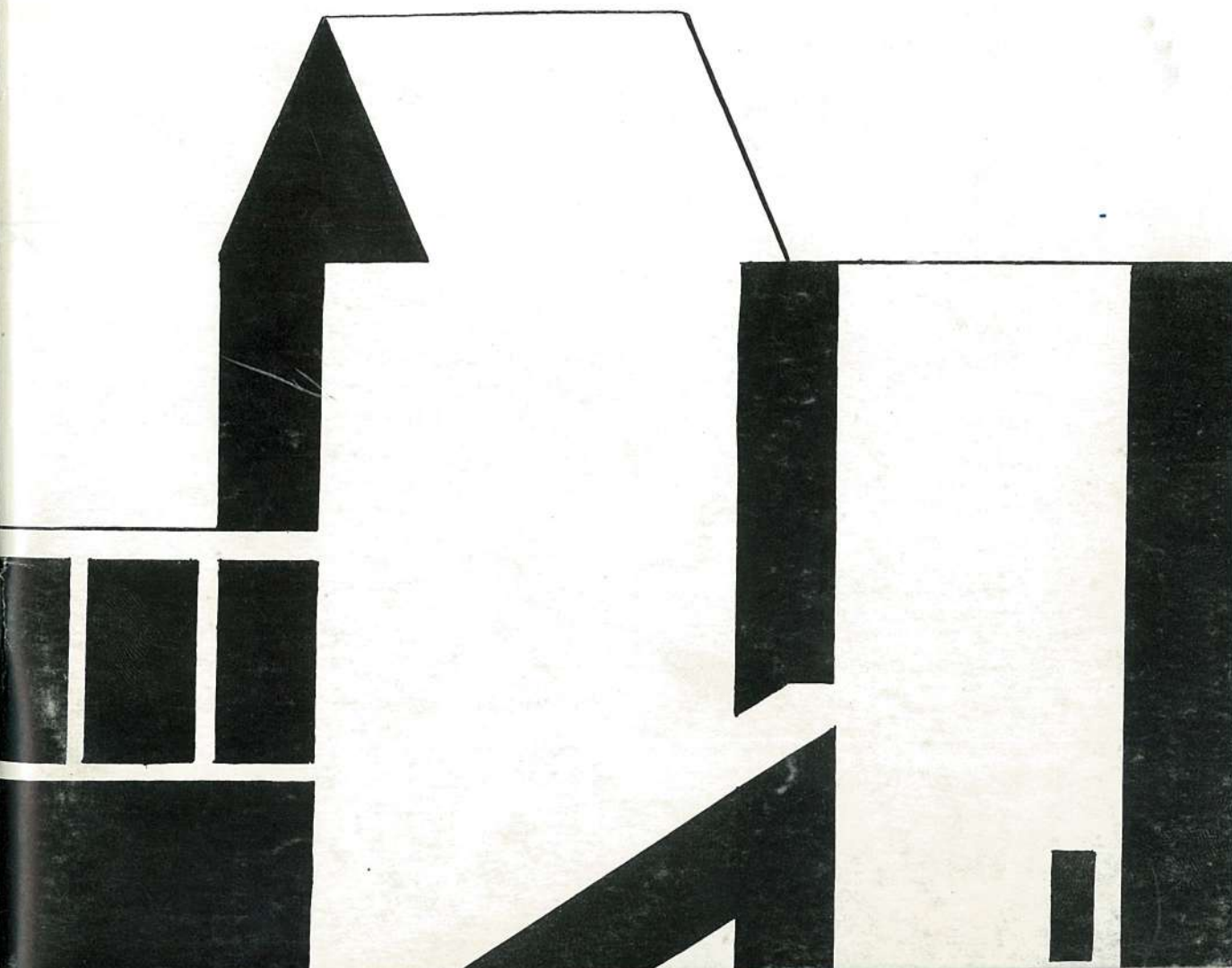


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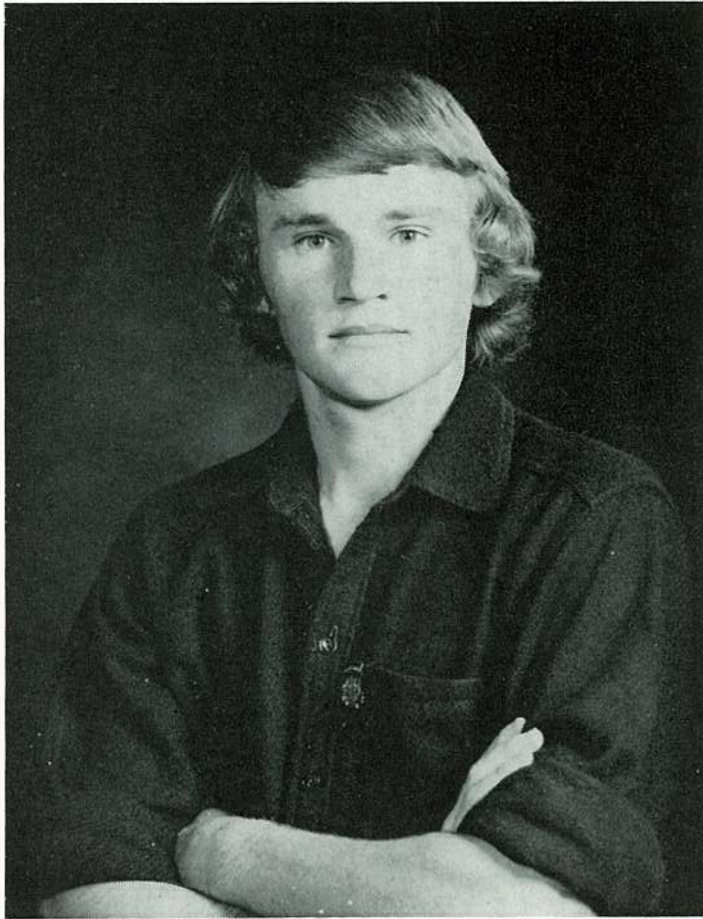


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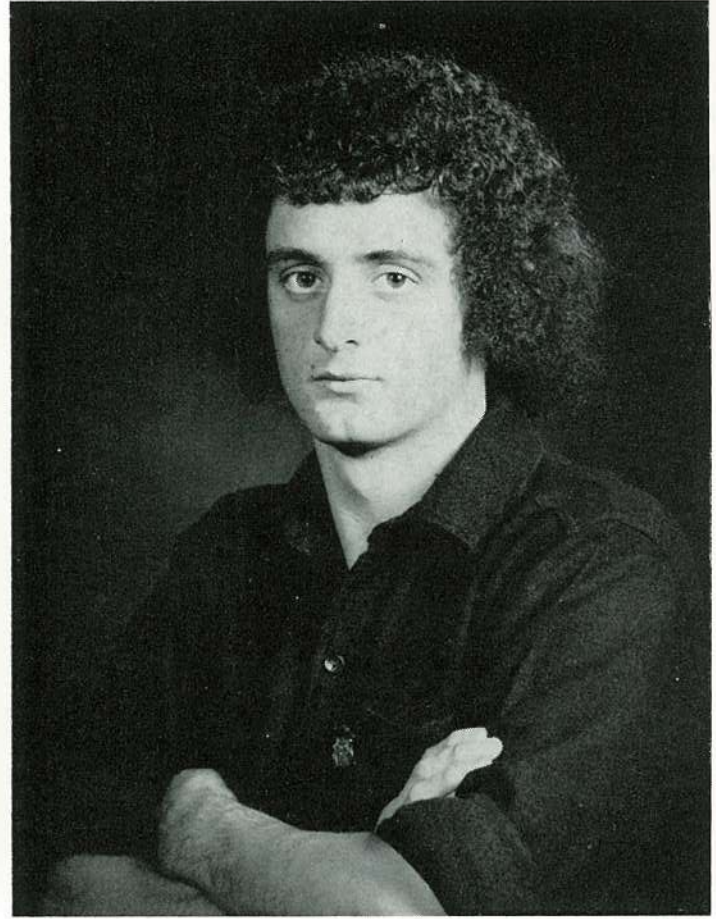
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MOYES. Hostel Master: Mr. E. Picton. **Assistant Hostel Masters:** Mr. G. Lamont, Mr. I. D. Francis, Mr. C. Bornet. **Head Boy:** D. E. Hutchings. **Prefects:** W. N. Coley, I. Bennie, M. Newland, J. Numa, P. Fitzpatrick, R. Wilson, D. Hodge, G. Heale, S. Carruthers, S. Lowrie (G. J. Walker).

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ANNEXE. Master-in-Charge: Mr. J. S. Hatherly. **Prefects:** T. Shearer, G. Johnson.

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Athletics: Mr. Stone.

Badminton and Table Tennis: Mr. Heaps.

Basketball: Mr. Francis.

Cadets: Mr. Carroll.

Careers: Mr. Carroll.

Chalet Classroom: Mr. Ranger.

Chapel: Mr. Hatherly.

Chess: Mr. Krook.

Cricket: Mr. Denton.

Drama: Mr. Lamont, Mr. Whelan.

Films: Mr. Kreisler, Mr. Lamont.

General Purpose Fund: Mr. Jennings.

Hockey: Mr. Anker.

Interact: S. Colson.

Library: Mr. Heaps.

Life-Saving: Mr. Rattray.

Music: Mr. Bornet.

Old Boys' Notes: Mr. Giddy.

Parent-Teacher Association: Mr. Heaps (Secretary)

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Pound: Mr. Abraham.

Rowing: Mr. Grant.

Rugby: Mr. Bennett.

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. Anker.

Steeplechase: Mr. Rattray.

Surf Riding: Mr. Rattray.

Swimming: Mr. Rattray.

"Taranakian": Mr. Crawford.

Tennis: Mr. Heaps.

Text Books: Mr. Baunton.

Tramping: Mr. Lamont.

Volleyball: Mr. Rattray.

"Whistle": I. F. Mackenzie.

Visual and Audio Systems: Mr. Huggett.

RETIREMENTS and STAFF CHANGES



Mr. P. C. Huggett (1943-1974)

After the very considerable service of thirty-one years, this year will see the retirement of Mr. 'Pat' Huggett. During his time of service he has devoted himself tirelessly to the needs of the school, and has contributed much to its growth and development, particularly in the technical field.

He joined the Technical Department of the Boys' High School after being invalided out of the Air Force in 1942 with three years service. Most of his teaching has been done at the "Tech." (now Taranaki Polytechnic) but with the formation of the separate Polytechnic from the High School, he came up to the school where he has remained ever since. In 1969 he was appointed Head of Department (Engineering), a post which he has retained ever since.

The range of Mr. Huggett's activities in the service of the school has been very wide. He spent fifteen years as a Flight-Lieutenant in the school A.T.C. unit, eighteen years coaching Rugby and for twenty-five years has served as an official at the school's Swimming and Athletic Sports Days. Many of the fixtures around the school have been produced by his skilful hands: the pipe hurdles used on Sports Day, the pipe-work of the diving towers, hockey goals and the seating around the cricket ground. For his considerable involvement in extra-curricular activities the boys and staff of the school must be extremely grateful.

During his career Mr. Huggett has found teaching a very enjoyable and rewarding occupation. Some of his fondest memories date back to earlier days when, down at the old "Tech", he found it possible to get to know the boys better as contact with classes extended over a larger part of their school lives. School work was not so academic, and boys were being educated more around their interests. Vocational guidance was also an important part of the teacher-pupil relationship. The classes Mr. Huggett remembers with particular fondness were "5E" and "5 Ag.", classes in which boys were keen to learn engineering skills that would serve them in good stead home on the farm.

In his retirement Mr. Huggett's interest will turn to his home and garden, with perhaps some leisurely bowls playing. We know that he will take with him many fond memories of the school, and the boys and staff who have passed through it, and we wish him well in his retirement.

Dr. H. R. Lenk (1969-1974)

This year saw the premature retirement of Dr. Lenk, who was forced to retire because of ill health. Dr. Lenk came to Boys' High from Ngaruawahia in 1969 and took up the position of Head of Languages in the school. To his efforts can be attributed the successful implementation of audio-lingual teaching methods in the school.

Activities in the school in which Dr. Lenk was involved include bridge and chess. A bridge player (of note) himself, he created steady interest among the boys. He also assisted with tennis coaching.

We of the school thank Dr. Lenk for what he has done on our behalf, and wish him every success and good health in his retirement.

Mr. R. G. Sinclair (1959-1974)

The School has received a setback in the Mathematics and Technical Drawing Departments with the resignation of Mr. Sinclair from the B.H.S. teaching staff. Mr Sinclair has accepted a teaching position at the Taranaki Polytechnic.

Mr. Sinclair came to Boys' High in 1959 directly from practice as an architect and became responsible for senior Technical Drawing and Mathematics to fourth form level, responsibilities for which he was well equipped. His extra-curricular involvement in the school has been considerable. He held the position of Company Commander in the Cadet Battalion, he has been Master-in-Charge of Tennis, and he has coached 2nd XI Cricket as well as Rugby. His own interests have contributed much to the school. For example, utilising his architectural knowledge, he designed the school diving boards. His interest as a member of the Bowl of Brooklands Trust resulted in participation by boys of the school in some of the "spectaculars" that local groups have staged at the Bowl. His interest in text-book writing has resulted in extremely high standards of Technical Drawing within the school.

Mr Sinclair is a man who enjoys his teaching, and for whom both staff and boys have great respect. We hope that many successful classroom years lie ahead for him.

Mrs. A. Fernee (1970-1974)

After more than four years as Matron of Boarding, Mrs. A. Fernee is to retire at the end of this year. Her kindness and her consideration will be missed by boys and staff alike.

Her duties as Matron have been very onerous for one person to carry. Her responsibilities include the purchase of supplies and the arranging of menus, the management of the Kitchen and Dining-room, supervision of the Hospital and of the Hostel cleaning staff. It is a tribute to her calm efficiency and her cheerful disposition that Boarding has run so smoothly over the last four years.

In her time as Matron she has noticed many changes, the most significant being the drop in the roll of boarders from 360 to approximately 220. Boys in the hostels seem much happier than they were, having more "room to move", and more activities in which they can participate. Leave restrictions are also lighter than they have been in the past.

Mrs. Fernee has many pleasurable memories from Boarding, some of which have a humorous side to them but are "not for print". She has always found the boys polite and respectful in the dealing she has had with them, and they have certainly not contributed to any problems she has had to deal with as Matron. Staff, too, have always been helpful and co-operative.

The boys of Boarding have much to thank Mrs. Fernee for, and will always owe her much, as will the staff. She has helped make Boarding the place it is, having done much to humanise its institutional aspects. Little things such as colourful curtains, or flowers in the Dining Room have made a considerable difference to the atmosphere.

In her retirement, Mrs. Fernee will concentrate on her garden, and devote even more of her time to her grandchildren. We wish her well in her retirement, thanking her for all that she has done.

Other Changes

At the beginning of the year we welcomed two ladies to the permanent staff, Mrs. I. S. Gallon to take over the French Dept., and Miss P. McDonald to teach senior economics. Other staff additions were: Mr. C. Bornet from Canterbury University to teach music, Mr. W. Grant from the Royal New Zealand Navy teaching English and social studies, Mr. M. Stone to take a Phys. Ed. position, Mr. K. Smale to teach economics and Mr. Krook to join the Tech. Drawing Dept.

Mr D. H. Bennett returned to his old school after one year at Spotswood College to take charge of Senior Geography.

Two relieving staff members joined us for the first term only; Mr. R. Sherwood to teach junior English and Social Studies, and Mr. K. Dixon teaching Maths. Mr. C. Sampson acted as senior instructor for the Chalet classroom.

Two teachers arrived from Britain for the second term; Mr. M. Newsome to replace Mr. Sherwood and Mr. J. Williams to teach Metalwork. Mr. A. Bryant joined the Maths Dept. for the second term but moved on to Waitara Girls' High. Mr. Blakelock and Mr. R. Waters, both from Britain, joined the permanent staff at the beginning of the third term to teach Maths.

This year also sees a number of the staff moving on to greener pastures.

Mr. Neatherway is leaving with his family for "the Old Country" in January.

Mr. Bornet, after a year running the Music Dept., has decided to spend next year in West Germany, archive hunting.

Mr. G. Price leaves the Maths. Dept. to take up a senior teaching position in Dargaville.

Mr. K. Smale after a year in the economics world flies south to find the real New Zealand.

Mr. Lamont, after two years in the Social Studies Dept., returns to University where he will learn that it is indeed harder to sit, than to set, exams.

Finally, Mr. M. Newsome leaves to take up a senior Geography position at Takapuna Grammar School.

THE SCHOOL SCENE 1974...

THE HEADMASTER'S RESIDENCE—NO LONGER!



The Hostel warden will reside on the upper floor while the single tutors and senior pupils will use the downstairs rooms.

1974 was a year of change and, to many, some disappointments. The most obvious and most important change is the revised house system under which the whole school is divided into four houses on an alphabetical basis. Each house is organised into nine groups under a master and an elected group leader. It is in these groups that topics are discussed to be presented to the house Councillors.

This is an attempt to ease the traditional day boy/boarder rivalry by placing all boys into combined houses. In addition, the disparity of numbers in the old houses, the expected disappearance of Pridham, the apathy of day boys and the very strong house loyalty of the boarders were solved by this revision. It is hoped that more distinctive names can be found for the houses in the near future.

Stemming from the new house system is the School Council. This was introduced to allow better communication between pupils and the Headmaster and to give pupils a greater say in the running of the school. Each house elects three representatives with the Head Boy also being a Councillor. The staff is represented by the four senior house masters and two further elected representatives. The Chairman of the Council is the Deputy Headmaster, with the Headmaster participating at his own

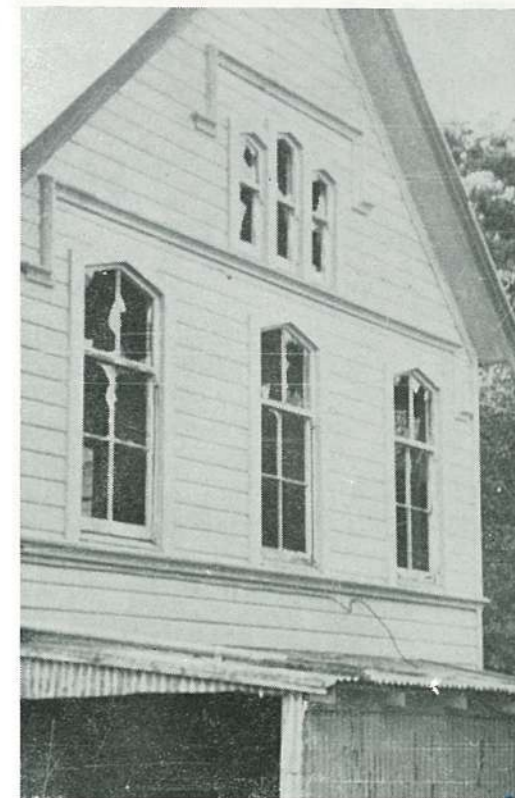
discretion in an ex-officio capacity. A secretary and a treasurer were appointed by the Council as ex-officio members.

The advantages of the new system include greater opportunities for boys to have problems discussed, further integration of day boys and boarders, and the fact that juniors are able to express their opinions more easily through their Councillors and the suggestion boxes.

Unfortunately, some of the boys feel that the new system is not working, and point particularly at the uniform issue to illustrate this. At the end of last year and at the beginning of this seniors attempted to gain mufti for the seventh form at least, and possibly mufti for all seniors. The Council took up this issue and presented a survey taken among the boys to Mr Cramond, as well as discussing it. The uniforms were changed, but not to the satisfaction of most of the boys. In their fourth year and above pupils may now wear char-grey trousers with shoes and socks. Blazers may now be worn to school, and boys may wear sandals with their winter uniforms. Seventh formers have the option of wearing a white or gold shirt with a school tie. Next year the traditional blue winter uniform will go as retailers were said to be unable to supply it and, in common with most other schools, we will wear a grey winter uniform.



Sports Day 1910 showing Rooms 14 and 15.



Room 16 in the final stages of decay.



A new view of the Old Block—Rooms 14, 15 and 16 finally removed.



The Bell Tower.

Building continues around the school. The new technical/art block is nearing completion as is the new tractor shed and common-room for the ground staff. Another link with the past has gone with the demolition of rooms 14, 15 and 16 and the old toilets. These were all in very bad condition, but their disappearance has exposed the "butt-holes", so that other hideaways must be sought. The disappearance of most of the bamboo outside Moyes has further exposed them, and it has also meant that a lot of the bank has eroded. Shrubs have been planted all around the school and various attempts to beautify it have been implemented.

An important step not generally known to pupils is the inclusion of Mr Abraham as a non-voting teachers' representative on the Boys' High Committee of the Board of Governors. This means that the staff, and hopefully, in the long run, the pupils, can have a greater say in the policies of the school.

Something many seniors have noted is that they have fewer study periods this year than last, but to compensate, the General Studies programme has been extended, both by having more periods devoted to it, and by the inclusion of new options: thirty boys were able to attend typing at the Girls' High this year. Reaction among the boys to the new programme is generally favourable.

Further criticisms have been levelled at the Council system, namely that: there remains a communication gap between Councillors and their houses; that the present election system allows groups to elect themselves; that too little is known about the Council (a constitution is only now being worked out), and that the Council is not radical enough. However, it must be remembered that any innovation must be allowed time to show its effectiveness.

Many boys are inclined to dismiss the Council because it has not acted on their pet issues. For the Council to work, it must have the support of at least the majority of boys.

Manufacturers are also unable to supply the 'tiger' jacket and it is hoped that a pool of them can be acquired by the school for lending to members of school teams. The changes are a long way from the mufti desired by most seventhers, and it is notable that not one has worn the optional gold or white shirt.

The juniors especially have been helped by the provision of lunch-time activities such as the table-tennis tables in the Old Ha'! by the Council, and films of general interest have also been obtained. The gym teachers have accepted disruption of their own lunch hours to allow the use of gym equipment during lunch-time. This also has eased the shortage of lunch-time activities in the school. Seniors have been placated by the provision of the Boarders' Lounge as a Senior Common Room, though this may not be used for study periods and the only thing seniors can do at lunch-time is play cards. However, it remains a good place to relax.

In the future, the Council should become an important part of the school and have an important say in decisions about school policy. However, boys should remember that they get the Council they deserve, so care should be taken to elect responsible boys who are prepared to work to fulfil the desires of the whole school.



Motor Maintenance—Sixth Form General Studies.

In another step to break down the dayboy/boarder rivalry, the Headmaster has granted senior boarders the right to smoke, with parental permission, in appointed places outside school hours.

There has been some public criticism of this action, but Mr Cramond has merely legalised and defined what many boarders have been doing since the school began in 1882.

This year, the number of vehicles brought to school has noticeably increased. Upwards of fifty motorcycles are to be seen in Wakefield Street and Cameron Street and many pupils bring cars. The affluence of students definitely seems to be increasing.

The school magazine, the Whistle, continues to be a platform for dissenting day boys, and again has not put out all the issues that it had promised. The fault may be with the students as a whole since every Whistle committee since it began has been crying out for contributions.

All in all, the school does not seem to have changed a great deal. Apathy among the pupils is still evident and all students still have to learn within the system. Given time, the Council should overcome its teething problems and become truly representative of the wishes of the whole school. The traditional dayboy/boarder rivalry is starting to disintegrate and with the decrease in the size of the boarding hostels, seems likely to do so even further, and that will be a good thing. Boys' High remains a traditional school by New Zealand standards, and hopefully these traditions of the past will be preserved, but with regard and deference to the needs and ideals of the present, and the dictates of the future.

P. C. BUTT.



The new Technical Block takes shape.



THE COUNCIL MEETS



LUNCH IN THE COURTYARD



SOME CALCULATING SEVENTH FORMERS



Mathieson displays his skill on the potter's wheel.



4G Paints the bottom of the baths.

BOARDING IN THE 1970's

Having completed five years as a boarder at the school I have seen a great number of changes.

I started my boarding career in Niger House as a third former in 1970. The house was a kind of initiation centre in which new boys were placed to allow them an easy entry into the system. At that time tradition reigned with a heavy hand and third form boarders were very obedient. I would say we had more fear than respect for the older boys of the school and we were made to do a lot of things we didn't want to. Everyone had to play rugby in the winter and many boys were not suited for or just didn't like, the sport. In some ways it was very beneficial though, because it kept boys busy and fit where otherwise they might just have been lazy and created a lot of problems around boarding while trying to amuse themselves.

In this year school uniform was worn seven days a week which was the main cause of the abuse boarders got on the weekends from the public of New Plymouth. By the end of the year we were all very keen to get into the fourth form which seemed, then, to have a very good life compared to ours.

