "the team game" and a team is only as strong as its weakest man. Interest is shown in the volleyball games which the junior forms play during their gym periods—let's hope this is an indication of the future of volleyball at our School.

R. Pearce.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

I TALK TO THE WIND

Said the straight man to the late man,
Where have you been?
I've been here, I've been there,
And I've been in between.
I'm on the outside looking inside
And what do I see?
A lot of confusion
Surrounding me.
If we make it I will sit back and laugh
But I fear tomorrow we'll be crying,
Yes, I fear tomorrow we'll be crying.
My words are carried away
So I talk
To the wind.

A. Berentson, 3E.

ENGINEERING

Pistons, valves and wheels and gears,
That's the life of engineers,
Thumping, churking engines going,
Hissing steam and whistles blowing.
There's not a place I'd rather be,
Than working round machinery,
Listening to that clanking sound,
Watching all the wheels go round.

R. Bibby, 3C.

THE RIVER

At night it appears so clean,
Lights of the city dancing upon
Shimmering lovely water,
Life to all.

By day, the green truth shows
Slimy garbage slipping down
Spoiled polluted water,
Death to all.

W. Brown, 4H.



SALVO—G. L. Dods, 5A



OLD MAN—G. L. Dods, 5A

SUNRISE IN THE THIRD SYSTEM

As I awoke I did not know where I was, but I knew that I had come to witness something spectacular.

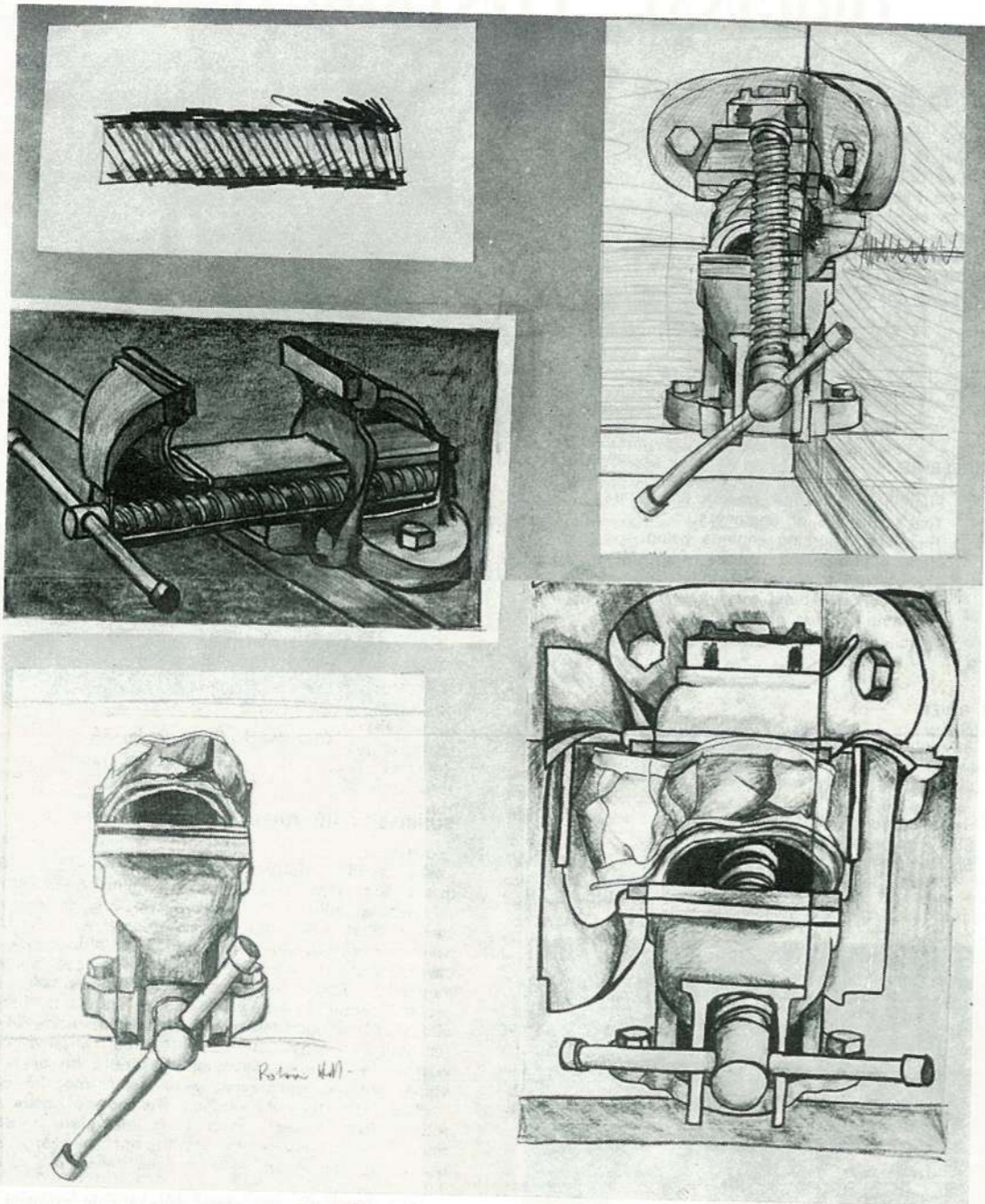
I was standing on a ridge overlooking an enormous canyon filled with night's cloak of shadows. From the valley far below, the great cold-faced stone wall concaved upwards and erupted into a jagged chain of mountains, dawn's misty shawl upon them.

My attention was now focused on the distant horizon, obscured by clouds but where now a narrow ray of pale red danced across the sky. Closed in questions, I watched the furious ball of orange fire, colossal in size, stupendous in appearance, ease itself into the day.

Taut with fear, I watched the god of gods spell rebirth from its heart. With its furious glory it roasted the distant mountains to a white-hot coke and, penetrating into the abyss below, caused the valleys to blush with excitement.

And when the sky above was a cold crimson, and the warmth of the red light knelt at the foot of the mountains below, I knew that sunrise in the third system was over.

G. Buxton, 5C.



ANALYTICAL DRAWINGS—Robin Hill, 6F.

THE INFINITE CYCLE

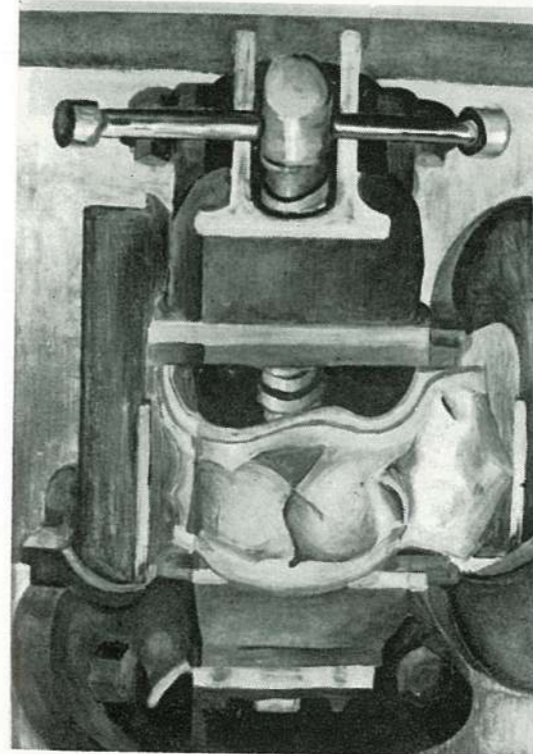
I watched from a high window the nocturnal gloom,
 Numbed by the flow of tar upon my world
 Where but an hour before had blossomed
 The living colours of golden, vibrant summer.
 And the sun, a ball of hot toffee, balm-like had seeped
 Into every pore, every cell, had doped the mind.
 The electric light above my head was dead.
 Jupiter daubed the world with ebony ink,
 The distant stars only strengthened the dark.
 The moon was lost in night-voyages of clouds,
 The hour of the old day had passed, the new had begun.
 The White Rider spread dawn across the sky
 And the resurrected sun again brought light
 The infinite cycle does still govern the earth.

Peter Butt, 6G.

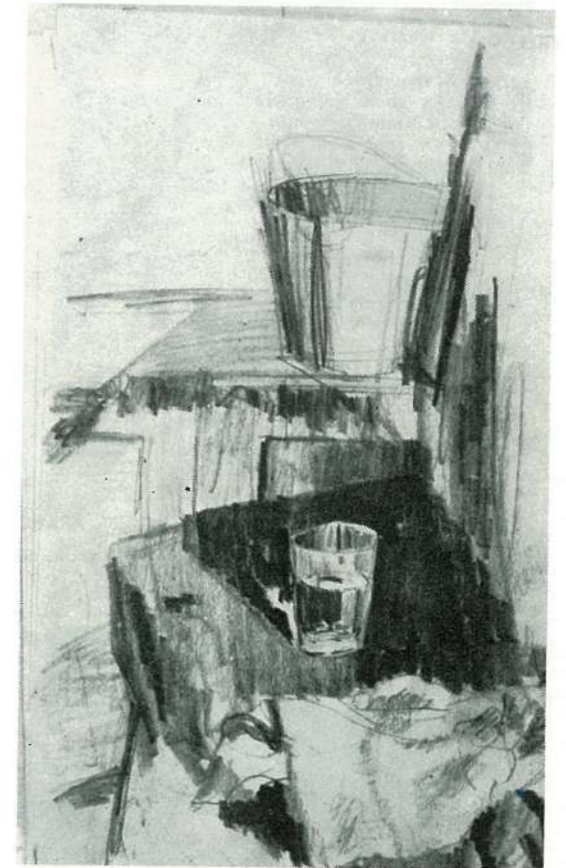
FIRST THERE!

I looked around the sheep that day,
 I looked up and down the hills that day,
 And there it was!
 A small lamb lying beside its Mum.
 My face lit up,
 I said to myself,
 I'm first to see that lamb!
 Out of all the thousands of people,
 I was first to see that lamb.
 I looked around the sheep that day—
 Do you know about that day?

S. Drnasin, 3F.



PAINTING—Robin Hill, 6F



STILL LIFE DRAWING—J. Leggott, 5A

MONDAY

I wake up Monday morning just on five to eight,
 Slowly I roll out of bed, knowing I'll be late.
 A quick wash in the bathroom, then, still only half alive,
 Returning to my bedroom, back into bed I dive.
 At ten past eight I'm up again, just as tired as before,
 Open the curtains, brush my hair, then back into
 bed once more.
 At half past eight I slowly rise and then, with a
 mighty rush,
 I dress, have breakfast, make my bed, and give my
 teeth a brush.
 Twenty to nine, informs my watch, as I steal another
 glance.
 Is my lunch in my bag? Are my books all there? I'll
 have to take a chance.
 Mum's out of bed and she laughs like mad when I
 push her out of the way:
 "Where do you think you're going?" she cries. "You
 nut, it's Labour Day!"

