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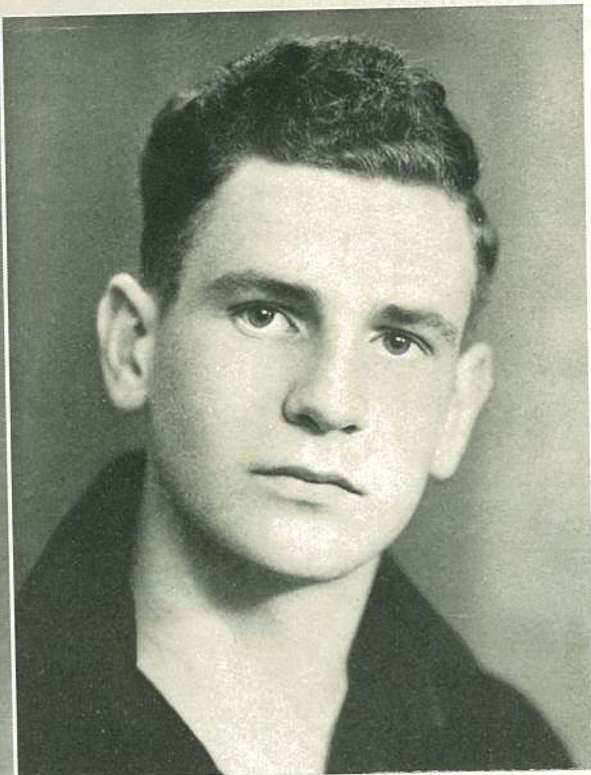
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EDUCATION AND PEACE

IT is only when a great nation faces a crisis that it takes stock of itself to analyse the reasons for the existence of the crisis. A department that is inevitably investigated is education. It is interesting to note that the greatest advances in British educational history have coincided with war. In 1902 came the Balfour Act, in 1918 the Fisher Act, and now we have the Butler Act. The logic of this is not that we should engage in war to improve our education but that in the cataclysm of war we have seen more clearly the weaknesses of our previous state. The recent world war amply justifies this statement.

The pre-war period exhibited an alarming defect—the excellent education of the few and the comparative ignorance of the mass: educational interest was not diffused. This contrast between the intellectual attainment of the few and the apathy of the multitude escaped almost unnoticed.

During the war an increased emphasis was placed on education. Adult and youth education and nursery schools have been enlarged while the war was being fought. Scientific training and research in all branches of industry has increased enormously. All this is not new of course, but now it is clear that all must be developed as integral parts of anything that can be called a complete system of education for the man and nation as a whole. When young men and women were enlisted for active service an effort was immediately made by educational bodies to ensure that what leisure time they received was occupied profitably. Lectures in the humanities, the arts and crafts and current affairs were provided. Organisations such as the Army Educational Welfare Service were established and these offered personal study while in the Army and guidance in respect to future careers. Despite the exigencies of the service and the temporary nature of the organisations, a solid foundation was

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laid. Much was learnt concerning the technique of mass education and the training of educators. Indeed, so successful was it that close observers have ventured to say that we may be on the verge of a Renaissance more potent by far than that of the Fifteenth Century, a rebirth of new life among the common people. This is the vision which sustains those who have done most to take advantage of the opportunity presented by war-time education.

The direct result of the increased war-time effort was the remarkable change of public attitude, dictated doubtless by an awakening social conscience. Throughout the English-speaking countries of the world, at least, there is a keener interest. Although by no means universal it is nevertheless widespread and is growing in extent and intensity. With this growth there is emerging a broader and deeper conception of the purpose and the scope of education. The intimate relationship between the educational system and the social order is being increasingly realised. It is becoming widely recognised that education is one of the main instruments for promoting the development of a peaceful society and consequently if we desire a new order in society, then by implication one of the inescapable conditions is a new order in education. Much planning is at present being done. Broadly its aim is to deepen and clarify the purpose of education, to increase its diversity of provision and to relate the entire educational process to the social pattern. For as Mr. Winston Churchill said in his address to the nation in March, 1943: "The future of the world is in the highly educated races who alone can handle the scientific apparatus necessary for pre-eminence in peace or survival in war."

Aware of the relationship between education and peace U.N.E.S.C.O., the most ambitious post-war project for international amity, has wasted little time in trying to improve the educational standard of the world. "Education is the cornerstone of the structure of nations and it is the teachers who must be the architects." This was the feeling recently expressed by Dr. Tchoung Sao-Tsan, Inspector General of Chinese education. U.N.E.S.C.O. concurs closely with this theme and is devoting much time helping to train teachers who have so important a role in the building of peace. Special courses have already been initiated and have produced excellent results. Its purpose is to correct the nationalistic spirit which had previously been so marked in education and show nations the lives and problems of other peoples. U.N.E.S.C.O., therefore, is making a study of the text books of the world, utilising a system based on a New Zealand proposal. A report will be issued. Countries may either accept or reject it but no longer will any gross bias continue undetected and if it constitutes a menace to peace it will be reported to U.N.O. There is also co-operation in all branches of science and culture, exchange of persons and ideas and innovations like mass communication. How far U.N.E.S.C.O. will go no one can say. Already it has accomplished much excellent work but it rests with the individual nations whether the results of the educational project will bear fruit or not. If necessary they must vary the design of education from a separate national institution to a section of a vast international network. To assist this public support must be mobilised—a task for a non-political agency formed for the purpose. Policies must be carried

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into effect; mere planning is not enough and, although in a period following a war the world is always in a psychological trough lacking in vision and energy, the beginning must be made now, for the scope of education is no longer the task of merely training individuals in and for society, but also the immeasurably greater task of training society itself—training it for international co-operation and peace.

Such plans are not impossible of achievement. They are in no sense some nebulous Utopian ideal. On the contrary they are the logical and practical developments of existing trends—and they are safe. "In dealing with this question of education," W. E. Foster told the Cabinet in 1870, "boldness is the only safe policy. Any measure which does not profess to be complete will be a certain failure." What was true of 1870 in education is far more so to-day. A new era is evolving and education must move with it. How close do our schools come to this ideal? There have been vast improvements but also stultifying delays. The ghosts of past controversy still haunt our educational system. We must get down to principles. If these are unsound we must rebuild from the base, aware of previous mistakes and awake to post-war trends. It must be democratic, accepting fully its implications—freedom of thought and feeling. We are as yet only at the beginning. To attain lasting peace modifications will be necessary in the purpose, the scope, the structure, the content and the technique of education. Although the difficulties are great, they are not insuperable. Having set our hands and hearts to this task we should be able, with some confidence, to look forward to an era of world peace which must be the ultimate aim of any educational plan fitted to the needs of the world to-day.

B. J. Crowley, 6 B.1.

ART IN SCHOOLS

The introduction of Arts and Crafts into the curriculum of Secondary Schools in New Zealand as part of the compulsory core, has raised its status to such an extent that there has been a re-examination of aims and methods of presenting the subject. Its new status has been criticised by those who support the traditional brand of secondary education and even those who have realised its general cultural value and welcome it, have accepted it without a close examination of the reasons for its introduction. To understand these reasons one must be perfectly clear as to what art means.

All art forms are a response to the stimulus of environment through materials. They involve the selection and arrangement of materials into form, fit in every way for a specific purpose, from an ash-tray to an abstract design, communicating the artist's inner vision to others. The series of decisions to be made in selecting and arranging the lines, shapes, tone values, textures and colours, call into use the aesthetic senses. In using his aesthetic judgment in these matters, the artist experiences a deep and abiding pleasure. It is this joyous enthusiasm, which accompanies the creative urge which is communicated to the onlooker, who, in proportion to his own sensitivity, thus shares in the exquisite experience of the artist.

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The greatest of all philosophers, Aristotle, defined art when he said, "All art is an imitation of nature." Art is not the process of copying, however, for most artists aim at beauty and perfection whereas some of life is by no means beautiful. In other words, they paint life, as either it ought to be, or as they see it in their minds. Contemporary artists do this and although their works may seem to have no form or purpose, all are basically their imitation of life, not only for their own satisfaction, but for others too. All artists aim at stimulating beautiful thoughts and emotions in the minds of those who look upon their work. To summarize, art is what we create, but even more important, art is communication.

Having made the meaning of art clear, one must, to support the new plan, demonstrate its value in the development of the mental powers of a child or an adult.

Man, environment, materials. This conception alone, makes it clear that art is of the very stuff our lives are made on. Therefore, it is an essential educational subject, since the end of education is that we may 'have life and have it more abundantly.'

As nothing else can be, art is a medium by which any child can express his innermost thoughts. Above all, it teaches him to use his imagination and the developing of the imagination is the strengthening of the mind. The light shines into human eyes, which record a picture in a human mind. That image wakes all kinds of dreams and thoughts in the mind and all kinds of yearnings in the heart. These yearnings drive the human hands to create with brush, paint and paper, some representation of what is in the mind and heart.

So a child's painting is not merely a record of an object, but the impression which that object forms in the child's mind. Many of you may have been amused by a child's painting, but always remember, that no matter how primitive it may seem to you, as every painting does to the artist, it tells a deep and emotional story. Therefore children's art work must be seen through their eyes and respected.

One of the main purposes of having art in schools, is to teach the pupils not merely to copy things, for it is not in the nature of a child to be original, but to create pictures and stories from their own minds. In other words it develops individuality. And it also assists the child to a realisation, that there are other sides to his nature, besides those concerned with his material needs.

Those who study science and mathematics at school, may understand the theories of sound and what happens when sound falls upon our ears, but they cannot, as the boy who learns the art of music, make music out of those sounds. Similarly science pupils may know all about colour and what makes leaves green, but those who learn painting can compose a picture out of the colours, that will bring great satisfaction to themselves and a like emotion to all who see it.

The learning of art teaches a boy to express himself. Many people say, that you must be gifted to be able to do this. But this is not so, for, no matter how primitive the drawing may be, it satisfies the boy who does it. The teaching helps to improve his ability, no matter how weak it may have seemed at the beginning. The purpose of this approach, is to develop aesthetic sensitivity in all children and not merely to teach skills to the gifted few.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

We hear a lot about the training of pupils for the most useful occupation of their leisure time and in any system of education which will carry out this purpose, art must be prominent. Furthermore, art develops a sense of proportion in a child's mind, useful in every walk of life.

The homes of the future, will be more beautiful places if to-day's children, who are the citizens of to-morrow, are taught harmony of colour and form. So might the whole population, finally be led to appreciate the art form of furniture and domestic architecture.

Possibly, great artists might develop from some of the boys who to-day learn in our schools and instead of having for a slogan, "Art for Art's sake," they might have "Art for Life's sake," their hopes being, as those of the sower who puts seeds into the soil, that it might bring forth fruits of its own kind, in the lives of other people.

Do not be misled into thinking that art is painting alone, however, for Crafts is an equally important section. Special emphasis will be put on these, in the new art classes. They cover a wide range and each helps to develop a certain faculty in the student. There are basketry, lino-cutting, pottery, modelling, carving, book-binding and many other sections to Crafts.

Outside the schools, Arts and Crafts cover an even wider range, including furniture, sculpture, lace making, the design of pattern for textiles, cutlery, glassware, china and jewellery. All of these offer great opportunity for the maximum expression of function combined with beauty of form.

It will be seen then, that there can be very few secondary school pupils, who do not possess some inherent skill, or even a desire to express themselves, which will respond to their new opportunities in art. The aim of art teaching will be to offer to those with special gifts, a stimulus to realise their complete self-expression and to the average boy, the pleasure of creating simple craftwork in leisure hours, and a deeper sensibility of artistic things which should finally create a public opinion to demand a higher standard of design in everyday articles.

In New Zealand schools, we have begun comparatively late in giving arts and crafts the important place they rightly hold in modern education, but the children of the future with the new system, will be given the opportunity to discover and develop their own potentialities.

B. S. BROWN, 6 B.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

Owing to an outbreak of poliomyelitis which compelled the sudden and early closing of the school year, no formal ceremony was held.

The headmaster in his annual report pointed out that the introduction of the new syllabus for the School Certificate Examination had had repercussions that were partly to be expected. The new approach to some subjects had resulted in questions that seemed too difficult. Last year's Geography paper and the Latin had been too difficult for candidates; this year's complaints were chiefly that one Mathematics paper was too long, and the History paper, according to most teachers required a more mature mind to cope with it than that of a School Certificate candidate. On the whole, however, papers had been reasonably good. The Department as well as the

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teachers did not wish to see the standard lowered at all from what it had been in the past but there did not seem to be any excuse for having papers too long or too difficult. The brightest candidates should be able to finish a two-hour paper in one hour and three-quarters, and the average student should have from five to ten minutes to look over the completed answers.

It was true that the Department looks upon the School Certificate Course as one which takes four years for the average student. This had always been the case, and he understood that some schools made it a four-year course. On the other hand, of the 110 boys in this school who sat at the end of their third year 49, or 45 per cent., passed. Another aspect of it was that 75 per cent. of our boys who sat that examination were in their third year. It was worth noticing also that there were 117 boys at School who were in their third year and 110 sat—of those seven who did not sit, six came back to School to sit the examination this year.

It was obvious from this that the General Public looked upon the examination as one to be taken at the end of three years. The staff could tell almost to a boy who would get through, but many parents and boys thought it was good experience to sit or that a pass could be "fluked."

The School opened for the year with a roll of 718 of whom 27 were in the Prep. This was a considerable drop from the previous year but was not unexpected. The opening of the Waitara District High School, the fewer enrolments from town schools, and the abnormally large number who left during and at the end of 1946, all contributed to the fall. There were 274 boarders in residence and many applications could not be accepted. Ninety had already applied to come in 1949 but the normal intake was only 70.

School prizes won:—

General Excellence Cup (presented by Dr. E. F. Fookes): P. M. McCaw.