After the year in Niger we were promoted to our pre-designated houses in the main school area. There were very few changes in the general system of boarding except for the abolition of cap-wearing for seniors on the way to Church, and extension of certain leave regulations for prefects.

The bullying situation had eased slightly and the 1971 third formers were treated more civilly than we were. This year was a most the same as the third form but we knew a bit more of the workings of the school which made things easier. Sport wasn't as rigidly forced upon us but by this stage we had grown to accept several sports and participated on a more voluntary basis. This early forcing of sport onto us was good in that it introduced us to physical activity whereas we might not have taken up any sport at all. I think sport is a necessary part of education but unfortunately this may not be recognised by many people until it is too late.

In 1972 I was in the fifth form and in my third year at N.P.B.H.S. so I was well settled in and beginning to enjoy myself. This was the year that Mr Cramond came and also the beginning of many very necessary changes. We were allowed to wear mufti after school and a lot of fagging and bullying was cut out. Seniors were given leave to the beach in mufti which was a great break from tradition. The boarding establishment was starting to become more like home and less like the traditional boarding school. This made life much more acceptable to all boys but house spirit was waning slightly with the removal of certain disciplinary powers held by the seniors and prefects of the houses.

My sixth form year was the last year of the old house system, Niger was in its last year, Pridham was beginning to be phased out and the boarding numbers were chopped well back from what they were. This year for me was completely different in that prefectdom allowed much more freedom and an increase in responsibility made me much more understanding of the disciplinary

system in that I now understood that seniors disciplining juniors did it not for their personal gain but for the juniors' best interests. As boys get into a more senior position in the establishment responsibilities are offered and those boys who are in a position to take these, benefit greatly. I am afraid prefects may not exist in future years but I do believe that the prefect system offers a great deal to anyone who is a part of it and I doubt if this boarding establishment could function at all without the prefects.

Near the end of that year it was announced that the house system was to change in the following year to a mixed dayboys/boarders, 4-house system. This was met with disapproval from a lot of the boarders and boarding spirit was on a steeper rate of fall than previously seen.

In my last year, 1974, I am in the seventh form and from my position as Head Boarder I can see that boarding spirit has been reduced to an all time low. We had a reasonable amount of boarding spirit at the athletic sports but I think that was only the remains of what had gone before. As the year has progressed the house spirit and boarding spirit has dropped right back till they are now nearly non-existent. There are no incentives for house prefects to work with the juniors or make them train for anything and most boys do what they like. This may seem good at the moment for the people concerned but a lot of time has been wasted and this will not be realised until major exam results come out. Participation in major sports has already significantly decreased. In the space of five years the number of rugby teams has dropped from twenty-six to eleven. Apathy seems to reign supreme at the moment.

There are more changes due for next year and these include graded boarding houses with the seniors in Moyes, intermediates in Carrington, and third formers in the ground floor of Pridham. This will make life much more equal at all levels and life will be very pleasurable here in the N.P.B.H.S. boarding establishment. Last year's seniors said that their year was the last decent one to be had here but I am not sure if they were right or not so I won't say anything but wait and see what is to happen in the future.

As a conclusion I would say that the most beneficial aspect of boarding is the way that characters are moulded around a spirit of comradeship inside the house in a way that many boys benefit from the experiences of others just through living under the same roof. As a result of this the individual has a much greater self confidence knowing that he is equal to all others of his age-group. Also from having to fend for himself in boarding he becomes independent very quickly and this is of great value out of school.

MARK HOUSTON.

CHALET CLASSROOM - a personal view



HIGH PLACES

He stood there on the verandah, quietly filling his pipe, looking for all the world like a character from the West Coast, just come down from the hills to gather supplies for his next six months searching for gold. This was my introduction to "Sam" Sampson, the straggly bearded, long haired, stern looking "Headmaster" of the N.P.B.H.S. Chalet Classroom. I was soon to learn, however, that this stern looking Hermit was a most efficient and dedicated teacher, a veritable fount of knowledge when it comes to mountains, flora and fauna and all things "Chalet Classroom". Sam soon swung into action and "Fat Chops", "Bugs", "Grease", "Streaker", "Benjy", "Goog", "MacDuck", "Sea Weed" and the rest of 4E were swiftly being directed to the rooms that were to be their homes for the next 4 nights.

Mornings began with a physical "jerk" supervising the troops for pre-breakfast press-ups, sit-ups, run around the car park and other activities designed to "freshen up" for the arduous day ahead. Breakfast over and the day's chores completed, the lads swung into the programme. One group each day learned the finer points of weather forecasting from Mine Host "Snow" Mace, proprietor of the Lodge and Chief Cook and Bottlwasher.

The remainder of the day was taken up with lessons on such bizarre topics as geology of the mountain, vulcanology, topography, climatology and botany. The "physical" even attempted to instil some map reading skills into the crew, and this was tested one day while on a jaunt up the mountain.

The first walk attempted was to the Curtis Falls. En route, the groups put into practice some of the plant and tree identification and transect-line procedures hammered into them by Sam during the morning session. For some of the gang it was their first walk through native bush and they marvelled at the beauty of it.

During the week an expedition was mounted to conquer the heights of Egmont. After the footsloggers had been dispatched towards the Plateau, the rendezvous was completed with the arrival of Sam and the Physical by way of Land Rover (the rotten cads). The day was enjoyed by all particularly the snow capers on the northern slopes by Warwick Castle, before the trek to base was attempted. (That snow sure is wet; and hard !!!) Various mountain zones were identified and transected during the exercise.

An all day tramp to Dawson Falls was the feature of a later part of the programme. The by now familiar transecting and zonation preceded a rather breathtaking traverse of a very flimsy looking swing bridge (Memo for 1975: tighten all nuts and replace missing ones). A very informative lecture by Ranger Jim Peacock illustrated by the extremely well set out information stands in the newly opened Information Centre, continued our knowledge of New Zealand's National Parks and in particular, Egmont National Park. The smallest A.C. (or was it D.C.?) power station in New Zealand was viewed in a shed alongside an icy mountain stream. Perchance, traversing this wet tumbling mountain stream was a flying fox and some of the more adventurous of the party tested their skills by indulging in some foolhardy aerial acrobatics that resulted in (a) wet bods; (b) broken flying fox.

Evenings were spent writing up diaries and playing housie before a blazing log fire. Prizes of chocolates and goodies from the shop were donated and some very serious play was indulged in. Woe betide the Mini-Pool players if they made a noise! Bedtime usually came too soon, but the bodies, wearied by the day's activities

usually fell asleep fairly readily. Anyone who was foolish enough to talk after lights out had to suffer a mild form of physical torture imposed by Sam (a half-squat against the wall with arms extended — ouch!). Two of the party, urged on by the stories told by Snow Mace of the value of old and quaint bottles, spent some time in the early morning rummaging around the old rubbish areas and came across some magnificent specimens of old bottles, including the now rare "marble bottles."

The final day saw tidying up procedures, as this was the last Chalet group in residence, and it was a cheerful but tired group that finally spilled from the bus when it arrived back at school. In all, a wonderful week of learning, of fellowship, of zapping — an experience to be long remembered. To Sam, who has departed for classroom duties in the South Island, all involved in "Chalet Classroom", extend a grateful and enthusiastic "thanks" for services rendered and sincerely wish that others will continue to benefit from his wide and profound knowledge as related to this part of education.

N. E. STONE.



COOKING PROBLEMS—No "Little Lucifers"

PRIZE GIVING 1973

As in the 1972 Prize-Giving, 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. Many sports trophies are presented to the winners immediately upon the conclusion of the competition so, as with last year, the number of sports awards made at the Prize-Giving was reduced.

Mr Cramond presented the Annual Report for 1973 to those present at the Prize-Giving ceremony. He made reference to the possibility of the Boarding Roll being reduced as low as 200, and to the fact that the Department of Education had fixed the optimum roll of the school at 1100 and in its development would provide rooms and facilities for that number. New facilities planned for the school included a senior pupils' common room, a lecture room, a drama room, a science workshop, two biology laboratories, an audio-visual room and a new library, as well as adequate toilet, changing and showering facilities, guidance counselling rooms, an extended or a new gymnasium, and a cafeteria. Associated with these proposals would be the upgrading and redecorating of the Old Main Block, South Block and the Laboratory Block. Mr Cramond said that although progress might seem slow, it was, in spite of frustrating delays, being made.

He also announced the introduction of the new house system and the Council, and suggested that in the revised house system there would be opportunity to improve communication, to present opinion, to become involved, to be responsible, to care and be concerned for others and to develop leadership.

During his report Mr Cramond dealt extensively with an important matter, that of pastoral care. He announced that Deans had been appointed from the staff to cater for the needs for boys at each form level, and that application (since approved) had been made to acquire the services of a full-time guidance counsellor.

He discussed the changing nature of education and the constant need for teacher re-education. Boys, too, had a vital role to play, both inside and outside the classroom. He noted that extra-curricular activities had been pursued with great enthusiasm, and rewarded with considerable success in many areas.

In conclusion Mr. Cramond thanked member of the Board, the Parent-Teacher Association and the Staff for the service they had given to the School during 1973.

Mrs. B. L. Williams presented the following prizes.

SPORTS AWARDS

SWIMMING

Junior Championship (Fox Cup): R. A. Beaven.

ATHLETICS

100 metres Junior Championship (Bennett Cup): G. Whitehead.

200 metres Junior Championship: R. Loft.

400 metres Junior Championship (Harman Cup): W. Harrison.

100 metres Junior Hurdles: G. Whitehead.

800 metres Junior Championship: R. Tombleson.

Junior Long Jump: M. Baillie.

Junior High Jump: R. Loft.

Intermediate Discus (Edmonds Trophy): M. J. Smith.

School Championship (Fookes Cup): M. A. Houston.

TENNIS

Junior Singles (Herbert Smith Cup): S. Wood.

Intermediate Singles (McKeon Cup): S. Wood.

Senior Singles Champion (Candy Cup): A. A. Roguski.

BADMINTON

Junior Singles (Isaac Cup): J. Mells.

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

CROSS COUNTRY

Junior Winner (Osborne Cup): M. J. Waite.

Junior Fastest Time (Noakes Cup): M. J. Waite.

Intermediate Winner (Herbert Smith Cup): K. I. Burgess.

School Senior Champion (1911 Cup): D. H. Brown.

Senior Fastest Time (Bryce Cup): D. H. Brown.

GYMNASTICS

Third Form Championship (Herbert Smith Cup): P. L. Jackson.

Fourth Form Championship (Peter Saunders Memorial Cup): B. L. Giles/C. L. Howan.

School Open Championship (Hoskin Cup): R. A. Hogg.

CRICKET

Best Bowler (Parkinson Memorial Cup): D. J. Radford.

ROWING

John Deere Cup for Contribution to Enjoyment of Rowing: S. G. Harkness.

SHOOTING

Senior .303 Short Range Champion (Searle Cup): R. W. Bristol.

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS

Rugby (Pease Cup): Boarders.

Cricket (Birch Cup): Boarders.

Swimming (Dempsey Shield): Day Boys.

Tennis (Beetham Cup): Day Boys.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION:

Rugby (Kerr Cup): West.

Soccer (Holder Memorial Cup): West.

Athletics (Hansard Cup): Moyes.

Swimming (Burnbank Cup): Moyes.

Drama (Tett Trophy): Moyes.

Tennis (Stevenson Cup): East.

Rowing (Hayton Cup): Carrington.

Junior Fours (Bryant and Hedley Cup): Pridham.

ACADEMIC PRIZES

THIRD FORM

English (Rex Dowding Memorial): P. B. Zaloum.
Latin: D. G. Arthur.
French: J. Smit/M. Gesterkamp.
Mathematics: R. D. Blyth.
General Science: P. E. Sirett.
Social Studies: A. W. Hickling/K. J. Death.
Physical Education: P. L. Jackson.
Music: T. C. Reid.
Technical Drawing: I. Turner.

FOURTH FORM

English (Canon Strong Memorial): G. N. Webber.
Latin: R. A. Beaven.
French: R. B. Jones.
Mathematics: W. H. and T. H. Wilson.
General Science: M. T. Gowing.
Social Studies: G. W. Leathley.
Art: C. J. Burr.
Physical Education: M. D. Baillie.
Music: M. J. Smith.
Commerce: D. J. Cooke.
Technical Drawing: J. R. Larsen.

FIFTH FORM

English: A. J. Biss.
Science: A. J. Biss.
Latin: S. M. Harrop.
French: S. M. Harrop.
Mathematics: S. G. Harkness.
History: G. N. Buxton.
Geography: M. N. Allen.
Book-keeping: S. J. Shanahan.
Art: G. L. Dods.
Technical Drawing: K. Hassal/O. Pimm.
Woodwork (Spear & Jackson Saw): L. P. Francis.
Engineering Shopwork (Kidd-Garret Prize): M. T. Fulcher.
Physical Education: P. Fitzpatrick.

DISTINCTION AWARDS

5A: G. K. Adams, B. S. Hollins, A. G. Mossop, M. S. Trevillion.
5B: D. M. Antunovic, C. R. Power, S. O. Winter, L. A. Woolsey.
5C: P. W. Addis, R. W. Baker, S. A. Francis, S. A. Hartley.
5D: R. L. Harkness, R. M. Hawkes, R. G. Heale, S. R. Lowrie, M. E. Marsh, J. M. Smeaton.
5E: J. J. Arthur, C. M. Carey-Smith, M. C. Collier, G. B. Johnson, R. J. Schultze.
5F: K. D. Bolstad, S. D. Chamberlain, A. B. Ernest, P. J. Lethbridge.
5G: D. S. Cobham, W. N. Coley, B. W. Davidson, D. McIver.
5H: B. J. Kjestrup, I. R. McCracken, C. A. Mackay, I. P. Sharrock.

SIXTH FORM

English (Tabor Scholarship): P. C. Butt.
Languages (Tabor Scholarship): C. D. Robinson.
History (Tabor Scholarship): A. L. Fox.
Geography (Tabor Scholarship): D. B. Inns.
Chemistry (Tabor Scholarship): R. J. England.
Physics (Tabor Scholarship): A. B. Gordon.
Biology (Tabor Scholarship): G. P. King.
Mathematics (Tabor Scholarship): B. G. Reeve.
Accounting (Tabor Scholarship): M. W. Fairey.
Technical Drawing (Tabor Scholarship): J. P. Sarten.
Art (Devon Footwear Prize): R. A. Hill.
Economics (Thos. Borthwick & Sons): R. T. Campbell.

DISTINCTION AWARDS

6A: M. C. Davidson, P. L. May.
6B: M. G. Downey, S. B. Edwards, A. N. Lane, I. F. Mackenzie.
6C: C. Molloy, M. C. Opie, N. B. Pyke, D. J. Radford.
6D: A. G. Beverwijk, R. W. Bristol, R. K. Bromley, S. G. Colson, C. B. Emson, R. P. Wilson.
6E: R. J. Hinckesmen, D. E. Hutchings, H. M. Ries, G. Roper.
6F: K. R. Bennett, D. H. Brown.
6G: L. N. Marshall, A. G. Taylor, S. P. Wright.

SEVENTH FORM

English Literature (White Memorial): D. R. Martin.
English Language (John Brodie Memorial): R. W. Pearce.
Geography (David Bennett): D. R. Martin.
History (Bendall Memorial): P. H. K. Warren.
Mathematics: R. R. Masters.
Applied Mathematics: R. R. Masters.
Biology (Walter Crowley Weston Memorial): R. N. Gray.
Chemistry (P. O. Veale Memorial): R. N. Gray.
Original Verse (Heurtley Memorial): M. R. Robbins.
Art: V. A. Hutchinson.
Economics (Thos. Borthwick & Sons): A. E. Wilson.
Accounting: J. E. Owen.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Reading in Assembly: D. G. Arthur.
Progress in Mathematics (Wattie Wilkie Memorial): J. E. Young.
Junior Oratory: K. R. Dixon.
Best Maori Student (Dept. Maori Affairs): W. McAlister.
Reading in Assembly (Senior): P. J. Winter.
Excellence in Music (Trevor Gibbs Prize): M. E. Bedford.
Best Cadet (Sole Cup): A. E. Wilson.
General Excellence (Dr. E. F. Fookes): R. B. Foy.
Head Boy (Brookman Cup): R. B. Foy.
Proxime Accessit (Ian MacLeod Memorial): R. R. Masters.
Dux (Buick Cup): R. N. S. Gray.

EXAMINATION RESULTS 1973

School Certificate: Adams, G. K., 4; Addis, P., 4; Alexander, K. R., 2; Allen, M. N. F., 5; Amey, P. W., 2; Antunovic, D. M., 4; Armistead, J., 4; Arthur, J. J., 5; Baker, B. R., 5; Baker, R. W., 4; Baker, R. J., 1; Bartlett, A. N., 1; Bethell, R. G., 2; Bishop, J. G., 2; Biss, A. J., 6; Bolstad, K. B., 4; Bone, M. J., 2; Bothwell, N. J., 2; Bremer, P. A., 4; Briggs, A. T., 1; Broad, P. W., 4; Broadmore, M. W., 3; Brown, G. R., 4; Brown, P. A., 3; Brown, R. T., 2; Bruce, G. M., 2; Bryant, A. M., 2; Buckton, T. P., 1; Burnside, P. G., 3; Burton, P. R., 5; Buxton, G. N., 6; Carey-Smith, C. M., 5; Carruthers, S. N., 2; Carryer, C. L., 6; Chamberlain, S. D., 4; Chivers, G., 3; Christophers, P. J., 2; Coley, N. W., 2; Collier, M. C., 5; Cooper, I. L., 3; Caster, K. M., 2; Dalton, S. N., 4; Davidson, B. W., 3; Dee, A. J., 2; Dempsey, M., 2; Dods, G. L., 5; Eady, M. P., 5; Eady, W. P., 1; Easton, M. D., 2; Ede, K. J., 4; Ensor, D. J., 1; Ernest, A. B., 4; Ferris, M. C., 2; Fitzpatrick, P. D., 6; Fordham, D. J., 5; Francis, L. P., 2; Francis, S. A., 5; Fraser, I. C., 3; Fulcher, M. T., 4; Galvin, K., 2; Gardner, A. H., 1; Gaskin, D. H., 4; Gibbs, P. A., 5; Giles, J. S., 2; Gilmer, J. H., 1; Glen, A. A., 4; Gower, G. H. M., 1; Graham, G. D., 2; Grant, C. R., 4; Gray, A. M., 4; Gray, M. A., 4; Gray, R. D., 3; Gregory, M. R., 3; Gundeson, A. G., 1; Hall, P. N., 5; Hall, S. J., 5; Hammond, G. L., 5; Hargreaves, M. P., 3; Harkness, R. L., 5; Harkness, S. G., 6; Harris, T. E., 2; Harrop, S. M., 6; Hartley, S. A., 6; Hassall, K., 5; Hawkes, R. M., 5; Hayton, M. J., 5; Hayward, A. P., 5; Heale, G. L., 1; Heale, R. G., 5; Herdman, P. J., 2; Hill, D. R., 1; Hogg, R. A., 4; Hodge, D. J., 2; Hollins, B. S., 5; James, G. A. D., 1; Jennings, P. S., 2; John, C. L., 4; Johnson, G. B., 3; Jones, G. S., 5; Jones, P. E., 4; Jones, S. R., 4; Jones, T. M., 2; Kearns, I. D., 1; Keat, M. A. K., 2; Kettle, D., 1; Kjestrup, L. T., 4; Konijn, J. G., 5; Langley, G. B., 5; Langslow, J. R., 1; Larsen, G. S., 2; Leggett, M. T., 2; Leggott, J. E., 6; Lethbridge, P. J., 3; Lowrie, S. R., 5; McColl, W. A., 1; McIver, D., 4; McLauchlan, M. E., 3; Manley, R. B., 1; Manning, B. K., 2; Manson, W. H., 2; Marsh, M. E., 4; Masters, P. J., 2; Mathieson, R. L., 4; May, B. J., 3; Meuli, B. J., 4; Middleton, A. B., 2; Mildenhall, G., 3; Mildenhall, R. J., 3; Miller, W. D., 3; Miln, G. J., 1; Mossop, A. G., 5; Nelson, R. B., 1; Newland, I. M., 1; Newton, S. J., 4; Nicholls, J. C., 3; Norton, M. J., 2; Ordish, L. R., 2; Pearce, K. G., 3; Penn, G. J., 3; Persson, W. K., 1; Peters, C. J., 1; Phillips, M. G., 3; Pimm, O. W., 5; Power, C. R., 6; Pritchard, P. D., 3; Raikes, J. B. L., 2; Rees, C. C., 4; Ritchie, P. E., 3; Roberts, P. R., 5; Sandilands, K. R., 1; Schultze, J. R., 4; Shanahan, S. J., 5; Smeaton, J. M. G., 5; Smith, A. F., 5; Smith, A. J., 5; Smith, B. R., 2; Stevens, I., 5; Stewart, M. J., 4; Streeter, W. L., 3; Thomson, P. B., 2; Thurston, R. D., 2;

Torrens, C. M., 1; Trevillion, M. S., 3; Urbahn, T. R., 5; Ure, R. W., 5; Walker, G. J., 1; Walker, G. R., 4; Wallis, B. R., 1; Waswo, R. B., 1; Watson, J. S., 5; Wellington, R. J., 4; White, D. J. M., 1; White, M. L., 1; White, P. R., 2; William, A. M., 4; Williams, P. E., 6; Williamson, M., 1; Winter, O. S., 5; Woolsey, L. A., 4; Wright, W. T., 1; Yearbury, G. D., 2.

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Henry Marfell Scholarships

From 1975 onwards, Scholarships to an annual value of \$150 are to be made available to any pupil of the Boys' High School who has completed at least one academic year in any University leading to Agricultural Science or Veterinary Science, or who is enrolled in an equivalent course at a Tertiary Institution. These Scholarships, made available under the terms of the Will of the late Henry Marfell, may be held in conjunction with other Bursaries, Scholarships or Prizes.

BLAZER AWARDS 1974

Athletics: M. A. Houston, W. Newton, J. R. Lockwood, W. K. Persson, N. A. Harrison, P. D. Fitzpatrick, M. E. Marsh.

Cricket: D. J. Radford, G. Roper, R. Baxter, S. M. Harrop, T. R. Urbahn, M. W. Fairey, S. R. Lowrie, J. G. Carroll, M. Torrens, D. R. Fairey, J. Bishop.

Basketball: I. F. Mackenzie, P. Adds.

Cross Country: M. Bone.

Hockey: J. J. Arthur, P. A. Bremer, A. N. Underwood, T. D. Shearer, G. M. Cullen, B. McCandlish, R. Hayward.

Rugby: J. G. Bishop, P. B. Broederlow, W. N. Coley, D. J. Dreadon, C. B. Emson, P. D. Fitzpatrick, M. A. Gray, N. A. Harrison, G. R. Hayward, J. R. Hepworth, D. E. Hutchings, J. R. Lockwood, J. Mildenhall, J. Numa, W. D. Newton, D. J. Radford, G. Roper, P. M. Somerton.

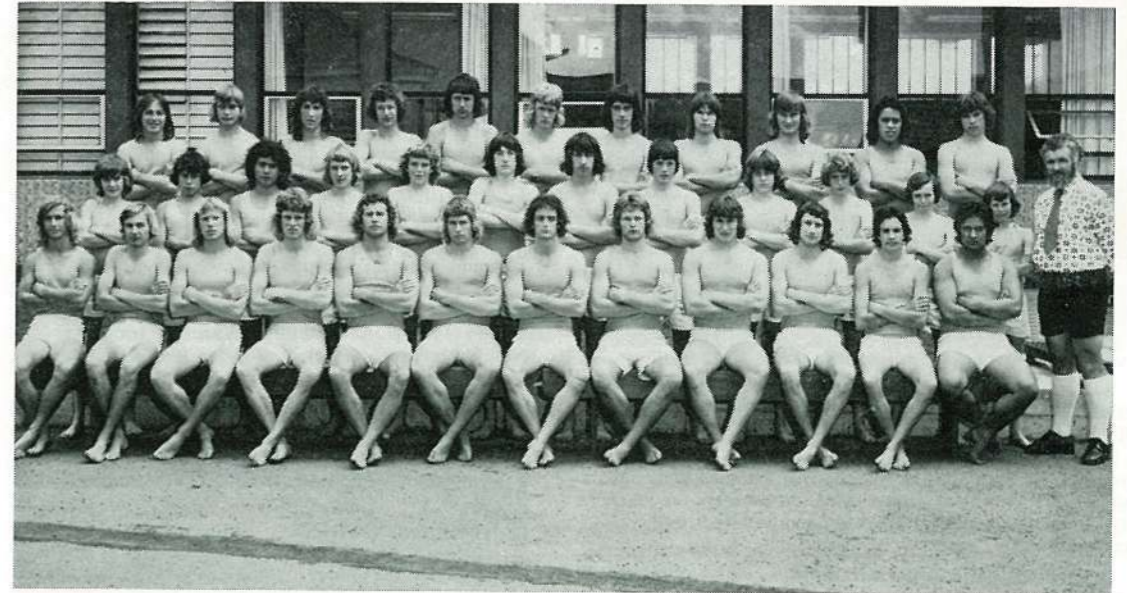
Tennis: K. Burgess.