C. Chamberlain, 6F.

FREEDOM

Freedom: a word,
Or something more?
A state of mind,
Or something real?
Where is it found?
In the sky? On the land?
Around the earth,
Or only in places?
Why the rules
In a free country?
Regulations
Always with us,
But it's our lives,
Let us live them.
And the final freedom?
It comes to all
In varying degrees
Of pain and suffering:
Hated by some,
Loved by others,
Death is final,
Death is freedom.

D. Gaskin, 5C



COUNTERCHANGE—R. L. Mathieson, 5A



COKE BOTTLE—P. Tubby, 3A

THE TERRIBLE TWINS

"You are dumb, brother Peter, but yet you do sums
In your head like an adding machine;
Please tell me your marvellous trick, brother Pete,
Cause in maths, as you know, I'm a fiend."
"Oh yes, brother Paul, you think I am dumb,
But at maths I am really a whiz!
I'll tell you the answer tomorrow, I promise,
Just after the mathematics quiz."
"At maths you may be a whiz, brother Pete,
But at Latin you'll certainly flop.
Now let me repeat what happened last week
When you qualified for the strop."
"I recall, brother Paul, that I saw your marks fall
In the test that we had in September;
At the back of the book, in the list of kaput,
I saw two black crosses, remember!"

P. Goldsworthy and M. Bowler, 3H,
(Apologies to Lewis Carroll)

CAUTION

You'd think by now man would have learnt his lessons
And vowed to live at peace with all the earth,
But war, it seems, is one of man's obsessions.
Implanted in him from his very birth.
As long as there is man there will be war—
A thought like this is hard to understand.
A most important question is, I'm sure:
War is everlasting, but is man?
If man is to survive he'll have to watch it;
The world will have to run without a hitch.
But I've a feeling man is going to botch it,
When the future is determined by a switch.

C. Grange, 6F.

THE WORKS

As I wearily doze
in the soft long grass
overlooking the cliff
I wonder
What it would be like to be blind.
With my eyes I see
so many things:
gulls swooping,
driving gracefully in the wind,
the dark murky river,
and above it the freezing works
all roofs and massive machinery,
the towering chimney
puffing out its light fluffy smoke.
A sharp twirping whistle,
drifting down the breeze, signals smoko.
Running alongside the works
is a railway line—
diesels are towing wagons non-stop
like ants on concrete.
Then a sandfly bites me,
reminding me
I should be on my way.

G. Hill, 3G.



LINO CUT—J. R. Larsen, 4D

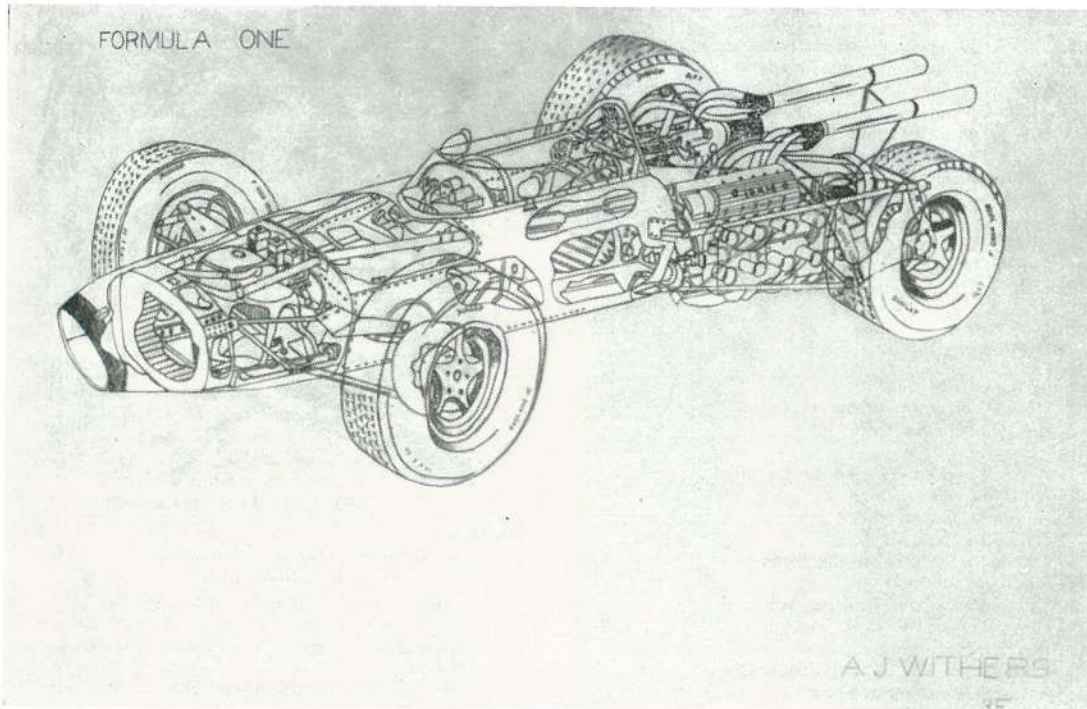
SHARK

He seemed to know the harbour
So liesurely he glided near
A grey shadow against clear blue water.
I was close enough to see his many scars,
White streaks from battles in secret depths.
His fin,
Like a piece of sheet-iron with a curved edge,
Looked as sharp as a razor blade
and yet
It stirred not a ripple.
Yet for all his grace of movement
He looked old and decrepit;
No longer roaming fearlessly in deep waters,
Shamefully, he had turned to scavenging
In shallow beaches.

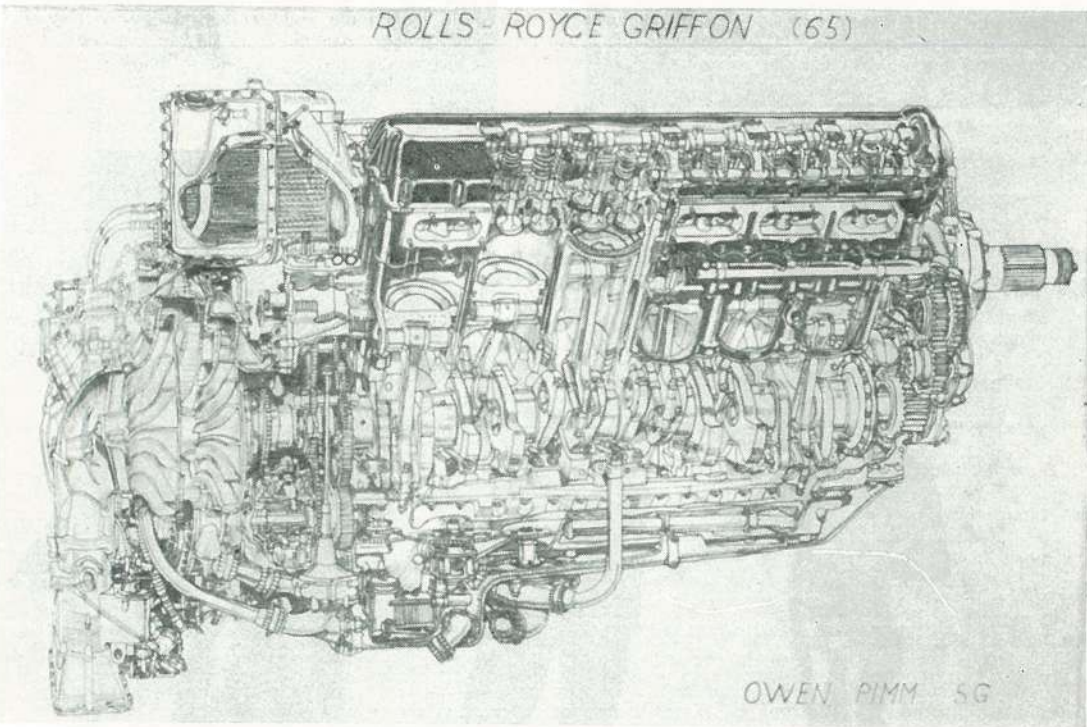
J. Lamb, 4D.



FIGURE STUDY—A. Mossop, 5A



FORMULA ONE—A. J. Withers, 5E



ROLLS ROYCE GRIFFON—O. Pimm, 5G

THE TRAIL OF HUMAN INGENUITY

Where have all the flowers gone?
 Bulldozed aside to make way for progress, for concrete and steel jungles, so that man can have a good life driving along the high and mighty steel eyesores he has built. As he drives his mobile along his motorway on stilts, he looks down on inferior things such as trees and grass below. He looks at the river; it is grey and polluted. "We don't need rivers," he says; "They stink."

Man is a small creature, so he develops an inferiority complex. He cuts down the trees. "I am more important than the trees," he says, and with his hands he builds himself an ugly castle. But to him it is beautiful, for it lifts him off the ground, even higher than the trees.

But man is greedy, he wants more. He does not want to be higher than some things; he wants to be higher than all. So up he goes, until he is looking down on his subjects.

Alas! Everyone wants to be King. So the concrete mass grows until it blots out the sky and crushes nature beneath its foundations.

But can man defy nature forever? Will he always be the all-powerful ruler, or will his ugly creations crack and crash, bringing man with them, to be enveloped by nature and replaced by the original inhabitants of the earth?

Perhaps man will descend to what he originally was, an inferior being looking up to nature—if the bomb doesn't come first!

W. McColl, 5F.

BIRTH

A quiet, gentle, sensitive mooring soothes a restless boat. Newly painted, bobbing in quiet anticipation, the boat waits for voyages, adventures, storms and doldrums. The old salt-dried ropes, creaking against the sea, frayed like the boards on the wharf, hold it steady.

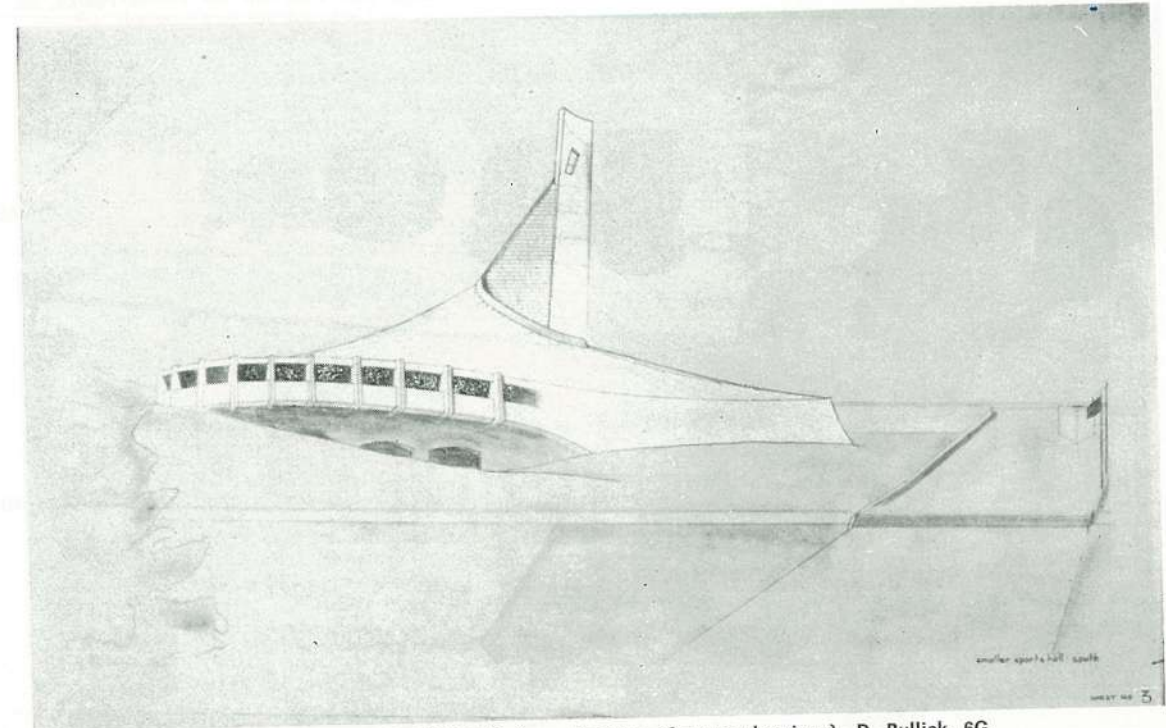
Everything is white: the new paint, the sun, even the star-studded sea, so bright that I cannot see through the glare. Empty masts surround me, reminding me of bathtub battles of long ago. Solid ports and bathtub walls cannot prevent empty masts, torn sails and sunken treasure. The mind wonders at the mystery of unknown riches and silent rusting gold, once lost, never found.