Dux Prize (Buick Cup): G. P. Monaghan.

Ian McLeod Memorial Prize: E. W. Collings.
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Head Boy's Prize (presented by Mr. C. Johnson): R. G. Dreadon.

Syme Prize (Latin): G. P. Monaghan.

White Memorial Prize: G. P. Monaghan.

Heurteley Memorial Prize: H. P. B. Mitcalfe.

Reading Prizes: Senior (presented by Mr. H. N. Hewson): W. N. Sheat. Junior: D. H. Brown. Reading in Prayers, Reading in Chapel (presented by an Old Boy): T. N. Macleod, R. G. Dreadon.

Tabor Scholarship: English Literature: T. W. Andrews. Science: M. G. Macdonald.

Junior Oratory (Moss Cup): C. L. Crawford. (Special Prize presented by Mr. L. M. Moss): D. H. Brown.

Senior Debate (Wellington Old Boys' Cup): J. L. Veale, B. M. Brown.

Music Prizes (Mr. Collier's Prize): K. Burton; (Mrs. P. C. Davie's Prize): R. G. Frean; (Mr. Webb's Prize): B. W. Major.

Drawing (Mr. Tett's Prize): R. M. Archer.

Rex Dowding Memorial Prize: A. F. Ayson.

Bendall Memorial Prize: B. W. Dey.

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VI B.1: L. R. Gibbs 1, B. M. Brown 2. **VI B.2**: M. G. Macdonald 1, J. L. Veale 2. **V Cl.**: B. A. Walker 1, M. M. Jamieson 2. **V G.1**: B. E. Herbert 1, D. A. Hazlett 2. **V G.2**: G. W. Ingram 1, G. G. Boon 2. **V Se.**: N. B. Beach 1, A. Holder 2. **V E.1**: S. A. Astwood 1, R. C. Wilkinson 2. **V E.2**: J. D. Huggard 1, D. Fromm 2. **IV Cl.**: D. W. Diprose. **IV G.1**: K. Okey. **IV G.2**: W. J. Arthur. **IV E.1**: J. K. Bargh. **IV E.2**: W. L. Bonnett. **IV Sc.**: R. K. Pearce. **IV Bldg.**: F. Albrechtsen. **IV Ag.**: I. N. Leith. **III Cl.**: D. G. Howell. **III G.1**: R. A. Julian. **III G.2**: B. C. Arthur. **III G.3**: J. A. Goudie. **III E.1**: B. C. Murphy. **III E.2**: D. W. Wheeler. **III Bldg.**: L. V. Giddy. **III Ag.**: H. M. Bower. **Preparatory**: Upper: J. R. Brimblecombe. Lower: P. F. Martin.

ATHLETICS—

Old Boys' Challenge Cup, Senior Championship: R. G. Dreadon. **Challenge Trophy, Junior Championship**: J. R. Macmillan, C. E. Croad.

Bennett Cup, Under 14 Championship: W. J. Smith.

1911 Cup, Senior Steeplechase: C. Keig.

Bryce Cup, Senior Fastest Time: C. Keig.

Challenge Cup, Junior Steeplechase: C. J. Ross.

Easton Memorial Cup (Junior Fastest Time): B. H. Milne.

Fookes Cup (Mile Senior): C. Keig.

Mason Memorial Cup, Senior 880 Championship: J. A. Ross.

Old Boys' Challenge Cup, Senior 440 Championship: J. A. Ross.

SWIMMING—

Sykes Memorial Cup (Senior Championship): I. Ailao.

Challenge Trophy (Junior Championship): A. B. Hooper.

Fox Cup, Under 14 Championship: V. Mila.

BOXING—

Lepper Memorial Cup (Senior Championship): I. J. Cole.

Kidd Memorial Cup, Under 11 Stone Championship: B. M. Brown.

Chivers Cup, Middle Weight Championship: R. Revell.

Wallace Shield, Inter-House: R. R. Heale (Moyes House).

SHOOTING—

McDiarmid Belt, Senior Championship: D. H. M. Wilson.

Kelly Cup, Long Range: A. McI. Grant.

TENNIS—

Candy Cup, Senior Championship: C. B. Candy.

FOOTBALL—

Pease Cup (Day Boys v. Boarders): J. R. Broughton (Day Boys).

Kerr Cup, Inter-house: I. Jackson (Pridham).

CRICKET—

Birch Memorial Cup (Dayboy v. Boarders): J. R. Broughton (Day Boys).

Bates Cup, Inter-house: J. R. Broughton (West House).

CADETS—

Sole Cup (Best N.C.O.): R. G. Dreadon.

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The School opened on March 1st with a total roll of 731, which includes 30 preparatory boys. There were 273 boarders residing at the School's boarding establishments, and 458 day boys.

The decision not to reopen schools at the usual date owing to the poliomyelitis epidemic was hailed with delight by the pupils and secretly, we suspect, by the masters. Later, when it was decided that work would proceed by correspondence, enthusiasm waned.

Masters returned to school at the statutory date and were soon plunged into work more suited to postal officials. Set up along the south wall of the Assembly Hall were sorting boards marked with numbers and with a compartment for each pupil. In these compartments went the assignments to be despatched. The returned assignments were sorted into subjects and each master had a locker in the hall, while on a blackboard with his name was written the subjects and forms he took. When marked, the papers were checked by form masters and returned to the pupils. Although requiring considerable organisation, this system functioned smoothly, but few, either masters or boys, were sorry when school resumed.

The first assignments to disturb the holiday harmony were received with mixed feelings. Most began with an exhortation to work calculated either to inspire or terrorise. One master finished with the sinister quotation: "Remember, he who laughs last, laughs longest."

On March 22nd the appointments of the Head Boy and the Head Day Boy for the year were announced. With the announcement next day of the other prefects a long and, to many, a happy period of indiscipline came to an end. Many third formers, unused to restrictions upon their behaviour, were rudely shocked by the sudden tightening in discipline.

When J. R. Broughton left School at the end of 1947 a long and proud association of his family with the games of the School came to an end. Every year for the last fifteen years there has been a Broughton in the First XI. and for many years in the First XV. also. This fine record is held by three brothers. J. Broughton was a member of the First XI. for four years from 1933-1936, and of the First XV. for two. W. T. Broughton played for the First XI. for six consecutive years, 1937-1942, and also represented the School at football in 1941. J. R. Broughton, Head Day Boy in 1947, was a member of the First XI. for five years, 1943-1947, being captain in 1947. He also played for three years in the First XV. This is a record of which they can be justly proud.

The members of the First XV. and First XI. express their sincere appreciation of the warm hospitality extended to them by their hosts on the occasion of inter-school matches away from home.

This year the inside of the Assembly Hall has been greatly improved by inscribing on the Honours Board the names of pupils who have gained distinction in the School. The work on the board is now up-to-date.

Congratulations are due to R. G. Dreadon for his fine effort in winning the Robert Friar Memorial Prize, which is awarded to the best cadet n.c.o. in the Central Military Command, for 1947. His success was meritorious, since he had to compete against cadet n.c.o.'s in Hawke's Bay and Wellington.



SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1948.

Back Row: D. E. Jamieson, C. Keig, J. L. Veale, R. I. Launder, A. F. Collier, J. S. Putt, R. W. Shaw, B. McMurray.
Front Row: H. M. Titter, I. Corkill, B. M. Brown, J. A. Ross (Head), G. S. Gundesen, T. J. O'Meagher, R. R. Heale.

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Amplly illustrated by diagrams and models, a talk was given by Mr. Williams, of the Wellington Aquarium, to both the upper and lower School on June 4th of this year. Mr. Williams dealt with many types of marine animals, especially the starfish, and also gave us an interesting account of some of his experiences as a diver.

The resourcefulness and initiative of the boarders were again illustrated this year when a certain senior boy, emerging from dancing class at the Girls' High School, found himself in a torrential downpour without a coat. Without hesitation, he divested himself of suit, collar and tie, and, handing them to a more fortunate comrade, raced back to school with shirt-tails flapping in the wind.

Seldom in the history of the School have its buildings been out of the hands of the builders. This is at least an outward sign of progress and expansion. During this year the builders have wrestled with the interior of Pridham House and provided sleeping and sitting-room accommodation for two house tutors. "The Morgue" is at present in their hands. The building is being extended to the south to meet the line of the laboratory building, which will also be extended to meet the morgue extension. The space created will provide three extra classrooms and an arts and crafts room. These additions should solve the problem of congestion for a long time. The existing building will be redecorated and finished inside and out in cream. An efficient internal heating plant will be installed and a wall built on the street line behind which bicycle sheds will be built. After "The Morgue" has been given her new dress it is hoped to redecorate Moyes House and the main school in the same colour. Suggestions will be received for the renaming of "The Morgue." It should be easy.

The annual visit of the inspectors from June 15th to June 21st brought the annual nervous stirring to both boys and staff, principally, we believe, to the staff. The only boys who seem at all concerned with this event are sixth formers, whose somewhat scanty notes are liable to an extensive perusal, and subsequent comments about Endorsed School Certificate. To the smaller boys, who are uninitiated in the ways of inspectors, the increased alertness of our tutors must be rather disconcerting. To the middle of the School, we suppose, inspectors mean very little except some new faces in the classroom, a change which must be quite desirable in the life of any schoolboy.

The almost legendary ex-All Black, Mr. Alec McDonald, addressed the School on June 24th. Since he is one of the selectors of the All Black team which is to travel to South Africa next year, all the footballers listened to him with much interest and respect. His demonstrations of tackling and dribbling gave some indication of his past prowess and demonstrated his present agility. Seldom has it been our privilege to meet such an enthusiast and we are very grateful for the added interest he gave to our season's football.

Unfortunately the weather at Hawera on the day of the St. Pat.'s match was rather wet, and consequently the spirits of the supporters of the team were rather dampened. They were revived at the match, however, when the game became most exciting in the closing stages. The changed timetable, which meant that the train left half an hour earlier than previously, was not appreciated. We hope to have better weather for next year's match.

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The School extends its thanks to Mrs. M. E. Gray for her generous entertainment of our First XV. and the St. Pat's XV. at the Carlton Tea Rooms, Hawera, after the annual match this year.

At the end of last year a concert was produced in the School gymnasium by members of the sixth forms. The proceeds went to the Aid for Britain funds. The School further assisted in this movement when between eighty and one hundred volunteers helped the Rotary Society in a Saturday morning food drive early this year. A successful appeal was made and a large amount of tinned food, soap and money collected.

The School Soccer XI. is congratulated on its draw with Mt. Albert Grammar. The performance was meritorious, in view of the fact that they travelled all Friday night and played Saturday afternoon.

During the year the School has twice been favoured with visits from Miss Caro Hall, who combined a piano recital with an explanatory lecture on each piece she played. Her visits have done much to increase an intelligent interest in music and an appreciation of its beauty. We are looking forward to a third visit from one whom we now look upon as an old friend. As one senior boy put it: "She's the best pianist I've ever seen."

We congratulate the First XV. on winning the North Taranaki Junior Championship, and also on remaining unbeaten in every college match this season. This is the third successive year the XV. has been undefeated.

The boxing championships this year were again very well attended by Old Boys and friends of the School, as well as present boys. The high standard set last year was maintained, and the large crowd packed in the gymnasium witnessed an entertaining night's fighting. To those boarders who perhaps are little interested in the sport, this is always at least a most welcome diversion from routine prep. duties. Visitors must have cast some anxious glances upwards, for, as usual, the lower orders amongst the boarders were insecurely perched on beams, ropes, and sometimes almost on air in order to gain a better view of proceedings.

There have been a number of changes in the staff this year. The School was sorry to farewell Mr. D. Menzies, who retired after 21 years' service at the School as woodwork instructor. Mr. S. Johnson also left the School after two years as a maths. and music master to join the Army Education Service in Auckland. Mr. Brooker was forced to leave us at the end of the second term, owing to an injury which prevented him from carrying on with his gymnasium work. Mr. Hatherly has been granted leave of absence on account of ill-health and has left for South Africa. We welcome Mr. W. J. Forrest, who has come to us as resident music master; Mr. J. J. Stewart, who has replaced Mr. Delph as agriculture master; and Mr. I. B. Scales, who has replaced Mr. Menzies as woodwork instructor. These three masters joined us at the beginning of the year. During the year Mr. N. J. G. Bowden replaced Mr. Brooker, and Mr. R. W. Baunton, an Old Boy of the School, has replaced Mr. Hatherly as a relieving master.

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Mr. D. F. C. Saxton, chairman of the Pukekura Park Committee and a well-known Old Boy, addressed the School on the history and importance of the park. He described the foundation and development of this area which has, as he pointed out, attained an international reputation. At the close of the talk the Headmaster suggested that boys from the School could assist with clearing work in the near future. We appreciate Mr. Saxton's interest in this public amenity and assure him that many boys would be glad to help in any way that they could in order to maintain Pukekura Park in the beauty for which it has become famous.

Long Night, the dance concluding the dancing classes in the second term, was this year held in the Girls' High School gymnasium, owing to the large number attending it. The dance was a success and enjoyed by all present. Our hopes that these dances will become a fortnightly feature of the School have not yet been realised and we are even beginning to suspect they never will be.

A French Club has been formed at the Girls' High School in the last two years. Periodically invitations are sent to the senior boys who study French asking them to attend an evening's entertainment. Because of natural shyness and a lack of confidence in their skill in the language, many boys are rather diffident about accepting the invitations. However, the blandishments of the chosen emissary are hard to withstand and those who have gone tell us that the evenings are delightful, provided that you keep a still tongue in your head and an intelligent smile on your face.