Swimming: J. Hepworth, R. Beaven.

Rowing: W. Newton, R. L. Harkness, P. Van Praagh, A. B. Ernest, M. P. Eady, R. J. Gray, L. A. Woolsey, S. G. Harkness, C. R. Grant.

Soccer: S. Winter, A. Hewitt, A. R. Rideout, C. J. John, J. G. Konijn, D. M. Antunovic.

SPORTS



THE SCHOOL INTER-SECONDARY ATHLETICS TEAM

Athletics

The School Athletics Sports for 1974 were held on Tuesday, the 12th of March, at Pukekura Park. The day was a great success due to several factors: We had a fine day with very little wind, the track was in good condition and masters and boys all showed a lot of support for the whole meeting.

Several boys who had worked very hard in training were rewarded with records. These records definitely showed that this year the standard of achievement was much higher than last year. It is hoped that the example set by these athletes will be followed by the boys of the school in subsequent years.

Records were broken by the following boys: The senior 800 metres, originally held by L. J. Purdie with a time of 2 min. 1 sec. which was set in 1962, was broken by Mark Houston with a time of 1 min. 59.4 sec. The record for the polevault, which is a relatively new event in the school, was broken by Brendan Edwards with a vault of 9ft 4½in. With a growing interest for this event the record has changed hands quite regularly in recent years. The record for the senior relay, which has traditionally been the domain of Carrington House, was broken by Green House by 0.3 sec. The previous record was set in 1968 and 1970 and was reduced to 46.6 sec. The team comprised P. Fitzpatrick, S. Hartley, N. Harrison and M. Houston.

The intermediate 100 metres hurdles record of 15.3 sec., held by M. S. Johnson since 1969, was broken by Gavin Whitehead with a time of 15.0 sec. This was not noticed until after the day so it was quite a surprise to add another record to the list.

Finally the junior shot-put which was a new event in 1972 has reached maturity and the best standard which was set this year becomes the record. This was set by Grant Suthon with a put of 31.7 metres.

Overall the competition was as hard as in previous years with a much greater participation by dayboys and a much larger number of age races. This activity seemed to foster a good deal of new house spirit. In this, the first year after the abolition of the segregated dayboy/boarder houses, the four new mixed houses showed a much higher degree of spirit than expected. This was probably due to the fierce boarding spirit that is always present at the school sports. This was especially evident in the middle distance races near the end of the day when supporters lined both sides of the track nearly all the way round.

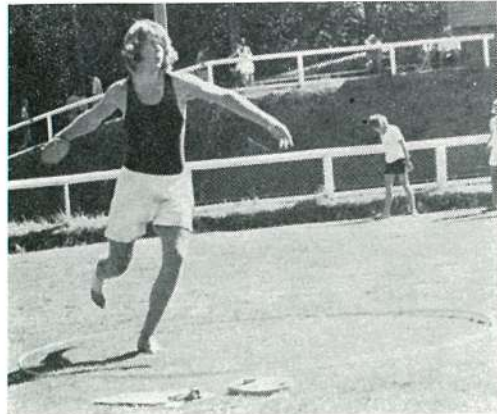
Multiple wins were gained by: Seniors, M. Houston, 3: (800m, 1500m, 5000m); N. Harrison, 3: (200m, 400m, high jump); P. Fitzpatrick, 3: (100m, long jump, triple jump).

Due to a very heavy programme the 5000m and senior high-jump were held on the following Tuesday, the 19th of March. The 5000m was won by M. Houston in 16m 58.8s. The senior high-jump was won by N. Harrison.

The house points were all fairly even except for the last house. Green won the House competition for the Hansard Cup with a well deserved victory and a total of 508 points. White was second with 441 points, followed by Maroon 429 points and Blue with 260 points.

Thanks would go to the seniors of Green House for the time they put into the organisation of the House team and also to the whole house for the effort that they put into the gaining of this victory.

The dayboys/boarders relay was again won by the boarders and the meeting was concluded with diminished numbers of spectators at about 4.30 p.m.



J. Lockwood winds up.

Taranaki Intersecondary School Athletics:

The meeting was held at Francis Douglas College again this year, on the 23rd of March. The weather was fine and very hot with very little wind. Unfortunately the track was rather rough which could have had an effect on some possible record times.

Outstanding performances were produced in all grades but with no records being broken. Taranaki titles were gained by: Senior, M. Houston (800m and 1500m), M. Marsh (110m hurdles), J. Lockwood (discus), W. Persson (javelin). Intermediate: G. Whitehead (100m). Junior: G. Suthon (shot put).

The seniors of the school showed dominance over all events with 5 titles and 7 places. The senior relay team also ran extremely well with a record breaking performance but only a second place through being displaced by an experienced Waitara High School team.

The intermediate relay team won the event but only one individual title was gained, this by G. Whitehead who was also placed 2nd in both the 200m and 100m hurdles. 5 places were also achieved in this grade.

The juniors of the school didn't do as well as the higher grades but one title in the shot put was won by G. Suthon. 3 other places were gained by the juniors and D. McKenzie, although breaking the old record, was only placed 5th in the discus.

The school showed the usual high standard of performance with a very large contingent competing. It is hoped that this standard will be continued in future years.

Results:

Senior: 100 m: P. Fitzpatrick (2nd); 200 m: R. Hill (3rd); 400 m: N.Harrison (2nd); 110 m hurdles: M. Marsh (1st); 800 m: M. Houston (1st), W. Newton (2nd); 1500 m: M. Houston (1st), W. Newton (3rd); discus: J. Lockwood (1st); Javelin: W. Persson (1st), B. Bowden (2nd); steeplechase: D. Antunovic (3rd); 4 x 100 m relay: P. Broederlow, P. Fitzpatrick, S. Hartley, N. Harrison (2nd).



High Flier



P. Somerton Touches Down!

Intermediate: 100 m: G. Whitehead (1st); 200 m: G. Whitehead (2nd); 400 m: W. Harrison (2nd); 100 m hurdles: G. Whitehead (2nd); long jump: J. Crighton (2nd); shot put: M. Smith (2nd); 4 x 100 m relay: G. Whitehead, G. Eichstaedt, W. Harrison, K. Wallace (1st).

Junior: 100 m hurdles: S. Young (3rd); shot put: G. Suthon (1st); javelin: P. Hook (2nd), R. Palmer (3rd).

NORTH ISLAND INTERSECS:

The meeting was held at Mt. Smart Stadium in Auckland. This is an all weather track and the surface is a composition of gravel and rubber.

The team consisted of 10 athletes: M. Houston, W. Newton, M. Gregory, N. Harrison, P. Fitzpatrick, B. Bowden, W. Persson, G. Whitehead, W. Harrison and M. Smith. We travelled up with the rest of the Taranaki team, on the 5th of April, in two buses with a small group going in Mr. Stone's car.

Athletes at this meeting are among the best in New Zealand secondary schools at the present time and to compete at this meeting is a great honour. Twice as many boys from the school represented Taranaki this year compared with last year and this in itself shows the vast improvement there has been in our school athletics. No places were gained but some very commendable performances were seen.

The senior 800 m was run as a straight final and the two athletes in this event from the school were Bill Newton and Mark Houston. Mark Houston ran a good race to come in at 5th place in about 2 minutes. Bill Newton didn't do quite as well with an eleventh place.

Neil Harrison qualified for the final of the 400m in the seniors with a second place in his heat. Unfortunately he could not run this race because of a muscle injury.

Peter Fitzpatrick ran very well in his senior 100 m heat to go forward to the final. He got 6th place in this race. He was also in the Taranaki senior relay team which got into the final and was placed 2nd in the North Island.

Murray Gregory was in the pole vault and competing against strong opposition gained a 4th place. A very creditable performance for 2 months experience of the event.

Wayne Persson and Barri Bowden were both in the senior javelin. There was strong opposition and they both failed to get a place. Wayne was 10th and Barri 11th.

In the intermediates Gavin Whitehead ran both the 100 m and 100 m hurdles heats but failed to qualify. The fields were very strong and having both sprints made things harder. Gavin was also a member of the Taranaki intermediate relay team which ran 6th in the final.

Bill Harrison competed in the intermediate 400 m but could only manage a 5th place in his heat as the opposition was very strong. Bill was also in the Taranaki relay.

Finally the last athlete from the school was Maurice Smith who gained a 10th place in the intermediate shot put.

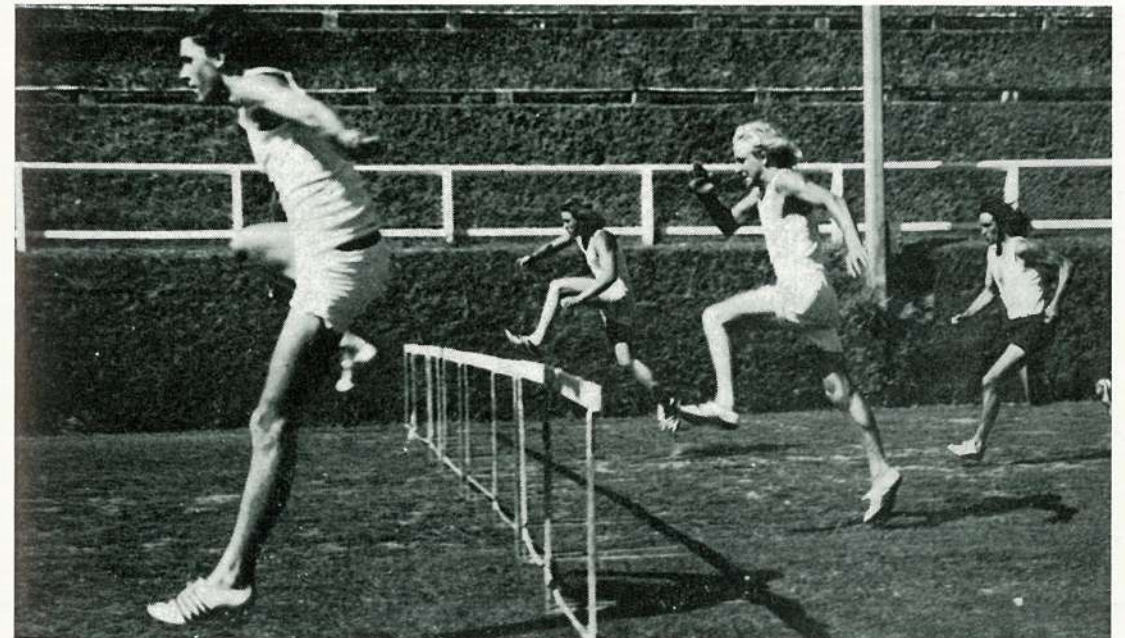
Thanks go to Mr. Stone for his support and interest on this trip and also to the billets in Auckland.

NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

This is the second year that this meeting has been held and is at Queen Elizabeth II Park on the 7th and 8th of December. Having been a very successful meeting last year it should be a great experience to compete in this year. Many of the athletes competing last year were also in the Commonwealth Games so the standard there is exceptionally high.

This year Murray Gregory is representing the school in pole vault and Barri Bowden in javelin. Murray has also taken up the sport this year and at the rate of improvement he has already shown he should do well. Barri has also shown great progress in his field event and it is hoped that they both do well for the school.

The school gained a 4th place last year in the senior 800 m with a fine run from Dennis Brown.



Hurdlers In Action

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS — 1974

EVENT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	PERFORMANCE	SCHOOL RECORD
SENIOR—Championship					
100 Metres	P. Fitzpatrick	S. Hartley	P. Broederlow	11.8 ec.	11.1, P. Hickey, S. Underwood, 1970
200 Metres	N. Harrison	P. Broederlow	R. Hill	23.4 sec.	22.8 sec., R. C. Johns, 1959
400 Metres	N. Harrison	R. Hill	D. Hutchings	52.6 sec. (Record)	51.2 sec., K. T. Williams, 1964
800 Metres	M. Houston	W. Newton	S. Hartley	1 min. 59.4 sec.	2 min. 1 sec., L. J. Pury, 1962
1500 Metres	M. Houston	W. Newton	D. Antunovic	4 min. 46.8 sec.	4 min. 20.2 sec., B. Crocker, 1970
5000 Metres	M. Houston	W. Newton	D. Antunovic	16 min. 58.8 sec.	15 min. 59 sec., B. Crocker, 1970
110 Metre Hurdles	M. Marsh	W. Persson	D. Dreadon	18.2 sec.	14.5 sec., R. C. Johns, 1959
Long Jump	P. Fitzpatrick	G. Hayward	P. Somerton	5.63 min.	21ft. 8in., A. C. McIntyre, 1937
High Jump	N. Harrison	P. Christophers	R. Harkness	4ft. 11in.	5ft. 8in., A. Martin
SENIOR—Championship					
Triple Jump	P. Fitzpatrick	G. Yearbury	B. Edwards	11.38 min.	43ft. 10½in., P. A. Johns, 1962
Shot Put	A. Beverwijk	B. Edwards	J. Numa	36ft. 11in.	45ft. 1½in., V. Temata, 1968
Discus	J. Lockwood	B. Edwards	J. Numa	30.62 min.	158ft. ½in., N. Edwards, 1955
Javelin	A. Bartlett	B. Bowden	W. Persson	54.64 min. (Record)	178ft. 8in., J. K. Lay, 1955
Pole Vault	B. Edwards	M. Gregory	H. Pihigia	9ft. 4.75in. (Record)	46.9 sec., Carrington, 1968-70
Relay	Green	Blue	White	46.6 sec.	
INTERMEDIATE—Championship					
100 Metres	G. Whitehead	G. Eichstaedt	K. Wallace	12.3 sec.	11.3 sec., K. T. Williams, 1962
200 Metres	G. Whitehead	W. Harrison	K. Wallace	23.7 sec.	23.5 sec., T. Jordan, 1969
400 Metres	W. Harrison	P. Ritchie	M. Coppelstone	57 sec.	53.4 sec., M. S. Johnson 1969
800 Metres	P. Ritchie	R. Mills	J. Konijn	2 min. 16.6 sec.	2 min 6.2 sec., L. Purdy, 1961
1500 Metres	R. Mills	K. Death	S. Fleming	4 min. 59 sec.	New Event
100 Metres Hurdles	G. Whitehead	D. Treeby	P. Boekhorst	15 sec. (Record)	15.3 sec., M. S. Johnson, 1969
Long Jump	J. Keenan	J. Crighton	G. Eichstaedt	15.45 min.	20ft. 8½in., C. Kjestrup, A. Martin, 1968
High Jump	J. Keenan	B. Blennerhasset	B. Blennerhasset	5ft. 3in.	5ft. 4in., G. Towler, 1971
Triple Jump	G. Jones	J. Keenan	B. Hopkins	11.38 min.	40ft. 2in., J. Klay, 1953
Shot Put	M. Smith	B. TeUira	B. McCandlish	14.72 min.	48ft. 3½in., F. Hutchings, 1966
Discus	M. Smith	R. Gray	B. TeUira	49.52 min.	162ft. 5½in., W. Garnham, 1966
Relay	White	Blue	Maroon		47.7 sec., Carrington, 1969
JUNIOR—Championship					
100 Metres	G. Suthon	D. MacKenzie	P. Hook	13.4 sec.	11.7 sec., B. Binnie, 1968
200 Metres	D. MacKenzie	M. Dean	T. Neal	26.5 sec.	24 sec., B. Binnie, 1968
400 Metres	P. Hook	D. MacKenzie	R. Smillie	1 min. 1.9 sec.	56.7 sec., P. H. Rowe, 1963
800 Metres	J. Meuli	J. Torrens	J. Torrens	Standard	2 min. 14.7 sec., M. Martin, 1965
1500 Metres Hurdles	J. Meuli	M. Waite	M. Fielding	4 min. 49.8 sec.	New Event
100 Metres Hurdles	S. Young	J. Mitchell	J. Torrens	18.1 sec.	15.4 sec., A. Martin, T. Birkhart, 1968
Long Jump	J. Torrens	A. Underwood	M. Gesterkamp	13ft. 9in.	18ft. 1½in., B. Binnie, 1968
High Jump	S. Percival	G. Suthon	S. Wildon		5ft. ½in., H. Clarke, 1969
Shot Put	G. Suthon	S. McDonald	P. Hone	31.7 m. (Record)	New Event
Relay	White	Maroon	Blue	54.7 sec.	50.6 sec., Carrington, 1968
NON-CHAMPIONSHIP—Senior					
130 Metres A	K. Jenvey	P. Roberts	D. Treeby	12.6 sec.	
B	A. Beverwijk	W. Coley	A. Bartlett	13.0 sec.	
C	M. Opie	D. Batty	S. Carruthers	13.8 sec.	
200 Metres A	P. Dreadon	D. Hodge	A. Beverwijk	24 sec.	
B	W. Persson	A. Bartlett	H. Pihigia	24.8 sec.	
C	M. Marsh	M. Opie	D. Bullick	25.0 sec.	
800 Metres	G. Jones	G. Livingstone	D. Antunovic	2 min. 16.8 sec.	
1500 Metres	P. Broad	G. Miln	J. McCullough	4 min. 55.8 sec.	
Intermediate					
200 Metres A	A. Woods	S. Young	R. Bishop	29 sec.	
B	K. Dixon	B. Blennerhasset	K. Jenvey	29 sec.	
C	T. Moore	S. Wellington	A. Greiner	25.3 sec.	
D	S. Gatenby	C. Salisbury	H. Bennett	25.7 sec.	
100 Metres A	S. Sawtell	B. Rogers	K. Dixon	12.8 sec.	
B	G. Eichstaedt	E. Dixon	B. Blennerhasset	13.3 sec.	
800 Metres	P. Boekhorst	D. Carter	T. Moore	2 min. 24.1 sec.	
Junior Non-Championship					
100 Metres A	M. Croed	J. Mitchell	M. Pipson	13.9 sec.	
B	G. Williams	M. McIsaac	A. Lynch	13.9 sec.	
200 Metres A	L. Howan	A. Underwood	P. Jury	26.6 sec.	
B	G. Sawtell	S. Faulf	G. Passau	26.6 sec.	
C	B. Richards	G. Williams	R. Parssons	26.9 sec.	
800 Metres	K. McEldowney	P. Lonsdale	G. Jones	2 min. 31.3 sec.	

SCHOOL BADMINTON TEAM



Back Row: Mr. T. Heaps (Coach), D. Rowe, G. Bennett, A. Bartlett, W. Crozier.
 Front Row: J. Torrens, J. Mells, M. Downey (Captain), M. Chivers, I. Sarten.
 Absent: R. Paterson, G. King.

Badminton & Table Tennis

This club continues to be popular, and consequently club afternoons, on Wednesday and Thursday from 3.30 p.m. until 5 p.m., were well attended. It was heartening to see the large number of new boys who were interested in participating in these sports.

Table tennis has been given a great boost by the purchase of four new tables that have been put in the old hall, and these have proved very popular. It is hoped that next year table tennis will become a separate club, so that the sport can be developed to its fullest potential.

BADMINTON:

Because of the facilities that were available in the gym, and because of the incentive of playing for the school team, badminton was the stronger of the two the departure of the end of last year of four of the six team members.

The first match that the school team played was against Hamilton Boys' High School at the Army Hall in New Plymouth. Even though our more inexperienced team had been practising on Thursday evenings, they could not match the Hamilton team, which has been consolidating its strength over the last few seasons. However, the team of J. Mells, M. Downey (captain), T. Bartlett, W. Crozier, I. Sarten and M. Chivers did not disgrace

themselves, and the progress made by the team augurs well for next year. The score was 12-3 to Hamilton Boys' High School.

After that match had been played a large squad of twelve was formed to practice, and twelve girls from Girls' High School came to practice at the same time. The idea behind this was that the two schools should combine to play other co-educational schools in the area. Ten girls combined with our team of M. Downey (captain), T. Bartlett, M. Chivers, G. Bennett, J. Torrens, G. King, W. Crozier, I. Sarten and R. Paterson to defeat Spotswood College 19-5. Next season we hope to play Spotswood twice, at the beginning and end of the season, as well as some of the other Taranaki schools.

The school championships were held at the beginning of the third term, and were contested by nearly forty boys. The competition was keen and some very good games resulted.

The results were:—

- Senior Singles** (Cook and Lister Cup): J. Mells.
- Senior Doubles**: T. Bartlett and M. Chivers.
- Junior Singles** (Isaacs Cup): P. Bellworthy.
- Junior Doubles**: W. Crozier and I. Sarten.

J. Mells achieved distinction outside the club, by becoming a member of the Taranaki Junior Representative team, which played in the North Island Junior Division competition. Mells also won the Taranaki Under-18 doubles title.

TABLE TENNIS:

With the addition of the new tables to the old hall more interest was shown in this sport towards the end of the season. It is also hoped that a school team may be chosen when the table tennis club forms next year.

Some of the top players in the school took part in outside competition. Besides playing in the interclub competition, S. Carruthers and E. Price were both members of the Taranaki Under-18 team. In competition E. Price became the 1974 North Taranaki Residential Under-18 singles champion.

The school table tennis championships were held at the beginning of the third term, and the results of these were:

Senior Singles: S. Carruthers.

Senior Doubles: S. Carruthers and S. Day.

Junior Singles: P. Trenwith.

Junior Doubles: T. White and B. Hutchings.

In the North Taranaki Under-18 rankings, E. Price was 1st, S. Carruthers 3rd and B. Reeve 4th.

It is to be hoped the number of club and competition players increases next season.



The Staff win again!

Basketball

This year the school entered two teams in the New Plymouth men's competition, the A team playing in the C grade competition, and the B team playing in the E grade competition, and three teams in the Junior League.

As usual, we played three college games this year having one win, and two losses, one of which was very unlucky. We also had limited success in the Taranaki Inter-Secondary Schools tournament at Opunake.

The A team this year was: P. Addis, I. Mackenzie, B. Hoben, G. Mackenzie, M. Novak, M. Smith, R. Parsons and N. Wood.

Only two members of last year's A team remained at school this year, and this, coupled with a late start to the season at school, resulted in a considerable defeat in our first college game 39-27 against Wanganui Collegiate at Wanganui. This game showed up the weaknesses in our offence, and although the opposition was strong, the game remained fairly slow, and rather disappointing.

In the second college game, against Hamilton Boys' High, at Hamilton, we lost 46-48. As the score indicates, we were unlucky to lose. The game was fast, with plenty of fouls and the score shows that our offence was improving.

Our next college opponent was Wanganui Boy's College, whom we played at New Plymouth. This team was easily the hardest team we had played against in both height and playing ability, and the game proved to be the best of the year. The game was fast and hard, resulting in plenty of fouls, several players being fouled off. School led by two points at half time, and at the end of the second half the score was drawn 32-32. Extra time almost proved to be fruitless with neither side able to score, but Peter Addis managed to shoot the necessary goal, to win the game 34-32.

The A team played in the inter-secs with limited success, with a notable win over Opunake 31-34 and a loss to Stratford.

The B team after also getting off to a late start, made considerable progress during the middle of the term scoring several good wins.

The third and fourth formers made a lot of progress this year, and it is hoped that these boys will continue playing, perhaps in the A and B teams next year.

A lot of work went into this year's A team by both players and coaches, with pleasing results; players gaining a lot of experience. Thanks must go to Mr. Francis for his valuable coaching and efficient organisation.

Thanks also go to Mr. Rattray and Miss MacDonald for their coaching and organisation of the third and fourth form teams throughout the season, making 1974 a good year for basketball at Boys' High.

I. Mackenzie.

1st XI

Back Row: J. Bishop, C. M. Torrens, R. Baxter, S. R. Lowrie, M. W. Fairey, D. R. Fairey.
Front Row: T. R. Urbahn, G. Roper, D. J. Radford, S. M. Harrop, J. G. Carroll.

Cricket

School cricket has now been organised on club lines in an endeavour to ensure a greater say in running of the game. Already there are indications that this will mean a much smoother organisation. Considerable expense is necessary to handle the teams and the club is at present endeavouring to raise money by various means.

With growing numbers, it is imperative that players work as a club and already, the signs of some increased interest in administration are impressive.

Eight teams have been put on the field and this is likely to be increased at the start of next season. More assistance is required from parents in helping in any way.