Pleasure craft sail in and out; cheap joy-rides offer a pleasant recreation. Accident-prone amateur sailors wear life-jackets and lean into the sea, unafraid of being knocked off. An exciting, quiet mood hangs over the port in the early morning sun, a private elation.

I went on a pleasure cruise myself once. The small boat had me and only one other on it. We sailed out through the gap and into the glare of the sun, flags flying and sails unfurled to the wind and the heat. The small waves inside the harbour were parted by the bows and left in disorder, but once out from the safety of the port we left little impression. We sailed out further and further, and the land gradually left us. The waves were everywhere, but soon they became boring and I realised that they were unimportant.

I sat in the sun for a long time, thinking as the waves rolled by, knocking the boat as they passed. This seemed to be the most rewarding part of the trip—just thinking and enjoying my emotions and thoughts. I did not see the grey walls of the port or the rise of the land until they were upon us and the boat sailed in, to be engaged once again alongside mother earth.

I. MacKenzie, 6B.



TOKYO OLYMPICS BUILDING (one of series of seven drawings)—D. Bullick, 6G

THE DANCE

The dance starts at 8.00 p.m. Girls spend most of the afternoon making new frocks or deciding what they're going to wear—guys get changed in a last-minute rush.

Most arrive at 8.30 p.m. The sound of heavy music reverberates round the hall and echoes down the crowded street. Guys and girls squeeze into cars to have a sip of the "magic water" before they go in. Neighbouring parents stare out of their windows and remark to each other with disgust about the "youth of today". The security guard casually patrols the grounds surrounding the hall, at his side a Doberman Pincher—docile enough at the moment, but . . .

People continue to drift into the hall. Some have already paid for their tickets; some pay at the door. The presence of the security guard ensures that the "rough element" is kept at bay.

We enter the hall. Brightly-coloured decorations hang from the ceiling and lights. An "arty" scene is projected onto the wall behind the band. The hall is dimmed—coloured lights dominate in the centre, while in contrast the corners are dark. All along one side of the hall sit the unattached guys in little groups, greedily eyeing the local female talent. The younger girls dance in groups, while guys, with the security of a bottle of coke, venture closer.

The music is penetrating—guys and girls who come to enjoy the music dance by themselves. The hall is now a mass of people—bodies, arms, legs, writhe, twist, turn, sway. A guy plucks up enough courage to ask a girl for a dance. At the other end of the hall couples take "time out" in one of the corners. It is impossible to be heard; the band plays on relentlessly.

Suddenly the band has a break. Girls go to comb their hair or adjust their make-up—guys go to get a

drink or to relieve themselves. People who haven't any seats sit in circles on the floor. We look around to see who we know. The decorations are now scattered all over the floor; people can't resist the temptation of pulling things down. The security guard passes the windows once again; the people on the door greedily count the takings. Someone who can't resist the call of November 5th innocently discards a fire-cracker—he is immediately escorted from the hall. Smoke from many cigarettes wafts slowly to the ceiling.

The band starts up again, a slow number this time. Couples dance intimately. In another corner of the hall, alcoholics anonymous gather. A guy is spotted drinking out of a paper bag. He is soon stopped by an adult in charge who confiscates his "paper bag". The effect is startling: bottles, half-empty and unopened, are immediately flung out of the windows.

People are becoming intoxicated with the rhythm of the music now. Some let themselves go in complete abandon; others have to sit down, exhausted. The adventurous types dance in circles and "snakes" all around the hall, while in contrast others kiss in the middle of the floor.

The supply of drinks is exhausted. The band plays its last number. The magic hour arrives. There is a mass exodus through the door. The hall is empty, quiet. Ears are left ringing—the members of the band **must** be deaf. A small group of willing helpers clean up the worst of the mess. The members of the band discuss which stir they will go to as they pack up their instruments. The floor is swept, windows closed, lights extinguished, door locked. What has been a few moments before a hall full of happy people is now dark, lonely, silent.

The dance is over.

R. Pearce, 7B.



Sixth and Seventh Form Pottery

GOLD

Seven men rode
Down to the valley that held their gold;
Behind them as they rode
A blood-red sun was setting.
They rode on
Deeper into darkness,
Their pitted minds
Held no thoughts.
They'd fought for the gold
Till peaks were crimson in the setting sun,
The smell of blood carried far
In the evening air.

G. MacKenzie, 4H.

THE CABBAGE

The cabbage grows
Big and wide,
It is bought
In a bunch of
A dozen.
To most kids it's a yuk,
To me it's got an
Average taste.
I'd leave it to
The slugs except it's
Wanted for deep freezing.

M. Nielsen, 3E.

DUCK SHOOTING

Ducks beware, ducks don't dare—
The hunters are out with their guns
For ducks it's a terrible day
When the hunters come out to play.
With decoys and hooters,
Guns and dogs,
They trick you to venture
Into the curtain of lead.

S. Read, 3E.

SHACKLES

When a person must express his freedom
He becomes less free,
When he must express his possession of soul
He is without soul,
When he must express his independence
He loses a share of independence,
And if you don't underestimate me
I won't underestimate you.

A. Rodrigues, 6F.

UNIFORMS

Wearing uniforms should not be a must,
Forcing them on children is unjust.
Because of this, manufacturers play sly
And put their prices abnormally high.
If pupils in uniform start to misbehave
The school's reputation would be grave.
They always need a lot of care
And get rather uncomfortable to wear.

R. Ruakere, 3E.

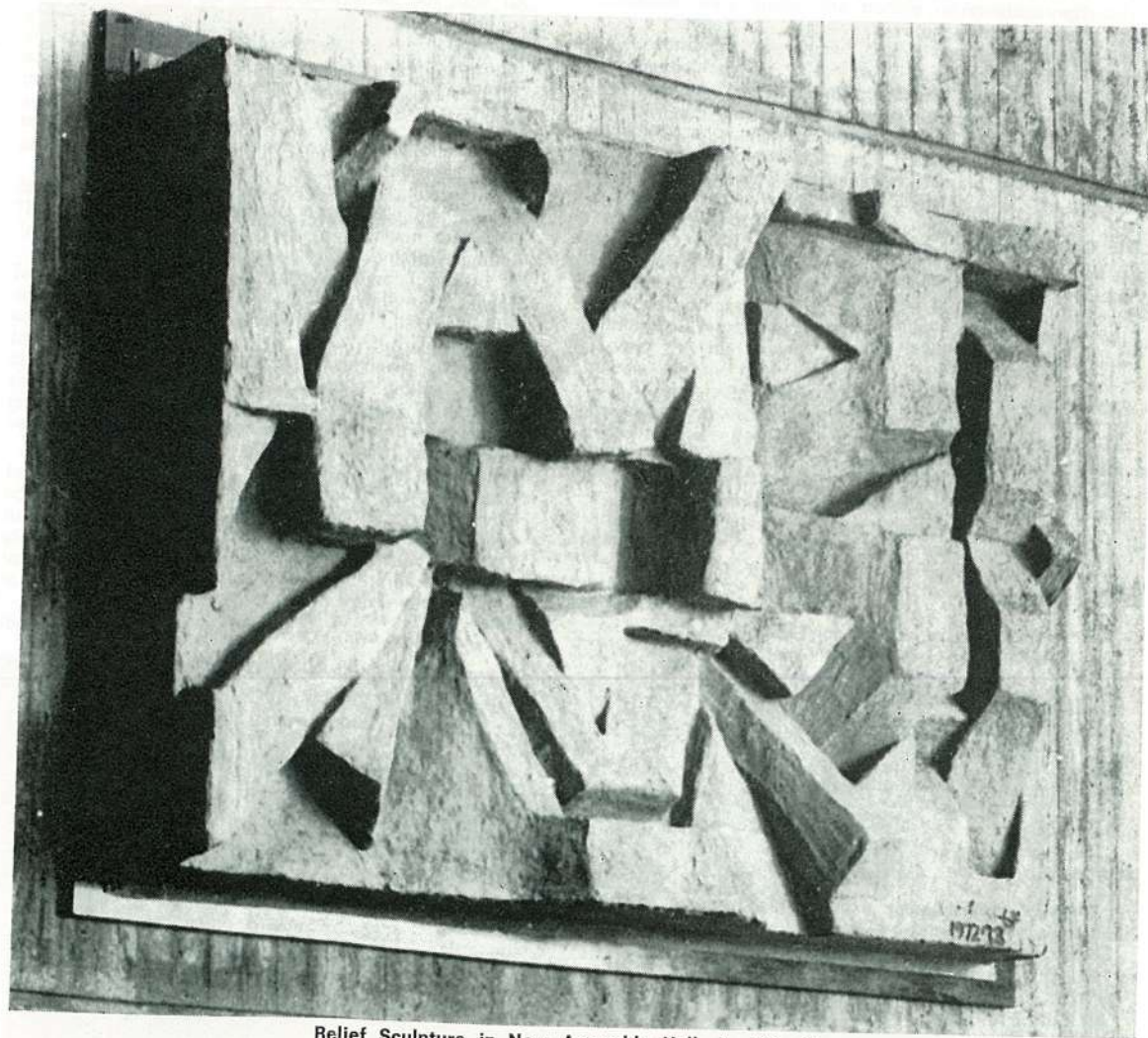
RAIN

Long streaks of fast falling thunder
Strike the earth in mountainous
Bubbles of fiery wetness. Streak
Upon streak, millions, billions,
All with the same purpose—
To fall.
To nourish the earth and life at our feet,
To swell rivers with
Havoc,
Chaos,
Disaster.
Louder and louder they come, tail upon tail,
Force upon force,
Disintegrating into millions of particles which
Collect and collaborate in puddles of fury,
Driven to madness by their own kind.
Boiling, frothing, over-flowing in torrents
Of powerful, swirling anger,
Down, down they fall; heavy, light,
Still they fall. Why? Where? we ask
But to no avail.
The world resounds to trickles of the aftermath,
Gentle, calling, friendly.
A patch of warmth opens above,
Forces apart, brings relief, hope,
Thankfulness that it is all over
Until next time. The patch
Grows, ripens, nourished by the
Glorious rays of the sun. All eyes
Look up, beauty regards beauty.
The fruit reaches its maturity,
Grows, flickers, then sadly dies.
And the teardrops pound the earth once more.