After a long period of ill-health Mr. Hatherly was forced to obtain leave from the staff for a period of approximately a year, which he will spend in recuperation in South Africa. While the masters and the boys sympathise with him, there are also many who envy him because his visit will coincide with the tour of the 1949 All Blacks. Mr. Hatherly has generously promised to forward results and Press descriptions of the games to the School.

Once again the annual Day Boys v. Boarders football match for the Pease Cup ended in a Boarding triumph. Playing with more cohesion and fitness they proved the superiority of their talent and enthusiasm. The Day Boys sadly missed the services of Brian Novak, who might, we feel, have brought the scores closer together.

In the third term Colonel Andrews, a prominent Old Boy, spoke to the School about life at the Royal Military College at Duntroon, and gave a general picture of army life. Following this, he told us of some of his experiences during the war, and of the resourcefulness of the average New Zealand soldier.

The oft-asserted duress and poverty of the members of the staff was not in evidence during the past year, when half a dozen or so new model cars appeared, accompanied by many bewailments. It seems, in spite of repeated denials, that the present financial state of the country is agreeable to them. Judging by the number intending to take up school teaching, these cars have trapped the unwary into following such an apparently pecuniary profession.

Brigadier Andrew, V.C., D.S.O., visited the School on November 5th. and took the salute during a march past of the cadet battalion. In a short speech he emphasised the need for a team spirit in the

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battalion. Afterwards R. I. Launder, a candidate for Duntroon, and B. M. Brown, a nominee from Area 8 for the William Friar Memorial Prize were interviewed by the Brigadier. We were particularly pleased to welcome him because he is an old friend of the School. As area officer at New Plymouth in the 1920's he spent many hours assisting with the School cadet work and was particularly interested in the shooting which in those days was of a very high standard.

The change from our traditional Monday afternoon drill period to a system of one half-day a month was received by the boys with mixed feelings. The majority regarded its introduction with favour, firstly because it makes drill days fewer, and further apart, but primarily because they now drill in school time and not their own. The announcement that drill is to be held on a certain morning or afternoon now brings a hasty scampering for timetables, and intensive calculation as to what and who will be missed. There are always unfortunates, however, whose "free" periods seem to clash with the prescribed drill time, causing much weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth. The most hard hit are undoubtedly the numerous busboys, boys who work after school and "dead-beats" generally, who find their former exemption no longer applies. Nevertheless, there seems little doubt that the new system will stay, because of the opportunity it gives for concerted work, with the cadet unit.

During the third term the third and fourth formers were shown a Road Safety Film at the Trades Hall. Exams prevented the rest of the school from seeing it.

Unfortunately for the First XI, the poliomyelitis caused the cancellation of two college games, one against Nelson in the third term of 1947, the other against Wanganui in the first term of this year. Because this means that the team has not had a major game for nearly two years, its members are looking forward with keen anticipation to their match against Nelson College and the pleasant trip which this involves.

An event in the cricket world which will, without doubt, bring great pleasure to one side and ignominy to the other is the long-awaited match between the masters and the boys. The result of this game, although a foregone conclusion, may be clouded by the presence of umpires who will unfortunately come from the ranks of the common room.

The School was fortunate to hear on November 8th, a short talk by Mr. D. Sutherland, well-known golfer and sportsman. Representing the Rotary Club and Junior Chamber of Commerce Mr. Sutherland deplored the attitude of mischief-makers and vandals and stressed the need for the team spirit in life. He also urged boys on leaving School to accept responsibility in the community by joining and supporting young people's organisations.

Congratulations go to the many record breakers at this year's sports meeting. L. B. Shrimpton for breaking the senior 220 yards, J. A. Ross the senior 440 yards, C. Kieg both the senior 880 yards and the senior mile, M. M. Alsweller for breaking the junior 880 yards, M. Tala for creating a new shot put record and A. B. Hooper for breaking the discus record.

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On November 10th, the School was privileged to hear an interesting talk from Mr. H. Knight. As a missionary in China for 17 years Mr. Knight was able to give an accurate description of domestic life in that country, enlivened by several personal anecdotes. By beginning his speech in Chinese Mr. Knight both mystified and amused his listeners. In his conclusion he stressed that if peace is to be kept there must be a deeper knowledge in the world of other people's way of life and outlook.

We would like to congratulate B. M. Brown upon the excellent report he obtained from Colonel D. T. Maxwell, Supervising Officer, after the Junior Under-Officers' course at Linton. The report stated that Brown was undoubtedly the most outstanding candidate in the course. Rarely has such a report been received by a cadet from the school.

Last year a departure was made from the traditional gold for the cover of the Taranakian. This was due partly to the difficulty in supply of suitable paper and partly to a desire to make each volume distinct. For the next few years the cover will be dove-grey, but the colour of the ink will be changed for each issue.

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The football in the School if judged by the performance of the First XV, can be considered to be of a high standard. They lost one game during the season. This was against Tariki in the Taranaki semi-final for the Junior Championship. Three college matches were won fairly comfortably and one was drawn. The team has thus been undefeated in its college games during the last three seasons. The unfortunate feature of their season was their bad luck with the weather. Three of the college games were played in bad conditions and the game against St. Pat's on the worst wet ground they have experienced for years.

All the School football received a serious check at the beginning of the season when the School was closed on account of a case of poliomyelitis. This was serious for other club teams in the local competitions, and for us meant that we were handicapped for the whole season and it was not until the end of the competitions that there was evidence of the School teams developing that combination which makes their presence felt.

By the end of the season, however, most of the grades were playing good football and particularly in the House matches there was evidence of considerable talent, especially among the forwards.

The policy of providing Saturday games for all boys was continued and the School entered fifteen teams in the local competition. The sixth grade teams played particularly good football while in the seventh grade there were signs of the development of combination and team tactics. The greatest handicap to these grades is in the lack of a sufficient number of coaches. Some senior boys performed a very useful service by making themselves responsible for a team on Saturday. We wish to convey to them and to all the masters who coached our groups our very sincere thanks. It was necessary, too, to call on senior boys to referee many of these games. This duty they performed gladly and well.

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We are also grateful to the Taranaki Jockey Club for the continued use of their ground as a playing area and for their immediate response to our request that further playing areas might be put into order.

Highlights in the season's football were the visit of Mr. Alec McDonald, the purchase of a film and goal kicking coaching by Mr. J. Ross.

Mr. McDonald gave us a most interesting and inspiring talk in the gymnasium, during which he covered in masterly fashion the main duties of each individual member of a team and illustrated his points by demonstrations as far as possible. We are grateful to the Rugby Union for making his visit possible and hope that he will return. The football film was prepared by the Physical Education branch of the Education Department and illustrates how a secondary school group might be coached. All football groups saw it several times. The photography is particularly good and allows all the detail of the various evolutions to be followed clearly. Mr. J. Ross, an ex-Taranaki representative with an outstanding reputation as a goal-kicker, voluntarily gave up several afternoons to coaching promising players from all groups. We hope to benefit from the results of his coaching next season, and also hope that he can spare the time to continue this valuable work.

Pridham House must be congratulated on winning the House A Grade Competition for the fourth successive year.

The thanks of the School are due to the hosts and hostesses of the First XV. in Hawera, Auckland and Wanganui, to the South Taranaki Old Boys' Association for making the week-end at Hawera so enjoyable, to Mrs. Gray, who entertained both teams after the St. Pat's match, to the Referees' Association and the St. John's Ambulance for their help during the season, and to the Taranaki Rugby Union for their appreciation of the value of secondary school football in Taranaki and for their generous assistance.

COLLEGE GAMES.

v. ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE (Silverstream).

(Played at Hawera, July 3rd.) Drawn 0—0.

The teams were:—

St. Patrick's.—G. Carrington, D. Grady, T. Norton, B. Prendergast, G. MacDonald, J. O'Neill (captain), P. Ryan, P. Smith, K. Murphy, L. Kissick, J. Gotty, M. How, P. Godfrey, M. Wallace, D. Gorgan.

School.—G. Ramsden, L. Myers, C. Julian, G. Deakin, R. Meredith, B. Novak (captain), R. Heale, A. Hooper, J. Ross (vice-captain), M. Tala, K. McKinlay, B. Kerr, C. Croad, G. Gundesen, B. McMurray.

This game was played in most unpleasant weather, with heavy rain at regular intervals. Conditions made open play almost impossible, yet the pace was fast and the handling surprisingly good. With a slight advantage in weight the School forwards, particularly in scrums, gave the School backs a larger share of the ball.

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THE PLAY.

School kicked off and both sets of backs handled with no result. From a ruck in midfield the School backs swung into action for Deakin to kick ahead, but Carrington saved.

Myers figured in a run up the sideline, but he was forced out ten yards short. Ross then broke away from a line-out and dribbled to the line, but a five-yard scrum was ordered. Though attacking regularly, the School backs failed to break through.

School were unlucky when the forwards crashed over in a heap, but the ball was forced. This occurred again a minute later.

In a fine individual effort a St. Pat's breakaway took the ball on after a back movement had broken down, but Julian grassed him short of the line.

From a scissors movement with Heale, Novak made a good run, but the defence held. Myers then took a clearing kick and ran 20 yards before being forced out. Soon afterwards Myers missed with a difficult penalty. (Half-time score 0—0.)

After the change-over the St. Pat's backs attacked and two fast runs took them close to the line. Led by McKinlay, the School forwards staged a 30-yard rush, but Norton cleared.

Snapping up a dropped pass, Deakin raced for the line from half-way, but he was stopped.

Myers narrowly missed with a penalty from near the sideline, the ball falling just outside the posts.

For the remaining time, School battled close to the St. Pat's goal-mouth, but they could not go over. (Final score 0—0.)

v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE.

(Played at Wanganui, July 21st.) Won 25—6.

The teams were:—

Wanganui.—D. Watkin, B. Battell, D. McPhail, A. Melville, D. Brydone, I. Clayton, T. Swindburn, R. Cook, H. Shelton, R. Dewhirst, R. Tylee (captain), W. Abraham, J. Gardiner, D. Buddo, J. Williams.

School.—G. Ramsden, C. Julian, T. Wynyard, J. Brown, R. Meredith, B. Novak (captain), R. Heale, A. Hooper, J. Ross (vice-captain), M. Tala, K. McKinlay, B. Kerr, B. McMurray, G. Gundesen, C. Croad.

This game was played on a heavy ground soaked by steady rain. In the line-outs and set scrums the School pack was superior to Wanganui. They had an advantage in height in the line-outs and possessed the heavier scrum, but the tightly-knit Collegiate pack kept up an unrelenting pressure in the loose. In the early stages of the game, while the ball was still dry, School played fine open football, and scored three tries in eleven minutes.

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From the first scrum Novak ran round the blind side, cut through to Watkin and passed to Brown, who scored in the corner. Novak missed the conversion. (Score 3—0.)

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Wanganui were awarded a penalty in their own territory, but the kick did not find the line. Heale fielded and ran infield to work a scissors with Novak, who came around the outside and sent the ball infield for Gundesen to score, with Tala in support. Novak converted. (Score 8—0.)

Eleven minutes had passed when Heale set the backs going, and Novak and Wynyard handled before Brown went across in the corner. Croad failed with the conversion. (Score 11—0.)

The Wanganui forwards attacked strongly and penned School in their own twenty-five. Clayton missed two penalties; then the School backs rapidly regained the lost ground, and from a ruck Heale secured, the ball travelling out to Brown, who crossed in the corner. The kick missed. (Half-time score 14—0.)

Wanganui opened the second spell with a penalty by McPhail. (Score 14—3.) The School forwards went away in a loose rush, and from an infringement Novak kicked a good penalty. (Score 17—3.)

The Wanganui forwards attacked and from a ruck their backs handled for McPhail to cut through and score. The kick failed. (Score 17—6.)

Ramsden scooped up a rolling ball in his own half and raced round the field, fending off three tacklers. When clear he passed to Croad, who raced away to score under the posts. Novak converted. (Score 22—6.)

Wanganui, playing defensively, failed to clear and Julian scooped the ball up and raced over in the corner. Croad missed the conversion. (Final score 25—6.)

v. TE AUTE COLLEGE.

(Played at Rugby Park, New Plymouth, July 31st.) Won 11—0.

The teams were:—

Te Aute.—K. Karaka, M. Kutia, M. Carter (captain), H. Tibble, M. Whaanga, K. Munro, K. Kuru, D. Grey, G. Kuru, C. Seymour, G. Waino, B. Morete, S. Taare, J. Taumaumu, W. Tatama.

School.—G. Ramsden, C. Julian, T. Wynyard, J. Brown, R. Meredith, B. Novak (captain), R. Heale, A. Hooper, J. Ross (vice-captain), H. Tala, K. McKinlay, B. Kerr, B. McMurray, G. Gundesen, C. Croad.

The game was played on a sodden ground, with both teams handling the ball well under the trying conditions. School dominated the scrums, but Te Aute had the best of the line-outs, although School, at crucial moments, were able to get possession. All School's points were scored in the last 20 minutes of the game.

THE PLAY.

School started the game with a strong attack that was turned back only when the team was penalised for handling in the scrum. In the early stages School won the scrums regularly and the backs seldom failed to make ground. Half-way through the first spell Te Aute gained the ascendancy. Their forwards made better progress in the tight rucks and, with their backs getting a greater share of the ball, they attacked strongly. Good backing-up by Novak stopped two determined breaks by Carter, and half-time came with no score on either side.



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1948.

Back Row: J. W. Brown, G. I. Deakin, C. M. Julian, A. B. Hooper, K. E. W. McKinlay, B. V. Kerr, T. B. Wynyard.
Middle Row: L. Myers, B. McMurray, R. R. Heale, B. J. Novak (Capt.), J. A. Ross (Vice-Capt.), G. S. Gundesen,
M. Tala, C. E. Croad.
Front Row: R. L. Meredith, G. F. Ramsden.