INTER-COLLEGE CRICKET 1974**FIRST XI**

v. Hawera High School (at N.P.B.H.S.). Won on first innings by 176 runs.

School won the toss and elected to bat on a good wicket. After a big opening stand of 155 between D. Radford (87) and S. Harrop (56), School collapsed somewhat until M. Fairey (27 n.o.) led a tail-end recovery to enable School to declare at 237/9. For Hawera, G. Cook took 5 for 25 from 20 overs, a good performance.

Hawera's batting also collapsed to be all out for 61, G. Cook with 23 being the only batsman to look at all comfortable. Bowling for School D. Radford (2-6), M. Torrens (3-19), R. Baxter (2-0) and J. Carroll (1-20) took the wickets.

v. Wellington College (at Wellington). Drawn.

The opposition won the toss and batted on a wicket which promised spin on the second day. Wellington began slowly but there was some aggressive middle order batting allowing them to reach a respectable 173. For School the wicket-takers were: D. Radford (3-54), J. Carroll (2-37), M. Torrens (3-27) and S. Lowrie (2-29).

School then batted and at stumps were 108/4 with G. Roper on 55, batting very confidently and J. Carroll at the wicket. Next morning these two batsmen capitalised on some erratic bowling from Wellington so that Roper reached his century in 161 minutes and was out soon after for 101. This was the first century by a First XI member for 4 years. Other major contributors for School were S. Lowrie (29), J. Carroll (20), M. Fairey (16 n.o.), J. Urban (16) and S. Harrop (14), enabling School to reach 247, a 74 run lead.

School sensed possible victory and attacked right from the start. J. Carroll and D. Radford bowled excellently and had Wellington reeling at 5-27. However some stubborn middle order batting enabled them to reach 145 and so to reduce the possibility of outright victory to

almost nil. School had to score 72 runs in the remaining 4 overs. This was attempted in lively fashion, but without any real hope of victory. At stumps school were 27-4, Roper scoring 16.

J. Carroll's 6-62 and G. Roper's 101 earned them places on the Honours Board and, as is customary, G. Roper received a new cricket bat donated by the school.

v. Palmerston North B.H.S. (at Sport's Ground, Palmerston North). Won by 10 runs.

This was a newly established 40-over match and it is hoped that it will become a permanent two-day fixture in future.

Having won the toss, School batted on a hard and very fast wicket. Scoring was brisk from the start with D. Radford (24), G. Roper (21) and M. Torrens (27) providing good back-up innings to the excellent innings of 77 from T. Urbahn. School were all out in the 39th over for 178.

Palmerston started quickly but soon lost wickets and only a very fine innings of 85 from G. Cunningham stood between victory and loss but once he was dismissed, School ended the innings well, the last six wickets falling for only 31 runs. Palmerston's final total was 168, ten runs short.

v. Wanganui Collegiate (at N.P.B.H.S.). Drawn.

School lost the toss and Collegiate batted. The wicket was very damp and partly as a result the batting was very dour, although they eventually reached 171. School's best bowlers were D. Radford (7-57) and J. Carroll (2-43). School's batting was sub-standard with the result that only D. Radford (27), M. Fairey (19 n.o.), G. Roper (14) and J. Carroll (13) reached double figures in the total of 120.

Because both innings had been slow, the possibility of an outright result seemed remote. However the situation was changed dramatically when Collegiate were dismissed for what seemed a meagre total, 69. D. Radford was the destroyer, taking 6-27, with S. Lowrie (2-18) and J. Carroll (1-7) also taking wickets.

This left School 110 minutes to score 121 runs for victory. However after losing two quick wickets, they never looked like it. Although G. Roper (17) and S. Harrop (8) made a slight recovery, School, in the form of D. Fairey and J. Bishop, ended up facing the last 10 balls under very intense pressure. Luckily they were successful and the match ended with School's total looking very sick at 31/9.

The feature of the match was the bowling of D. Radford, the captain, who took 7-57 in Collegiate's first innings and then 6-27 in the second, both feats earning him a place on the Honours Board.

v. Auckland Grammar (at N.P.B.H.S.). Drawn.

This game was the first between the two famous sporting schools at cricket. As is the case with the Palmerston fixture, it is hoped that this game will become an annual fixture in the future.

On a damp wicket, Auckland Grammar won the toss and sent School into bat. School quickly lost two wickets but when rain stopped play, the total stood at 44/2. Play was also delayed next morning but eventually play began and School totalled 107 in all, with only Harrop (27) and Radford (37) reaching double figures, and also combining in a good partnership of 65. For Grammar Kurkvich took 4 wickets and Symmonds 3.

When Auckland batted they relinquished a first-innings lead of 5 runs by reaching 102. Again scores were low with only J. Crowe (27), G. Henley-Smith (28) and C. Postles (12) reaching double figures. For School Radford (4-41), Carroll (2-12), Lowrie (2-21) and Roper (1-1) took wickets.

In School's second innings three early wickets were lost but a middle order recovery by Urbahn (19), Radford (23), Carroll (19) and Torrens (25) allowed School to reach 111, leaving Grammar needing 117 to win.

Although School took two wickets, J. Crowe (19) and C. Postles (30) combined in a good partnership of 50 so that things looked good for Grammar at 65/2. However School broke through with four wickets to put the opposition on the defensive. They 'put up the shutters' and play ended with the total 88/6. This was a continually interesting game, contested in keen spirit, even though the interruptions due to rain were very disappointing.

v. Opunake High School (at Opunake). Won on 1st innings.

As was the case last year, low scoring was the feature of this encounter, on a fine day and a reasonable wicket. Opunake won the toss and batted. They never really got on top of School's attack and were eventually dismissed for 60. Only two of their players reached double figures. For School D. Radford with 6-14 from 13 overs earned himself another place on the Honours Board. Other wicket-takers were J. Green (1-18) and M. Torrens (1-7).

School was reasonably confident of achieving victory but after quickly losing Harrop, Radford and Urbahn, a cruel blow struck. Roper, who had been batting well injured a ligament in his knee and had to retire hurt. This gave School an uphill struggle but a good partnership of 28 between R. Baxter and M. Fairey gave us a chance. Wickets fell regularly however so that School was 59/8. Roper then batted with a runner. He was soon dismissed however and it was left to J. Green to hit the winning runs through slips. For Opunake P. Eliason (5-16) and J. Kensington (4/30) took wickets. So this dramatic game ended in a very narrow win to School, concluding an unbeaten College season for the First XI.

S. M. Harrop.

SECOND XI

With captain Mark Fairey and coach Mr Brian Bellringer, the standard of this side has been lifted. The side contains a mixture of experience and youth and it has done particularly well. Fairey, Craig Robinson, Simon Young and Garth Hayward are useful batsmen while Hayward, Tony Hewit, and John Green are most useful bowlers.

The college game played against Inglewood High School was lost by six wickets but it was a most enjoyable one-day fixture and one that uplifted interest in the game at this level.

THIRD GRADE GOLD

This is an entirely social team containing senior boys and catering for Saturday players only. Mark Newlands and Geoff Heale are undertaking this organisation. In the first part of the year, this team was coached by Mr Ian Francis but the change has been brought about by the keenness of senior boys to play on Saturdays.

THIRD GRADE BLACK

Coached by Mr. Neil Stone this team consists of promising third, fourth and fifth form colts. Many of this team are destined to go on the 1st XI honours in the next two

years. Grand Robertson and Rohan Meuli (both North Island primary reps), Jeff Torrens, Stephen Hughes, Ian Wright and Peter Hall are very useful all-rounders.

FOURTH GRADE

Two teams are being fielded in this grade and a greater endeavour is being made to promote at this level. There are many keen players in this side and it is vital that coaching be improved.

FIFTH GRADE

This is a grade restricted to third formers who this year have proved exceptionally keen. Mr. Picton and Mr. Crawford have done an extremely good job at this level and the signs indicate more than useful potential.

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS (35-over game)

Again the Day Boys were strong favourites and were keen to avenge last year's defeat. On a hard track the Day Boys won the toss and batted. In 35 overs they totalled 214 for the loss of only four wickets. The highlight was an unbeaten century (100 n.o.) by B. Reeve scored in only 30 overs. Reeve was particularly severe on the Boarder bowling later in his innings with the last 40 coming in little over half an hour. Others to bat well were D. Radford (34), M. Fairey (26 n.o.), and J. Bishop (23 n.o.). For the Boarders Torrens took 2/42 and Lowrie took 1/26.

The Day Boys took the field very confident of victory and soon had the Boarders in trouble. Despite a stubborn

partnership between M. Torrens (45) and S. Young (19), the Boarders were finally dismissed for 132 in the 32nd over. The main wicket takers for the Day Boys were S. Harrop (4/19) and J. Carroll (3/25). Thus the Day Boys won back the Birch Cup very convincingly.

Stephen Harrop, 6E.

Gymnastics

The School Gymnastic Championships were held this year on the 24th of October and attracted fifty entrants in the Third and Fourth Form competitions. No Fifth Form or Open events were contested because of a lack of entries, but the standard of the Third and Fourth Form Championships was high and competition was keen. Contestants were required to perform in any five of the following six apparatus: Agilities, cross-box, long-box, parallel bars, trampoline and rings.

An inter-secondary schools gymnastics tournament is being held at Hawera on 16th November, and N.P.B.H.S. hopes to have a team of gymnasts entered.

Placings this year were:
Third Form Championship: K. Burton (1st, 42.0 points); G. Pearce (2nd, 38.5 points); J. Holden (3rd, 35.0 points).
Fourth Form Championships: C. Rudd (1st, 40.5 points); P. Hall (2nd, 39.0 points); B. Stevens (3rd, 38.0 points).

K. Gledhill.

1st HOCKEY XI



Back Row: N. P. Green, S. Hughes, R. B. Hayward, D. A. Bullick, A. H. Underwood.
Middle Row: P. J. Goodman, R. T. Mareko, P. A. Bremer, S. E. Day, S. K. Allan, Mr. Grant
Front Row: A. J. Larsen, T. D. Shearer, B. A. McCandlish (Captain), J. J. Arthur, G. M. Cullen.

Hockey

With only 16 boys playing hockey this season the team was fairly successful. In the 3rd Grade Competition the team played extremely well, losing only the first game against Okato. After that the team played together much better, winning nine games and drawing two, to emerge as the Competition winner.

The first two college games will want to be forgotten, with School not capitalising on the chances they were given. Both Wanganui Collegiate and Hamilton Boys' High were much too strong for the school team, swamping us with good scores.

On the 7th August School fielded a team against a moderately strong Wanganui Boys' College. School played better in this game, scoring the first goal (R. Hayward) to lead at half-time. During the second half, though, Wanganui broke through to win 4-1 at fulltime. This was a better effort with the attack working more efficiently.

During the August holidays we entered a team in the annual Secondary Schools' Tournament in Auckland. The team improved from the beginning to the end of the tournament. School played well and only lost to the eventual winners 4-0. A good combination between the attacking forwards J. Arthur, A. Underwood and R. Hayward resulted in many hard-pressing attacks. Even though School won only one game it fought all the way during this enjoyable tournament. It is hoped that the team will do a short tour of the South Island next year, possibly during the August holidays.

This year we had B. McCandish in the Taranaki Colts team, a most remarkable feat for a sixteen-year-old to get into an Under Twenty-One team.

The team thanks Mr Grant for his loyal support during this hard but enjoyable season.

J. Arthur.

Lifesaving

Life-saving this year did not really get a good response as in previous years, with no-one achieving new awards. Next year we are hoping for a better response from pupils as we have three staff members who are qualified instructors and examiners.

A team consisting of P. Thomson, S. Winter, R. White, B. Giles and instructor M. Phillips was entered in the annual intersec. life saving contest held at St. Mary's in Stratford but with the high standards displayed by other teams we were placed third in the boys' section thus losing the Butcher Cup.

Congratulations must go to S. Winter and R. White on winning the Smith and Easton Cup at the school swimming sports. There were a great many entries for this event but the standard was low. Second place went to M. (Phillips and P. Thomson in this event.

As this is not only a sport but also a community activity we would like to see more boys pass life-saving awards as it will not only benefit them but also the community.

"Whomsoever you see in distress recognise in him a fellow man."

M. G. Phillips.

Rowing

After the loss of Mr. Sargent at the end of last year, the club has been struggling for survival. Mr. Grant, without any previous participation in the sport, offered to take over the position of master-in-charge and rowing practice at Waitara got under way on two nights a week after school and on Saturdays in the first term. We were thankful to have Mr. Stone also helping by driving the bus out to Waitara to help defray the increases in travelling costs.

The only regatta crews attended was on the 29th and 30th of March at Wanganui. This was the Maadi Cup or main school-boy rowing fixture of the year. Our 23 rowers were billeted out by Wanganuians. Crews participating and their results were:—

Senior IV: W. Newton, P. Van Praagh, M. Eady, R. Harkness (stroke), R. Gray (cox). (4th in heats).

Intermediate VIII: W. Newton, B. Fagan, A. Earnest, P. van Praagh, G. Whitehead, S. Harper, M. Eady, R. Harkness (stroke), R. Gray (cox). (5th in final).

Colts IV: L. Woolsey, S. Harkness, C. Grant, S. Harper (stroke), G. Cullen (cox). (3rd in heats).

Junior B VIII: J. Newlands, L. Sarten, J. McDonald, J. Steeghs, B. Purcell, G. Nitski, K. Woolsey, T. Clarke (stroke), L. Harper (cox). (3rd in final).

This was a good effort, especially by the Juniors, considering the difficulties the club has faced. All enjoyed the trip.

Now however the future of the club is in the balance. After all of the money and efforts that rowers enjoying the sport within the school have ploughed into the club, we hope next year there will be increased enthusiasm towards the sport. With two eights in fine condition, a brand new four and several other rowable shells, the club is well equipped. Next year we hope to have enough rowers to be able to send crews to the Maadi Cup regatta to be held at Christchurch, plus other regattas. Anyone of any form is welcome to join or come out to Waitara and see what rowing is all about.

Finally, our thanks must go to Mr. Grant for the time and effort he has devoted to the sport.

S. Harkness.

1st XV—Winners of the Moascar Cup.



Back Row: P. Somerton, B. Emson, J. Hepworth, M. Gray, D. Dreadon.

Middle Row: G. Roper, D. Hutchings, D. Radford, N. Harrison, J. Mildenhall, J. Numa.

Front Row: W. Coley, P. Fitzpatrick, J. Lockwood, P. Boederlow (Captain), G. Hayward, W. Newton, J. Bishop.

Rugby

The school fielded 12 teams in local competitions this year. Although there were no successes, several teams finished in the top three and honours must go to the 6th grade Gold side which finished second in the "glamour" grade, defeating the eventual winners in doing so.

For the first time ever, teams were organised on a school, rather than house, basis and this proved successful.

Despite a decline in the numbers playing rugby, those participating showed dedication and determination. This was reflected in the success of the First XV who regained the Moascar Cup from St. Pats and then proceeded to withstand all challenges to retain the Cup.

Without the services of our "outside" coaches — Mr. Urbahn, Mr. Bellringer and Mr. Saunders — rugby could not proceed and we express sincere thanks to these gentlemen.

FIRST XV

The first squad was selected at Queen's Birthday Weekend and consisted of 21 players: D. Radford, P. Fitzpatrick, N. Harrison, P. Broederlow (captain), G. Roper, D. Dreadon, S. Hartley, P. Somerton, J. Bishop, T. Urbahn,

J. Lockwood (vice-captain), J. Mildenhall, W. Newton, D. Hutchings, G. Hayward, J. Hepworth, B. Emson, J. Numa, M. Gray, J. McCullough and W. Coley.

School played in the local Senior Third competition, losing four of its games. They also played the Taranaki Trojans in their annual match in which school won 30-27. This was a very open game played in high spirits and school managed to hold these more experienced players.

Once again a great deal of the First's strength lay within the forward pack which again averaged just over 13 stone, this along with very talented three-quarters paved the way to their unbeaten college season.

This season, 11 members gained selection in the Taranaki Secondary Schools A team which had an unbeaten tou: of N.S.W. and a further seven in the B team which competed in the competition at Pukekohe. Four also got into the Taranaki Under-18 team.

Our special thanks go to Mr Carroll for all the time and effort he has put into making this another unbeaten college season. Also thanks to all Rugby administrators, billetters, both home and away, and to the Seconds, who have taken the brunt of everything at our practices.

The King's School, Sydney (Gully Ground, 15th May)

The King's School (Sydney) suffered its only loss during its tour of New Zealand when it was narrowly defeated by New Plymouth Boys' High, 14-16.

This was the First Fifteen's first college match of the season and therefore the team was apprehensive about the outcome. There wasn't the cohesion of the team in this game that was present in the later college matches.

The King's School scored two tries to Boys' High's one, however the accurate boot of Dennis Radford could not be matched as he kicked four penalties.

A tight game was played up front, with Boys' High a more solid and determined pack. It produced a lot of ball particularly from rucks, to enable its backs to set up some constructive second phase play. J. Bishop gave good service from the scrum and second five-eighth G. Roper produced some good tactical kicks.

King's was not starved of possession but didn't make good use of its speedy backs.

Boys' High were first to score with a penalty by D. Radford. King's replied with a penalty also; however, Boys' High immediately after took the lead with another penalty. Ten minutes later King's equalised but a try 10 minutes before half-time by P. Fitzpatrick gave Boys' High a 10-6 lead.

Soon after half-time King's scored to equalise again. D. Radford put over another two penalties. In the final minutes of play King's scored another try to make the final score 16-14 to New Plymouth Boys' High.

St. Patrick's, Silverstream (6th July)

This game, played at Silverstream for the first time, was won by School 21-7. In winning, School lifted the Moascar Cup from St. Pat's.

St Pat's kicked off and went straight onto attack to score a shock first minute try. However School soon settled down and good backing up by P. Somerton resulted in a try. M. Tocker placed St. Pat's back into the lead with a penalty goal but the score was equalled again when G. Hayward kicked a penalty goal. With the half-time score at 7-7 each the game could have gone either way. However, School applied themselves well and with superbly drilled forward power and a smooth handling backline, St. Patrick's were shut out of the game.

Further tries by P. Somerton, N. Harrison and P. Broederlow plus a conversion by G. Hayward had the game completely sewn-up for School. The School forwards played powerful rugby and completely took charge of the lineouts and tight play. School halfback J. Bishop and first five-eighth P. Somerton were a deadly combination.

Tries: P. Somerton (2), N. Harrison, P. Broederlow. G. Hayward, penalty and a conversion.

St. Pat's: M. Kelly, a try, M. Tocker, a penalty.

Wanganui Collegiate (Wanganui, 18th July)

In wet conditions at Wanganui the match was prevented from reaching any spectacular heights by a stiff swirling wind which hampered players in the first half and by persistent rain which spoiled back play in the second.

School opened the scoring with a fine try by J. Bishop following a ruck on the Collegiate line. G. Hayward converted.

After being down by 6-0 at halftime, Collegiate came back to take the lead 7-6 midway through the second half with a good individualist try by winger P. MacKenzie and a penalty by P. Bishop.

However with 10 minutes remaining School were hard on attack and from an orthodox back movement P. Fitzpatrick scored the winning try and G. Hayward converted to seal the game.

Throughout the game School continued to adopt dry-weather tactics and had it elected to keep the game tight, School could well have won by a wider margin than 12-7.

School produced a grand exhibition of grafting forward endeavour, with the tall trio of B. Emson, J. Hepworth and J. Lockwood dominating the lineouts. W. Newton and G. Hayward played well in the loose.

In the backs, J. Bishop had an excellent game behind the scrum, handling the greasy ball immaculately. All the backs ran with purpose, particularly P. Somerton and wingers P. Fitzpatrick and N. Harrison. G. Roper fielded the ball safely at full-back. Final score: 12-7 to School.

Tries, J. Bishop, P. Fitzpatrick; conversions, G. Hayward (2).

Wanganui Collegiate: Try, P. Mackenzie; penalty goal, P. Bishop.

Palmerston North Boys' High School (Gully Ground, 25th July)

This game, played in muddy conditions, saw School give an outstanding display of attacking back play to retain the Moascar Cup 30-9.



P. Broederlow shows his style.

School was on top of this game right from the start. With the forwards dominating all phases of play the School backs received plenty of ball which they put to good use. With all the backs running strongly it was not long before P. Broederlow crossed the line for School's first points. Palmerston North came back from this to put their first points up with an easy penalty. School, not to be outdone, came back and Harrison scored from a blind-side move.

With the School backs running strongly the wings were given many opportunities and often had the Palmerston North defence stretched. G. Roper was next to score when he kicked ahead and won the race to the ball, making the half-time score 12-3.

A confident School side kicked off with a strong breeze behind them in the second half and was quick to settle down again, soon having Palmerston North backpedalling.

With solid play from all the forwards, especially Hepworth, Lockwood and Gray, School completely dominated the game, giving Broederlow and Roper another try each and Harrison two.

Palmerston North did come back slightly, however, when flanker Cassone Chang scored a converted try from a lineout close to School's line. Only one School try was

converted by G. Hayward who hit the upright with three attempts and the crossbar with a final penalty attempt.

Full-time came with the score 30-9.

Tries, N. Harrison (3), P. Broederlow and G. Roper; G. Hayward, a conversion.

Palmerston North Boys' High: One try (Chang), a penalty and a conversion.

Te Aute College (Rugby Park, New Plymouth, 27th July)

N.P.B.H.S. beat off a determined Te Aute College challenge in a fine display of wet-weather rugby, disposing of Te Aute College 13 points to 7. It was a splendidly fought match played in atrocious conditions. Despite this, however, there was much bright play by both sides.

The better-drilled and fitter School forward pack won the day in the loose and the School backs made good use of their scoring opportunities. School led 6-0 at half-time after scoring a good try when Hepworth made a charge and from a ruck the backs fed to centre Broederlow who forced his way through to score.

In a subsequent movement the Te Aute tackling although devastating could not stop the ball from moving through the backs to N. Harrison who ran around his marker to score.

**WHITE HOUSE SENIORS
Winners of the Senior House Competition.**



Back Row: J. Rowlands, S. Wright, G. Whitehead.

Middle Row: K. Wallace, M. Torrens, G. Walker, D. White, M. Smith, R. Waswo.

Front Row: P. Van Praagh, G. Roper, P. Somerton (Captain), L. Woolsey.

Te Aute came back to score a try when Hunt toed the ball into goal. This was followed by a penalty goal from K. Mite. The final points came from G. Hayward with a penalty goal which ended the game with a 13-7 win to School. Not a man failed N.P.B.H.S. and especially outstanding were Lockwood, Newton, Hepworth and Coley in the forwards.

Tries, P. Broederlow, N. Harrison. Conversion and penalty goal, G. Hayward.

Te Aute: Try, G. Hunt, penalty goal, K. Mite.

Hamilton Boys' High School (School Gully, 3rd August)

School took charge in the final quarter to beat Hamilton 26-12 and retain the cup in its fourth successful defence. With about 20 minutes remaining School was clinging to a 14-12 lead and looked far from safe as Hamilton applied pressure. But two penalty goals by G. Hayward and a converted try sealed the game to give School a good victory.

N. Harrison scored two fine tries in the first half, one a brilliant solo effort when he ran 50 yards to score. At half-time Hamilton trailed 8-0.

In the second half Hamilton regained determination and purpose with an early converted try which placed victory either way. After Hamilton's second try School regained domination with the forwards winning good possession followed by the School backs working like a precision machine and clearly outplaying their Hamilton opposites.

G. Roper played well and was rarely caught out of position. He was rewarded from a backline move with

a try. G. Hayward kicked well to score 14 of School's points; also J. Lockwood gained a lot of lineout ball and was effective in loose play.

Tries, N. Harrison (2), G. Roper; G. Hayward (4) penalty goals and a conversion.

For Hamilton, F. Griffiths, J. Parkes scored tries; G. Ross (2) conversions.

Auckland Grammar (Auckland, 24th August)

With the final defence of the Moascar Cup this season New Plymouth Boys' High School defeated Auckland Grammar by 16-13 at Auckland.

This was the fifth defence and in a grand display of controlled rugby New Plymouth scored four tries to one. School were far superior in all phases of play and Grammar were denied the ball from the tough New Plymouth forwards who supplied excellent ball to nippy halfback Jeff Bishop. The half-time score was 8-3 to N.P. with two tries to N.P., one coming from John Lockwood and the other by Peter Fitzpatrick.

School continued its dominating play in the second half with two further tries, one from Neil Harrison and another to John Lockwood.

All players had good games with John Hepworth dynamic in the lineouts, and Garth Hayward excelled in the loose play. Paul Broederlow was hard-running and created many opportunities for wingers Neil Harrison and Peter Fitzpatrick. Final score N.P.B.H.S. 16, A.G.S. 13.