M. Robbins, 7A.



Reveille



Relief Sculpture in New Assembly Hall—R. Hill, 6F

CADETS

The Battalion was organised along similar lines to previous years, but with a greatly modified training programme. This broadening of the syllabus of instruction was especially pertinent to the Stage II cadets of B Company where such activities as civil defence, small boat handling, and orienteering were introduced for the first time.

During the Christmas holidays W. McLaughlin and R. Wilson successfully passed an Under Officers' course at Linton Military Camp and were both appointed Platoon Commanders in D Company.

In the May vacation of this year the following corporals passed their qualifying course and were promoted to sergeants: O. S. Winter, B. R. Smith, C. G. Power, P. J. Lethbridge, M. J. Hayton, S. Harrop, and P. W. Broad.

The following cadets successfully passed their Junior N.C.O. course and will be promoted to the rank of corporal: I. H. Wilson, W. H. Wilson, J. B. Fielding, G. J. Skipper, T. Ruwhiu, P. N. A. Roberts, S. J. Morgan, M. J. R. Moot, C. J. Moorhead, W. G. Monk, S. P. Mitchell, J. R. Mells, C. A. MacDonald, G. W. Leathley, G. J. Honeyfield, M. D. Holyoake, G. T. Hewson, J. G. Carroll.

A COMPANY

Generally the Company responded well to a trend towards more bush craft and search and rescue exercises rather than the traditional more routine aspects of drill, and clearly there was a preference for more relevant practical work.

Barracks Week saw the majority of the Company benefitting from two nights in the bush on the edge of Egmont National Park. The weather was fine and the camp site ideal. Approximately 40 hours were spent in valuable practical experience and self reliance. No. 1 platoon, consisting of fifth-year boys, spent this time on a hike which lasted the full two days and covered some 15-20 miles.

A further day of drill was held prior to Anzac Day, in which A Company carried out a simulated rescue exercise with much success; this included stretcher construction, communications, search procedures and organisation. It would appear that this sort of service is one of which we will see much more in the future.

The Company's thanks go to Mr. Mossop, Mr. Neatherway, and Mr. Dobson for their leadership.

B COMPANY

In recent years B Company has consisted of second year cadets who carry out a programme containing mainly revisions of first year training. However, this year has seen a revision of this programme to include civil defence and light rescue work, to maintain the interest of the boys.

This year's activities were centred around civil defence, which was carried out at various locations at school and around the city. The rescue work, involving ropes and various applications of them, was carried out at the fire station, with some light rescue work being carried out at school, involving compass work and the use of small transceiver radios.

Small boat handling was staged at Ngamotu Beach, making use of some of the boys' yachts for the purpose.

Various lectures were given by a member of the police on firearms, so that those boys who desired to could obtain a firearms licence.

Included in the programme were various shoots of 0.303 at Rewa Rewa range, and some drill instruction from a Regular Force instructor.

With the increase of civil defence activities incorporated into cadet training, it is hoped that cadets will take more interest in the programme, and thanks go to the officers for providing the varied and interesting syllabus.

C COMPANY

Once again C Company consisted of Stage 1 cadets who were instructed in weapon training, drill, field craft, first aid, map reading and compass work. A very good standard was attained by the majority of the cadets. The practices on the .22 Range, the sessions on Bren handling and the compass exercises proved very popular and many cadets displayed considerable skill.

A number of cadets from the company attended courses at Linton and performed very creditably.

D COMPANY

The Company, again ably led by Major R. Sinclair assisted by Lieutenant E. Meuli, had a very successful year in training Stage 1 cadets.

This year we were fortunate to have two Under-Officers returning, namely A. McLaughlin and P. Warren. R. Wilson was promoted to this rank and with Mr. Gledhill entering the force as a Lieutenant, D Company had strong leadership.

A high standard was reached in all activities and the company was well represented at N.C.O. training courses.

A.T.C.

Once again this has been a good year for the A.T.C.'s No. 12 S.U. Squadron.

A and B flights completed their third stage in the training syllabus, which included aviation studies, drill, rifle drill, weapon training, general service knowledge and adventure training.

The last subject's lectures were tested when, along with A Company, the senior cadets successfully completed two days and a night in the Kaitake Ranges, where they were given on the spot instruction to further their knowledge.

C and D flights commenced their training as first and second stage cadets with shoots on both the school's and Rewa Rewa ranges, as well as drill, adventure training, general service knowledge and rifle drill.

The standard of drill was consistently high through all the flights, but the junior flights appeared to put more effort into their drill.

It was good this year to see excellent liaison between Air Force and Army personnel for the purpose of lectures and the finer points of drill.

This year we had only one officer, Flight-Lieutenant E. J. Abraham, D.F.C., who has been our C.O. for seven years.

In May of last year Sergeant Penn went on an W./O. course and passed it.

The Alan Washer Memorial Scholarship was won last year by I. Hodder, who has the chance of \$50 free flying. This year's winner has yet to be decided.

REWA REWA RANGE

The officer in charge, Lieutenant Oats, was assisted this year by Range Sergeants Strawbridge, Hone, Gulliver and Cole. Shooting has been confined to 25 yards in accordance with current Army recommendations.

The Cadet Trophy, the Lady Godley Senior Cup, was won this year by S. Lowrie, 5D, 58/75.

Senior championship shooting lapsed last year, and this year only the 25 yards cup, the Searle Cup, was contested. It was won by R. Bristol, 6D, with 83/100.



Scene from "Amahl and the Night Visitors"



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Astronomy

Two penumbral eclipses of the moon were viewed this year.

During the August vacation, members manned an observation site to record the occultation of Ceres, our largest known asteroid, as it grazed behind the Lunar peaks.

Several visits were made to observe the planets Jupiter and Mars through the large-aperture telescope at Tikorangi, and Marsland Hill Observatory was visited during the middle term.

A number of members have now purchased their own telescopes and viewing during the next few months promises to be most rewarding indeed as Comet Kohoutek, the most spectacular night-sky object of the century, has already been located at Tikorangi and some very valuable experience may be gained photographing and plotting the orbit of this strange visitor to our skies.

Chalet Classroom

Chalet Classroom continued this year with an increase in the number of staff members participating; with an increasing number of experienced "Chalet Classroomers" available, more staff members acted as masters-in-charge of groups.

Once again we were able to accommodate all classes in the first term.

Much assistance was given by the Park Board Ranger staff, particularly during the all day tramps.

Boys this year have assisted with track clearing activities.

Use was made of other guests as speakers; these included a D.S.I.R. soil scientist recently returned from Antarctica, and a lady veterinary surgeon from Canada who had been working with bison.

Thanks again go to Mr. and Mrs. Mace for providing hospitality and help, particularly in running boys to the doctor and staff to the Plateau.

Chess

This year we were able to gather in Room 24 with Dr. Lenk's permission and help. Members of the club, a very large number—often too many for the amount of sets—attended the lunchtime games. Boys played each other as they progressed from good to better, and mid year saw a chess ladder drawn up. Names were pulled from a hat to start it off, and when under way the ladder soon sorted the good from the poor, with Andrew McLaughlin holding top for a long period. He was, however, toppled by Robert England, who proved the better as the games progressed.

Boys of the club often ate their lunches in the club while they fought some gruelling, some challenging, and some relaxing games. A friendly atmosphere drew various new members to the club throughout the latter stages of the year (a welcome growth). Members' subs (20 cents each) bought sets and boards.

Unfortunately for the club, no-one was able to attend the Taranaki Championships this year owing to various other games corresponding to the time of the tournament. We all regret our lack of representation, but hope next year's club will foresee the match and arrange accordingly.

I'm sure the boys who played this game this year will go on in later life and continue to play this old and ancient sport. Their methods, we hope, have improved and their styles become more skilful by playing others of better or worse standards than themselves.

Our president this year was Denis Brown, whose role was a very demanding one, as non-members frequently visited the club and disturbed players. It would be good for them to learn the game; then they would appreciate it more, as the club does.

D. A. McLaughlin.

Drama

The production of a three-act play was unavoidably terminated during the middle term when a leading player was obliged to withdraw from the cast. All was not lost, however, as much valuable experience had been gained, particularly by our junior members.

We are indebted to the keen young ladies from Taranaki Polytechnic who regularly braved our bastion for rehearsals, and also to Mr. A. Wilson, Polytechnic Principal, for his co-operation in making this valuable liaison possible.

In general, however, interest in drama has ebbed considerably since the completion of our new assembly hall. After years of struggle, improvisation and anticipation, it was a bitter disappointment to finish up with a stage which is little better than an empty orifice. If it is to be of any practical value for dramatic purposes, enclosure of the stage proper is an absolute necessity.

House plays this year are being staged in the Memorial Theatre. The club extends its thanks to the masters-in-charge of drama and also to our Headmaster, Mr. Cramond, for his encouragement and interest.

Film Club

The club has now completed a very successful second year, despite some minor difficulties.

At the first meeting Len England was elected president, Richard Gray secretary, Andrew McLaughlin treasurer, and Warwick Jackson projectionist. The masters-in-charge were Mr. Kreisler and Mr. Lamont.

Membership was approximately 150 and with subscriptions set at \$2.50 the club was able to hire a large number of films (18 in all).

Unfortunately, owing to "administration difficulties", amalgamation with the Girls' High School Club, as was done last year, was not possible. But visitors were allowed to attend films for a nominal charge. However, this practice was ended when some visitors complained of the unsuitability of a film (The Last Picture Show) and from then on only members were admitted to the films.

The original aim of the club, as set out at the first meeting, was to "acquaint members with the history and development of cinema and a general understanding, on a critical level, of film as a medium".

However, as was found last year, many of the films proved too intellectual for most members, who had obviously expected films of entertainment value only, and the subsequent poor behaviour of these individuals spoilt it for those enjoying the films. After several warnings to those concerned, behaviour improved somewhat and the club successfully completed its programme.

Films shown were: Alice's Restaurant, Charge of the Light Brigade, The Bed Sitting Room, Psycho, The War Game, Ulysses, Easy Rider, Cat Ballou, The Illustrated Man, Mein Kampf, The Virgin Soldiers, Five Easy Pieces, The Fox, Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice, Castle Keep, The Last Picture Show, On The Waterfront, The Chase.

Interact

This year the club began with a membership of four. A membership drive, however, coupled with the announcement of a planned merger with the Girls' High club, soon boosted membership to about 40. It gradually settled at a stable 30.