FIRST ELEVEN, 1947.

Back Row: T. J. O'Meagher, J. B. Sturtevant, R. I. Launder, I. S. Russell, M. Tala.
Middle Row: R. W. Shaw, P. B. Lobb, J. R. Broughton, P. M. McCaw, R. R. Heale.
Front Row: J. H. Crocker, A. R. Reid.

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After the interval School made a strong attack on Te Aute's goal line, but within five minutes Te Aute gained the initiative and held it for some time. Croad missed with a penalty.

In the last 20 minutes School earned its win. Novak opened the score with a good penalty. (Score 3—0.) A few minutes later Novak attempted another penalty, but the distance was too great. From then onwards play was seldom out of Te Aute's territory. From a loose scrum in the Te Aute twenty-five the ball travelled along the back line, each man drawing his opponent, for Brown to score in a handy position. Novak converted, bringing the score to 8—0.

A well-placed kick infield took play into School's territory, but the forwards brought it back to the Te Aute twenty-five, where Novak ran round the blind side and passed to Wynyard, who drew his man well before sending on to Julian, who scored a good try in the corner. Novak's kick fell short, and the game ended with the score 11—0.

v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR.

(Played at The Showgrounds, Epsom, August 21st.) Won 15—8.

The teams were:—

Auckland Grammar.—Bayliss, Kirtlan, Ball, Edgar, Massey, Collins, Palmer, Fletcher, Eagle, Valentine, Brandt, Nicholson, Wilson, Brown, Inder.

School.—G. Ramsden, L. Myers, T. Wynyard, G. Deakin, R. Meredith, B. Novak (captain), R. Heale, A. Hooper, J. Ross (vice-captain), K. McKinlay, C. Julian, B. Kerr, C. Croad, G. Gundesen, B. McMurray.

For the first time in College matches this season, good conditions prevailed. The game was played in bright sunshine on a firm ground. Despite the fact that they gave slightly the better showing of the two teams in the first spell, School could not prevent Grammar from scoring the only try of the half, three minutes before the interval. However, in the second spell School settled down and placed a different complexion on the game, the forwards playing exceptionally well.

THE PLAY.

From the kick-off School threw the ball around brightly, but their usual cohesion and combination was lacking and movements broke down through mishandling and mistakes. School attacked, Deakin being brought down a few yards from the line. The forwards then broke away in a spectacular passing rush, which was halted by a forward pass. School had a narrow escape when Grammar retaliated strongly, Kirtlan crossing only to lose possession when tackled in goal. Just before the interval Grammar worked the blind side. The ball was handled by several forwards, and then travelled through the backs out to Ball, who scored a good try near the corner. The kick failed. (Half-time score 0—3.)

Myers equalised early in the second spell with a splendid penalty from near the tuch-line, making the score 3—3.

Novak then made a strong run, the movement being checked on the Grammar line. From the ensuing ruck McMurray secured and dived over to score. The kick failed. (Score 6—3.)

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School hooked from a ruck and Myers came in from the blind side, making a brilliant run. He punted high, the School forwards arrived in a body, and from the following scrum Kerr scored. Myers missed the kick. (Score 9—3.)

A few minutes later the forwards hooked for Heale to send Novak away on the open side. He inpassed to Hooper, to Gundesen, to Julian, who shook off several tackles and scored a good try. The kick failed. (Score 12—3.)

At this stage the School forwards were dominating play. From a scrum Heale and Novak worked a scissors movement, and the latter drew the opposition to give Ross a clear run in. Myers narrowly missed the conversion. (Score 15—3.)

Just on time Grammar pressed and from a scrum on School's line Massey received and scored. Palmer converted, making the final score: School 15, Grammar 8.

COMPETITION GAMES (FIRST JUNIOR).

First Round:

- April 10.—v. United. Won 16—0. Tries: Julian, Meredith, Shrimpton, Ross. Croad two conversions.
- April 17.—v. Tukapa "B." Won 49—0. Tries: Myers (5), Shrimpton (2), Novak (2), Tala (2), Julian, Wynyard. Novak 5 conversions.
- May 8.—v. Tukapa "A." Won 17—0. Tries: Brown, Titter, McKinlay, Robinson. Croad one conversion and penalty.
- May 15.—v. Star II. Won 9—3. Tries: Robinson (3).
- May 22.—v. Urenui. Won 14—8. Tries: Myers (2) and two penalties. Novak one conversion.
- May 29.—v. Star I. Won 22—0. Tries: Myers (2), Wynyard, Julian, Robinson, Croad. Myers two conversions.
- June 5.—v. Clifton. Won 16—6. Tries: Julian, Myers, Novak. Myers two conversions and penalty.
- June 12.—v. Old Boys. Won 11—3. Tries: Myers (2). Croad one conversion and penalty.

Second Round:

- June 19.—v. Tukapa "B." Won 57—0. Tries: Myers (6), Julian (3), Tala (2), Deakin, Novak, McMurray, Croad. Conversions: Myers (4), Julian, McMurray.
- June 26.—v. United. Won 24—0. Tries: Myers, Deakin, Tala, Croad. Myers three conversions, two penalties.
- July 10.—v. Tukapa "A." Won 25—3. Tries: Deakin (3), Julian (3), Ramsden. Conversions: Julian and Novak one each.
- July 17.—v. Star II. Won 18—6. Tries: Julian, Brown, Wynyard, Croad. Novak three conversions.
- July 24.—v. Urenui. Won 8—6. Tries: Brown (2). Novak one conversion.
- August 7.—v. Clifton. Won 14—0. Tries: Brown, Novak, Hooper. Novak one conversion and penalty.
- August 14.—v. Tariki (Taranaki semi-final). Lost 0—8.
- Games played 15. Won 14, lost 1.
- Points for 300. Points against 43.

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HOUSE FOOTBALL.

The Open A Grade Knock-out Competition was held at the beginning of the third term. Pridham was successful in the final, defeating Central after a hard game.

Results:—

First Round (played September 16).—Pridham 18 v. East 0; Moyes 16 v. West 3; Central 8 v. Carrington 0.

Second Round (played September 20).—Pridham 32 v. Moyes 0; Central a bye.

Final (played September 22).—Pridham 15 v. Central 9. For Pridham. Luxton, Wynyard, tries; Myers, three penalty goals. For Central: J. Brown, Robinson, tries; Robinson, penalty.

The Pridham XV.—Ramsden, Taylor, Wynyard, Myers, Luxton, Reid, Hitchcock, Hooper, Ailao, Tala, Johnson, Wild, Shaw, Littlejohn, McLaughlin.

DAY BOARDERS v. BOARDERS (PEASE CUP).

(Played on Racecourse).

The teams were:—

Day Boys.—Deakin, Brown, Quickfall, Robinson, Meredith, Jamieson, Titter, Stevenson, Kerr, Fleming, McKinlay, Brown, McDavitt, Gundesen, Stonnell.

Boarders.—Ramsden, Taylor, Julian, Myers, Wynyard, Luxton, Heale, Hooper, Ross, Tala, Ailao, Macmillan, McMurray, Croad, Shaw.

The game was played on a hard ground and the weather conditions were ideal for open play. The Day Boys, without the services of their captain and leader, Novak, appeared disorganised, and failed to work as a team.

THE PLAY.

In the first spell the game was reasonably even and the Boarders led at half-time by 3 points to nil.

The Boarders' forwards secured the ball from a lineout and rucked back cleanly to Heale. Taylor came in as extra man and the ball travelled out to Julian, who went over in the corner. The kick missed. (Score 3—0.) Early in the second spell Croad hooked for Boarders and Taylor again joined in the back movement to give Julian the overlap and he scored with a good run well out. Myers raised the flags with an excellent kick. (Score 8—0.)

At this stage Boarders were combining well as a team and after the ball had been passed out to Wynyard, he cut out his opposite number and sent Taylor over in the corner. The kick missed. (Score 11—0.) Boarders' consistent efforts to score were rewarded. Day Boys infringed and Tala kicked a goal. (Score 14—0.)

The Day Boys rallied near the end of play but their efforts were in vain. The Boarders' defence held. (Final score 14—0.)

THIRD GRADE.

The play of the Second XV. this year was marred by inconsistency, this being due to some extent to the inevitable changes and re-arrangements in the team. Though a good start was made with

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three successive wins, performance fell away in mid-season, and the team finished well down in the North Taranaki Third Grade Competition. Nevertheless, at its best it was one of the strongest combinations in the competition, and registered good wins against those teams which finished above it. Towards the end of the season a more regular combination was achieved, and in a friendly game it defeated the eventual winners of the Taranaki Third Grade Championship.

An innovation was the arrangement of a match with the Opunake District High School First XV. This was played at Rugby Park as the first curtain-raiser to the New Zealand Maoris v. Taranaki match, and the Second XV. was successful by 14 points (four tries, one converted) to 6 points (two penalty goals).

FOURTH GRADE.

The group entered two teams, "A" and "B," in the North Taranaki Fourth Grade Competition, and both acquitted themselves quite well. Forced to forfeit several games early in the season because of poliomyelitis restrictions, the teams were handicapped in the competition, but the "A" team finished in second position.

A lack of fitness which was apparent throughout the season contributed largely to many moderate performances. Despite this both teams often played good football. The "B" team improved as the season progressed and finally became the equal of the "A" combination.

FIFTH GRADE.

Two teams played in the Fifth Grade Competition, but the group did not have a particularly successful season. The "A" team settled down to some extent, but were often defeated by outside clubs, though by small margins.

There was a serious lack of pace in the backs in both teams, especially on the wings. The inside backs were sound and consistent. Though the forwards developed into a good rucking combination and secured a major share of the ball, the other phases of their play were a little disappointing.

SIXTH GRADE.

The standard of football throughout the Sixth Grade Competition was very good. Organisation was once again on a house basis, and proved very successful, a total of five teams being entered—Pridham, Moyes, Carrington, Central and East-West combined. Pridham and Central in particular fielded strong teams. Pridham being runners-up in the North Taranaki competition.

SEVENTH GRADE.

This grade was intended primarily to ensure that as large a number of boys as possible received a regular Saturday game. Six teams from School were entered on a house basis. None was successful in the competition, although Pridham House finished in the first three. The standard of play was naturally rather ragged at first, but it had improved considerably by the close of the season. No grade enjoyed its football more than this one.

CRICKET

This year's First XI. retained six members from last year and proved a most formidable team towards the end of the term. After a shaky start it gradually improved and finished the season with three convincing successes. These were made possible by solid batting right down to the last man and an accurate and varied battery of bowlers. Unfortunately the poliomyelitis epidemic caused this year's inter-school matches to be abandoned, while the Bate's Cup matches had to be postponed until the third term. However, to replace one college game School played the Taranaki Colts, a game both sides enjoyed so much that it is hoped that this fixture will be continued in the future. As a whole, the season was a happy one, with satisfactory results and it produced a fine foundation for next year's team.

SCHOOL v. TARANAKI COLTS.

(Played at School, March 27th. and 29th., 1948. Result. Win.)

This match which took the place of the Wanganui Collegiate game was played in ideal weather and developed an exciting finish. School won the toss and decided to bat on a damp wicket. Against an accurate attack School made only 56 runs for one wicket before lunch. However, the scoring rate increased after lunch and Launder and Crowley added 76 runs in the next hour. After their dismissal the remaining batsmen did not show their usual form and the side was finally all out for 191. Some good bowling by School, especially by Crocker had the Colts out for 108. This left School with a lead of 83 runs on the first innings, which was increased to 199 when it finally declared its second innings closed at 116 for five wickets. Once again the School bowlers performed well and had all but the last batsman out when stumps were drawn.

SCHOOL.

First Innings—	Second Innings—
Heale, l.b.w., Cockerill 1	c. and b. Bennie .. 26
O'Meagher, b. Putt 24	c. and b. Richardson 13
Launder, c. Sweeney, b Little .. 78	l.b.w. Richardson .. 0
Lay, b. Cockerill 0	not out 49
Crowley, run out 16	b. Putt 2
Tala, l.b.w., Putt 5	c. Hurcombe, b. Richardson .. 19
Crocker, b. Cockerill 7	not out 2
Myers, c. Cockerill, b. Bennie .. 14	Extras 5
Barclay, st. Baldwin, b. Brine .. 2	
Ramsden, b. Little 15	
Kerr, not out 5	
Extras 24	
Total 191	(for five wickets) 116

Bowling Analysis.

First Innings—	Second Innings—						
	O.	M.	R.	W.			
Sweeney 6	0	19	0	17	4	28	0
Cockerill 20	10	28	3	7	0	20	0
Putt 18	7	22	2	7	6	7	1
Bennie 14	4	28	1	9	6	17	1
Brine 12	1	46	1	1	0	2	0
Richardson —	—	—	—	5	1	19	3
Little 5	1	9	2	5	0	18	0
Hawken 6	0	15	0	—	—	—	—

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First Innings—				Second Innings—			
Richardson, b. Crocker	15	run out	1
Baldwin, c. Kerr, b. Launder	0	b. Launder	18
Cockerill, l.b.w., Crocker	..	..	21	c. Barclay, b. Crocker	..	..	13
Hurcombe, c. Kerr, b. Crocker	..	..	1	er	..	..	13
Sweeney, b. Tala	..	..	7	c. Crocker, b. Launder	..	..	18
Brine, c. Launder, b. Crocker	..	..	4	der	..	..	23
Allen, c. Kerr, b. Launder	..	..	2	c. Heale, b. Tala	..	..	0
Little, c. Kerr, b. Launder	..	..	18	st. Kerr, b. Heale	..	..	30
Putt, b. Crocker	..	..	19	c. Crocker, b. Tala	..	..	0
Hawken, b. Tala	..	..	13	c. Little, b. Ramsden	..	..	0
Bennie, not out	..	..	2	den	..	..	1
Extras	..	..	6	not out	..	..	4
				c. Kerr, b. Tala	..	..	0
				not out	..	..	5
				Extras	..	..	5
Total	..	..	108	(for nine wickets)	..	..	111

Bowling Analysis.