Tries: John Lockwood (2), Peter Fitzpatrick, Neil Harrison.

BLUE HOUSE JUNIORS Winners of the Junior House Rugby Competition.



SECOND XV

The team comprised M. Houston, J. Carroll, B. Harrison, C. Howan, K. Wallace, B. Te Uira, R. Harkness, R. Adlam, M. Torrens, D. Fredrickson, M. Newland, D. White, M. Horrocks, M. Opie (captain), W. Wright, B. Wallis, M. Eady, C. Hurley, M. Fagan, R. Wilson and P. Van Praagh.

After a somewhat lethargic start, the team improved considerably over the season to display good cohesion over the concluding stages. A feature was the large number of young backs and this augurs well for future First XV's.

S. Hartley was promoted to the First XV squad and B. Harrison was brought up from the Intersec. B's.

The annual fixture against Hamilton Boys' High, played this year at Hamilton, resulted in a well earned victory after an extremely close match. N.P.B.H.S. 6 (R. Adlam 2 penalties), H.B.H.S. 3. This was the highlight of the season and special thanks go to Mr. Denton for his management.

The Gordon Roper Shield was lost to N.P.O.B. 3rd Grade. N.P.O.B. 12, N.P.B.H.S. 3. This game was played in atrocious conditions.

Good performances throughout the year came from D. White, P. Van Praagh and the loose forward trio of M. Opie, M. Horrocks and M. Newland. Outstanding in the backs were R. Adlam, K. Wallace, B. Harrison, and M. Torrens.

Thanks go to Mr Carroll, Mr Bennett and Mr Denton whose time and help was most appreciated.

Fifth Grade

School managed to have only one team in the competition this year. Although the team was destined to have a disappointing record, enthusiasm was not lacking and most games were very close. School lacked size as compared with teams of other years and this showed when playing against bigger teams.

The team had three players chosen for the Taranaki Fifth Grade Reps. These were L. Woolsey, M. Deere and M. Gregory. An enjoyable season was had by all players and the team often showed good displays of running rugby and teamwork. Consistently good players were S. Harkness, F. Horrocks, M. Gregory (captain), L. Woolsey, P. Jones, M. Deere and K. Carmichael.

The thanks of the whole team go to Mr Urbahn for his efficiency in improving the team play and for his concentrated season's coaching.

Sixth Grade

This year saw three 6th Grade teams entered in the competition, one of these teams successfully gaining entry to the 'A' division of the grade. All teams played attractive rugby and we were indeed fortunate this year to obtain the services of Mr. P. Saunders who took over the Gold Team in the 'B' division. This team proceeded to improve with every game.

The Black Team played consistently good team rugby to become runners-up to the strong Spotswood College combination and many players stood out for their high standard of performance in the difficult 'A' division.

The White Team did not have a particularly successful season in terms of games won, but they were noted for their keenness and enthusiasm.

The overall standard of the 6th Grade was remarkably high. It is the standard in these lower grades that augurs well for our future rugby status. Our thanks go to the senior members of the school who willingly helped out with coaching.

Seventh Grade

There were three teams in this grade this year. Gold played in A division; Black and White in the B division. Although the B division teams did not do very well in the competition, all boys were enthusiastic and enjoyed their rugby. Gold, after a shaky start, played well later in the season and finished 4th in their division. Outstanding players in this grade this year were C. Rudd, B. Purcell, D. Puke, and R. Palmer.

Sailing

A small group of enthusiasts campaigned 'Zelda' last season competing in the Waitara and New Plymouth regattas with some small success and regularly getting places in the N.P. Yacht Club weekly races. Two of the regular crew have now purchased their own yacht for the coming season and as soon as the "winter overhaul" is completed new crews will be sailing this season.

Skiing

Corresponding to an increasing trend of greater diversity in sports played by boys of the school the number of skiers has increased to well over thirty. In the past numbers have been low but increased publicity within the school and on news media has boosted the popularity of the sport. Indeed it is the world's fastest growing sport, there being over thirty million skiers in the world.

Contrary to common belief skiing need not be an expensive sport. A person may outfit himself adequately for around \$80 - \$100; much cheaper than, say, a motorcycle for scrambling. The skifield at East Egmont is easily accessible and is serviced by several lifts including a new T-bar. Lift costs are low compared to other New Zealand skifields and those who may wish to "give it a bash" can hire skies from the Stratford Ski Store, the Mountain House or the Ski Centre, in New Plymouth.

This season was somewhat better than last year's, with some good weekends early in the second term and good conditions throughout the first week of the August holidays. A good build-up of snow ensured some good early spring skiing on the upper tow and for those willing to climb with their gear, some good summit trips. Over a dozen of the school's skiers have reached a standard where they can handle the higher slopes which are amongst the most challenging in the country.

The Inter-Secondary Schools Championships were held late in the Second Term after an initial postponement. The race consisted of two runs through a slalom course set on the lower slopes. This was run by race officials of the Stratford Mountain Club and sponsored

by Mr. L. J. Horn of the Ski Centre, New Plymouth. To these people we express our thanks for their invaluable assistance.

The "A" team (C. Burr, C. Molloy, W. Brown and P. Lonsdale) was narrowly defeated by King's College. The "B" team (G. Burr, C. O'Keiff, S. Jones, K. Rowlands) took third place.

With the increased number of skiers, inter-house competition should be feasible in 1975.

Most notable this year were the efforts of Warwick Brown who put in some fine performances in National Circuit Races competing in fields often well in excess of thirty starters. In addition, W. Brown and C. Burr were selected to attend the Mackenzie Scholarship at Mt. Ruapehu during the first week of the August holidays. At this they received training under Austrian coach Erick Mossler.

This season's individual performances include: North Island Championships:— W. Brown in the Giant Slalom finished 4th; C. Molloy 15th; C. Burr 16th and 8th in the combined events. Ruapehu Regionals: W. Brown, Giant Slalom — 4th, Slalom — 4th, Combined — 3rd. (Under 16 section, Sl. — 1st, G. Sl. — 1st, Cmb. — 1st). North Island Junior Championships: W. Brown, Sl. — 2nd, G. Sl. — 2nd, Cmb. — 2nd; C. Burr, G. Sl. — 3rd. S.M.C. Intermediate Championships: W. Brown 1st, C. Molloy 2nd. Taranaki Junior Championships: G. Burr 1st, P. Lonsdale 3rd. Taranaki Intermediate Championships: C. Burr 1st, W. Brown 2nd.

C. Molloy.

1st SOCCER XI



Back Row: C. John, D. Antunovic, Mr. N. Stone, A. Fox, S. Winter, A. Hewitt, R. White.
Front: J. Konijn, D. Batty, C. Robinson (Captain), I. Stevens, A. Rideout, P. Burmester.

Soccer

FIRST XI

This season, in contrast to last season, school fielded a team in the Under 18-year-old competition. The team was weakened a little through players playing for club teams and this perhaps reflected in the results of the college games. However, under the constructive coaching of Mr. Stone, a squad of players was selected and this body of players "stuck" together throughout the season with a considerable degree of success. In the Under 18 competition school started well with 3-0, 2-1 and 4-0 victories and a 1-1 draw. In fact we were leading at the end of the second round but in the "clincher" we lost 1-2 to Hawera and the net result was a second place in the competition.

Our first college game of the season was versus

WELLINGTON COLLEGE at Lynmouth Park. (Lost 1-5).

Against a strong Wellington team we settled quickly and had several likely attacks. However, Wellington scored first with Hackman slipping through and scoring. Wellington began to take a tight control of the game from then on, pushing men forward from the back and we were reeling after their second goal. In the second half school received an almost complete shut out by the Wellington team, whose mid-field were extremely skilful and they combined very well with speedy forwards. Further goals by Johanson, Hackman and Anderson put the issue beyond doubt but we had the last say when Ian Stevens scored from a classy move.

MT. ALBERT GRAMMAR (lost 2-3)

This game, which was played in Auckland on what could best be described as a "paddock", produced some good attacking moves from both sides. Upset by some inconsistent refereeing, School took longer than usual to settle down and a shot which was well saved by S. Winter in goal, was volleyed into the net by one of Mt. Albert's forwards. From then on School played very well and the backs "shut out" the opposing forwards while the forwards toiled diligently for an equaliser which finally came from P. Burmester. We were unlucky not to score at least twice more when good lead-up play was spoiled by clearing kicks from the Mt. Albert defence. In the second half we quickly took the lead through another opportunist's goal from P. Burmester and once again several shots came close. With five minutes left Mt. Albert equalised after some intense pressure and the winning goal came a couple of minutes later from a suspiciously off-side position. A draw would have been fairer.

HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL (lost 1-2)

A very determined School team was out to prove we could do well and with several members of the 1st XV on the sideline cheering, we were spurred on no end. In spite of an early goal from Hamilton, School took complete control of the first half and poured everything into the attack. R. White and C. Robinson in the mid-field covered every bit of the ground in the first half, and White was distinctly unlucky not to score from close in. However, A. Fox scored a great goal from a corner with a header and, try as we might, we could not take the lead, in spite of several shots hitting the uprights and the crossbar and a great save by the goalie from I. Stevens. The second half saw a Hamilton revival and they began to dominate. With little less than five minutes to play, Hamilton scored after the defence was completely fooled by a Hamilton forward. Despite the result the game was very even and played in good spirits and also showed we could play good football.

WANGANUI BOYS' COLLEGE (won 2-0)

This game was played on the Racecourse during mid-week and School was quick to establish their noticeable superiority. In very cold and blustery conditions not suited to good soccer, we pressured constantly through the first half and a very good shot from I. Stevens was well saved by the goalie, who was impressive in the overall standard of his play. With no score at half-time School settled down to play quite good Soccer in the conditions and we were soon one goal up through D. Batty. I. Stevens got reward for some good work with a brilliant shot soon after. School were under no pressure and dominated in all phases of play, fully meriting their victory.

May I express our thanks to Mr. Stone for his organisation and coaching and I'm sure everyone in the team learned a lot from his profound knowledge of the game. I feel certain that under his guidance next year will see the First XI reversing the narrow defeat suffered at the hands of Mt. Albert Grammar and Hamilton Boys' High and a continuing success in local competition.

The team for the year was: S. Winter, T. Hewitt, A. Fox, A. Rideout, S. Hall, C. John, R. White, C. Robinson (captain), R. Thomas, D. Antunovic, J. Konijn, I. Stevens, P. Burmester, D. Batty.

C. Robinson.

SECOND XI

The following boys regularly represented the school in the Second XI for Soccer: Peter Dolan, Graeme Foreman, Norman Ritchie, Russell Grant, Nils Reiten, Murray Dunn, George Sibtsen (captain), Chris Halton, Steven Hall, Murray Phillips. Although starved of success, the team enjoyed their season's activity and improved during its course. The team lost its only college match 2-1 to Wanganui Boys' College.

THIRD FORM

The Third Form team consisted of boys with plenty of experience together with a number who were playing their first season of Soccer. In consequence the first part of the team drew one match and lost the remainder. It is to their credit that the hard work in training resulted in a second spell of the season in which all but one of their games were won. The following boys represented the school in 1974: I. Sarten (captain), S. Mace, G. Inns, G. Schwass, S. Hone, D. Hone, G. Trevillion, N. Andrews, A. Mills, P. Gower, D. McColl, J. Sutherland, W. Crozier, G. Smith, T. Adams. Special mention must be given to I. Sarten for the fine example he set as captain both on and off the field.

Softball

There has been no softball played on a regular competitive basis this year, although it is planned to hold an inter-Secondary School's tournament in November. N.P.B.H.S. hopes to have a Junior and Senior team entered. The standard of softball in the school is high and it is hoped our teams will do well.

K. Gledhill.

Squash Club

The club had a good start this year. Members have been attending regularly and the courts at the Y.M.C.A. have been usually filled from 3.30 to 5 p.m. on club nights. A ladder was organised but unfortunately results have not been coming in each week. The club lacks competition and must strive for improvement as a whole, although many individuals have played well and improved this year, and are still coming back for more.

It is hoped that next year there will be as much healthy interest and that the school may enter inter-Secondary School competitions.

C. Power.

CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM



Back Row: Mr. B. Rattray (Coach), Juniors: M. Fielding, P. Raven, S. Faull, W. Bailey, P. Bellworthy, M. Waite, M. Gesterkamp.
Middle Row: P. Middlebrook, D. Treeby, R. White, L. Sarten, K. Death, K. Hannam, L. Stevenscn.
Front Row: Seniors: D. Antunovic, J. Smith, W. Newton, M. Houston (Captain), M. Bcne, P. Bcad, G. Miln, G. Hea'e.

Steeplechase

The Cross Country Championships for 1974 were held on Thursday, October 3rd. Conditions were near to perfect for cross country races and all races went off to a good start. Due to the loss of the school farm a new steeplechase course was devised for all levels of competition. These courses were a lot more central to the school grounds. The estimated distances were: Juniors, two miles; Intermediate, 2.35 miles, and Senior 3.35 miles. Thanks must go to Mr Rattray, Peter Broad, Michael Waite and Michael Middlebrook for giving up a lot of their personal time during the holidays to plan the new courses.

The senior event got off to an interesting start. Peter Broad took the lead early and maintained it easily throughout the race, also gaining fastest time. Back in the rest of the field W. Newton and D. Antunovic battled hard for second place. D. Antunovic proved to be the better on the day and took second place near the end. However, both got the second fastest time. J. Smith came in fourth and M. Houston arrived fifth.

In the Intermediate section M. Middlebrook came in as the clear-cut winner and fastest time getter, while R. White, who finished in eighth place, got second fastest time. K. Death ran a steady race coming in second and gaining third fastest time, and L. Sarten and D. Treeby must also be commended on their determined efforts.

From the Juniors there was great strength shown by many runners. I. Meuli was a close first with second fastest time, while P. Raven ran a fine race coming in second place and M. Fielding ran steadily for third place. M. Waite was obviously the runner of the day, starting from scratch he arrived in fourth place and recorded the fastest time.

With the new house system, house points this year were a lot more even than in previous years. White House was overall winner with 1447 points, Blue House was second with 1417, Green House third with 1254 points, Maroon House fourth with 1248 points.

Results in detail:

Junior: I. Meuli (Maroon)	1
P. Raven (White)	2
M. Fielding (Green)	3
M. Waite (White)	4
G. Pearce (Maroon)	5

Junior Fastest Times :

M. Waite (White), 11 mins. 9 secs.	1
I. Meuli (Maroon), 11 mins. 31 secs.	2
M. Fielding (Green), 11 mins. 38 secs.	3
P. Raven (White), 11 mins. 42 secs.	4
D. Hutton (Green), 11 mins. 53 secs.	5

Intermediate :

M. Middlebrook (Maroon)	1
K. Death (Blue)	2
K. Hannan (Green)	3
L. Sarten (White)	4
D. Shaw (White)	5

Intermediate Fastest Times :

M. Middlebrook (Maroon), 13 mins. 39 secs.	1
R. White (White), 14 mins. 20 secs.	2
K. Death (Blue), 14 mins. 22 secs.	3
D. Treeby (White), 14 mins. 24 secs.	4
L. Sarten (White), 14 mins. 30 secs.	5

Senior :

P. Broad (Blue)	1
D. Antunovic (Blue)	2
W. Newton (Maroon)	3
J. Smith (White)	4
M. Houston (Green)	5

Senior Fastest Times :

P. Broad (Blue), 17 mins. 41 secs.	1
W. Newton (Maroon), 18 mins. 17 secs.)	2
D. Antunovic (Blue), 18 mins. 17 secs.)	equal
M. Houston (Green), 18 mins. 32 secs.	4
J. Smith (White), 18 mins. 38 secs.	5

TARANAKI INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOL STEEPLECHASE

The Inter-Secondary Schools cross country was once again held at Spotswood College. The day was an over-cast day, the second Saturday after the school steeplechase.

This year the boys from School did reasonably well in teams events, but poorly in individual placings. The highest place getter was M. Waite who came in third place in the Junior race.

Overall the juniors ran well and came in second place in the teams event.

The Intermediates seemed to be the weaker section of the school. They gained second place in their teams event but the first runner in was L. Sarten who came in 18th place.

Again, as with last year, the seniors were very strong having great strength from runners like Peter Broad, Bill Newton and Mark Houston. The seniors were successful in winning the teams event, all of our seniors arriving at the finish in the first thirteen places except for Mark Houston who withdrew because of ankle trouble.

All courses were very hard and rugged and a majority of the runners from all schools found it hard to adjust to small tracks, fences and creeks.

Our thanks must go to Mr Rattray and Mr Stone for putting time into the organisation and transport of the school teams.

W. Newton.

SURFING TEAM

Winners of Dennis Whittaker Memorial Trophy for Taranaki Secondary Schools' Competition.



Left to Right: B. Hollins, M. Anderson, L. Struthers (Captain), A. Mossop, Mr. B. Rattray (Master-in-Charge).
Absent: M. Erceg.

Surfing

This is the third year the school has had organised surfing under the guidance of Mr. Rattray. The club has only recently gained more recognition within the school as a team sport with the innovation at the end of this term of inter-house surfing competitions.

The club's activities were dominated by the school championships and the following place-getters were selected for the school team. This team defended the Dennis Whittaker Memorial Trophy:

1st.—M. Erceg.

2nd.—L. Struthers.

3rd.—M. Anderson and A. Mossop.

5th.—B. Hollins.

6th.—T. Ruwhiu.

The team retained the Whittaker Memorial Trophy for the third consecutive year and this reflects the enthusiasm towards surfing within the school.

Over 30 Boarders are members of the club and after passing a competence test Boarders may surf early mornings and after school. This enables Boarders to be on an almost equal footing with the day boys in the surfing world.

Again thanks go to Mr. Rattray for the organising of the school and inter-Secondary School championships.

A. Mossop.

Swimming

The swimming sports were held in perfect weather at the school pool. With the new house system it was going to be interesting to see how they worked out. White House won with 154 points, closely followed by Green, Blue and Maroon. Individual championships were won by: Senior, John Hepworth; Intermediate, Brent Giles; Junior, G. Whittaker. There was only one record broken and that was by B. Giles in the Intermediate Medley.

SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

440 yards Freestyle: J. Hepworth 1, J. Mildenhall 2, G. Yearbury 3.

220 yards Freestyle: J. Hepworth 1, G. Yearbury 2, P. Thompson 3.

100 yards Freestyle: J. Hepworth 1, G. Yearbury 2, D. Dreadon 3.

100 yards Breaststroke: P. Thompson 1, J. Hepworth 2, G. Yearbury 3.

100 yards Backstroke: J. Hepworth 1, T. Shearer 2, C. Emson 3.

100 yards Butterfly: R. White 1, M. Gray 2, J. Hepworth 3.

133 1/3 yards Medley: G. Yearbury 1, J. Hepworth 2, M. Gray 3.

SWIMMING TEAM



Juniors and Intermediate—Back Row: R. White, M. Nielsen, Mr. E. Rattray (Coach), A. Wood, R. Beaven, G. Whittaker, S. McDonald, M. Nielson, D. Puke.

Seniors—Front Row: P. Van Praagh, T. Shearer, P. Thomson, J. Hepworth (Captain), J. Mildenhall, D. Dreadon, M. Bone.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

440 yards Freestyle: R. Beaven 1, J. Greenway 2, D. Carter and D. Webster 3 equal.

220 yards Freestyle: R. Beaven 1, J. Greenway 2, I. Webster 3.

100 yards Freestyle: R. Beaven 1, D. Carter 2, J. Greenway 3.

100 yards Backstroke: B. Giles 1, J. Greenway 2, R. Beaven 3.

100 yards Breaststroke: D. Carter 1, B. Giles 2, M. Nielson 3.

50 yards Butterfly: B. Giles 1, D. Carter 2, R. White 3.

133 1/3 yards Medley: B. Giles 1, D. Carter 2, J. Greenway 3.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

220 yards Freestyle: G. Whittaker 1, R. Sarten 2, B. Hall 3.

100 yards Freestyle: G. Whittaker 1, R. Sarten 2, G. McDonald 3.

50 yards Freestyle: G. Adams 1, G. Whittaker 2, R. Sarten 3.

50 yards Breaststroke: G. Adams 1, R. Sarten 2, G. McDonald 3.

50 yards Backstroke: R. Sarten 1, G. McDonald 2, M. Nielson 3.

100 yards Medley: G. Adams 1, R. Sarten 2, G. McDonald 3.

AGE RACES

33 1/3 yards Freestyle (under 13): W. Bailey 1, K. Francis 2, R. Stewart 3.

50 yards Freestyle (under 14): C. Tatham 1, P. McSweeney 2, D. Parker 3.

50 yards Freestyle (under 15): B. Blennerhasset 1, D. Puke 2, J. Mitchell 3.

50 yards Freestyle (under 16): A. Wood 1, G. Wood 2, M. Copplestone 3.

50 yards Freestyle (under 17): T. Shearer 1, G. Roper 2, P. Brown 3.

50 yards Freestyle (over 17): M. Bone 1, M. Torrens 2, P. Christophers 3.

DIVING

Senior: M. Houston 1, P. Fitzpatrick 2, N. Harrison 3.

Intermediate: G. Leathley 1, M. Gregory 2 equal, M. Le Pine 2 equal.

Junior: P. Lonsdale, B. Moller, A. Berenstein.

RELAYS

Old Boys Race: Present Boys.

Inter-Form: 4D 1, 3D 2, 5G 3.

Inter-House: Maroon, Green, White.

Day Boys v. Boarders: Day Boys.

LIFE-SAVING (Smith & Easton Cup)

S. Winter and R. White 1.

M. Phillips and P. Thompson 2.

P. Fitzpatrick and S. Edwards 3.

Taranaki Inter-Secondary Schools' Swimming Sports

Once again Boys' High did well and most of the squad were placed more than once in the races. Also again the relays were too strong for any other school to

beat so we won all three relays. David Carter and Brett Giles shone out in the races and swam very well. Alan Wood sprinted his way to a title and a record in the Intermediate 66 2/3 yards Freestyle. Although our overall results were down slightly on other years the depth of keen swimmers remains, as witnessed by our relay victories.

North Island Inter-Secondary Schools' Championships

This year an unfortunate clash with our own Taranaki Secondary Schools' Championships resulted in only two swimmers representing the school.

Mr. Rattray took G. Whittaker and R. Sarten, as well as R. Hopcroft from Girls' High and David Wright from Inglewood.

Although not qualifying for finals, both Whittaker and Sarten recorded personal best times and gained considerable experience of top level competition. Whittaker swam in the Junior 100 and 200 metres Freestyle and Sarten in the Junior 100 and 200 metres Backstroke.

Early in the season James Clark, whilst endeavouring to qualify for the New Zealand Senior Championships, broke the Taranaki Senior 100 metres Breaststroke five times in three weeks and just missed out on going to the nationals by 1.1 seconds.

At the North Island Inter-Secondary Championships in March, Clark, now attending St. Patrick's, Silverstream, was second in the Senior 100 metres Breaststroke.

Tennis

School tennis has not been as strong this year, because of the departure of five of the six team members, leaving only K. Burgess.

FIRST TERM

In the first term the School was represented in the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Championships, by K. Burgess and C. Johns in the singles and G. Bennett and P. Boerkhorst in the doubles. We did not, however, have the success of 1973, but the team did not disgrace themselves.

Two inter-collegiate fixtures were played in the first term. A team of twelve travelled by mini-bus to Wanganui to play Wanganui Collegiate. The team was K. Burgess, C. John (captain), S. Wood, G. Wood, P. Moller, P. Boerkhorst, G. Livingston, G. Bennett, J. Rowlands, C. Meads, R. Mathieson and R. Harkness. Even though we had been untroubled in previous years such was not the case in 1974 and Collegiate turned the tables by defeating us 14-4.

Hamilton Boys' High School have always been stiff opposition, and so it was when we welcomed them to New Plymouth in the first term. Our team of C. John (captain), S. Wood, G. Wood, P. Moller, P. Boerkhorst and G. Livingston could not match the experience of the strong Hamilton team and we lost 15-0. We hope that next season we will see closer matches and a much closer overall result.

Competitions that were played in the first term were: Third form tournament: W. Crozier.

Senior singles (Candy Cup): K. Burgess.

House Competition (Stevenson Cup): Green House.

THIRD TERM

In the third term School played three inter-collegiate matches. The first was against Wanganui Collegiate, and the team was: K. Burgess, C. John (captain), S. Wood, G. Wood, P. Moller, P. Boerkhorst, J. Rowlands,

G. Livingston, R. Mathieson, T. Stevenson, W. Crozier and C. Meads. Unfortunately, the matches were rained out after only the doubles and a few of the singles had been played. This may have been lucky for School, because of the ten out of twenty-four matches played, we had won only one.