The Executive Committee comprised A. E. Wilson (president), B. J. Anderson (secretary), and Directors P. J. Winter, R. B. Foy, M. G. Paulin, C. Molloy, S. G. Colson, R. Power.

Early in the year the club was represented at the charter evening of the Sacred Heart Interact Club, out of which grew a close-knit co-operative committee including members from all five New Plymouth clubs. This committee, the first of its kind in the world, was responsible for many combined projects, including two dances at Spotswood Hall and at this school's new hall; these raised about \$350.

A membership orientation evening was held in conjunction with the Girls' High club at the G.H.S. cafeteria. This was soon followed by a car wash which raised \$30 and left the club with the speed record: 7mins. 40sec. to wash, dry, wax, vacuum, clean windows, polish the chrome and black the tyres of the 2ZP Radio car; not, we point out, our best job of the day!

A successful day was spent with the Girls' High club at Brooklands Zoo, where a wide variety of jobs was undertaken, including track clearing and replanting of shrubs.

The National Conference in Ashburton was attended by Anderson, Colson and Wilson as well as 22 other delegates from New Plymouth and 180 more from the rest of New Zealand and Australia. Here Interact was at its best: scholarships were created, remits passed, suggestions sent to Rotary International and a varied social life pursued. We thank Ashburton College for a wonderful week.

It was decided at the conference that the 1974 venue would be New Plymouth; with this in mind, tentative

committees have already been formed.

We thank Fitzroy Rotary, and in particular Mr. Chris Tempest, for their support throughout the year.

A. E. Wilson.

Library

The Library has endeavoured as an integral part of school life to maintain and widen its stocks of resource materials and recreational reading. This year 330 books have been acquired, of which 197 relate to factual material and 133 to recreational activities. We are grateful for donations of books.

We are indebted to Mrs. McLaughlin for her continued service. Without her the library would not be in such good order as regards cataloguing or the condition of books; nor would our number of losses be as low as it is.

A casual glance at the library timetable this year would give the impression that this facility is not fully used, but what appear to be free periods are used by Form 7 in study groups. Some seventh formers have undoubtedly found the library a comfortable place in which to study, while some few have made genuine efforts to learn their way round and utilise the research material available.

Too many boys at all levels still rely on the Librarian to find material for them when they should have been taught how to locate books by teachers taking library classes.

Regretfully, to make room for new material, we have had to discard some older books, but have taken care with our valuable collection of first editions. Generally, if a volume has not been issued once in the last ten years, we feel it should be discarded. Lack of space in the shelves and for storage makes such steps necessary.

With regret I leave the library and the school after two years and two terms. I know Mr. Heaps, my successor, has many new ideas, with which I wish him success. An added financial allocation would help, as the cost of books and periodicals creeps ever upwards, and the broadening of the syllabus means that more resource material is needed. Thank you all for your help and co-operation.

Patricia S. Steven.



MOYES HOUSE—Winners of House Drama Contest

Music

Musical activity has again been of a high standard. During the second term the John Dobson Memorial Competitions were held, the adjudicator being Mr. Harry Brown, music master at Girls' High, who commended the high standards achieved, particularly by the vocalists.

The Music Department this year repeated the idea of performing at primary schools throughout Taranaki. Aspects demonstrated at these concerts were brass instruments, woodwind instruments and various qualities of the human voice. All schools expressed a desire for the venture to be repeated.

CHOIR

Some performers take great pains with their music, others give them; but this year, musically at least, the choir has been most successful. The improvement in the tonal quality through the last three or four years has been continued with a particularly fine—musically—group of sopranos and the introduction of five adult singers to supplement the tenor and bass sections. For their services we thank Messrs. R. Poole, P. Cooke, A. Rogers, N. Collie and P. Mercer.

Trips this year included a weekend in Wanganui. We were well received at the Saturday night performance in Christ Church by an audience of about 400. (The Press noted the good behaviour of the choir during the performance; this we attribute to exhaustion following two and a half hours' practice on Saturday morning and another three hours during the afternoon.) All members were, however, present when we sang in the Matins service at Wanganui Collegiate on Sunday morning.

THE CHOIR



Back Row: S. Wood, A. MacCallum, M. Bowler, R. Ure, P. Goldsworthy, P. Goldsworthy, S. Roberts, G. Cramer, K. Lowe.

Middle Row: W. Quickfall, P. Groves, M. Gesterkamp, P. Martin, M. Ure, K. Batten, K. Death, T. Hickling, M. Middlebrook.

Front Row: C. Quickfall, N. Collier, Messrs. P. Cook, T. Gibbs, R. Poole and P. Mercer, R. Bromley.

Absent: P. Lonsdale, T. Reid, Mr. N. Collie.

The band this year has participated fully in the activities of the Music Department. Barracks Week again provided an essential period of practice, during which high standards of playing and marching were reached.

In the music competitions, brass participation was good, and the prizes were presented after a concert in the assembly hall.

The band also took part in the "round-the-mountain" trip, held over two days. An enjoyable night was spent at the Stratford Mountain House.

The third term was centred around the Central Districts Brass Band Competitions. The school band was given only two weeks to prepare; thus no major placings were gained. However, the experience was essential for future success in such events, and we are grateful to all masters and outsiders who helped to fill our ranks and make the appearance possible. The band's final appearance was at the senior prize-giving.

To Mr. Ormrod, who has tutored and conducted the band, we extend our sincere appreciation.

Although the year has been one of high musical achievement, we regret the loss of Mr. Gibbs, who is leaving to take up the position of music master at Wanganui Collegiate School. We thank him for the time he has devoted to school music during the past six years; the standards achieved will not be forgotten. To him and to Mrs. Gibbs we offer our best wishes for the future.

M. Bedford.

Photographic Club

The club started with a good membership of around 30 boys. The enthusiasm of the junior members to use the dark-room made up for the lack of seniors in the club this year. Despite deteriorating conditions, some high-quality work has been produced. The club is indebted to Mr. Bublitz for the assistance he has given during the year.

A. J. Parr.

Parent-Teacher Association

The following executive has represented parents during 1973—Principal: G. R. Cramond; President: H. P. Parsons; Vice-President: Mrs. S. Wright; Secretary-Treasurer: T. G. Heaps. Board and Old Boys' Representative: A. O. Masters; Staff Representatives: M. Carroll and B. Hurler; Committee: Mesdames K. Cawthray, N. Meuli, and N. Vernon; Messrs. F. K. Adams, T. Gregory, A. Goldsmith, D. N. Harrop, G. H. Smith, and B. Wallis. Auditor: W. J. Morton.

Representatives on the Boys' Committee of the Board: Mrs. N. Meuli, F. K. Adams and T. Gregory.

1. **General Meetings**—During the year the P.T.A. held six general meetings, the topics being: Remedial Education, Developments in Junior English and Social Studies, Education in Technical Institutes, Careers for School Leavers, Sixth and Seventh Form Education and University Life. The meetings, on the whole, were well attended, although we would always like to see more parents. Our thanks must go to those members of the staff, people from other spheres, and parents who contributed to the presentation of these subjects.

2. **Fund raising**—There has been no specific fund-raising project this year, although the Executive put \$400 at the disposal of the Headmaster, who advised that the money should be spent on a teaching aid, namely an epidiascope. The Executive is concerned about the lack of teaching aids in the School, particularly in the sciences area, and proposals for holding a raffle are being considered to raise money for the teaching aids the school should have.

The P.T.A. also became concerned this year at the deteriorating condition of some of the school buildings, in particular the South Block and the Old Block. Interest was also expressed in the use of hostel funds. The concern of the P.T.A. has been expressed to the Board, whose reaction we are awaiting.

The P.T.A. has also been asked to lend its support to the P.P.T.A. in its drive to improve the staffing situation in our secondary schools. The P.T.A. will certainly consider this, as the matter is causing concern in the secondary sphere.

3. **Clothing Sale**—Throughout this year clothing sales have been held, with two objects in mind: providing school uniforms at a reduced price, and contributing to the P.T.A. funds. On the whole the sales have been very successful, and our thanks must go to Mrs. Vernon and her ladies for the time they put in on this project.

4. **General**—The P.T.A. has affiliated to the Taranaki Home and School Association, which is in turn affiliated to the N.Z. Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations. The main idea behind this was to make sure our P.T.A. keeps abreast of the developments that are taking place in this sphere of the educational field. This process is aided by our subscription to the Federation's quarterly magazine, "Parent and School".

The P.T.A. has also put out a uniform questionnaire to gauge the opinion of parents on school uniform, to see if changes in this area are warranted. It can be expected in the future that the P.T.A. will act in a liaison capacity between school and home.

Finally the P.T.A. wishes the headmaster, the staff and the boys a successful conclusion to the 1973 year.

T. G. Heaps, Hon. Secretary.

Student Christian Movement

New Zealand does not always lag behind countries overseas, certainly not in sport. But in rediscovering the Christian faith, it does. However, groups are forming again in Teachers' Colleges and Universities. The Assemblies of God hold two Youth Services every Sunday in the Auckland Town Hall, which seats 3000. These are the ones associated with Rev. David Wilkerson, author of "The Cross and the Switchblade" and "Run, Baby, Run". Those attending cross all Catholic, Protestant and secular boundaries. Many drop in to see what's happening.

Some who have met the challenge were once hooked on drugs, ex-inmates of Mt. Eden and Paremoremo, patients at mental hospitals. Others drifted in—bored by drabness, or disillusioned with life, or from tough homes. They praise the Lord for what he has done. They nearly lift the roof off with their singing.

THE BAND



Back Row: M. Barr, K. Bennets, G. Amor, R. Ure, R. Walker.

Middle Row: G. Jones, G. Foreman, C. Quickfall, P. Mulraney, P. Martin, S. Penn.

Front Row: M. Bedford, M. Robbins, I. Stevens, S. Ryan, R. Foy, M. Joseph, G. Roper.

Whistle

Last year's Taranakian included a fairly comprehensive write-up on the state of the Whistle at that time, its policy, and why it had to cease publication. Briefly, the policy of the magazine changed and the magazine became a voice for opinions and attitudes within the school. We believe that change was a good one, and the 1972 editorial policy was healthy and worthwhile. It was sad that the boys who ran that magazine became very self-indulgent and incorporated unwarranted, unreasonable criticism into the magazine, but it was good that the magazine changed from being a limited sports review into a magazine where views could be expressed.

Initially, the future of a magazine this year seemed dubious. The main problem was one of defining a policy that was acceptable to both the boys and the administration. But under the guidance of an elected editorial committee, a magazine did get under way with a two fold policy: (a) to exist; (b) to express our views and attitudes responsibly, and in as many media as the magazine would allow us. The magazine was well received by the school and as a result we hope we have stabilized its future. Although the policy was not appreciably different from last year, we had no censorship problems.