First Innings—	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Launder	..	12	6	24	3	12	3	39	2
Tala	..	13	6	23	2	12	3	39	3
Crocker	..	15	2	35	5	5	1	12	1
O'Meagher	..	3	0	20	0	—	—	—	—
Ramsden	..	—	—	—	—	6	0	17	1
Heale	..	—	—	—	—	1	1	0	1

FIRST XI. BATTING AVERAGES.

Name	Innings	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total Runs	Average	
Lay, P.	..	5	2	104	181	60.33
Broughton, J.	..	5	2	55	145	48.33
Launder, I.	..	10	1	78	245	27.22
Heale, R.	..	9	0	95	218	24.22
Russell, I.	..	3	0	44	64	21.33
Shaw, W.	..	2	0	25	42	21.00
Crowley, F.	..	5	2	23	59	19.66
McCaw, M.	..	5	1	26	70	17.50
Tala, M.	..	8	2	20	95	15.83
Ramsden, G.	..	3	1	15	31	15.50
Kerr, B.	..	3	2	7	15	15.00
Lobb, P.	..	3	0	20	31	10.33

The following also batted: T. O'Meagher, J. Sturtevant, L. Myers, H. Jackson, J. Crocker, J. Davies, A. Reid, L. Barclay, G. Deakin.

FIRST XI. BOWLING AVERAGES.

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	
Launder, I.	..	112	23	294	29	10.13
Tala, M.	..	85	21	254	19	13.38
Crocker, J.	..	56	6	206	12	17.16
Broughton, J.	..	50	9	176	10	17.80
Ramsden, G.	..	15	0	59	3	19.66
McCaw, M.	..	14	0	61	2	30.50
O'Meagher, T.	..	17	1	94	0	—

The following also bowled: R. Heale, W. Shaw, J. Davies.

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DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS.

(Played 16th. March, 1948.)

This match was played in ideal weather and resulted in a last minute win for the Day Boys who therefore retained the Birch Cup.

The Boarders batted first on an easy wicket and were in the sound position of two for 55 after an hour's play. Heale and Tala both batted well and later on Myers got on top and scored freely. However, the remaining batsmen did not perform well and the Boarders' innings was declared closed at afternoon tea time with the score at nine for 127.

The Day Boys opened their innings needing 128 runs to win in 125 minutes. Using Crowley to anchor one end, Launder and later Lay, chased the runs, the latter scoring a splendid 51. After a fast scoring last half-hour the Day Boys passed the Boarders' score with three wickets and two minutes to spare.

Details:—

Boarders.—Nine for 127 declared (Myers 38 not out, Heale 32, Tala 20, Mila not out 13, Wilson 13; Launder four for 25, Crocker three for 26, Davies two for 20).

Day Boys.—Seven for 135 (Lay 51, Launder 23, Crowley 18, Crocker 18 not out; Tala four for 51, Heale one for 17, Ramsden one for 34).

JUNIOR CRICKET.

Little Junior Cricket was played in the first term. The present Second XI. is probably the best the School has had for a number of years. The Third and Fourth XI. are also playing good cricket. Although the Third Forms have been well combed, the Third Form Group is weaker than usual. The early closing of Primary Schools and consequent lack of coaching is probably responsible for this.

House cricket is being played on Pukekura Park and both School Grounds. Sixteen teams are taking part. It is necessary to point out at this stage the most urgent need of School cricket—good wickets for House Competitions. The best is being done under the circumstances. But Pukekura Park is not suitable because of difficulties of maintenance and the congestion when town teams begin their practice. The Lower Ground should be spelled during the week because of its poor sward. The Upper Ground provides the best wicket, but here again congestion occurs with four practice nets also operating.

UMPIRES' CLASS.

This year an umpires' class was begun. It was felt that if boys could be encouraged to take an interest in umpiring while at School, they would develop confidence and readily assist the local and other Umpires' Associations when they left. The results have been very satisfactory. Those who attended did so with regularity and enthusiasm. We wish to thank Mr. R. Launder, one of Taranaki's leading umpires, for the time, energy and skill which he devoted

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to the class. Without his efforts, the scheme may well have fallen through. As it is, there is every indication that it will expand to such an extent that the group will shortly be able to undertake the umpiring of all School and House matches.

The most heartening feature of the season has been the appointment of young masters interested in coaching cricket. Another XI. has been entered in the North Taranaki Cricket Competitions. As the strength of the First XI. depends on the strength of the Junior XI.'s we are confident that the increased junior strength will have its effect on School cricket.

R. I. Launder.

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The Annual Sports were held this year on October 30 in brilliant weather and before a large gathering of parents and friends.

The meeting was outstanding in that seven records were broken. The record-breakers, who are to be congratulated, are: C. Keig, who broke both the senior mile and half-mile records; J. A. Ross, who broke his own record in the senior 440 yards; L. B. Shrimpton, who broke the senior 220 yards record. M. Tala broke the shot put record with a throw of 40ft. 4½in., and A. B. Hooper threw the discus 108ft. 6½in. to break the previous record by 3ft. 5½in.

The only junior to break a record was M. M. Alsweller, who ran the junior 880 yards in 2min. 17sec. Besides these O. A. M. Greensill broke the junior 220 yards record at the Hansard Cup meeting held in the first term. During the year an increased interest in athletics has been noticed in the School and a number of boys have joined Amateur Athletic Clubs and were seen running at the Taranaki Championship meeting held in February. Congratulations are offered to J. A. Ross, who won the junior 440 yards at this meeting.

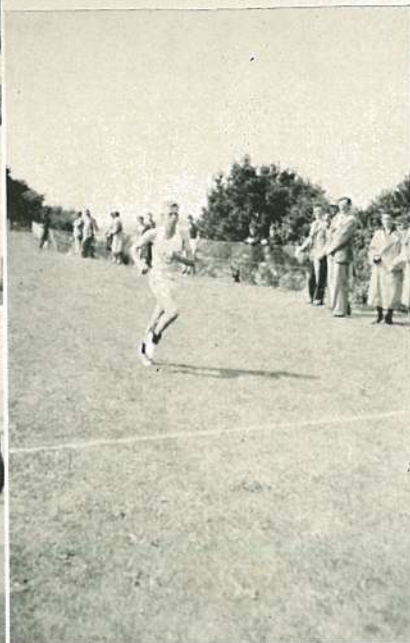
The Committee would again like to thank the New Plymouth Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club for the loan of equipment and for providing special High School events at their weekly sports meetings. We would also like to thank Mr. Lay, Dr. Thomson and Mr. Croker, who acted as officials at our Sports.

Our thanks are also extended to those people who helped make Sports Day possible by sending in donations.

The Hansard Cup meeting, which was held in the first term, resulted in a win for Central House with 28 points, with Moyes House second.

This year, commencing in the third term, the short after-school athletic meeting has been re-introduced owing mainly to the enthusiasm of Mr. Bowden. A typical programme would be 100 yards junior and senior, 440 junior and senior and one mile junior and senior. This type of meeting has two functions, to increase skill by competition and to provide activity for athletes, particularly during the period between football and cricket. Mr. Bowden follows up this activity with coaching and classes.

L. B. Shrimpton.



VIEWS OF THE STEEPLECHASE, 1948.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS 1948.

EVENT.	FIRST.	SECOND.	THIRD.	TIME, HEIGHT, DISTANCE.	RECORD.
(a) 100 Yards Junior Champ.	Underwood, W. J.	Davies, L. J.	Roxburgh, A. A.	10 4-5sec.	10 3-5sec. } C. C. Kjestrup, 1937. W. J. P. Mitchell, 1946.
100 Yards Junior Handicap.	Slocombe, K. G.	Underwood, W. J.	Davies, L. J.	11 1-5sec.	10 2-5sec. } R. Watson, 1927. W. R. Revell, 1943.
100 Yards Senior Champ.	Ross, J. A.	Shrimpton, L. B.	Greensill, O. A. M.	10 4-5sec.	
100 Yards Senior Handicap.	Tala, M.	Shrimpton, L. B.	Julian, C. N.	10 4-5sec.	
100 Yards, Under 15.	Sanders, B. L.	Smith, W. T.		11 2-5sec.	
100 Yards, Under 14 Champ.	Shrimpton, L. J.	Mitchell, M. J. H.		12sec.	
100 Yards, Under 14 Hdcp.	Philpott, B. L.	Bannister, E. H.	Barrett, H. F.	12 1-5sec.	11 3-5sec., A. R. Bothamley, 1916.
880 Yards Senior Handicap.	Keig, C.	Maxwell, J. H.	Shrimpton, L. J.	2min. 3 4-5sec.	2min. 3 4-5sec., C. Keig, 1948. 2min. 17sec., M. Alsweller, 1948.
880 Yards Junior Handicap.	Frank, B.	Boon, G. G.	Walker, E. A.	2min. 19 4-5sec.	
(c) 880 Yards Senior Champ.	MacMillan, J. R.	Crawford, C.	Barrett, J. C.	2min. 11 3-5sec.	
(b) 880 Yards Junior Champ.	Alsweller, M. M.	Underwood, W. J.	Buckeridge, P.	2min. 17sec.	
75 Yards, Under 13.	Pierce, G.	Patterson, L. E. A.	Crawford, D. C.	10sec.	
75 Yards, Under 14 Champ.	Shrimpton, L. J.	Bannister, E. H.	Barrett, H. F.	9 1-5sec.	8 1-5sec., N. H. Street, 1941.
75 Yards, Under 14 Hdcp.	Philpott, B. L.	Shrimpton, L. J.		9 2-5sec.	42ft., W. P. Revell, 1942. 24sec., L. B. Shrimpton, 1948.
Hop, Step and Jump.	McLean, T. R.	Simpson, D. F.	Thomson, W.	40ft. 7½in.	
(d) 220 Yards Senior Champ.	Shrimpton, L. B.	Ross, J. A.	Croad, C. E.	24sec.	
220 Yards Senior Hdcp.	Shrimpton, L. B.	Luxton, C. G.	Beach, N. B.	24 4-5sec.	
220 Yards Junior Champ.	Underwood, W. I.	Alsweller, M. M.	Davies, L. J.	25 4-5sec.	
220 Yards Junior Handicap.	Collier, P. W. H.	Powell, D.	Heaton, K. J.	26 1-5sec.	24 1-5sec., O. A. Greensill, 1948.
220 Yards, Under 14 Champ.	Shrimpton, L. J.	Bannister, E. H.		26 3-5sec.	26 2-5sec., M. P. Tamati, 1934.
220 Yards, under 14 Hdcp.	Shrimpton, L. J.	Christensen, B.		27 4-5sec.	108ft. 6½in., A. B. Hooper, 1948.
Throwing the Discus.	Hooper, A. B.	Tala, M.	Bannister, E. H.	108ft. 6½in.	
100 Yards, Under 12.	Flanagan, E. G.	Moorby, C. R.	Lay, P.	13 3-5sec.	
440 Yards Senior Handicap.	Wynyard, T. B.	Ramsden, G. F.	Goss, A. J.	54 4-5sec.	
(e) 440 Yards Junior Handicap.	Slocombe, M. J.	Venables, D.	Hitchcock, D.	54 4-5sec.	
(f) 440 Yards Senior Champ.	Ross, J. A.	Croad, C. E.	McKay, C. J.	52 3-5sec.	52 3-5sec., J. A. Ross, 1948.
(g) 440 Yards Junior Champ.	Underwood, W. J.	Campbell, I.	Alsweller, M. M.	58sec.	56 3-5sec. N. H. Street, 1943.
Putting the Shot.	Tala, M.	Hooper, A. B.	Veale, J.	40ft. 4½in.	40ft. 4½in., M. Tala, 1948.
(h) High Jump, Junior.	McKenzie, M. A.	Roxburgh, A. A.	Pereti, L.	4ft. 11in.	5ft. 2½in., A. A. Keller, 1932.
High Jump, Senior.	MacMillan, J. R.	Bedford, M. J.	Cassidy, C. R.	5ft. 4in.	5ft. 6¾in., J. C. Gordon, 1929.
75 Yards, Under 12.	Flanagan, B. G.	Smith, A. W.	Croad, C. E.	10 2-5sec.	17sec. R. I. Brown, 1940.
Old Boys' Race, 100 Yards	Baunton, R. W.	Shaw	Fleming, D.	11sec.	
120 Yards Hurdles, Junior	Underwood, W. J.	Mila, V.	Moorby, C. R.	18sec.	
Champ.			Norman		
(i) 120 Yards Hurdles Junior	Underwood, W. J.	Collier, P. W. H.	Davies, L. J.	18 3-5sec.	
Handicap.					
120 Yards Hurdles, Senior	MacMillan, J. R.	Thomson, W. G.		17sec.	15 3-5sec. M. O. Ekdahl, 1935.
Champ.					
(j) 120 Yards Hurdles Hdcp.	Mayhead, R. A. C.	MacMillan, J. R.	Thomson, W. G.	16sec.	
(k) Long Jump, Junior.	Underwood, W. J.	Mila, V.	McDonald, C. F.	17ft. 8in.	20ft. 8½in., C. C. Kjestrup, 1937.
Long Jump, Senior.	Robinson, C. N.	Ross, J. A.	Croad, C. E.	19ft. 3in.	21ft. 8in., A. G. McIntyre, 1937.
(l) 1 Mile, Junior.	Alsweller, M. M.	Cavaney, G. G.	Crawford, C.	5min. 14 4-5sec.	5min. 8sec., M. F. Craig, 1945.
(m) 1 Mile, Senior.	Keig, C.	Allen, D. W.	Boon, G. G.	4min. 42 3-5sec.	4min. 42 3-5sec., C. Keig, 1948.
Inter-House Relay.	Moyes House	Carrington House	Central House		
	Shrimpton, L. B.				
	Patterson, G. A.				
	Bedford, M. J.				
	Croad, C. E.				