However School did not let this practice of losing continue. A couple of days later, in combination with Girls' High School, against Hutt Valley High School, the team of K. Burgess, C. John (captain), S. Wood, G. Wood, J. Rowlands and G. Livingston had a good win. The boys won their section 5-4, the girls lost 5-4, but by winning the mixed 4-2, we ran out the winners 13-11. A successful and enjoyable weekend.

In the last match the same team that played Hutt Valley played Palmerston North Boys' High School. Even though a lot of the games were close—tie-breakers in some cases—we could not match our victory of 1973 and lost 9-0.

This year has been one of rebuilding the School team after having five of the six leave at the end of 1973. Next year should see a more experienced team, and hopefully, better results.

Competition played in the third term:

Days boys v. Boarders (Beetham Cup): Day Boys.

Honours blazer: K. Burgess.

Tramping Club

The Club has had a most successful year with a total of 10 trips undertaken.

The year opened with a trip to Bells Falls, followed by a climb up the Waiwakaiho River through the spectacular Dieffenbach Cliffs. A Junior Bushcraft weekend was next and the term finished with a climb up the York Track.

In the Second Term the club took advantage of a heavy snow fall on Mt. Egmont to have three snow skills trips, one of which unfortunately was ruined by bad weather.

The Third Term opened with an overnight camp on the Kiri Stream, and was followed by another Waiwakaiho climb. It is planned to finish the year with a four-day around the mountain trek.

Other features of the year were Bushcraft films, slides and lectures.

The Club has been hit hard by inflation this year. Rising petrol prices, especially, have forced us to increase bus fares to \$1. Finance will remain a constant problem.

TENNIS TEAM



Back Row: T. Stevenson, R. Harkness, G. Wood.

Middle Row: Mr. T. Heaps (Coach), P. Beckhrst, P. Moller, J. Rowlands, G. Livingston, C. Meads.

Front Row: W. Crozier, R. Mathieson, K. Burgess, G. Bennett, S. Wood.

Absent: C. John (Captain).

The Boys' High Club has a good safety record this year with only one serious accident. Other school parties have not been as fortunate and several search and rescues have been caused by lost school trampers.

One alarming characteristic of some school parties, noted and commented on by the Mountain Safety Council and T.A.C. is the lack of equipment possessed by many students.

Interest has been high at all times and a membership of over 100 makes Tramping, the second largest club in the school. Increasing numbers of day-boys are joining, although boarders still make up the majority of members.

Thanks must go to Mr. Krutz for allowing us to use his property for camps, to Mr. and Mrs. Speck for their patience, and to the kitchen staff, especially to Mrs. Adams, for her early-morning breakfasts, and to Mrs. Neatherall (Aunty) for her scrumptious sandwiches.

Masters-in-Charge: Mr. G. Lamont, Mr. A. C. Hart, Mr. M. Newsome and Mr. A. Bryant.

Volleyball

With increased emphasis on volleyball both in physical education periods and lunch-time recreation many boys have become proficient at this game. This was reflected in the number of good players who had to be turned away when the School teams were selected.

This year saw an increased entry as compared with last year with teams from Spotswood A and B, Francis Douglas A, B and C, Opunake, and N.P.B.H.S. A and B.

The senior team comprised: J. Fraser (Captain), C.

Burr, M. Joseph, A. Rideout, W. Barleyman, J. Keenan, and G. Pihigia.

The junior squad was: I. Hollins (Captain), C. Rudd, P. Hall, P. Sirett, M. Gesterkamp, C. Marshall, and S. Wood.

The senior's first game was against Francis Douglas B who, after a shaky start, we convincingly defeated 15-12, 15-6, 15-4.

We then played last year's champion team Opunake who were unable to cope with our planned defence and attack.

In the final we met the Francis Douglas A team. After losing the first set 12-15, we took the second 15-11 and we were level 1-1 in the third set when time was up. Therefore a narrow victory to us by one point in a game which was of a particularly high standard.

There was a disappointing number of teams in the junior section with our School team only having to play one game before entering the final where they met the Spotswood B team. With S. Wood's service being almost unreturnable the Junior team won this game 15-4, 15-3, 13-1.

Thus, Boys' High School won both Inter-Secondary Volleyball titles.

Even better things are hoped for next year with teams being entered in the Town competition.

Our thanks must go to Mr. Rattray who has got volleyball off the ground and gave up his time to coach our teams. Thanks also to Mr. Gledhill who came along to support both teams at the Tournament.

JEFF FRASER.

SENIOR VOLLEYBALL TEAM Taranaki Inter-Secondary Champions 1974



Back Row: A. Rideout, Mr. B. Rattray (Coach), M. Joseph, C. Burr.
Front Row: H. Pihigia, W. Barleyman, J. Fraser (Captain), J. Keenan.

AFTERNOON IN SUMMER

'Good afternoon'
 Hot, boring, uninteresting afternoon.
 Asleep on my left is a student who wakes.
 A book on his lap
 — perches uninteresting also.
 Fidgeting.
 Discussion gains height
 — What does he mean; he says —
 'brutality broken by law'
 — paradoxical.
 Private discussion flourishes under the cover of his
 voice.
 Pens fly in formation at the rear of the room.
 Parties — paradox —
 discussion on political parties
 — Nazi parties,
 etc. etc. etc.
 Holds book in hand and reads 'what does that word
 inherent mean?
 'I don't know' — uninterested.
 Pen once more meets paper to catch up on work.
 What is—
 'Even the Stoutest Democrat
 the Stoutest Democrat
 the Stoutest Democrat?'
 'Oh — I don't know' — uninterested.
 We stop for motorbikes
 — Voices raised higher
 'Motorbikes' . . .
 — irrelevant.
 Darn nuisance these interruptions.
 Discussion carries on with full participation from
 one student.
 Chair scrapes —
 and bangs on the floor.
 Keys rattle, pens click
 Monotonously at the rear of the room.
 Uninteresting.
 Innoculations, vaccinations, immunity
 — big words.
 Sit up to take notice as discussion becomes interesting.
 "Democracy, franchise . . ."
 etc. etc. etc. etc.
 Fingernails fall in the battle of boredom.
 A little book lies hidden on a desk beside me.
 Stopped — to listen
 ?!
 Annoyance lies in the private conversation to the right
 of me
 And the orange on the left.
 "Chile has a large number in prison" — interesting —
 "Although we don't know it."
 Jails — Soviet Union — States criticised.
 Insane — Jails.
 A lot of people
 Habeas Corpus — thesis — "Not that I'm saying every-
 thing in New Zealand is good."
 Rattling resumes on the right.
 — "Section B." Packing up?
 Only early yet, yet ready to go — waiting for count
 down.
 — Another packs up —
 5, 4 . . . 3 . . . 2 . . . 1 . . . —
 Shuffle of chairs with rowdy, noisy people clattering
 and chattering.
 — Silence in the classroom !

S. G. Colson, 6G.



SILK SCREEN K. LOCKLEY, 3E.

THE SEA

Dawn has broken and the sea whips over the reef.
 Crabs are driven into nooks and crannies in refuge,
 From the morning sun,
 Like refugees after war.
 Plankton is tossed about by the surge of many
 Waves buffeting against the reef.
 Far out, beyond the shoreline the sea deepens, and
 She takes on a magic appearance, flat and untroubled.
 Seabirds scatter as we approach in our skiff.
 Then quiet.

G. L. MacLean 5G.

NERVE

A soldier on duty
 Gets a fright:
 What is it that creeps so
 In the night?
 A cat? A rat?
 He waits like a trap
 In the dark of a moon-lit night.

G. P. Emson, 4F.

SUNSET

The boy stood on the chimney top,
 Looking out over the bay.
 He watched the sun setting in the distance,
 Slowly falling like a leaf out of the sky.
 As it set it lit up the sky,
 Red with a dash of pink everywhere instead of blue.
 Then it was gone like a moth plucked out of the sky,
 Below the horizon.
 Gone until the morning.
 Gone, not to rise or set till the next new day.

K. G. Cooper, 3C.

SURFER

Down to the beach on a beautiful day;
 Wetsuit and surfboard, I'm all amazed.
 The waves look inviting, all crisp and clear.
 I hear a shout, "Out the Back!"
 I'm ready, I'm there.
 Paddling, paddling, it's right under me,
 A sudden emotion comes over me,
 Standing, standing, I'm up and away,
 I've mastered the ocean in only one day.

F. J. Bunyan, 3D.

GIRL

You stand so with the sky in your hair
 Shutting your eyes to the light of the sun
 You smile a smile I cannot share.
 How can I know you?

P. C. Butt, 7A.



PENCIL DRAWING J. LEGGOTT, 6C.



LINOCUT

EUTHANASIA

What is Euthanasia? Sometimes it is defined as mercy-killing or killing with mercy.

For example, if a person is seriously ill in hospital and it doesn't look as if he is going to get any better, he may wish to be put to sleep. The question is whether or not to carry out this request.

That is what Euthanasia is all about.

The question is, has anyone got the right to take someone else's life?

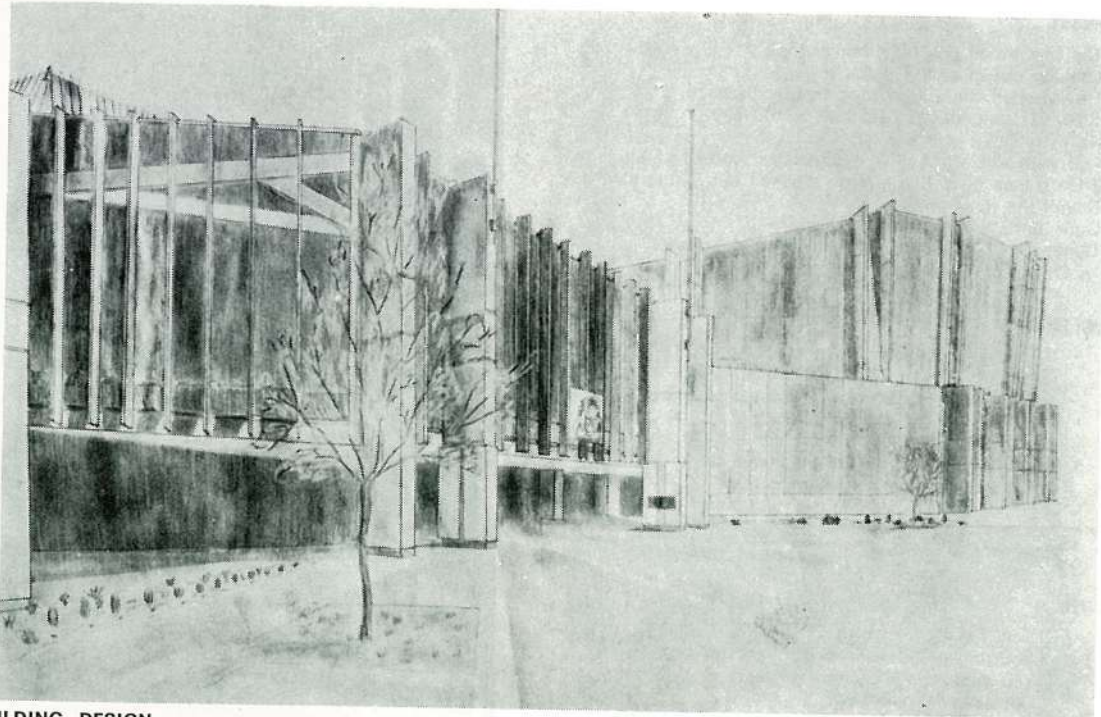
Most people who have been seriously ill at some stage wished that they were dead, but when they were well again it was a different story.

Some people think that old folk and people who have become sick beyond recovery, just lie in hospital wasting the taxpayers' money. Well, they may think that now, but when they get old and perhaps are put in a hospital, will they realize that they have been talking about themselves?

If Euthanasia did become legal just at what stage is someone supposed to be ready for death? And again, who has the right to judge this stage?

Euthanasia may seem a very unimportant problem compared to the other great world problems but even those had a small beginning.

Douglas Puke, 4F.



BUILDING DESIGN

D. BULLICK, 6B.

SHARK

Stealthily he glides
Like a ghost on the tide,
Looming beneath the depths of the ocean.
Flashing his teeth,
King of graceful motion,
With fins a-sight
And tail a shimmer
In the glimmer of light.
Stirring the mud
And scattering fish
Who recognise his supremacy.
A tower of great whiteness,
A picture of power
With menacing teeth
Protruding like rows of silver studs
Engulfing the fish who fall
Beneath his shadow.
In his element he slides
From view in the murky waters he hides,
Mingling with the abstract maze of water.

D. F. Marsh, 3C.

EVENING

The sun, benevolent giver of life,
Slowly sinks.
A faint pinkness fills the sky,
As if a warning of parting day.
The grey clouds now glow with a crimson warmth—
The brilliant edge of the sun peeping over the sea.
The sky darkens to a sombre face,
But we know it is sure to rise again tomorrow.
Or will it?

W. I. Brown, 5G.

YOU AND ME

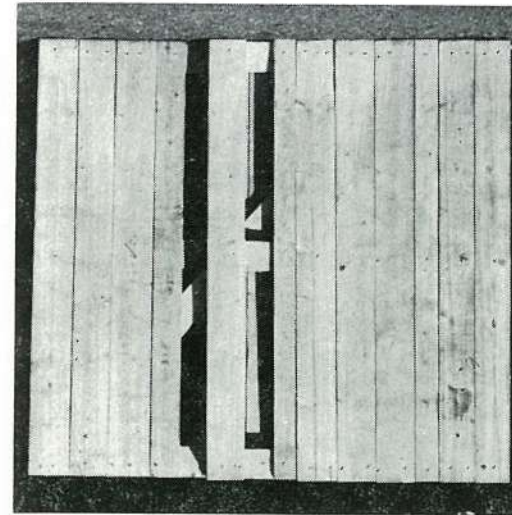
Sulky, sullen, shy, the mad-girl
Spits her hate at the mocking crowd
Cries with rage at her impotent body
Howls with the moon at the mocking crowd.
Twisted, tortured tragic, the motorist
Gazes unseeingly at the mocking crowd,
Knows unknowingly his broken body,
Gapes at the eyes of the mocking crowd.
Uprooted, unwanted, unbelieving, the exile
Knows the ridicule of the mocking crowd
Dares not return the scornful gaze
Breaks on the laughter of the mocking crowd.
Flawless, forgiving, foretold, the man-child
Cannot believe the apathy of the mocking crowd
Wants only that he might help them,
Is torn to pieces by the frightened crowd.

P. Butt, 7A.

THE LEOPARD

Slinking along like a thief in the night
With his unfortunate prey in sight.
Spots hiding him,
Nose guiding him,
Suddenly bounds
And he's on the ground
Tussling with a huge deer,
Showing no signs of fear,
Ripping and tearing with jaws
Digging and scratching with claws.
He ate his fill
And then drank at a nearby pool.
He slunk away to his lair
And stayed there
Until his stomach rumbled again.

B. Reed, 5C.



ASSEMBLAGE

A. SMITH and J. LEGGOTT.

S.O.S.

We spend our time here imprisoned
In the blood and bone of a worthless book,
Which has naught but the grave to look to.
Save our souls.
We try so hard to achieve
Learn less and less about more and more
But all that's mortal must die.
Save our souls.
All we are is our dreams
Seventy per cent average in Bursary
But for our bodies, tomorrow never comes.
Save our souls.

P. C. Butt, 7A.

THE DARK

A small boy unwillingly sent off to bed,
I'm sure I can guess what he thinks in his head.
He is scared of the dark, this could be his doom,
When he dashes with speed from the hall to his room.
'Will he risk going in, to find out his fate?
Or leave it until it's finally too late?
What hidden creatures lie awaiting
For him to come in, then send him skating
With terror and with fright,
Yelling with all his might?
He makes up his mind to boldly go through
But out comes a ghost and promptly says, "Boo!"
He gropes for the light-switch with panicking hands
In an effort to free himself from these frightening com-
mands
He flicks down the switch which lights up the place,
No longer now, can he see the ghost's face.
He reaches his bed with one mighty leap.
Comfortably lies back but he cannot sleep,
For the picture of the ghost, still lingers clear;
At the moment still pricking him with fear.
So the light, it stays on,
For its company he does long;
To keep the dark away.

J. R. Crighton, 5G.

EXCAVATION

A mass of yellow, orange mechanical monsters.
They make a pulsating clanging noise.
Small insignificant men working on these untamed
animals.
Slowly they chew deeper and deeper into the earth.
"Clunk" "Clunk" down they go.
Always down.
Forever snorting and huffing until night fall.
Then they stop, their job done.

J. S. Moffat, 3C.

TIME

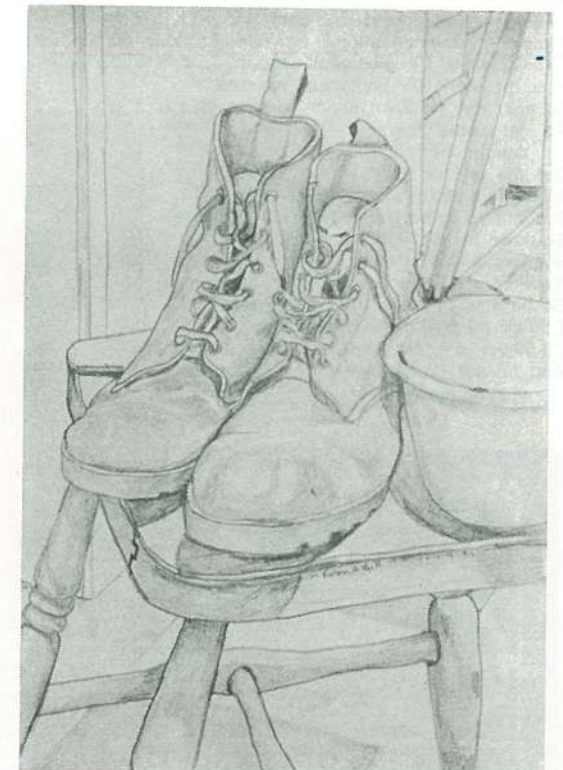
Always it has been there and forever it will.
Many have tried to defeat it, none can hope to succeed.
Forever moving, it devours all in its path.
Through the ages it watches Kings live and die.
It wears mountains down and turns stones to meal

G. W. McAuliffe, 3C.

DEATH

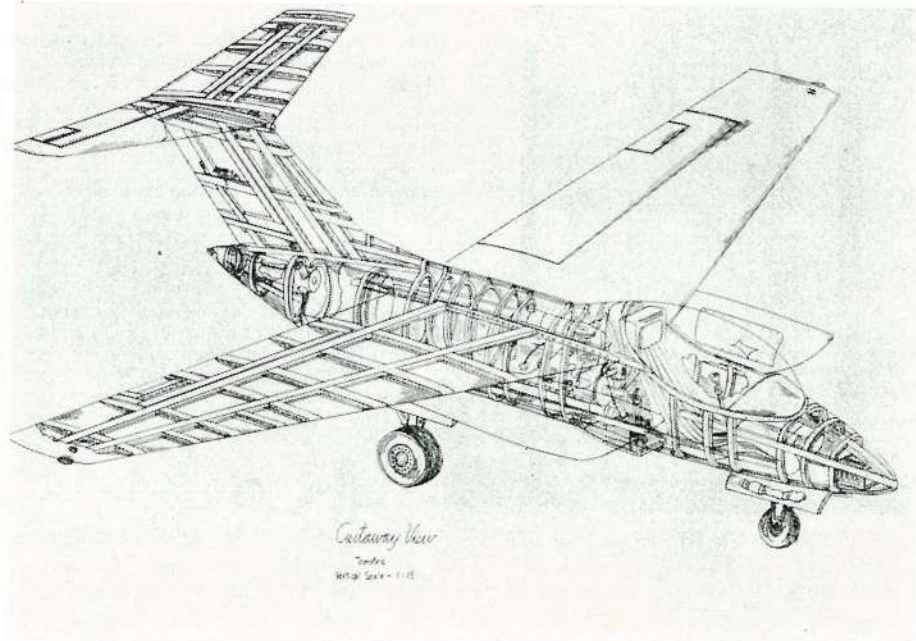
Lying in bed,
He shudders at the thought
Of what might happen to him.
And yet
He does not really care.
His life is behind him
And he smiles at the thought of it.
Perhaps there is life before him.
Who knows?

R. J. Parsons, 4C.



DRAWING

R. HILL, 7A.



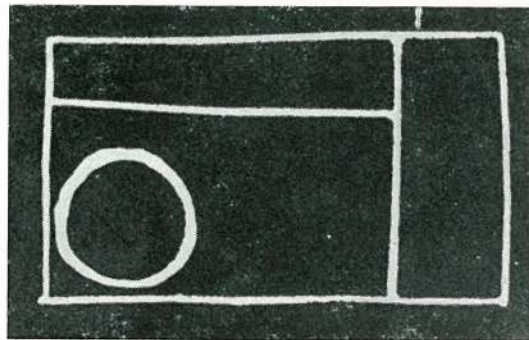
DRAWING

A. J. BISS, 6C.

ACCIDENT COMPENSATION

"Accident Compensation," said Dad with a grin,
 "Accident Compensation," he said, stroking his chin.
 "Yes, I think I'll give that a go,
 Yes, at work I'll badly cut me toe."
 So next day he went down town to give it a go,
 To get some forms, he thought, to make some easy
 dough;
 But the pile of forms that greeted him,
 Made him think about tossing it in.
 But not to worry, he needed the money,
 So down he sat, with pen in hand.
 But two hours later, he looked at the rubbish tin,
 And there it ended, the forms "accidentally" fell in.
 So he said to Mum, with dreadful sorrow,
 I think I'll try to work tomorrow,
 I'll never try that caper again, I declare,
 And he sat down, turned the T.V. on, and then quietly
 supped his beer.

B. R. Baker, 6C



LINOCUT

THE PEASANTS

And the peasants wandered the fields, not wondering
 anything, and daily ate their bowl of rice, soggy and
 lone rice. The surplus land produce was taken and fed
 to their brothers and this was an act of God, to feed
 another.

The peasants did not complain; they had sufficient
 ambition only to work from weaning to death. At a
 young age they were weaned onto rice and with maturity
 toiled in the paddy fields, wet and loaded with gangrene
 and foot-rot. In the years of his greatest strength and
 ability, a man could take a wife and return the next
 long day with someone to tidy the family house and
 go out into the fields and turn the moist earth of the
 low country with him.

As their years passed and children were born to them
 in the family house, the labourer found he could no
 longer work as well, and had his children help. Neither
 did his wife carry herself as well after years of child-
 bearing, and she could not brush the dirt from the dirt
 floor as quickly as before. The parents looked at their
 children with pride and knew their troubles for their
 own.

Quiet decades passed and the long-working man had
 never left his home further behind than he could walk
 in half a day. In the family shack he withered and
 died, and knew no more. Momentary grief shook the
 family, yet the group was strong and could not stop
 the process of living and working because someone
 else had stopped. And so they wandered back into the
 fields to harvest the land.

C. R. Power, 6C.



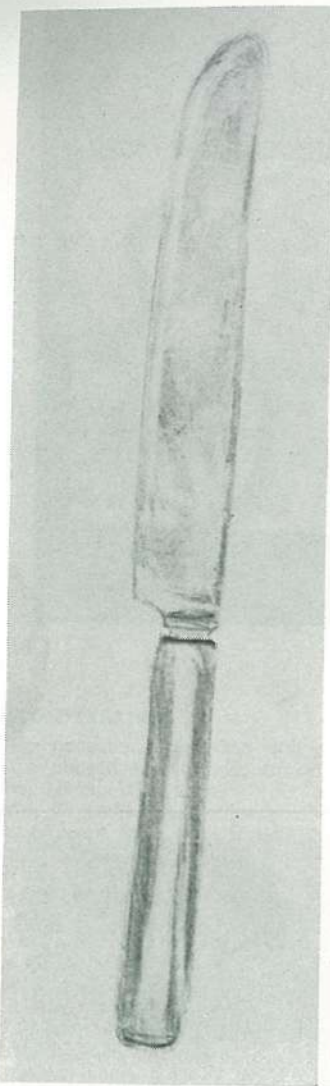
THREE-DIMENSIONAL COMPOSITION

R. HILL, 7A.



PENCIL DRAWING

R. HILL, 7A.



LEAVING

In the rapidly disappearing flavour
of bitter obedience.
A long hot observance of change and
taste
Locks the cool joy of disorder like
a suburban utopia built on
shortening reins and the red hot
blacksmiths moulding furnace
of devotion and tea at three.
Black violets cried out for mercy, but
the inevitable dull blue day took hold
and grasped with lengthening
fingernails, pruning mercilessly.
Savage, mellowed remembrances and bored
departing silence render impotent the dead
recollections of longer months past "but left
us in no doubt as to the final score".
Dark memories lightened the pye that flickered,
Lightened up and burnt out, leaving glowing embers,
the embryo of blunted consolation.
A last long daze out the sentimental window
and the last pointless laugh at the last
pointless speech, make an end to an
end, and a beginning to a beginning.