This year is the first time that the Whistle has done its own layout. This meant typing out all our articles and laying them out on sheets of paper which were

The time is long overdue in our school for seniors to take the initiative, get hold of the Ministers and ask, "What is it all about?" For a long time now, we've had good easy years, but it looks as if tough, even desperate years lie ahead for many on planet Earth.

The Inter School Christian Fellowship is running more Camps (Crusader) than ever. Though excellent, hardly any go to make the discovery. Those who enjoy the Y.M.C.A. camps locally, should try these by lakes, mountains and beaches.

Youth For Christ, who run the Shalom Coffee Lounge, have sent invitations to evenings and rallies on farms with barbeques and films. A "thank you" to them.

Films have varied. UNICEF, CORSO, the Embassies, National Film Library, Anglican Board of Missions have brought human interest and need from around the world. The Rev. Percy Burns showed one of Bible distribution in the South Pacific; it won awards overseas. "Leprosy in an Indian village", "Wealth and Poverty in Hong Kong", "Dust or Destiny", "God of the Atom", and "Biami Trek" (New Guinea) will bring back memories.

We express gratitude here to those who have spoken to us: to Mr. Graham Wilson, an Old Boy who told us of work with drop-outs at Ponsonby Christian Centre, and to Mr. Mills, who spoke of his work in Somalia and Nigeria with the Sudan Interior Mission.

then taken to the printer and photographically reproduced on a printing plate. Doing our own layout meant we had complete freedom in magazine design—something on which we placed a lot of emphasis. Our magazine design was pioneered in the first issue by Andrew Davie, and was carried on in subsequent issues by Richard Penney, Roger Foy, Robin Hill and Vivian Hutchinson. Typing was a headache and we were certainly pleased when Mrs. McCaffrey, the school typist, offered to do it for us (in her spare time). Consequently, after the third issue the magazine started to look a lot better. Layout was done in the Whistle room, our headquarters in the new Alexander Block.

As far as articles go, this year we tried to give the magazine a new look with new articles, and we tried to be original in every way. Four innovations were (a) Our covers, which were based on concepts of graphic design and which were boldly black and white; (b) Interviews, where Whistle staff interviewed teachers on topical subjects and transcribed the results for the magazine; (c) Forums—we only tried one, a discussion between day boys and boarders on their relationships and attitudes towards each other; (d) Poetry, which was introduced with only limited success. We also featured an allegory about tradition in the fifth issue, again with limited success.

We tried to give our readers this year down to earth, practical articles. Articles like "Things to do in New Plymouth for free or next to nothing", "Hitch-hiking and all that", "Motorbikes" and "When you leave" were all well received and we hope such policy will carry on. We held inquiries into the choir, bullying, the G.H. magazine, and Apathy in School, all of which raised replies and reactions.

Many traditional things were dropped or phased out in the Whistle. The first was House notes—we refused to continue with these because of their esoteric nature and general waste of space; it also wasn't worth the time chasing up apathetic house captains. Secondly we phased out the editorial and replaced it with our features.

The year didn't go too well for us financially. Rising prices meant we had to cut production. Next year's committee will have to look closely at its financial situation, and will probably have to concentrate, as we did, on six or seven comprehensive issues and not the issue every two weeks that used to be put out.

We'd like to thank all those who contributed this year and also the typist, Mrs. McCaffrey, and the masters-in-charge, Mr. Bublitz and Mr. Crawford.

V. A. Hutchinson.



GENERAL STUDIES PERIOD—LAB. 6

THE SCHOOL 1914 - 1918

SOME RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS

We are indebted for the following memoir to Mr. A. Cecil Fookes, who after leaving school practised law for many years in New Plymouth.

He recently retired and now lives in Auckland.

A recent visit to the School made my mind wander back over the years, and as I strolled through the grounds and viewed the present fine range of buildings and the magnificent new Assembly Hall, I tried to remember what the old place was like nearly 60 years ago.

The buildings in 1914 consisted of the original historic old classroom block, with its graceful Norman tower and fine bell, by which nearly all the townfolk in New Plymouth set their clocks, and the first erected boarding house. The latter was a ferro concrete dormitory and dining room, joining a wooden portion fronting on to Eliot Street in which the Headmaster and his family resided. Niger House on the town side of the cricket field was also used for living quarters by Mr. Balham, as housemaster, and some senior boys. Behind the boarding house and overlooking the gully was an old wooden building, one half of which was a dark-room for the school camera club and the other half was used as a "bootroom" and a store and locker room for tuck and boxes. This was a popular meeting place where particular friends could be regaled with a slice of the latest cake received from home. The boarders then numbered 35 or so; and the total number of pupils 150 or thereabouts.

The cricket ground which earlier had been ploughed and sown was a windswept rat-tail infested affair with a rough surface on which cricket was played on matting wickets which resulted in some phenomenal bowling averages. Far removed from today's fine pitch!

The present gully sportsground was then a raupo swamp, across which a rifle range had been constructed.

The only other sporting facility was a tennis court on the Eliot St. frontage. The school entrance was a clay cutting leading down from the front entrance to the classroom block to Eliot Street which got very slippery and muddy in wet weather and provided much ammunition for clay fights.

However, though facilities were few, the advent of the School's second headmaster a couple of years previously was having a dynamic effect. Mr. W. H. Moyes (affectionately known as "Bill") had already built up a spirit of high endeavour and enthusiasm for the future. In addition, the numbers, being small, enabled the boys from the smallest in the "Lower Prep" to the mighty 6th Formers to know one another intimately, and the Headmaster and Staff knew all of them like members of a family. Those fortunate enough to have been pupils at that time really knew what "school spirit" meant.

The outbreak of the First World War, of course, had a prolonged and most profound effect on the School. I well remember the gathering at morning assembly the day the news of the declaration of war was received. Mrs. Moyes came over and played patriotic songs on the piano and the Staff and boys joined lustily and with enthusiasm in "Soldiers of the King", "Rule Britannia" etc.; the enthusiasm was terrific! How soon we were disillusioned as the casualty lists started to come in! One of the first of the staff to give his life at Gallipoli was Sammy Hall (who had weak eyesight but memorised the eye charts to get away). He was followed by "Weed" Hamblyn, "Gator" Kidd and others including senior pupils

of the previous years, all of whose names are on the Memorial Entrance Gates of the School. These events saddened and depressed the School and later many present pupils were to lose brothers and even fathers in the terrible battles of the Somme and Passchendale.

The first big improvement was the building of a wooden gymnasium on the tennis court in front of the classroom block and the conversion of the "old gym" into a two-roomed classroom to house the Preparatory boys. This was done towards the end of 1914 and I well remember how proud we were of our "new Gym" with its modern equipment. The school morning assembly, which up till then had been held in overcrowded conditions, was transferred to the Gym with its convenient stage. With the advent of numerous new boys, by the end of 1915 the place was bursting at the seams and things were really starting to move.

About this time the boys, urged on by the Headmaster, commenced excavating the head of the gully to make two hard tennis courts. The head of the gully was at one time the target end of a rifle range used by the militia at Fort Niger, and in the course of the excavations numerous lead bullets fired from the old Schneider rifles were found, also some remains of ammunition boxes. The tennis courts were eventually finished and came into use about 1915. Later on a miniature rifle range for School use was completed across the raupo swamp and, again urged on by the Headmaster (who wielded a shovel with them), the boys commenced filling in the swamp from either side. Form competitions to see which form got out the most barrow-loads in an hour were held and eventually a strip of land was completed across the swamp. Relief works during the depression in the 1930's completed the job on the present sportsground and terraces were finished later.

After the first few months as a "day boy" in 1914 I became a boarder, and by then the boarders had so increased in numbers that the boarding roll was doubled and the house, as well as Niger House, was overcrowded. We smaller boys came under the care of Mrs. Moyes, who was then acting as Matron, and we soon learned to regard her with affection and confide our worries and homesick troubles to her. Her memory is revered by numerous old boys.

In 1916, however, came the first set-back when fire destroyed the gymnasium and the classroom block. I was awakened by my friend "Sandfly" Jackson in the early hours of the morning, who said "Don't be frightened; the School is on fire". I took one scared glance at the gym, from which flames were then pouring and licking the classroom block, and ran up the long corridor to the Headmaster's bedroom and hammered on his door screaming "The school is on fire, sir". Seeing the phone handy, I rang the brigade and "Bill" belted out of his bedroom pulling on a greatcoat, and together we ran down the corridor, rousing the dormitories and telling the chaps to get out, as it then looked as if the House might go too. Fortunately, the fire brigade managed to confine the fire to the gym and the classroom block, which were almost completely destroyed, only the chemistry lab and one classroom being saved. I remember "Circus" Ryder, the Chemistry Master, and some 6th Formers removing a cylinder of CO₂ very hastily to the other side of the cricket field. The rest of us were busy moving bedding from the House to the "new" house (now Carrington), then under construction,

and hastily damping down sparks and burning fragments as they landed on us or the bedding. The whole affair frightened the deuce out of us smaller boys.

We all expected an extended holiday of course, but were speedily disillusioned, as the Taranaki Racing Club lent the school the use of their buildings and within a very short time we were accommodated there, where we remained for the next two years until we moved into the new class-room block. Rumour had it that the 6th Formers who were quartered in the Steward's block became great students of racing form.

At that time funds were in short supply under War economy and the planned Assembly Hall was deleted from the re-building scheme. This would have left a large and unsightly courtyard in the centre of the new classroom block. However, the old boys and the public of New Plymouth came to the rescue and raised sufficient money to complete the erection of the Hall which served the School until recently.

The trench and dug-out era of the First War inspired many of the boys with the tunnelling instinct and several "dug outs" were created in the Gully. One was so elaborate that it had two rooms and electric light from batteries. On one occasion some of the occupants were indulging in a quiet smoke and someone remarked "It is just as well Bill isn't here", just as the Boss walked in. Summary execution was done. However the dug-outs came to an untimely end when the builder of the new boarding house complained that his scaffolding was disappearing, and "Bill" found it shoring up the walls of the dug outs and took swift disciplinary action.

As the School grew in size and numbers, so did its sporting activities, and the 1916 1st XV achieved a narrow victory over Te Aute College, then recognised as one of the great Rugby schools of New Zealand. I well remember the game played on Pukekura Park, with Te Aute attacking hard in the final moments and School's heroic defence. At the final victory the members of the School team joined "the Immortals". "Circus" Ryder (afterwards principal of Whangarei B.H.S.) was the coach and I shall always remember his proud smile as he went out to congratulate the team.

Shortly afterwards the first cricket match with Wanganui Collegiate School took place and School was heavily defeated. But the fixture was maintained and over the years the 1st XI has held its own against Wanganui, Nelson and Wellington Colleges.

At shooting School achieved a major success when in 1916 its teams won both Senior and Junior Imperial Challenge Shields, a feat which no other school has been able to emulate since.

Just prior to the outbreak of War, Sir Ian Hamilton visited New Plymouth in the course of a tour of inspection for the British War Office. The two companies of the School cadets attended a large parade of Senior cadets from all over the province. The A Company were in khaki and B Company in the School uniform of blue shirt and shorts. The drill and bearing of the two School companies created a great impression on the General and the "Boys in Blue" were specially mentioned as the outstanding company he saw in New Zealand in his farewell address before leaving for home.