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS—

Senior:	Ross, J. A., 19pts.	1
	MacMillan, J. R., 18pts.	2
	Croad, C. E., 10pts.	3
Junior:	Underwood, W. J., 28pts.	1
	Alsweller, M.M., 14pts.	2
	Roxburgh, A.A., 7pts.	3
Under 14:	Shrimpton, L. J., 15pts.	1
	Bannister, E. H., 9pts.	2
	Scott, J. B., 5pts.	3

(a) Mr. E. Beckbessinger's Cup.
(b) Mr. Gilmour's Cup.
(c) Mason Memorial Cup.
(d) Herbert Smith Cup.
(e) Mr. Harman's Cup.
(f) Old Boys' Shield.
(g) Mrs. Bothamley's Cup.

(h) Mr. P. M. Moran's Cup.
(i) Mr. J. J. Marsh's Cup.
(j) Mr. Noakes' Cup.
(k) Mr. W. A. Cartwright's Cup.
(l) Mr. E. W. Grieve's Cup.
(m) Dr. E. F. Fookes' Cup.

STEEPLECHASE

The annual Steeplechases were held on October 15th under ideal conditions.

Contrary to the practice of previous years, the race was not run at the Ngamotu Golf Links, but over a new course on the School's property. This change was not due to any dissatisfaction with the conditions at the links, but rather to the distance boys had to cycle or walk before the start of the race. It was felt that many contestants were unduly tired before the actual race. It is considered by many that the new course is inferior to the old one, but this is balanced by its convenience to the School. We would like to thank the Ngamotu Golf Club who, in past years, allowed us to make use of their links and took a sympathetic interest in the Steeplechase.

The layout of the new course will be of interest, no doubt, to many Old Boys who, in past years, have panted along much the same path. The course begins on the top ground and, from there, continues past Moyes House, down the path behind the tennis courts, across the bottom ground, through the borough yards, along Hobson Street, through the entrance to the farm and past the old farm house. Here it turns towards the river, swings around behind the old Maori pa, past the Scout hut and labours through the trees up to Timandra Street. It then crosses Avenue Road into the racecourse. The course follows the race-track past the grandstands and comes out once more on to Avenue Road. The final lap lies down the road, through the Memorial Gates and, after a circuit of the top ground, finishes near the armoury.

Results:—

UNDER 14.

P. R. Erskine (80sec.), 11min. 47sec.	1
M. J. Leuthart (60sec.), 11min. 46sec.	2
D. Matheson (60sec.), 12min. 21sec.	3
D. Paton (70sec.), 12min. 32sec.	4
A. W. Smith (90sec.), 13min. 5sec.	5
G. E. Schouler (40sec.), 12min. 19sec.	6
J. S. Nicholls (90sec.), 13min. 11sec.	7
D. L. Kitchingman (80sec.), 13min. 1sec.	8
J. Crisp (40sec.), 12min. 22sec.	9
J. Hopkins (scr.), 11min. 43sec.	10

Then followed: J. R. Brimblecombe, P. Hann, T. S. Dillon, G. Telfer, W. N. Thomas, L. E. Patterson, R. B. Tait, P. Harvey, B. N. Christensen, M. B. Francis.

Fastest Times:

J. Hopkins (scr.), 11min. 43sec.	1
M. J. Leuthart (60sec.), 11min. 46sec.	2
P. R. Erskine (80sec.), 11min. 47sec.	3
R. B. Tait (scr.), 12min. 2sec.	4
B. N. Christensen (scr.), 12min. 9sec.	5
W. N. Thomas (10sec.), 12min. 10sec.	6
T. S. Dillon (30sec.), 12min. 15sec.	7
G. E. Schouler (40sec.), 12min. 19sec.	8
M. B. Francis (scr.), 12min. 20sec.	9
D. Matheson (60sec.), 12min. 21sec.	10

Then followed: J. Crisp, G. Telfer, D. Paton, P. Hann, P. Harvey, D. L. Kitchingman, A. W. Smith, J. S. Nicholls, J. R. Brimblecombe, L. E. Patterson.

STEEPLECHASE

JUNIOR.

A. Gaskell (50sec.), 14min. 7sec.	1
G. G. Cavaney (80sec.), 14min. 53sec.	2
D. Smith (60sec.), 15min. 3sec.	3
B. W. Jones (50sec.), 15min.	4
H. C. Seamark (30sec.), 14min. 41sec.	5
R. Batson (80sec.), 15min. 50sec.	6
T. J. McEwen (60sec.), 15min. 36sec.	7
T. Maingay (50sec.), 15min. 31sec.	8
R. S. Ford (10sec.), 14min. 57sec.	9
M. M. Alsweiler (scr.), 14min. 58sec.	10

Then followed: C. R. Cassidy, M. J. Barclay, B. J. Wisneski, D. L. Weslake, A. A. Roxburgh, D. Powell, J. A. McLeod, M. Lawson, P. W. Collier, M. Looney.

Fastest Times:

A. Gaskell (50sec.), 14min. 7sec.	1
H. C. Seamark (30sec.), 14min. 41sec.	2
G. G. Cavaney (80sec.), 14min. 53sec.	3
R. S. Ford (10sec.), 14min. 57sec.	4
M. M. Alsweiler (scr.), 14min. 58sec.	5
C. R. Cassidy (scr.), 14min. 59sec.	6
B. W. Jones (50sec.), 15min.	7
D. Smith (60sec.), 15min. 3sec.	8
A. A. Roxburgh (scr.), 15min. 8sec.	9
M. J. Barclay (20sec.), 15min. 20sec.	10

Then followed: T. Maingay, B. G. Wisneski, T. J. McEwen, D. Powell, R. Batson, M. Lawson, P. W. Collier, J. A. McLeod, M. Looney.

SENIOR.

D. C. Deare (70sec.), 16min. 26sec.	1
D. W. Allen (50sec.), 16min. 48sec.	2
M. F. Craig (scr.), 16min. 15sec.	3
C. Keig (scr.), 16min. 18sec.	4
R. I. Launder (60sec.), 17min. 30sec.	5
G. G. Boon (10sec.), 16min. 55sec.	6
N. V. Davies (60sec.), 17min. 32sec.	7
A. Walker (90sec.), 18min. 17sec.	8
F. S. Stonnell (80sec.), 18min. 4sec.	9
E. F. Baigent (30sec.), 17min. 17sec.	10

Then followed: R. L. Meredith, S. A. Astwood, W. A. Broughton, H. W. Cooke, B. Brewster, W. M. Wilson, T. B. Wynyard, I. Corkill, R. M. Cole, M. J. Bedford.

Fastest Times:

M. F. Craig (scr.), 16min. 15sec.	1
C. Keig (scr.), 16min. 18sec.	2
D. C. Deare (70sec.), 16min. 26sec.	3
G. G. Boon (10sec.), 16min. 45sec.	4
D. W. Allen (50sec.), 16min. 48sec.	5
R. L. Meredith (10sec.), 17min. 2sec.	6
E. F. Baigent (30sec.), 17min. 17sec.	7
W. M. Wilson (20sec.), 17min. 28sec.	8
R. I. Launder (60sec.), 17min. 30sec.	9
N. V. Davies (60sec.), 17min. 32sec.	10

M. F. Craig.

In Memoriam

DR. ERNEST FABER FOOKES.—Died 4th March, 1948.

On Thursday, 4th March, the School heard with great sorrow of the passing of Dr. Fookes.

As an Old Boy of the School, a member of the Board of Governors for 40 years, and as the father of three sons who all left their mark on the School, there are few who have had closer personal ties with us. Our sense of loss is deep.

Dr. Fookes was born at Waverley in 1874 of a well-known Taranaki family. He attended this School until he was 13 and then was sent to England to complete his education and train for his profession.

While in England he distinguished himself as an athlete, and particularly as a footballer. He capped a remarkable career by earning selection for England against Wales in 1894. He played regularly for England during the next four years. In 1901 he returned to New Zealand and set up in the practice of his profession in New Plymouth. The demands of his profession prevented him from accepting an invitation to tour England with the famous 1905 All Blacks.

He soon earned himself a reputation as a doctor and during the 1918 epidemic particularly earned golden opinions for his dogged persistence and selflessness in insisting on continuing with his duties while affected by the malady himself.

He was always deeply interested in sport and served as an administrator on many local clubs and associations. He was honorary surgeon to the Taranaki Jockey Club and the Taranaki Hunt Club. He was president of the Taranaki Cricket Association and president and member of the Taranaki Rugby Union.

In 1906 he was elected to the School Board of Governors until he retired in 1946. From the time he returned to New Plymouth he showed the keenest interest in all School activities and scarcely missed an important function or fixture. As a mark of the respect in which he was held and as an acknowledgment of the great debt the School owed to his long service in our most vital interests the School lined the road leading to the cemetery and the Head Boy acted as a pall-bearer.

His death brought to a close a long life of faithful service to the School and to the community, and with a full sense of appreciation for their loss we extend to his sorrowing family our deepest sympathy.

In Memoriam

MR. L. G. ANDREWS.

On October 8th. the School was sorry to hear of the death in New Plymouth of Mr. L. G. Andrews, an ex-member of the Board.

Mr. Andrews was selected by the Taranaki County Council to represent that body on the High School Board of Governors in April, 1934. He served the School throughout the next ten years, resigning in May, 1944. In those years he became Chairman of the School Farm Committee, and being a practical farmer himself did particularly valuable work.

The School would like to express its gratitude for the service Mr. Andrews rendered it in its administration and wishes to extend its sincere sympathy to his relatives and friends.

PREPARATORY NOTES.

This year the Preparatory started the year with a roll of 27 boys, 14 of whom were new boys. At the end of the first term one boy had to leave because of illness. By the end of the year, the roll numbered 34 boys 27 of whom were boarders and 7 day boys. 1948 marked one of the largest rolls recorded in the Preparatory Department for many years. The Prep. is grateful for the donation made by an anonymous person and to Mrs. Moller for the books given by her which are now in the Niger House library. A meccano set, clock, indoor games, and a number of very useful and scientific books were bought with the anonymous donation of £20. The books kindly sent in by Mrs. Moller are now regularly being asked for and read. On behalf of the Prep. we thank both these people for their kindness.

Congratulations to Roxburgh, Brightwell, I. Takai, Patterson, and Hutchen for winning their various weights in the boxing championships. We are also proud to say that we came second in points for the Wallace Shield. Moyes House 65 points were first and we had 55 points. This has never happened before in the history of Niger House. Indeed we were very successful in the boxing this year.

This year the Prep. has had a rather interesting if not exciting time. For some of the boys at least, there was the hunt for the Golden Pheasant. The boys who looked for it had a merry time going through swamps down by Fitzroy Beach. They did not find it but it was returned by a man about half an hour after the boys had left. The boys have a pair of doves and two goldfish which have just been purchased from a lady who has a wonderful collection of fish from all over the world.

Unfortunately during the year one of the most popular boys of the Prep. left because he was very ill. We are sorry that he left but we all hope that he will get over his illness very quickly. We hope that soon he will be back with us at school again.

Now at the end of our report of happenings for the year, we wish to offer our congratulations to the boys who won their various competitions and to wish the boys who are leaving this department a good time in future life, and to the boys who are staying we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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MR. D. MENZIES.

At the end of 1947 the School said farewell to Mr. Menzies when he retired from the School on superannuation.

Mr. Menzies came to this School as woodwork instructor in 1927, the year of the amalgamation with the Technical School. Prior to that he had teaching experience in Gisborne, and immediately before coming here he had been headmaster of a primary school in Hawke's Bay.

Since coming to this School he has seen many changes, the most important being the introduction of woodwork into the curriculum as part of the compulsory core with the added responsibility of large classes and a very full programme. Many of the members of the staff, including one headmaster, also served their apprenticeship under him in the workshop when it was a novelty in the School, and many handsome pieces of furniture in local homes owe a good deal to his very commendable patience and tact with these most difficult pupils.

Mr. Menzies took an interest in many School activities, but his great hobby was music. He has played the organ many times for the School service at St. Mary's and is still choirmaster at St. Mary's. We extend to him our best wishes for a long and happy leisure.

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CHAPEL NOTES.

The School Service at 9.30 a.m. has been held regularly throughout the year. Archdeacon Gavin has taken the service on most occasions.

On Sunday, August 8th, we were told of the death of Rev. F. G. Harvie who was the founder of the original school service which was conducted for the first time in the Assembly Hall in 1921. This arrangement was carried on until the Rev. E. H. Strong was made Anglican chaplain in 1923. The Vestry then granted us the use of St. Mary's.

The Confirmation classes were held during the second term on Monday afternoon. The Bishop of Waikato confirmed the candidates on Monday, September 27th. The candidates were P. J. Walden, W. D. T. Harris, J. N. Gadd, R. K. Weston, J. Palmer, B. F. Lowe, A. F. Aipon, G. S. Collier, C. L. Crawford, L. J. Croxon, F. W. Day, M. B. Francis, A. C. Gaskell, D. G. Howell, P. J. R. Huggins, J. B. Johnston, B. W. Kerr, R. I. Launder, A. F. Maxwell, T. C. Morgan, I. H. Oliver, E. P. Roberts, D. C. Townsend, D. A. Walker, J. K. Wilton, J. J. M. Wiltshire. The newly confirmed boys made their first Communion on October 3rd at the 8 a.m. service and were the guests of the Bible Class to breakfast in the Church Hall afterwards.