I. F. Mackenzie, 7B.

THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

Quiet!
Clear and still.
Disturbing the organisation.
Ripples float across the surface
Water splashes.
A yell of triumph as he lands a fish.
Quiet!
Water settling down.
Waiting
A rustling on the side of the river,
A quick glance — a flip and a splash!
A grunt of dismay.
"The one that got away."

R. Mason, 5C.



MONOPRINT

J. LEGGOTT, 6C.

KNIFE

J. LEGGOTT, 6C.

RUBBISH BIN

Something to throw a morsel at;
A place for hockey sticks or a bat.
Iron forged and twisted to man's desires;
And left alone to be vandalized.
Innocently watching the growing trees;
The new spring buds and the falling leaves.
Criticising us, as we walk past;
But it, like us, is made to last!
Vindictive, the wire-ends points their blame;
But their virile attempts are all in vain.
Rust climbs stealthily up the sides;
Forming hydrous compounds and brown oxides.
Who's going to win in the end;
If the world persists on this futile trend?

T. W. Ward, 5E.



LINOCUT

OLD MEN'S HOME

Old men sit in a line,
Gazing into nowhere,
They dream of the time,
When they were young and didn't care.
Their brown and wrinkled faces,
Show no expressions at all,
As young nurses change vases,
Full of flowers bright and tall.
The air in the dull room seems dead,
Except when some old man coughs weakly,
As he lies on his death bed,
Sometimes stirring, but very meekly.

M. Snowden, 4C.

FOG

It creeps, it crawls, a blanket of white
Stealthily moving on through the night
Round buildings and bushes small and tall
Not stopping for anyone, nothing at all.



SIXTH FORM POTTERY

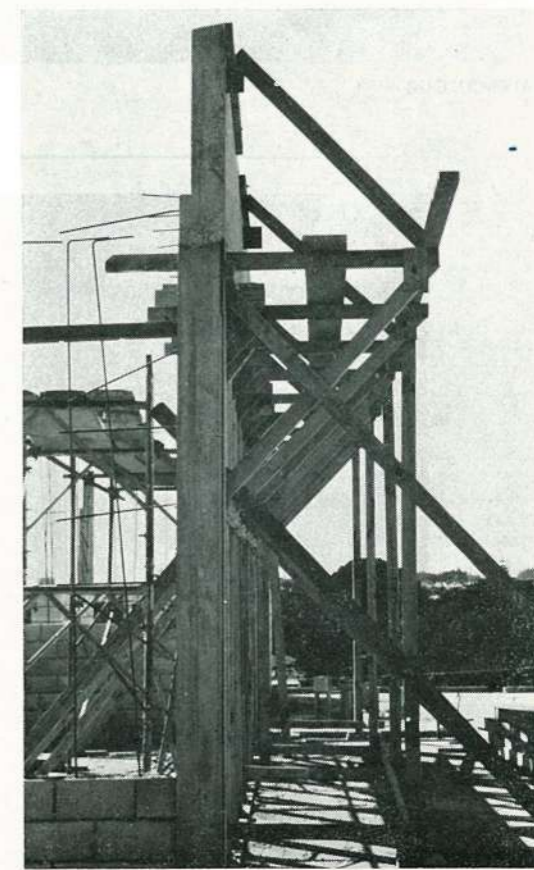
Then at the dawning
It scatters and rises
Without any warning.
Clear morning surprises.

B. Murray, 3F.

RESOLUTION

As the shadow of his mind treads the
untrodden track
And he knows when he's gone, that he
will not be back.
But he does not tread heavy, he does
not look down,
For like wild horses, he cannot look
round.
And flying down stairways that spiral
and twist,
The knife edge of innocence cuts to
the quick.
For memories are many and visions
are none,
A world full of doing, of did and
of done
The life that he knows, and loves like
a brother
In one eye the same, the same as
the other.

I. F. Mackenzie, 7B.

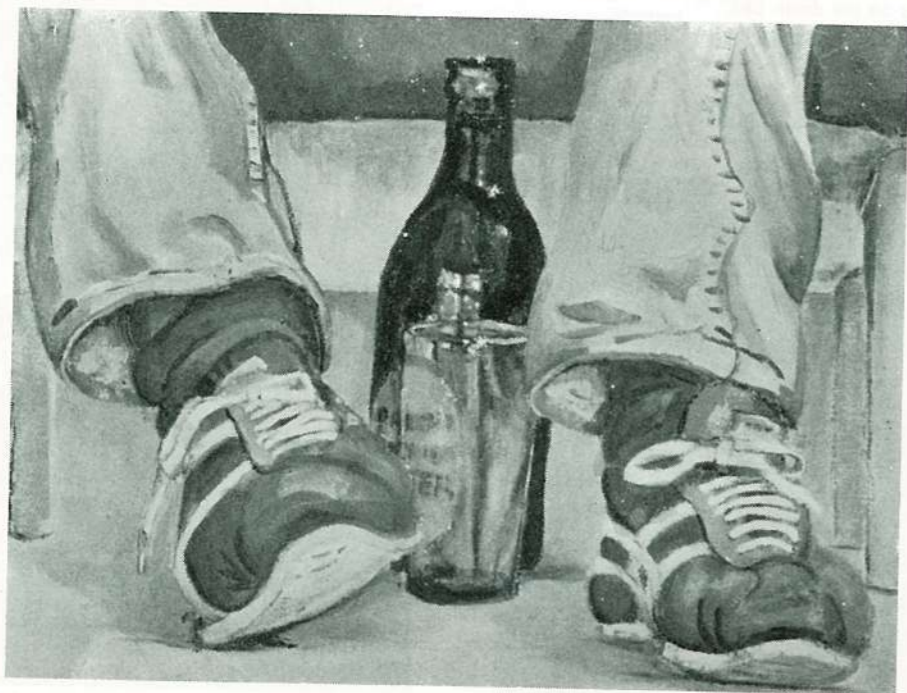


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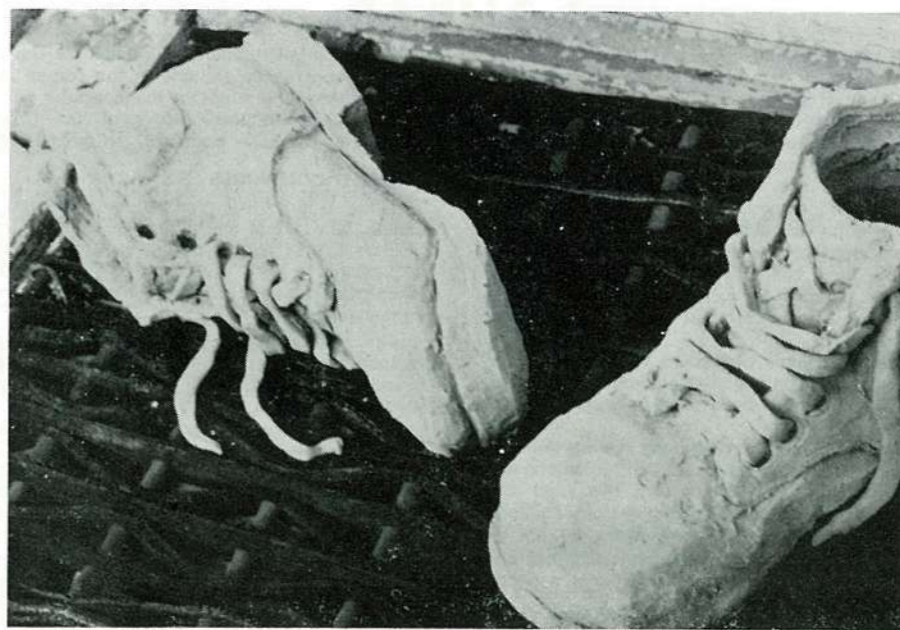
WATERCOLOUR

J. LEGGOTT, 6C.



PAINTING

R. HILL, 7A.



TERRACOTTA BOOTS

R. HILL, 7A.



STONEWARE FEET

P. CONQUEST, 5D.

CADETS

This year Battalion organisation was very similar to last year's. A Company catered for stage III cadets, B Company for stage II cadets and C and D Companies for stage I cadets (4th formers). Also a number of boys opted either to join the A.T.C. or the Band. The broader syllabus introduced in 1973 was continued.

Some of the disciplines associated with Cadets were relaxed in favour of more practical things. This resulted in less smartness on Battalion parades. However the boys made every endeavour to do well and deserve praise considering that they had little drill during barracks week, and fewer parades to gain experience by. The effort made in the final Battalion parade was most gratifying.

The relative inexperience of leaders was a noticeable feature this year. We only had 3 Under Officers and initially no W.O. I. Senior boys were given ranks to fill the gaps.

Other disappointing features were our having military drill on barracks week alone, and our not marching on A.N.Z.A.C. day.

A COMPANY

As was the case last year, the Company seems to show much more interest in the bush-craft and search-and-rescue exercises, than the more traditional aspects of drill.

Barracks Week saw the Company having some practical experience from a .303 shoot at the Rewa Rewa range. This week also saw all fourth-year boys benefitting from two nights in the bush on the edge of the Egmont National Park. The weather was extremely good and the camp site proved a real challenge to most, as the Company camped on very uncomfortable sloping ground, on a range between two streams. Valuable experience was gained in search-and-rescue, trapping, building bivouacs and learning of the different types of edible plants in New Zealand. No. 1 platoon, consisting of fifth-year boys, spent these two days on a hike which covered a distance of about 10-15 miles.

The last day of this week saw the Company gaining more practical experience in crossing rivers at the Merrilands Domain. Two methods were used: a flying-fox which was very successful and two rafts made of canvas and straw which didn't give the results that were intended.

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

B COMPANY

This year following the same pattern as last year, B Company cadets carried out a programme of a variety of activities far different from the original idea of revisions of first year's training.

Included in these activities were more advanced orienteering, light boat handling, community service and some drill and firearms instruction.

Orienteering was conducted over a much more difficult course which included reading of ordinary maps and time limitation was introduced for extra difficulty.

The light boat handling was conducted at Ngamotu beach with the aid of the School yacht and Mr. Ranger conducted this most successfully.

The community service, which took up a major portion of B Company's time, was conducted in Pukekura Park and the Recreation Reserve. This consisted mainly of development work in the formation and clearing up of tracks.

The Rewa Rewa .303 range was used for the entire company to have a shoot and there was some drill instruction from a Regular Force instructor.

Disappointment could be voiced at the lack of civil defence and rescue training in the course as this would have increased interest in the course.

Thanks go to the officers of the Company for a successful Barracks week for B Company.

C AND D COMPANIES

Once again these companies consisted of Stage I cadets who were instructed in weapon training, drill, field-craft, first aid, map-reading and compass work. It is pleasing to note that such a high standard of excellence was attained by the boys who were extremely enthusiastic.

The practices on the .22 range, the sessions on weapon handling and maintenance and the compass exercises were extremely well liked and many cadets did very well at them.

Our thanks must go to Majors Brine and Sinclair for all that they have achieved on behalf of the companies and it is with regret we note that Major Sinclair will not be leading D Company next year.

A.T.C.

This year A.T.C. activities were again very successful although we had only one officer, Mr. Abraham, who deserves full credit for the way the squadron ran so smoothly. It was only with his guidance and that of the air force instructors that the squadron enjoyed such an interesting barracks week.

The cadets in the senior flights combined with the army in an overnight exercise in the foothills of Mt. Egmont where an air force instructor demonstrated facets of camp comfort, the erection of bivouacs, river crossing and traps and snares.

The junior flights completed the first stage of their instruction. The emphasis was less on military aspects and more on community service.

It was unfortunate that the squadron was not able to parade on Anzac Day as we have done for so many years.

Congratulations to Mr. Abraham who last year was awarded the Cadet Medal for long service.

Although the Alan Washer Memorial scholarship was not awarded last year the interviews are well under way for this year. The winner will get \$50 worth of flying instruction with the New Plymouth Aero Club.

REWA REWA RANGE

The Officer-in-Charge, Lieutenant Oats, was assisted this year by Range Staff Fitzpatrick, Laurie, Downey and King. Again this year shooting was confined to 25 yards.

As the School has sold the farm to the Taranaki Polytech., the .22 range will not be able to be used in future years. It is likely that next year all shooting will be held at Rewa Rewa but a much revised programme will be necessary.

The .303s are now in poor condition, deteriorating steadily, and there is little hope of replacement. This has come about as the army no longer use these weapons and cease to service them.

Although there is a lack of good firearms, shooting this year has generally been of a good standard. This was more noticeable in the Championship shoot even though top scores were not as high.

The Cadet Trophy, the Lady Godley Senior Cup, was jointly won this year by M. Downey, R.S., and Cpl. Davis, B. Coy., (82/100).

Senior Championship: The Searle Cup was won by P. Addis, A.T.C., (74/100.)

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Astronomy Club

Several members managed to observe and plot the Comet Kohoutek during its passage around the sun. Though it fell far short of the spectacle originally predicted, it was nevertheless an interesting sight in our skies. Two "Gazing Occultations" were attempted this year, one of which was successfully recorded.

The planets Jupiter, Saturn and Mars were regularly observed and some interesting galaxies outside our Milky-way system were located and studied.

The Marsland Hill Observatory was again visited and several trips were made out to Tikorangi.

Two of our senior members, Steven Dalton and Owen Pimm, have spent many fruitful hours at mirror grinding and the construction of a 10" telescope is almost complete.

As a highlight of the year, we look forward to observing a lunar eclipse on November 29 which promises to be a spectacular one.

Ian Morine is now an associate member of the National Committee for Astronomy (N.C.A.) and is our official representative to that body.

An Astronomical Camp is to be held on January 11th to 17th at Kawakawa Bay which is some 40 miles south-east of Auckland, and an invitation has been extended to our members.

Bridge Club

This year a small but enthusiastic club has been operating in Room 17 at lunch times. This year without the supervision of a master we have managed to keep noise to a minimum. Much thanks must go to Mrs Gallant for the kind use of her classroom which made it all possible.

Steven Lay.

Chalet Classroom

The fourth forms once again spent a week up the mountain at the East Egmont Chalet on an intensive week-long study programme.

A departure for this year from usual practice was the employment of Mr "Sam" Sampson as master-in-charge. Mr. Sampson had recently given up a fulltime position running a similar scheme in the Nelson Lakes district. Having one person running all the courses gave a continuity that we have been unable to achieve in the past few years.

Our thanks go once again to Snow and Mrs Mace for all the care they gave to the boys and to the Park Ranger staff also for the time they gave.

Chess

This lapsed with Dr Lenks' illness and retirement but was revived again part way through the year.

The regular meeting has been Tuesday lunchtime in Room 25. Frequently Lab. 1 has been available for chess on Thursday and Friday lunchtimes as well. This year very few sixth or seventh formers have attended but there is a keen group of third and fourth formers.

Mr Krook has given some helpful lectures on "The Opening Game."

In the third term, championships are being held at third, fourth, fifth and senior form levels. Winners at each level will then compete for Open Champion. Paul Schultz (3F) is the third form champion and Craig John (6B) is the senior champion. Other results are still to be finalised.

In the near future it is hoped to have inter-house chess competitions and also a revival of the "ladder" competition.

Grant Chivers, 6A.

Christian Youth Group

School life is a time of discovery. Every day new voices of friends, newspapers and radio tell us what people are doing next door or miles away. On T.V. we see every part of our country and across the world. Woven into this fabric of history, science and civilisation is the Christian faith. Under the impact of it all, there is no need to encourage an open enquiring mind.

While part of the Western world moves slowly into decline there are countries in Africa, South America and Asia growing in Christian allegiance that works from village to national leadership. An attempt is made to touch on all this across the world, especially for youth.

Mr Mike Andrews, an Old Boy and Baptist, showed slides of his mountaineering team in the Andes. The Anglican Mission sent films on Christian leadership in many walks of life in the South Pacific. Miss Gwen Lay showed us life in the Philippines, and Mr Bryan Dillon the same in Taiwan.

Two fine Solomon Islanders visited us in June. The Open Air Campaigners brought the Jesus Rock Group for three lunch hours, followed by Rev. Owen Woodfield. All challenged us to look closely at the Christian challenge for today.

"The Cross and the Switchblade" drew 300. A movie can easily portray the stark reality of ghetto life in New York. It is far more difficult to film the change in gang members. "God of the Atom" showed the horror of nuclear explosions. "Ultimate Adventure"—an ill-prepared motorbike trip across the Sahara—gave a glimpse of those lands of famine.

Both leprosy films showed new worlds of India and Thailand — and of medical skills. Disfigured and crippled patients found new employment skills, and had found true living and enjoyment.

The Youth for Christ have invited all to Campus Life programmes throughout the year.

Mr David Jenkins of St. Andrew's Church has helped a small group. At one we listened to a tape of Tom Skinner, former Negro gang leader in New York, now a Baptist minister in his old haunts. The "Post-War-War," a Quaker film on Vietnam, was stark.

The Interschool Christian Fellowship organises many Summer Camps. They are excellent. Try them. To all the many who have given of their time and helped us so generously, we say, "Thank you."

Drama

Despite the enthusiasm of several masters and one or two senior boys, the practical difficulties of mounting a major production again became apparent.

Although several productive workshops were held throughout the year by a small group of enthusiasts there were no public presentations. Workshop work included improvisation using masks produced during the "Related Arts" general studies option in the second term.

Masters-in-charge G. Lamont, K. Crawford, D. Whelan. President of Drama Club: T. Coddington.

Film Club

The activities of the Film Club came to a sudden end at the beginning of the year. It was generally felt that the closure of the club was in part due to the standard of behaviour of some of the members but, more importantly, the effect of Friday night screenings on Boarders' prep. It is considered a great pity that the club's activities have been terminated not because it meant entertainment to a large proportion of senior boys but because it made possible the understanding of films on a critical level.

T. P. Kreisler.

Interact

The club has just passed through its eleventh year in the School and, though it has been an eventful year, our Interact Club is not without its problems. A general apathy towards the club appears to exist, especially in the day-school area. Boys should realise the value of this club in the fields of involvement in the community and with its people, involvement in the School, and the personal satisfaction gained from the club. After all, the members themselves decide the format of the activities for the year. A common criticism is that we are a "social club". This is in fact an important part of our activities, but it is far from being the total function of the club.

One Sunday morning some fifty members of our club and the Girls' High School Club combined to pick up pine cones. In the following weeks we distributed these to some thirty old people around New Plymouth. This was, perhaps, a small contribution but nevertheless an appreciated and satisfying one.

Last year a planned merger between the Girls' High Club and our own failed to eventuate. However, our two committees have co-operated successfully this year while retaining our individual identities. Combined meetings with speakers were held earlier in the year and on the 20th of July we held a ball, for Rotary and Interact members. It was an extremely enjoyable event. After a day of decorating the new Assembly Hall many tired people could take credit for their work. The blending streamers, greenery and decorated tables transformed the hall's austere walls into the "Garden of Eden", which was our theme for the ball. The small profit was donated to Lifeline.

An even greater form of co-operation took place this year when the five Interact Clubs of New Plymouth formed a committee to stage the 8th National Interact Conference at Spotswood College. Some 120 Interactors from Invercargill to Warkworth converged on the city for the first week in September. It was a truly memorable experience for the four delegates from our club. We congratulate Peter Butt of our club for handling the job of Conference Secretary so well.

Dr A. C. Webster spoke on our theme "People Are People," Mr C. R. Henwood on "Drugs," Tim Shadbolt on his life on a commune, Miss Bartlett on "Censorship" and Sam Hunt on poetry. Delegates learned a lot from these speakers and from the workshop sessions where aspects of Interact in N.Z. were discussed. Fellowship and togetherness gave spirit to the Conference and many lasting friendships were made. A conference of this magnitude and nature is of value to all who attend.

As part of its organisation, the Conference Committee held a dance with the band "Face" early in the year. This raised \$500 which was enough to subsidise the costs of the Conference, thereby conserving our individual club funds. Next year the combined Christchurch clubs are to hold the National Conference.

Membership this year was undesirably low with only thirty active members although there were fifty financial members. The Executive Committee comprised S. G. Colson (President), C. R. Power (Secretary), R. K. Bromley (Treasurer), and Directors R. P. Wilson, P. C. Butt, D. J. Hodge, C. D. Robinson and M. J. Smith. I hope many boys will consider joining the club next year while realising its functions within and outside the School. Fifth, sixth and seventh formers are at present eligible to join our club. As my year as President ends I feel I have gained a tremendous amount through this organisation, especially in the meeting of many different people and in the gaining of a great many friends.

We are indebted to the continuing support of our sponsoring Rotary Club, Fitzroy, who have invited members of our club to attend their weekly meetings at La Scala and our entire club at the finality of our year's activities, and also the co-operation we receive from the School and members of staff.

S. G. Colson.

Library

The Library has been fortunate this year because of the added financial allocation it has received. We have been able to add around about 450 new books this year, some of which have been donations, for which we are grateful.

This year we have been able to give every English class in the School one library period a fortnight, as well as allocating certain periods solely for senior study, and leaving some periods free so classes in other subjects can use the library. The library has on the whole, been well and thoughtfully used this year. However, some boys, both in class time and study, need to alter their attitude. The pattern of library use will, of course, change next year with the introduction of hourly periods, instead of the forty-minute periods we have at present.

The library is in the process of reorganisation. We have received advice and help from Mrs J. Maconie, Organising Librarian from the School Library Service, Wellington, on ways in which the efficiency of the library can be increased. A quick reference section has been created, containing material that is readily to hand from all areas in the non-fiction stock. The entire bookstock is to be comprehensively weeded and we estimated about 2000 books will be discarded, because of a lack of use. A new card-issuing system is to be introduced as well, making for greater efficiency with overdues and stock-taking. The fiction section is to be grouped as one entire collection, rather than in its broken-up state, and the New Zealand non-fiction is to be merged with the main non-fiction. The catalogue is to be reorganised, and a periodicals index created after the periodicals we have are reviewed. It is also hoped that next year

both class and school librarians will be appointed to help in the running of the library.

We also have a number of valuable books in the library and it is our intention to decide whether these books should be allowed to deteriorate on our shelves or placed in collections in the Turnbull or New Plymouth Libraries where proper care can be given to them.

Space is always a problem in the library. Some new shelves are to be built before the year ends, but that will only give temporary relief. Our problem will be better solved when the new library is built in 1977, and then we will have space for more books and more people.

Hanging in the library are a number of New Zealand prints. We intend over the next two years to increase our collection of art by New Zealanders, and this year we purchased a print by Pat Hanly, a leading New Zealand artist. My thanks to Mr Kreister for his advice on this matter.

I am extremely grateful to Mrs McLaughlin for the work she does in the library. All the processing of books is done by her, together with repairs. Her vigilance means our book losses are not too great. Book losses are always unfortunate, because money is wasted and boys deprived of a useful resource.

Reading tastes and changes in the curriculum mean that the library must change as well. A library is not a shrine for old books, but a collection of books that are lively and interesting to read, and relevant to modern study. The library should be a place for quiet enjoyment, and beneficial study. The mark of a good library is its use, and ours is well used. This says a lot for the attitude of the boys, and the hard work of Mrs McLaughlin. I hope that in the years to come the library will go from strength to strength.

T. G. Heaps, Teacher-Librarian.

THE COMBINED ORCHESTRA



Music

This year has seen a varied assortment of musical activities in which a high standard has been attained. Major events include an outstanding recital by visiting pianist Michael Houston as part of a twenty-two concert National Tour and the combined Boys' High and Girls' High Music Festival.

We were fortunate to have the service of Mr Bornet, who took over from Mr Gibbs at the beginning of the year.

BAND

The band played a prominent part in this year's Music Department. During cadets week, which was an ideal opportunity for practice, a high standard of playing was reached. Several woodwind players including a saxophonist were included in the band, adding diversity to the music produced.

In the first term the band played at the local Apprentices' Awards evening. Although of no great importance such a function does serve to raise the standard of playing in the band as a whole.

We must extend our sincere appreciation to Mr Ormrod who tutored and conducted the band throughout the first term. He is at present on an overseas trip with the National Band of New Zealand. His role has been taken over by Mr. Bremner to whom we are also greatly indebted.