To sum up, the School during the period under review was a contented and happy School, owing in no small measure to the devoted masters and Staff members, under their head "Bill" Moyes. These were dedicated people, and generally speaking earned and retained the respect and affection of the boys. They thought nothing of giving up their leisure at weekends and in the evenings to coach school sports teams and attend their matches. To them it was all part of their life, and teaching was then truly a vocation and not just a job. These years were the "Golden age" of the School, as "Bill" Moyes so often remarked when writing to his Old Boys.

A. Cecil Fookes.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

FROM THE PARENT ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting was held at the La Scala Restaurant on Thursday, 5th April.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Patron, Mr. W. G. McNaught; President, Neil Wolfe; Senior Vice-President, John McIntyre; Junior Vice-President, Cyril Henderson; Immediate Past President, Owen Masters; Headmaster's Representative, Mr. Jim Clouston; Executive: Laurie Giddy, Lyn Bublitz, Ross Crow, David Bennet, Ian Jones, Bruce Wallis; Hon. Secretary, Maurice Betts; Hon. Treasurer, Don Denham; Hon. Auditor, Jim Ridland.

This year's Annual General Meeting was run in conjunction with an address given by John Stewart, newly appointed chairman of Selectors of the All Blacks. J.J.'s talk proved most interesting, and informative, and was well received by the 45 Old Boys who attended.

I would like to take this opportunity to place on record our appreciation to Owen Masters for his fine efforts during his term as President. Our thanks must also go to Jack West and Arthur Lander, who are both standing down from this year's executive after many years of service to the Association.

This year's executive has a good sprinkling of younger blood in its ranks, who are conscious of the fact that the Association must provide a platform for Old Boys to become involved in Association activities.

MEMBERSHIP

As always, we extend to all Old Boys of all ages a special welcome to the association and its various activities. While our membership remains steady, it seems that many of our more recent leavers are less inclined to maintain a link with the school—a sign of the times maybe! However, we feel sure there are many past pupils who could, with their views and participation, bring new life to this association and its branches. This is an appeal then to you—contact your local branch (listed below) or the parent body in New Plymouth. This will ensure you are on the mailing list and kept informed of all future "happenings". The subscription is only \$1.00, or \$2.00 including the "Taranakian".

BRANCH SECRETARIES

New Plymouth: Maurice Betts, P.O. Box 686, New Plymouth.

Auckland: John Syme, 5A Moreland Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland.

Hawke's Bay: Roger Bate, c/o Simpson, Bate & Wane, Queen Street, Hastings.

Hamilton: Max Strawbridge, 7 Carey Street, Hamilton.

King Country: R. Price, Piopio.

South Taranaki: Ross Syme, Manutahi.

Wanganui: Jack Kurta, 18 Toro Street, Wanganui.

Gisborne: R. G. Lawrence, 3 Encliffe Road, Gisborne.

Palmerston North: David Huggett, 17 Durham Crescent, Palmerston North.

Wellington: Malcolm Chapman, 54 Boxhill, Khandallah, Wellington.

Otago: John Muir, Otago University.

BRANCH NOTES

WANGANUI

On 21st September the annual function was held in Wanganui. Among those who attended were John Hatherly, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Wolfe and John McIntyre. The practice of including wives and fiancés is a popular one and has made these functions even more enjoyable. The following appointments were made: Patron, Mr. J.

S. Hatherly; President, Mr. N. Neilson; Vice-President, Mr. J. F. Quinn; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. S. J. Kurta; Committee, Messrs. L. Anderson, I. Elliott, J. Handley, L. Horrocks, J. Jamieson, R. B. Johnston and P. W. Scott.

News of Old Boys

R. D. Bott is in the meat industry at the Imlay Works.

G. Bryant is farming on the Parapara.

Doug Burton has left the car business in Wanganui and is now living in Taupo.

B. J. Bason is with Western Airsprays, Wanganui.

I. B. Handley is farming at Waitotara.

R. Hewitt is employed by T. G. McCarthy's, Wanganui.

Cclin Gill is on a farm on the Parapara.

Peter Horrocks was married in March and is now living in Rotorua, where he works with the State Advances Corporation.

Phillip Horrocks is at Massey University studying for a B.B.S. degree.

B. O'Dea is travelling for a firm dealing in stock remedies.

R. Pyselman is taking a B.Sc. degree at Massey University.

K. Tenks is teaching at Waverley.

The branch notes are disappointing this year—only Wanganui have managed any local news before the publication date.

GENERAL NEWS

Sir Geoffrey Roberts was made a Knight Bachelor in the New Year honours announced in January. He is well known as chairman of Air New Zealand and president of the International Air Transport Association.

Mr. William Newton Sheat was made an Officer of the most excellent Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.).

Born in Hawera, he attended school as a boarder in Moyes House, where he was a prefect. Holder of degrees in Art and Law, his interests and activities over the years have been most extensive. Perhaps his involvement in drama as writer, director and more recently, in 1969, being appointed Chairman of the Queen Elizabeth Arts Council, would be the most notable.

Lieutenant-Colonel Ian Launder, O.B.E., A.D.C., A.N.Z.I.M., has been appointed New Zealand's first Defence Attache to Thailand. He was awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List.

Mr. G. P. McNaghan has taken up an appointment in Wellington as a stipendiary magistrate. He attended school from 1943-47 and was Dux in his last year. Well known in New Plymouth legal circles, and for his interest and energy in the affairs of Taranaki cricket, he was also interested in golf, Rugby and Birthright, of which he was president at the time of his appointment. He is married with three daughters.

Mr. R. S. V. Simpson, of Wellington, received the C.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday honours this year.

He was a boarder at the school from 1930 to 1933 when he was Head Boy in Moyes House. He served in World War II with the New Zealand Division in North Africa and was aide-de-camp to General Alexander. He is a senior partner in a well-known legal firm in Wellington and is well known for his generosity to the school in the past. He is a past president of the school's Old Boys' Association in this area.

Mr. D. N. Hull has been appointed Trade Commissioner and Consul (Commercial) in New York. In his extensive career in the Diplomatic Service he has held similar posts in Trinidad and Athens. Mr. Hull was to take up his appointment in August.

Mr. Kevin J. Sharpe has completed a doctorate of philosophy in mathematics at La Trobe University, Melbourne. He is at present studying for a masters degree in divinity at Princeton, in the United States, from where he intends to return to New Zealand to be ordained in the Anglican Church. He attended school from 1963-67 and Canterbury University from 1968-70.

Mr. R. W. Edgley, a Wellington barrister, has been appointed a Queen's Counsel. He was educated at Napier Boys' High School, New Plymouth Boys' High, and Victoria University.

Group Captain W. G. Hughes, has been appointed deputy head of the New Zealand Defence Liaison Staff in Canberra. He was also awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year's honours list. After joining the R.N.Z.A.F. in 1943, his career has taken him to Canada, United Kingdom, Africa, Ceylon, Hong Kong, Fiji and Kuala Lumpur.

Mr. John S. Stronge (Jack) is a retired farmer of Opunake. A noted historian and the possessor of a comprehensive private historical library, he is well known for his knowledge of the Egmont Coast—in fact he has recently completed a book on this subject. Jack attended school in the 1920's and was a member of the first fifteen in 1927.

Mr. M. A. Besley, of New Plymouth, has been working in Australia since 1950. He has recently been appointed to a "special task force" to study policies for the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam.



FIRE IN THE OLD BLOCK, 1926

Mr. D. H. Blanchett, at present the Assistant General Manager, will become General Manager on Mr. Evans' retirement. He has served the bank for 43 years, beginning in 1930.

Mr. A. M. Nicholson, who along with Mr. A. J. Papps initiated the annual Rugby match between New Plymouth Boys' High School and Auckland Grammar, died in Tauranga earlier this year. As a result of this match in 1923, both schools have played annually ever since and very strong ties have been developed between them. Mr. Nicholson coached the Grammar first XV until 1943 when he became Principal of Tauranga Boys' College, a position he held until his retirement.

Mr. I. M. MacKenzie, who was associate partner in charge of engineering design of the Sydney Opera House, returned for a visit to New Plymouth last year. He spoke out in favour of retaining the city's Opera House, until a new one could be built. After attending our school, he gained an Engineering degree at Canterbury University, then travelled to England in 1956 and later came to Australia. He is married with two sons and has no plans to return to New Zealand to work.

Lieutenant Colonel Roy Thomas Victor Taylor, M.B.E., of Matiere, was appointed head of the secretariat at the Anzok Force Headquarters in Singapore late last year. In 1970 he was second in command of the Anzac Battalion on active service in South Vietnam. He is a keen sportsman and played Rugby for the Combined Services in 1955.

Mr. E. A. Evans, General Manager of the Taranaki Savings Bank, is to retire at the end of this year. He has held this position since 1950. His career in the bank began 46 years ago when a staff of five were employed—the city branch now has a staff of one hundred.

Mr. Ken Comber won the Wellington Central election narrowly in the last election, by 27 votes. He is the son of a well-known local radio sports announcer, Mr. Mark Comber, and son-in-law of Sir Keith Holyoake. He recently visited the school and addressed several senior classes during that time.

Mr. Kevin J. Campbell is the new Collector of Customs in New Plymouth, succeeding the late Mr. D. J. Earl. He began with the department in New Plymouth in 1946, transferred to Christchurch and then Head Office in Wellington. He is particularly interested in pipe band activities.

Mr. Roger M. Dodd has been appointed administrator of works and services at the University of Otago. He was an architect and town planner with the Auckland City Council.

Dr. R. W. Cartwright is the new director of the Massey University Market Research Centre. He was educated at Waitara and New Plymouth Boys' High and obtained his masters degree in Agricultural Science at Massey University. He also has studied at the University of California and Purdue University, where he graduated Ph.D.

Richard Purser was recently named in the New Zealand badminton team to compete in the Commonwealth Games in January. Well known in badminton circles, he has held numerous national titles over the past 12 years, including the men's singles on eight occasions. Currently he holds three New Zealand titles. He is 31

and seems likely to eclipse Jeff Robson's record of nine singles titles—already he is recognised as the country's best all-round player.

Bryan Purser was also named in the New Zealand badminton team to compete in Christchurch at the Commonwealth Games. Younger brother of Richard, he must have a great future in the sport, although this could apply to cricket and golf too, perhaps. Taranaki will remember his innings against Hawke's Bay in a Hawke Cup cricket match in New Plymouth a few seasons ago.

Maurice Betts was recently appointed manager of the New Plymouth branch of General Finance Ltd. He is a well-known sportsman and has represented the Boys' High and Taranaki in both cricket and hockey. He was captain of the N.Z. colts hockey team which visited Queensland in 1968 and a Wellington representative last year. Of particular note is his recent interest in the Old Boys' Association—he is secretary of the parent association.