The Communion service has been continued throughout the year in the library on the second Sunday of each month. This service is usually taken by Canon Mortimer Jones.

On Sunday, October 10th, the first day of Home and Family Week, the Rev. L. Beeve of All Saints Parish, Ponsonby, was the preacher. He gave us a most interesting address on our future and married lives.

At present we are practising for the end of year Carol Service. Owing to an early break-up this was not held last year.

A. F. COLLIER.

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MUSIC NOTES.

The Orchestra has practised regularly throughout the year under Mr. Webb. The Junior Orchestra continues to be of value with its training of the younger players, who will augment the Senior Orchestra after gaining valuable experience under Miss Dowling.

This year a Brass Band has been formed as a part of the Cadets. It is to be hoped that interest will not flag. The Band has played creditably in public at Pukekura Park and Parker's Gardens.

The School Choir has practised regularly throughout the year. Although the present fifty members have shown great enthusiasm, it is unfortunate that a larger choir cannot be formed from so large a school. Nevertheless, the standard of choir singing has unquestionably been raised above that of previous years.

The Annual Concert on Sports Night was of higher standard and wider variety, and proved popular with the audience. The most gratifying feature was the increase in the number of boys taking part. This shows an increasing interest in music by the boys as a whole. The teaching of musical appreciation as a class subject is, doubtless, partly responsible. It is to be hoped that this trend continues.

The programme was:—

PART I.

	National Anthem.	
Orchestra: "The School Captain"		Woodhouse
Piano Solo: "Wedding Day"		Grieg
	V. H. Bedford	
School Choir: "The Viking Song"		S. Coleridge-Taylor
"The Donkey"		Hugh S. Robertson
Elocution:		
"Speeches"		
"My Idea of a Girl"		
	R. G. McCallum	
Xylophone Solo:		
"Black and White Rag"		
"Mighty Like a Rose"		
	N. Gadd	
Cornet Solo: "Il Bacio"		Arditi
"The Lost Chord"		Sullivan
	Ron Smith	
Orchestra: Ballet Music from Rosamunde		Schubert
Gymnasium Squad: Tumbling		
	J. Reid, D. Hitchcock, N. Gadd, D. Venables, J. McGeachan,	
	D. Moss, L. Wild, L. Myers, T. Miller.	
Vocal Solo: "Where'er You Walk"		Handel
"Hedge Roses"		Schubert
	David Smiles	

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Violin Solo: "Souvenir"		Drdla
	B. W. Major	
School Band:		March
		Waltz
	— Interval —	
	PART II.	
School Orchestra: "Minuet from Symphony No. 3"		Schubert
Piano Solo: "Selections from Preludes"		Chopin
	R. G. Freen	
Quintet:		
"Love is Meant to Make Us Glad" from "Merrie England"		Edward German
	D. G. Howell, H. Collier, D. G. Baird, P. Young, J. L. Veale.	
Elocution: "Mr. Higgins on Shakespeare"		
"George Washington's Hatchet"		
	D. N. McCallum	
Gymnasium Squad: Balancing.		
	J. Reid, D. Hitchcock, D. Venables, J. McGeachan, D. Moss,	
	L. Myers, L. Wild.	
Cornet Solo: "Zelda"		Code
"Largo"		Handel
	Ron Smith	
Vocal Duet: "Gendarmes' Duet"		
	A. Collier and J. L. Veale.	
Instrumental Trio: "Liebesgarten"		Schumann
"Sea Shanties"		arr. by Dunstan
	Mrs. A. W. Diprose, John and David Diprose	
Clarinet Solo: Excerpts from "Concerto for Clarinet"		Mozart
	J. L. Veale	
School Choir: "As Torrents in Summer"		Elgar
"Drink to Me Only"		Ben Jonson
Orchestra: High School Boys' Dream		Spaulding

SCHOOL CHOIR.

Sopranos: G. S. Collier, L. J. Croxon, I. D. Elliot, A. J. Fleming, C. D. Harris, J. I. Hine, D. G. Howell, R. J. Olsen, J. H. Nash, G. H. Pierce, R. C. Schroeder, D. A. Smiles, W. N. Thomas, B. D. Webby, L. F. Moverly, T. Takai, T. Brightwell, M. H. Dudding, P. G. Robertson, M. E. Gray, E. Pata, I. R. Smith, M. Tere, A. J. Goss, J. R. Brimblecombe, R. E. Black, D. F. Stewart, D. G. Hutchen, D. D. Jennings, D. I. Pool, B. W. Brown.

Tenors: A. F. Collier, P. W. H. Collier, D. G. Baird, M. R. B. McKenzie, H. C. Graham, D. J. Graham, R. H. Kruse, R. F. Lowrie, W. R. Armstrong, J. A. Radford, B. J. Rountree, D. F. Simpson, R. W. Law, G. H. A. Miers, W. A. Candy, A. F. Cassie, H. H. Carter, I. T. Brightwell, L. E. A. Patterson.

Bass I.: S. W. Green, J. K. Heaton, C. J. Peake, R. K. Pearce, J. A. Ross, P. G. Young.

Bass II.: W. G. Croll, B. V. Kerr, E. O. Moen, J. B. Moss, A. E. Turner, J. L. Veale.

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SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

Violins I.: B. W. Major, W. G. Thomson, C. K. Lee, S. Hill, K. Perreaux.

Violins II.: D. C. Deare, D. A. Powell, J. L. Diprose, B. Mills, R. Brine.

Viola: G. H. Bruce.

'Cello: D. W. Diprose.

Double Bass: N. V. Davies.

Flute: P. Hancock.

Clarinet: J. L. Veale.

Drums: N. Gadd.

Piano: R. G. Freat.

This year we have been fortunate in having two delightful piano-forte recital by Miss Caro Hall. The recitals have proved extremely popular with the boys and have done much to stimulate interest in music. We are all looking forward to a third visit from Miss Hall at the close of the term.

Congratulations are extended to those who have passed music examinations during the year.

J. L. Veale.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

The effect of the late start of the School year was felt by the Dramatic Society in that it prevented the production of a full scale effort.

This year the Dramatic Society presented Jules Romain's three act comedy, "Doctor Knock," in playing-reading form, to an audience of High School boarders. It was a play that called for skilful handling having very little action, but abounding in witty dialogue, thus proving an exacting task for many of the actors who had had no previous stage experience, and only four weeks in which to rehearse.

G. A. Patterson.

LIBRARY NOTES.

This year we were unfortunate in losing our chairman, Mr. J. S. Hatherly who, owing to ill-health, has taken leave of absence. His place has been filled very capably by Mr. Harris.

The major work of the year has been the renumbering and re-indexing of our entire stock of books according to the Dewey Decimal System. During the first term the librarians, supervised by Mr. Harris, rearranged the shelves according to the new system. A busy time for sixth formers followed, during which all the books were renumbered in white ink covered by a protective coating of clear lacquer.

To assist boys in finding books, a cyclostyled pamphlet was issued explaining how the books are now arranged. In addition, a map of the library has been placed on the north wall showing where each section may be found.

However, this was not all the work required in the changeover by any means. A card index system has been started whereby each book is represented three times. Firstly in an index of numbers



SCHOOL ORCHESTRA, 1948.

Standing: S. R. Hill, D. W. Diprose, D. C. Deare, R. G. Frean, D. A. Powell, N. V. Davies, B. J. Mills.

Sitting: G. H. R. Bruce, P. R. Hancock, J. L. Diprose, W. G. Thomson, J. N. Gadd, B. W. Major, R. E. Brine,
J. L. Veale, C. K. Lee.

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according to the Dewey System, secondly in an index of authors in alphabetical order, and thirdly in an index of titles in alphabetical order. Unfortunately we have been unable to spend as much time on this indexing as we would like because it has been found necessary to spend much valuable time in repairing books.

At the beginning of the year improvements took the form of a new magazine cabinet and a "new books" shelf. All recent additions to the library now make an appearance for several weeks on this shelf before being given their permanent position.

While on the subject of new books, we would like to thank all those who have helped us with contributions of cash and new books, in particular Mr. Corrigan for many new books concerned mainly with the war and current events, also Miss Evans for many books which belonged to the late Archdeacon Evans.

This year we have been particularly fortunate in receiving from the Government an extra grant which has been used in building up some of our weaker sections, in particular those dealing with Modern Literature, Art, Music, Science and Engineering and the Fiction section. It might be as well to mention here that boys may now borrow piano scores from the music section.

Our assistant librarians have helped greatly in the circulation department by supervising the lending of books during lunch hours. Boys may now borrow books at any time that there is a member of the committee in the library merely by asking such a member to fill in his card.

On the whole the library has had a very successful year and it is evident that if such progress continues, our present shelf system will have to be extended to the west wall in the near future.

W. G. Croll.

U.N.A. CLUB NOTES.

A Junior Branch of the United Nations Association was formed at the beginning of the Second Term, and a committee of four was elected: President, The Headmaster; chairman, J. A. Ross; secretary, S. N. Hetherington; treasurer, R. W. Shaw.

We have held monthly meetings in the School lounge, and at the first general meeting, at which 57 members were present, Archdeacon Gavin delivered an informative speech on the objects of U.N.A. and U.N.E.S.C.O.

At a later meeting John Veale opened a discussion on the atomic bomb and its implications. A heated debate followed, in which every member present participated.

A corner of the library has been devoted to United Nations literature. This has proved a great asset to the School, as it has provided a source of information to those taking Social Studies and those who write topical essays in English.

In future years it is hoped that the Club may grow to take a more active part in School life.

S. N. Hetherington.

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CADET NOTES.

Drill this year was handicapped owing to the restrictions imposed because of the poliomyelitis epidemic, forcing us to forego our annual barracks week. In addition the intended courses at Linton for non-commissioned officers in both January and then May were cancelled. These losses made the work of instructors more difficult.

A new system allocating one half-day a month to drill instead of the familiar period on Monday afternoons was also instituted. The change undoubtedly proved of benefit to all concerned, and enabled much more comprehensive instruction to be given than was possible under the previous method, when the short time limit hampered any large-scale programme. It also meant that drill for the whole battalion was carried on during the second term.

The first drill period was devoted to the making out of rolls, and organisation generally. In subsequent periods, the senior companies were instructed primarily in platoon drill, musketry, field-craft, battle drill, and elementary light machine gun exercises. The first year company concentrated on elementary foot drill, and musketry.

Half-way through the year, an Intelligence Platoon was formed in the charge of Lt. E. C. Brenstrum who has the assistance of Mr. McNeish, with a strength of four non-commissioned officers and eighteen cadets. Finding it impossible to create the conditions under which such a unit would work in the field, the platoon has specialised in map work. Already it has covered map reading, use of the prismatic compass and the protractor, map setting, resection, and the elementary use of the plane table. Cadets have found the work exceptionally interesting and enjoyable. It is hoped that when the platoon gains sufficient knowledge and experience it will be able to undertake practical work of a relatively simple nature for the School.

A great step forward was the formation of a Brass Band, already a vast improvement on the previous Bugle Band. The Band now consists of twenty-three members, as follows:—

Drum Major: D. Hitchcock.

Base Drum: D. A. Wills; **Side Drums,** N. Gadd, J. B. Moss, M. Lawson, D. Venables, T. S. Wagstaffe, L. F. Moverly, P. Terry.

Cornets: I., J. G. Burrows, R. S. Smith.

II., A. W. Rogers, B. Martin, R. Quinlan.

Tenor Horn: W. S. Horton.

Baritones: W. A. Crisp, J. P. Crisp.

Euphoniums: A. R. McGiven, P. F. McMillan, M. C. Sleatley.

Trombones: Tenor, D. W. Diprose; Bass, J. L. Veale; Eb. Bass, G. S. Siffleet.

The Band has been greatly assisted by the interest of the Taranaki Regimental-New Plymouth Municipal Band, who made their bandroom and sheet music available for practices. Regular practices were taken by Mr. Ramsay, the conductor of the New Plymouth band and on his resignation from that position, Mr. Lowe a former conductor of it, kindly consented to assist the School. As we require to have young players coming on each year to maintain the present strength, good tuition is essential.

The Band has been of great value to the battalion on parades and marches. In addition, it has performed at Parker's Gardens,

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and also led a parade of Girl Guides on the occasion of the visit to New Plymouth of Lady Baden-Powell.

Owing to adverse weather conditions, the Battalion did not take part in the Anzac Day parade, the usual service at the Memorial Gates being held, however. A feature which it is hoped will become annual was the inclusion of a representative from the parent branch of the Old Boys Association. Wreaths were laid by Mr. L. E. Petty (representing Old Boys), R.S.M. B. M. Brown, C.S.M. B. McMurray, and Sergeant J. A. Ross, and the Last Post was sounded.

In August, the twice postponed course at Linton was held and twenty-five non-commissioned officers and cadets from the battalion attended. Instruction was given in three courses: General, Light Machine-gun and Signals, and the new Under-Officer Course. The latter was taken by R.S.M. B. M. Brown, C.S.M. R. I. Launder, C.S.M. B. J. Crowley, all of whom passed with credit, being subsequently appointed to the newly-created rank of Junior Under-Officer. This is at present the highest rank which may be obtained in School Cadets, the appointment to Senior Under-Officer being made after a further examination.

On resumption in the Third Term, an examination of junior n.c.o.'s for promotion to the rank of sergeant next year was held. The competition for the Sole Cup, awarded to the best n.c.o. was won by Junior Under-Officer Brown, who was later chosen to represent Area 8 in the William Friar Memorial Prize competition. This prize, given to the best n.c.o. in the Central Military District, was won last year by R. G. Dreadon, the Battalion Sergeant-Major in 1947.

Entrants for the Sole Cup were examined by Captain S. Catchpole, Officer commanding Area 8, who commended them on the standard attained.