The highlight of the band's activities were two performances at the Combined Music Festival. This experience was very beneficial, introducing a broad spectrum of musical styles to many members of the band and providing the enjoyment of playing in a large group.

Other features include Ian Stevens' participation in the Central Districts Brass Competitions. Ian, with Philip Mulraney, who is only a fourth former, is a

member of the New Plymouth Brass Band.

This year's activities culminated in a round the mountain trip on which the band played at several primary and secondary schools, and a performance at the senior breakup.

WOODWIND SECTION

Participation has been good throughout the year with more new boys taking up woodwind instruments than in the past. Several groups were formed and tutored by Mr Rogers, the woodwind teacher. Several items were performed by these groups at the combined music festival.

Congratulations are due to Peter Moller who gained a pass with credit in the R.S.M. grade eight clarinet exam. A fine achievement by any standards.

COMBINED CONCERT

Imbalances exist in the music departments of both the Girls' High and Boys' High, the girls having a small brass section while the Boys' High has an almost non-existent string section. Thus when the combined band and orchestra was formed the two factors complemented each other resulting in a well balanced group except for an under-sized string section; this seems to be a general trend throughout Taranaki.

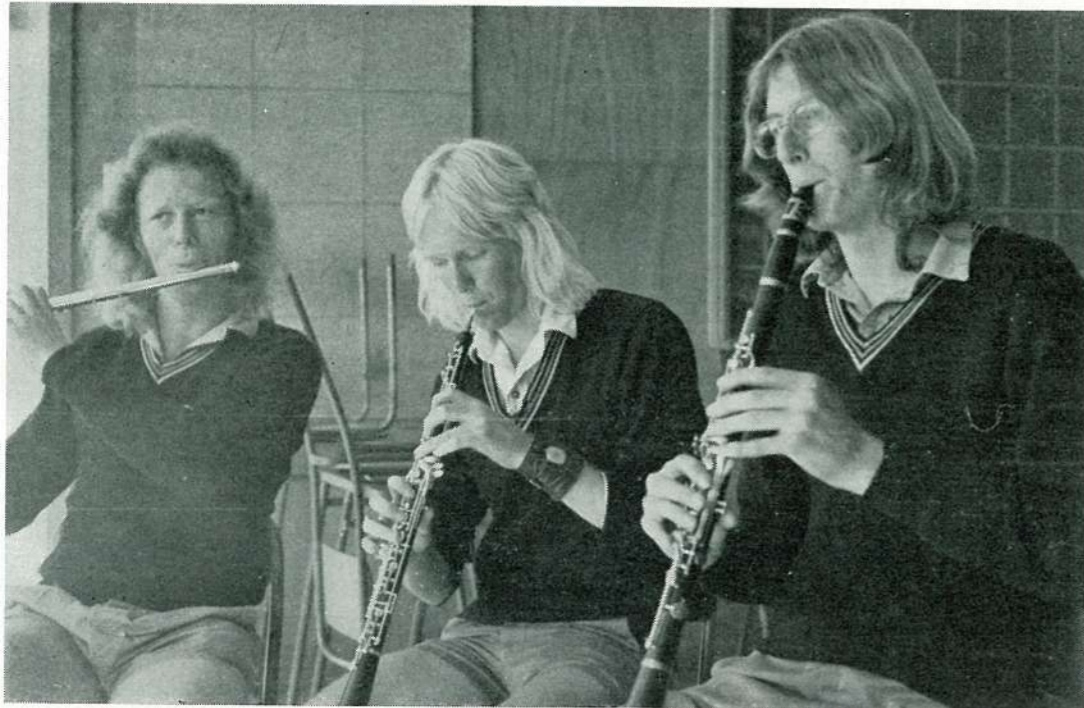
At the concert the group played a wide variety of items including the final "Entertainer," the theme from "The Sting," which proved highly favourable with the audience.

Several small groups from both schools played in between major items.

Altogether the scheme was a great success. We feel this is a good start to a relapsed tradition and hope that this sort of activity will be pursued in other fields such as drama as well as music.

C. Molloy.

THE WOODWIND GROUP



Outdoor Pursuits

On 2nd September 35 students from Boys' High, Spotswood and Inglewood High School left for the Outdoor Pursuits Centre on Mt. Ruapehu. We were accompanied by Mr Lamont and two Spotswood teachers.

The Chief Instructor and Director is Graeme Dingle, who is a very experienced climber. The other nine instructors are also very experienced in their various specialities which included climbing, skiing, tramping and canoeing.

The party was split into small groups of six or seven, each with an instructor. The course was a rigorous one involving an overnight camp, rock climbing techniques, orienteering and map-reading, and various snow skills including building an igloo or snow cave. There was also a day's skiing.

All who went enjoyed themselves and would recommend it to anybody.

Those who went: Mr Lamont, Robbie Neilson, Dave Fairey, Steve Penn, Grant Amor, Kevin Conaglen and myself.

Campbell Barr, 5H.

Parent-Teacher Association

The following executive has represented parents during 1974 — Principal: G. R. Cramond; President: Mrs S. Wright; Vice-President: Mr G. Smith; Immediate Past President: Mr H. P. Parsons; Secretary-Treasurer: Mr T. Heaps; Convener of Clothing: Mrs. N. Vernon; Convener of Catering: Mrs. D. Harrop; Committee: Mesdames K. Cawthray, N. Meuli, R. Roper; Messrs F. Adams, V. Blance, D. Green, D. Harrop, B. Wallis; Staff Representatives: Messrs M. Carroll, K. Crawford and E. Picton; Boys' Committee Representative: Mr A. O. Masters; Old Boys' Representative: Mr R. Crow; Auditor: Mr B. Bellringer.

Representatives on the Boys' Committee of the Board were: Mrs N. Meuli, Mrs S. Wright and Mr F. Adams.

1. **General Meetings**—During the year the P.T.A. held six general meetings: "E.D.C. and The Community," with Mr J. Fullarton; "Remedial Education" with Mr N. Wright and other teachers involved in slow learners; "Careers for Secondary Students" with the New Plymouth Rotarians; "The Secondary School Pupil and the Law" with Mr D. Pain; "Science in the School" with Mr B. Hurle, and the Science Department; "Non-Examination Subjects" with Mr. T. Kreisler, Mr. C. Bornet, Mr. B. Rattray and Mr M. Carroll.

There has been a noticeable, and unwelcome drop in attendance this year. We hear murmurs from time to time about parents not knowing what goes on in school and so meetings are arranged to bridge that communication gap. Consequently it is very disappointing when we get such a poor attendance at these meetings. We hope that when the programme for 1975 is published parents will make a point of coming to them, so becoming informed about the school their son goes to. Our thanks go to the teachers and people from other spheres who gave up valuable time to speak at these meetings.

2. **Fundraising**—In the middle of the year the P.T.A. called together representatives of the School Council, Staff, P.T.A. Board and Old Boys to a meeting to discuss fund-raising: The need for it, possible projects, and possible ways and means. There was considerable discussion at this meeting, and as a result a sub-committee was formed of one representative from each of the interested parties to investigate the proposals further and report back to the meeting. The sub-committee is in the process of doing this, and hopes to be able to make recommendations back to the full meeting before the end of the year. Consequently any fund-raising is being held in abeyance until some concrete short-term and long-term decisions are made. Most concern seems to be centred on the new assembly hall and the inadequacy of facilities for recreation and physical education, with particular reference to a lack of changing and showering facilities.

However, the Executive will again look to see if some money accumulated over the year can be made over to the School for the purchase of some equipment for teaching purposes.

3. **Clothing and Catering.** Clothing sales have again been held throughout the year under the guidance of Mrs. N. Vernon, the convener of clothing. This is a new position on the Executive, which frees the person holding the position from other duties, allowing her to devote her complete attention to clothing. Parents have been able to get uniforms at a reduced price, and the money gained during the year goes into P.T.A. funds which eventually help the School. Sales are always advertised in the local newspapers, and all parents are welcome to avail themselves of the service.

Another new position, that of convener of catering has been created on the Executive, based on the same idea as the clothing convener. Mrs. D. Harrop was elected, and she is responsible for making the arrangements for all catering for guests visiting the School on sporting or cultural occasions. All parents are asked to pay a catering levy, and this money, administered by the P.T.A., pays the catering expenses. We felt that this was a much more efficient method of providing hospitality for guests, and its operation has justified those thoughts.

The two conveners are always glad of assistance from mothers, and any who could help in these operations next year could get in touch with the School. Our thanks go to Mrs Vernon and Mrs Harrop, and their helpers, for all the great work they have done.

4. **General**—We were very glad to see the increased number of parents who became subscribed members of the P.T.A. This helps our finances greatly, and consequently benefits the School. We hope this trend will continue in years to come.

The question of uniform was settled this year, and the P.T.A. made representations to the Headmaster on the basis of the questionnaire results. We wish to thank all parents who filled in the questionnaire, so helping in the decision that was finally made.

Finally, the P.T.A. wishes the Headmaster, the Staff and the boys a successful conclusion to the 1974 year.

T. G. Heaps, Hon. Secretary.

Stamp Club

The Stamp Club this year had a financial membership of sixteen. M. Novak was elected chairman and a small committee was formed. A small subscription was levied to finance club operations.

A competition was held early in the second term and several good entries were received. First prize went to S. Girvan.

The committee endeavoured to organise a second competition, but with the advent of finer weather in the third term, attendance dropped and no decision was reached on the matter.

There was a noticeable lack of support from the senior school, only two members coming from that sector, while seventy-five per cent came from the fourth form.

Russell Blyth, 4B.

Whistle

As the inheritors of the very successful "new look" Whistle of 1973 and indeed of 1972, this year's Whistle committee decided to continue the general format and policy of last year's Whistle. The magazine this year basically followed a policy that entailed the presentation of any students' views or ideas on any subject of relevance to the School or education.

The committee felt that last year's magazine had been a success in many ways, and that we would be pleased if this year's Whistle enjoyed a similar success, however it was thought that it could be more relevant to the School and to education, and to the changing attitudes of many people towards learning and school life. The Whistle is, after all, unique in that it can look very closely at Boys' High and can form a useful medium for the expression and extension of the ideas of the students. The Whistle this year, for instance, has helped to express some of the frustrations, problems and criticisms of the new council system; ideas and opinions which may not otherwise have been expressed.

The committee has had considerable freedom in the design and layout of the magazine, and as a consequence, we have been able to present illustrations, photographs and art work of a high quality, by laying the format out ourselves and then taking the sheets down to the printers to be photographically reproduced on printing plates. Unfortunately this printing process takes some time, and some getting used to, and this, coupled with other initial difficulties help up, particularly the first, and also subsequent issues, for quite some time. The layout was done mostly after school, with regular meetings in the Whistle room in the new hall.

The articles we have presented this year have been very closely connected with the School, school life, and the attitudes of the students, many of which proved to be both controversial and a good basis for discussion. Articles on bigotry and wriggling were accompanied by articles on the Education Development Conference, education in general, and general interest articles covering sport, music, and original contributions.

The Whistle this year has had a good look at Boys' High and produced some healthy and constructive criticisms. The new council system and some of the

decisions the council made were well covered, and the large number of letters contributed have helped to present a variety of opinions, criticisms and suggestions. Unfortunately most of the replies and reactions occurred behind the scenes, and did not take the form of the printed word, and so we were not able to publish many of these.

Because of the new house system, it was decided not to continue house notes. This was because the new houses had not developed sufficient unity at this early stage to make them meaningful.

Despite the number of letters received, articles from the School have been few and far between, but the committee overcame this, to some degree, using interviews, to inform, introduce and clarify issues around the School.

This lack of articles, however, has meant that we had to cut production considerably. Next year's committee will have to look closely at this problem as apathy, more than anything else, will end a School magazine.

We'd like to thank all those who contributed this year.

I. Mackenzie.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

FROM THE PARENT ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting this year was held in the Bell Block Hotel on the 4th April.

The president, Neil Wolfe, presented the following report:

Gentlemen,

It gives me pleasure to present the following Annual Report for the year 1973.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The past year was notable for the absence of any major social activities. The Annual Combined Old Boys-Old Girls Cabaret was not held as usual, due to a financial loss the previous year. Also the Annual Summer Golf Tournament was cancelled at the last moment due to the lack of entries. However, on reflection the very warm February weather and the time allocated for the tournament were perhaps major factors influencing the lack of support.

In June the South Taranaki Branch hosted the Winter Golf Tournament at Te Ngutu Links. As in the past, this proved a most successful and enjoyable day for all those who participated.

Following the Annual Rugby Fixtures against St. Pat's Silverstream, and Auckland Grammar School at New Plymouth, a Social hour was held at the Westown Hotel, and proved most popular with Old Boys, Masters and parents of both teams.

BRANCHES

Members of the executive have again made every effort to attend Branch meetings. Re-unions were held at Wanganui, South Taranaki, Auckland and Hamilton. However, it was disappointing that no re-union was held by our usually strong Wellington Branch.

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND

As in other years a cheque for \$203.48, the Annual Income from the General Purpose Fund, was presented to the Headmaster to be used for the benefit of the School in general.

NEW ASSEMBLY HALL

The new Hall is now being used extensively by the school, but it is disappointing to note that final costs for the hall are not yet available. All evidence points to a major shortfall in finance when final costs are known.

GENERAL

Your executive met only a few times during the year, and were conscious of the lack of activities provided for Old Boys. However, it is very hard to provide a platform for Old Boys, when the Association does not receive much support, especially from local Old Boys.

However, I feel it is most important for the Association to stay strong especially with the 100th Jubilee on the horizon in 1982, and the likelihood of further financial assistance being required for the School.

T. N. WOLFE (President).

The following officers were elected: 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, Jim Clouston; Executive, Laurie Giddy, Lyn Bublitz, Ian Raine, Ross Crow, David Bennett, Ian Jones, Bruce Wallis; Hon. Secretary, Maurice Betts; Hon. Treasurer, Don Denham; Hon. Auditor, Jim Ridland.

MEMBERSHIP

Unfortunately our numbers seem to be on the decrease at present. However, we will always have our stalwarts and we extend our usual invitation to all Old Boys, wherever they are, to join our association. If your local branch is not active at this time, please write to us at Box 686, New Plymouth. The following list of branch secretaries is correct to the best of our knowledge:

BRANCH SECRETARIES

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

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

Hamilton: Max Strawbridge, 7 Carey Street, Hamilton.

King Country: R. Price, Piopio.

South Taranaki: Ross Syme, Manutahi.

Wanganui: Jack Kurta, 18 Toro Street, Wanganui.

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

Otago: John Muir, Otago University.

Wellington: We understand that the past secretary has moved overseas and have no new address as yet.

Both **Hawke's Bay** and **Gisborne** branches are in recess at the moment through lack of support, apparently.

To help clarify the position with regard to the present Branch Secretaries and their correct addresses would you all please confirm your position with Maurice Betts, Box 686, New Plymouth.

GENERAL NEWS

M. H. Kemp has been appointed Customs Advisory Officer with the New Zealand High Commission in London. He was born at Inglewood and joined the Customs Department in 1958. He played senior rugby for Oriental, Wellington, and was captain for several seasons.

A. W. Scott, managing director of N.Z. News Ltd., has retired after 48 years' service in New Plymouth, Christchurch and Auckland. He began his career with the Taranaki Daily News in 1926.

Ralph Durnley, the "quiz king" after 25 years of giving answers is to be married to a New Plymouth woman. The couple intend to live in Wellington.

John Morrison collected a really magnificent century in the second test in Australia.

Dr. E. P. Allen has stood down as the Deputy Mayor of New Plymouth after holding this post for the past 6 years.

Brian Bellinger, another well known City Councillor, has resigned his new post as chairman of the Cultural Committee.

Both men will continue their work on the City Council, however.

The Rev. R. M. Wendelborn of Hamilton, has been appointed vicar of St. John's Anglican Church, Waitara. He was educated in Dunedin but held a teaching position at the B.H.S. for a time.

L. M. Moss, O.B.E., has retired from his law firm, and "has no intention of sitting on a park bench." Mr. Moss was perhaps best known to the School as a member of the New Plymouth High School Board for 20 years, including 13 as its chairman. He has served for six years as president of the New Zealand Secondary School Boards' Association and also as chairman of the Taranaki Scholarship Trust Board.

His law career began in Wellington in 1911 and after several years of experience with various firms, began his own firm of Moss and Co. in 1922, at New Plymouth. He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1963.

Brian Marsden was a New Zealand representative in the weightlifting in the Christchurch Commonwealth Games. More recently he was placed 12th in the middle-heavyweight division of the world championships at Manila.

Ashley Gardiner is on the short tour of the British Isles with the All Blacks, having already had a tour of Australia. He gave a short address to the School assembly earlier this year at the School's request.

T. A. Voss of Okaiawa has been presented with a conservation citation from the Nature Conservation Council for his work on his two and a half acre bird sanctuary.

Arthur Papps, who is still going strong and lives at his home in Pendarves Street, New Plymouth, said about Handley Brown who died in December, 1973: "He was a great leader of men and the finest schoolboy athlete of his era. He was so good, he lifted a small school like N.P.B.H.S. to one of the foremost rugby schools in New Zealand. He was also one of the most popular head boys the school ever had."

Of course Arthur Papps was a well known teacher at the School for many years and coached the First XV during the 1920's. We wish him continued good health.

John Cousins has been experimenting with "Christmas-music" and similar work. A lecturer in music at Canterbury University he was commissioned by the N.Z.B.C. "to write a composition or piece of Christmas music for live performance and eventual broadcast." He attended the School in the late 1950s.

TREE PLANTING IN THE CEDRIC CAMPBELL MEMORIAL GROVE



This memorial was provided by the Hawke's Bay Branch of the Old Boys' Association in memory of Cedric Campbell, President of the Branch.

Albert Wendt has written a book "Sons for the Return Home," which seems likely to be much discussed. This is the first published novel by a Samoan writer.

John Maxwell is a prominent and successful Assurance Company managing director in Australia. He attended the School in the 1930s.

Ian Lobb has opened a new pharmacy in the new Imperial building in the city. This modern Spanish style shop fronts Devon Street and should be a real asset. Ian is well known locally as a senior rugby referee and is now a member of the New Zealand first class panel.

OBITUARIES

IAN GRANT McNICKLE, in Pueblo, Colorado, in September of this year.

Dr. McNickle was working in the Colorado State Hospital over recent years. He attended the School in the late fifties, and graduated from the Otago University Medical School in 1964.

THOMAS WILLIAM HOOKHAM, in New Plymouth on 20th September. Aged 64.

A well known Taranaki sports administrator and former professional cyclist with many interests. He was associated with the Taranaki Alpine Club, Smallbore Rifle Club, the R.S.A., and played a part in establishing the Scout movement in Oakura. He leaves his wife Lillian, and son Bruce Hookham.

ROBERT DOUGLAS BRADLEY, in New Plymouth on 29th August. Aged 65 years.

"Bob" Bradley will be best remembered by our more recent boarders of the School — he owned the

shop just below the school. The interest and patience that he displayed over the year will be sadly missed. He is survived by his wife Jean, and three daughters, Dianne, Margaret and Rosalind.

JACK JOLL, on 19th April, in New Plymouth. Aged 54.

He served with distinction in No. 75 Squadron of the R.N.Z.A.F. during World War II. He was awarded the D.F.M. and D.F.C. and rose to the rank of Acting-Squadron Leader. Later he showed great interest in the Taranaki Officers' Club, Heritage, the Alpine Club and the Taranaki Search and Rescue Organisation. He worked for Thomas Avery and Sons for many years.

He leaves his wife Beverly and daughters Christine, Phillipa and Jackie.

MALCOLM ARCHIBALD LAY, in New Plymouth on 19th April. Aged 59 years.

He leaves his wife Phyllis and family, Gwen, Beryl, Jillian, Heather, Ian, Christine, Rodney, Bruce and Steven.

HANDLEY WELBOURN BROWN, on 5th December in New Plymouth. Aged 69.

At the age of 19 he was selected as a member of the 1924 "Invincibles" All Black Rugby team and toured Britain and France, playing 18 matches. He was also in the All Black side which toured Australia in 1926.

While still a schoolboy he played for Taranaki in 1923, and continued in the side until 1930. He captained the N.P.B.H.S. 1st XV for three years when it won the Moascar Cup in 1922.

Mr Brown was also a Taranaki cricket representative and played against the M.C.C. team in 1930.

He is survived by his two sons Donald and Ross.

GEORGE CLEWER MOREY, on 16th December, at Waihi. Aged 67 years.

He leaves his wife Gwendoline.

HUGH F. JACKSON, in February of this year. He was Head Boy of the School in 1961, and a boarder in Carrington House for several years.

RODNEY OSBORNE, of Huirangi near Waitara, in early March this year.

An Old Boy of the School and also a past member of the High Schools Board, he had a record of outstanding service in local body work being deputy chairman of the County Council and a member of the Taranaki Harbours Board. He was involved in many other local activities in which he played a prominent part.

H. ROY HOME LIVINGSTONE, in Tauranga, on 15th December. Aged 68 years.

Formerly of the Hawera district in South Taranaki and educated at the N.P.B.H.S., he had been secretary of the Tokaora school committee and a member of the meat and wool section of Federated Farmers. Music was his great interest and he sang and played for many functions of the Hawera Savage Club.

He leaves his wife and two daughters Suzanne and Gael.

ALBERT CECIL FOOKES, on 16th December, at Auckland. Aged 70.

This man was an ardent worker for St. Mary's Anglican Church and maintained a lifelong interest in the affairs of the New Plymouth Boys' High School. In fact we were fortunate indeed to publish his recollections of the School from 1914-1918 in the 1973 Taranakian.

Mr. Fookes entered practice in New Plymouth in 1928, and was well known as a solicitor thereafter, finally retiring in 1970.

Among his many interests were the New Plymouth Orchestra and the Taranaki Regimental Band of which he was a former chairman. He was keenly interested in rugby and cricket and served on committees of both

sports with the New Plymouth Old Boys' Clubs. He was a former executive member of our Old Boys' Association and shortly before his retirement joined the West End Bowling Club. His genuine and steadfast support of the School over the years will be missed.

He leaves his wife, son David and daughter Janet.

RONALD ARTHUR CANDY, as a result of a shooting accident on his farm in the Waikato on 28th October. Aged 71 years.

He was a director of the N.Z. Co-op. Dairy Co. for 33 years. He became chairman of the Dairy Products Marketing Commission in 1957 and a member for many years. Later he was Deputy Chairman of the Dairy Board.

Mr. Candy farmed at Ngarua and was a renowned innovator, operating a scheme for training young men on his properties and helping them to buy farms.

JOHN STANLEY (JACK) STRONGE, on 15th April, at Hawera. Aged 65 years.

He attended the preparatory school of the Boys' High and eventually played rugby for the 1st XV in 1927. Well known as a historian especially with regard to the history of the Egmont coast area. One of his books is to be published.

He farmed on Arawhata Road, Opunake, from 1934 until his death. Apart from his farming activities, book collecting and writing Jack was involved with many community activities. He had been chairman of the Opunake R.S.A., chairman of the Egmont National Park Board (West Committee), President of the Taranaki Savings Bank Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Oaonui Dairy Company, and many other similar interests.

He leaves his wife Mary, and two daughters, Jennifer and Berri.

REX PATRICK CHARTERIS, as the result of an accident, on 10th November, at Stratford. Aged 17 years.

He was a boarder in the School last year and a younger brother, Graham, attends the School at present.

JOHN B. GLASGOW, on the 13th November, at Auckland. Aged 43 years.

Well known in New Plymouth for his many business and community activities, he was chairman of the Taranaki Polytechnic Council, Deputy Chairman of the Taranaki Harbours Board, and a prominent accountant and sharebroker in a city accountancy firm. In addition to this he was chairman of many other large companies, and was active in Anglican church affairs, the Tainui Trust Board and the Barrett Domain Committee.

In his profession he was the Taranaki representative on the New Zealand Society of Accountants.

He is survived by his wife and three children.

LEONARD WILLIAM DELPH, at Whangarei, this year. Aged 82 years.

He was agricultural master at the School from 1936 to 1947. During this time 3rd, 4th and 5th Forms took agriculture and under his guidance ran the School farm. "Dinkie" as he was nicknamed, was known for his wit and practical jokes. He was awarded the M.C. during World War I.

He is survived by his wife Birtchnell, a well known artist.

RICHARD ALFRED LANCELOT GILBERT, in New Plymouth. Aged 69 years.

A partner in a prominent law firm he began his career in New Plymouth in 1926. After five years with an Inglewood firm he returned to the city practice of Grayling and Gilbert. He was still practising at the time of his death. He was admitted as a Barrister of the Supreme Court in 1951. He was interested in and played table tennis for many years.

He leaves his wife and two sons, Haddon and Derek.

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