Ueteri (Terry) Tiaan, who was working on the New Plymouth Power Station last year, has returned to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands to work for his government. For several months he has worked with a team installing a lighting system in the station. He hopes to return to New Zealand when his five-year term expires—he likes this country.

Mrs. Florence Dickie celebrated her 90th birthday earlier this year. She is well remembered as the school nurse from 1921 to 1941 especially by our boarders at that time. Over this long period she served the school well and many would be interested to know that she now lives opposite the school.

Mr. William E. Parrott, has returned this year from Britain to live in retirement in New Zealand. Affection-



NIGER HOUSE—Closes this year

ately known as "Polly" by his friends, he has had a notable career in news agency journalism. He began with the New Zealand Herald, then worked for Australian Associated Press. More recently he was overseas news editor in London with Reuters, a post he held for five years. A senior member of this concern has paid a glowing tribute to his attributes and ability on his retirement.

Dr. D. U. Steven has been appointed superintendent of Queen Mary Hospital in Hanmer. He is well known in Taranaki for his frequent visits to schools for lectures and immunisation programmes. Mrs. Steven has also been prominent in the affairs of the Plunket Society for many years, as well as assisting the school as a part-time teacher in charge of the library.

Mr. Murray Hewson returned to New Plymouth recently to attend the celebration of 21 years of commercial broadcasting by Radio Taranaki. He was the first contract announcer in New Plymouth and was chief announcer until 1967, when he was transferred. He is now station manager of Radio 1ZA-1ZT. A talented musician, he will be remembered for his numerous performances in local shows.

Mr. D. W. Schultz is the first registrar at the Taranaki Polytechnic. He has been a costing clerk with Johnson Motors in New Plymouth for 27 years.

Jim Tucker, chief reporter of the Taranaki Herald, has recently won the Dulux Award for feature writing. He won this prize, one of journalism's premier awards, with a series of articles on pollution last year. Since then, he has also won a special Commercial Bank of Australia economic journalism prize for 1972.

The Rt. Rev. G. F. McKenzie is the new Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. He is now superintendent of the Christchurch Presbyterian Social Service Association and attended the school from 1926-29. He has served at Drury, Takapuna, Timaru and Khandallah.

Mr. Bryan Simpson has been chosen as Australia's Advertising Man of the Year for 1973. His advertising career began with the Taranaki Herald, from which he joined the N.Z. Herald to become advertising manager. He then went to the Melbourne Herald and now is the director of advertising with the Herald and Weekly Times Group in Melbourne. In New Plymouth he was well known as a swimming administrator and Rugby referee.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. L. Jones has been appointed defence liaison officer and defence adviser in the N.Z. High Commission, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He will be promoted to the rank of Colonel. His career in the New Zealand Army began in 1954.

John Morrison has been selected in the New Zealand Cricket Team to tour Australia soon. He was a boarder in Moyes from 1961-1965. His performances for the 1st XI during this time were quite outstanding in all aspects of the game. As a fourth-former he was selected for this team, to eventually become an excellent captain and leader. His name appears five times on the cricket honours board, four centuries with the bat, and a fine 8 for 19, bowling against Wellington College. While still at school he made the Rothmans New Zealand under 23 side, the Taranaki representative team and the Central Districts Plunket Shield side. After leaving school and a season more with Taranaki, he returned to Wellington, employed by an oil company. He has since been a regular member of the Wellington Plunket Shield team, with a double century against Canterbury probably his best performance to date. John was also an accomplished Rugby player during his time at the school.

Mr. Trevor Gibbs, music master at the school for the last four years, has been appointed director of music at the Wanganui Collegiate School. During his time on the staff his enthusiasm and ability have seen the establishment of a school choir and a school band of exceptional quality. "The Messiah" and "Amahl and the Night Visitors" are two recent productions that received considerable praise from the public of New Plymouth. He was a pupil at the school from 1957-63.

Mr. F. G. Snedden has retired after 43 years in the newspaper industry. Aged 60, he has been associated with the Independent Publishers' Group for nearly 22 years, and will retire in Putaruru.

Timothy Penn, who was a prefect at the school in 1971-72, is now flying Strikemaster aircraft with the Royal Air Force at Linton-on-Ouse in Yorkshire. He was commissioned as Pilot Officer in October, 1973. His course passes out in January, 1974.

His training involved three months flying and schooling at Wigram, Christchurch. From there he returned to New Plymouth for a few days, and then to England. He has been to several bases for training but has been at Linton-on-Ouse the longest. He hopes to be home in New Plymouth in 1977.

Mr. M. R. Mander, chief valuer for the Valuation Department, has been appointed Deputy Valuer General by the States Services Commission. He began as a rural field cadet and served in the Royal New Zealand Navy during World War II. In 1944 he transferred to the Valuation Department and has served in Rotorua-Bay of Plenty, Palmerston North and Wellington. Recently, he travelled to San Francisco as a representative at the Pan-Pacific Congress of Real Estate Counsellors and Valuers. He is married with two children and lives in Lower Hutt.

Mr. A. F. Cassie, of Wellington, has been appointed general manager of the New Zealand Wool Board. Brought up on a Taranaki sheep farm, he attended the school as a boarder in Moyes House. As a rural field cadet he worked on farms in the Wairarapa, Southland, the King Country, and Northland. Later with the State Advances Corporation he was in Nelson, Blenheim, and then 11 years in Te Kuiti. He is married with four children and took up his appointment in November.

Colonel H. B. Connor has been appointed to a newly-created position in Defence Headquarters, Wellington, where he will be responsible for all promotions in the Army, Navy and Air Force.

OBITUARIES

ARTHUR HOPE BLUNDELL, in New Plymouth on 26th October. Aged 72.

Born in Otago and educated in Dunedin and at Auckland Grammar School, he joined the staff as preparatory assistant in 1926, and was in charge of this department of the school from 1927 onwards. From 1944 until his retirement in 1951 he was in charge of Niger House. He was a keen golfer and fisherman, and was made a life member of the Fitzroy Golf Club in recognition of his work for that organisation. He will be remembered affectionately by many Old Boys, particularly those of the old "Prep". He is survived by his wife.

L. (Jack) STOHR; in Johannesburg on July 25th. Aged 83. Born in New Plymouth and educated at the school, he is best remembered as an All Black from 1910-1913. His Rugby prowess is known to all, although after war service he returned to South Africa in 1920 and spent most of his life there.

THOMAS NEWLANDS STEWART WATT (as result of an accident), on 16th March, aged 60, at New Plymouth.

A former Deputy-Principal of the School for several years and a member of the staff for more than 30 years, Tom was equally well known and respected for his work with the Taranaki Acclimatisation Society, of which he was President for 14 years. (For further details see elsewhere in this magazine.)

GREGORY ALAN OPIE (as result of an accident), at Christchurch on 15th May. Aged 23.

The tragic accident on Mt. Rolleston in Canterbury, which resulted in the death of Greg and his climbing partner, Gary Southern, was a great shock to us all. Greg was a boarder for several years, and won many special prizes in mathematics and physics. He was Dux of the school in 1967. From school he went to Canterbury University and completed a degree in Engineering. Our sympathy goes to his parents and family.

WAIKEREPU PIRIPI PHILIP EDWARDS (as result of an accident), in New Plymouth on 14th June. Aged 17.

Another grievous accident caused the early loss of Philip to us. He was a boarder in the school last year.

FREDERICK HESLOP BARNITT, on 31st March in New Plymouth. Aged 86 years.

Mr. Barnitt was the oldest surviving pupil of the school at the time of his death. He attended from 1899 to 1903. He farmed in the Merrilands area and later in Central and South Taranaki. With a partner he then set up a land agency which he operated until his retirement, continuing his interest in farming until he was 80.

He leaves his wife and three daughters, Vyvian, Joyce and Barbara.

DESMOND RONALD GUNDESON, in New Plymouth on 24th December. Aged 46.

One of Taranaki's best-known cyclists and winner of many championships around the country, he gained first placing in the Round the Mountain race in 1960 and 1961, when he retired at 35. He is survived by two sons, Wayne and Paul, and three daughters, Ann, Janis, and Lois.

ARTHUR JAMES DICKSON, in Auckland on 17th February. Aged 68 years.

Born in Pihama, he was one of the highest qualified and longest serving local authority administrator in the country. He was director of works for the Auckland City Council in 1969 when he retired.

LESLIE INNES DAY, at Hamilton in January. Aged 74.

His 37 years as a teacher in Hamilton were interrupted only by war service, when he rose to the rank of major. He retired from the technical college where he was principal after a total of 47 years teaching service.

DOUGLAS BULLICK, in Waverley. Aged 63.

Born in New Plymouth, his interests included Waverley Chamber of Commerce, Waverley Cricket Club and the town's Rugby, Golf, Rotary and R.S.A. clubs. At the time of his death he was manager of the Bank of New South Wales in Waverley. He leaves his wife, a daughter Judy, and two sons, Richard and Peter.

RONALD ALFRED BLUNDELL, on 1st September, at Napier.

A "Moyes" stalwart of the old days, he was a great supporter of the school always. His effort during the

appeal for the new hall recently in Hawke's Bay deserve special mention. He is survived by his wife and sons John, Hugh and Warwick, who also attended the school. **BRYCE ROPER**, on 27th October last year, in Auckland.

A pupil at the school from 1963-67, he took an active interest in the school and its activities. We extend our sympathy to his parents and family.

RAY JOHN ALEXANDER LESLIE, in Auckland on 26th April. Aged 54 years.

He leaves his wife and two sons, Alan and John.

OWEN DAVIES, on 14th April, in New Plymouth.

He attended the school for a period of ten years, entering the Preparatory in 1917. After completing his English examinations, he returned to New Plymouth in 1930.

ADRIAN MICHAEL DRAVITZKI (as result of accident), on 1st April, in New Plymouth. Aged 16.

To his parents and family we offer our deepest sympathy.

ALFRED GEORGE WALKER, in Hawera, 25th January.

To his wife and family we extend our kindest thoughts.

JOSEPH ANTHONY DEAN, in New Plymouth on 8th August. Aged 47 years.

ARCHIBALD JOHN PATERSON, at New Plymouth on 21st February. Aged 65.

Jack was perhaps best known in Rugby circles as a Taranaki selector from 1953-1961. He was also a North Island selector for five years. He was a member and later captain of the renowned 1st XV in the mid-20's, which held the Moascar Cup for some time.

Many will remember him as a bowler, another of his interests in which he achieved considerable success. He is survived by three sisters, Daphne, Betty and Inez.

STANLEY EDWARD SMITH, on 24th January, in New Plymouth. Aged 66.

He was the managing director of a furniture retail business in New Plymouth for many years. Among his many interests were bowling, at both club and provincial level, St. Andrew's church, and the Ngamotu Masonic Lodge. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1963. He leaves his wife and three daughters, Shirley, Barbara and Maxine.

VERNON CHARLES BETTS, in Hawera, on 12th November. Aged 64.

Well known in South Taranaki in sporting circles, particularly for his long association with cricket. He is survived by his wife, daughter Isa, and son Edward.

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