On November 5th the battalion was visited by Brigadier L. W. Andrew, V.C., D.S.O., Officer commanding Central District.

We express our gratitude to the Area Commander and his staff and all officers and n.c.o.'s of the Taranaki Regiment for their interest and assistance throughout the year.

B. M. Brown.

SIGNAL PLATOONS.

Despite the cancellation of barracks week at the beginning of the year, the two signal platoons have enjoyed a successful year. The roll numbered 65 and for the first time a limited number of Third Form boys was enrolled. A well-balanced course of instruction, in which visual signalling was re-introduced, was carried out during the year. We were again fortunate to have the services of Staff-Sergeant Mills.

At the Linton Signals Course, held in the Second Term holidays, the School was well represented. An unusual event was that Third Formers participated in the course. All who attended greatly benefited and the general standard of efficiency in the platoons was raised.

Outside activities were not so numerous this year. The first one was in March, when we provided a running commentary on the Flannagan Cup. Sets were stationed at sea and on the shore. Although the weather was not conducive to good radio reception an excellent standard of reliability and clarity was maintained.

In April members of the Signals provided point-to-point communication for the Speed Boat Committee. Remaining events were the Steeplechase and Sports Day.

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The all-day field exercise was not held this year, although on the last morning of the Second Term a full-scale exercise was carried out on the School farm, when we employed all our equipment.

For all these activities we had the authority of the Army Department.

R. J. Littlejohn.

SHOOTING NOTES.

The School again entered a team for the Earl Roberts Shield, a competition for the best team of Secondary School cadets in New Zealand. The team was: W. G. Croll (captain), P. S. Playsted, R. F. Stonnell, R. G. Frean, M. R. McKenzie, M. J. Poletti, N. V. Davies J. L. Veale, D. F. Besley.

The team equalled last year's performance in being first in Area 8, and third in the Central Military District.

The School also entered in the Islington Cup, a competition between cadet units of the Dominion Secondary Schools, gaining tenth place in New Zealand.

Shooting for the School Trophies was held late in the third term. This year entrants in the senior events did not use sandbag rests, which accounts for the somewhat lower scores.

Results were:—

Searle Cup (.303 rifles, range 25 yards):—

	Application (50)	Rapid (50)	Total (100)
P. S. Playsted (winner) ..	49	44	93
W. G. Croll (runner-up) ..	48	44	92
{ B. W. Major	44	42	86
{ M. J. Poletti	42	44	86

Kelly Cup (.303 rifles, range 200 yards):—

	Application (25)	Rapid (25)	Snap (15)	Total (65)
P. A. McDavitt (winner)	23	21	15	59
D. F. Besley (runner-up)	22	21	12	55
W. G. Croll	21	21	12	54

McDiarmid Belt (aggregate of Searle and Kelly Cups):—

	Searle (100)	Kelly (65)	Total (165)
W. G. Croll (winner)	92	54	146
P. A. McDavitt (runner-up) ..	79	59	138
B. W. Major	86	51	137

The Lady Godley Senior Cup, awarded to the cadet seventeen years or over, gaining the highest score in annual class-firing was won by D. J. Baird, with a total of 86 points (possible 90).

The junior class-firing for the Lady Godley Junior Cup was delayed because of the loss of time in the first term, and has not yet been completed.

The Hamblyn Cup (under seventeen years, .22 rifles at 25 yards range) was won by W. J. Underwood with a total of 60 points out of a possible of 65 points.

The Loveday Cup (under fifteen) and the McLeod and Slade Cup (under fourteen) have not been decided as yet.

B. M. Brown.

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MOUNTAIN CLUB.

On Friday 5th. March, a meeting attended by over 70 boys was held in Room 22. The following officers were elected: Mr. J. Stewart (Chairman), B. McMurray (Secretary and Treasurer), J. Ross, J. A. Miller, G. Ingram, A. Luxton, H. Purvis. B. McMurray concluded the meeting with a short talk on the general procedure of a School summit climb.

On Sunday, 14th. March, a party of 44 boys climbed to the summit. The party left the Old House at 5.45 a.m. and arrived at Tahurangi Hut at 7 a.m. where each boy had a cup of tea before resuming the climb. Several boys who had spent the night at the hut joined the party. The summit was reached at 10.15 a.m. Because of a cold wind and a fair amount of cloud, the party did not stay long at the summit. After a cup of tea at Tahurangi Hut, a leisurely pace was set to the Old House where the remainder of our food was rapidly consumed.

The weather became worse and it began to rain before we had cycled back to the School.

Two members of the School Mountain Club spent Easter at the Old House. Owing to bad weather they made only the Bells Falls trip.

During the Second Term, two members of the Taranaki Alpine Club, Messrs. D. Rawson and A. Draper, gave an interesting talk with lantern slides on various points of interest on the mountain, equipment and ski-ing.

On Sunday, 25th. July, we travelled to the mountain by bus. There were 40 boys in the party, and owing to the rain and hail we encountered on the climb to Tahurangi Hut we did not make very good time. After a short rest and some sliding in the snow we returned to the Old House. Because most of the boys were wet we came straight back to School, arriving shortly before five o'clock.

Two more Sunday bus trips were held in good weather. The party made the tramp to the hut, had lunch and spent the greater part of the afternoon in that vicinity. One trip coincided with the Taranaki Alpine Club's ski championships. These Sunday trips on a good day are most popular but prove a little hard on the seat of the trousers.

We wish to thank the Taranaki Alpine Club for their keen interest in our club, for subsidising our bus trips and for acting as guides for our parties.

B. McMurray.

BOXING.

Once again two classes were held this year, the number of boys attending, sixty-two, being considerably fewer than last year.

The decline in numbers was also evident in the Championships, the total number of entries being 127, as compared with 169 in 1947. The preliminaries were started on August 9th, and continued through the week until August 12th. The finals were held on the evening of Tuesday, August 16th, thus allowing ample time for contestants to be quite fit for the night.

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Despite the decline in numbers, the standard of boxing was good this year. Although the general level throughout the tournament was not quite as high as last year, there were many outstanding individuals who proved too good for the rest of their weights. There is no doubt that the School could field a stronger team of boxers than for some years.

The tournament again proved very popular with both boys and friends of the School, and a large crowd witnessed the finals. As in previous years the smaller preparatory bouts have proved exceptionally entertaining, this year they were staged slightly later in the programme, at the request of many followers of School boxing.

The trophy for the most scientific boxer was won by B. Christensen, and presented to him by Mr. A. Clarke. House points for the Wallace Shield resulted in a win for Moyes House with 65 points. Then followed Niger House 55, Carrington 47, Pridham 40, Central 33, West 19, and East 8 points.

We are indebted to Messrs. Clarke, C. S. Garstang and V. Barnes for consenting to act as judges, and to Dr. Church, who has now become virtually the official School referee. We are especially grateful to Mr. Barnes, who gave up so much of his time to assist us with the preliminaries. Our thanks are also due to the New Plymouth Boxing Association for the use of their ring, and for the help and consideration they have at all times shown us, and to those doctors who so kindly agreed to examine the entrants.

The championship bouts resulted as follows:—

Featherweight.—Hayes won from Porter by default.

Prep. Middleweight.—Although there was not much variety in his punching, I. Brightwell exploited his advantage in reach to take the decision from J. Moyle. Moyle made a stand in the second round, but tired in the last.

Prep. Heavyweight.—A. Roxburgh defeated B. Candy on points. Roxburgh was the heavier and stronger of the two, and his superiority became more marked as the fight progressed.

Flyweight.—Constant aggression gained P. Rountree (7.8) the verdict over R. Bramwell (7.6). Rountree attacked continually with hard swinging lefts, and though Bramwell fought back well, he allowed his opponent to set the pace all the way.

Prep. Paperweight.—In an exceptionally entertaining bout D. Hutchen showed a surprisingly sound knowledge of boxing, together with some novel attacking tactics of his own, to defeat the taller and heavier D. Jennings. He possessed a good guard, and kept the initiative in all rounds to take a popular decision.

Prep. Featherweight.—Setting the pace from the first gong, L. Patterson proved too heavy and too strong for P. Robertson, and gained the decision at the end of the first round.

Prep. Lightweight.—Takai defeated T. Brightwell in a rather staid and stereotyped bout. There was little snap in either's punching, but Takai lead constantly and this initiative gave him the decision.

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Paperweight.—M. Palmer (6.13) and R. McClellan (6.11) staged a good bout. Palmer attacked vigorously, but though he scored well, he left himself open and received some solid punishment in return. McClellan was content to counter-punch, but in the last round he gained confidence, took the fight to Palmer, and received a narrow points decision.

Bantamweight.—B. Christensen (7.13) was too good for J. Bathgate (7.10). Christensen displayed a polished, open style, moved quickly, and punched fast and straight. Bathgate was floored for a count of six in the first round. He was sent down again immediately, and the fight was awarded to Christensen.

Midgetweight.—The experience, speed and science of B. Martin (6.7) put him in a class above D. Baker (6.2), and the latter was knocked down several times in the first round. Martin was then given the decision.

Welterweight.—B. Tait (9.6) defeated N. Hebden (9.4). Hebden fought gamely, but he was unable to counter Tait's greater reach and straighter punching. He rallied in the second round but Tait again took charge in the third, and was a comfortable winner.

Cruiserweight.—Fighting warily, F. Albrechtsen (10.6) and M. Harkness (10.4) showed obvious respect for each other. There were only a few sharp exchanges in the first two rounds. In the final round, Albrechtsen opened up with hard swinging rights, drove his opponent round the ring and took the decision.

Middleweight.—A willing contest was provided by W. D. Gardiner (9.12) and D. Hitchcock (9.9). The first round was very even, but thereafter Gardiner always had the edge on his opponent, sending him down for a count of nine in the second round. Gardiner attacked with a deluge of punches in the last round, and the bout was stopped.

Lightweight.—R. McKay (8.11) more than outmatched C. Haworth's (8.12) advantage in reach. McKay gave a fine exhibition of body attack. Punching hard and following up his advantages very quickly, he gained a technical knock-out in the second round.

Light-heavyweight.—In a very even fight, M. W. Wilson (10.9) defeated J. R. Macmillan (10.12) on points. Both mixed it willingly, and there was hard hitting in their exchanges. Honours were about even in the first two rounds, but in the last Wilson scored hard to the head and body, and sent Macmillan down twice. He took a narrow but decisive points verdict.

Heavyweight.—B. M. Brown (10.13) defeated A. J. Miller (11.11) on points in one of the best heavyweight bouts of recent years. Despite the disparity in weight, Brown was superior, possessing a good guard and a versatile range of punches which he used with speed and power. Miller scored well with a snaking left, stabbing it to the head as Brown came in. The first round was fairly even, Miller fighting back hard. He was knocked through the ropes, recovered to send Brown down, and then went down again. He was tiring in the second round and Brown was continually getting through his guard. The final round saw Brown open up a hard exchange and increase his lead to win.

B. M. Brown.

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SOCCER NOTES.

About 45 boys followed the code this year, many of them young players who learnt the game at primary school. With the increase in numbers playing Soccer at primary schools we can look forward to the code growing stronger.

The ground on the Racecourse was prepared early this year and practice was begun immediately after the May holidays. Owing to the number of players and the fact that there were three other teams entered for a junior competition, it was decided to divide the boys into three houses, Central, Country and West. Although this meant a weakening of the School team it provided a much more interesting competition which was won by Inglewood.

Two teams were entered in the Hill Bowl competition and School A reached the semi-finals. Congratulations are extended to Albrechtsen for gaining a place in a Taranaki B team and also to Inch for being selected as a reserve for the same team.
School v. Mt. Albert.

The match was played on the 7th. of August at the Domain, Auckland, resulting in a 1-all draw. The School team travelled to Auckland on the Friday night and played on Saturday morning, consequently it was not up to its best standard. The team was:—Sharland, Inch, Milne, Hook, Albrechtsen (captain), Feek, Adams, Williams, Holder, Bowler, Shewry. Reserves: Oliver, Smart.

—R. Bowler.

HOCKEY NOTES.

This year there were enough hockey players to make up two teams. The teams were fortunate in having made available to them a permanent practice field on the racecourse, on the ground which was also used for competition matches on Saturdays.

The A team was mostly composed of last year's players, and the previous year's experience proved to be a decided advantage. Both teams were entered in the local senior competition, which consisted of six teams. The B team, much younger and inexperienced, did not meet with a great deal of success, but the A team showed better form by making two draws in the competition matches. After a season's play together the A team had a much better combination, but the team lacked finish to its movements and, at times, did not make the most of its opportunities.

Owing to an unfortunate case of poliomyelitis at the Stratford Technical High School the match against that school could not be played, but the match with Hawera Technical High School was played at Hawera.

The team was as follows:—

Forwards: E. Luxton, P. Lovell, N. Gadd, W. Lowrie, D. Hazlett.

Half-backs: W. Croll, C. Peake (captain), R. Pierce.

Full-backs: G. Griffiths, A. Miller, Smith.



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Back Row: A. H. Holder, B. H. Inch, H. R. Sharland, R. P. Bowler, B. H. Milne.

Middle Row: J. P. Hook, R. Feek, F. Albrechtsen (Capt.), G. A. Smart, R. L. Williams.

Front Row: R. A. Oliver.



SCHOOL BAND, 1948.

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The match was played in rather adverse conditions. The ground was very soft and became somewhat muddy as play went on. The game opened at a good pace with the School team on the offensive most of the time and, after a good run, Hazlett centred from the wing for Lowrie to score. After this Hawera attacked and soon evened up the score, and another goal just before the end of the first half made the score at half-time: School 1, Hawera 2. So far play had been very even and the School team took the field for the second spell with high hopes. Soon after the start of the second half the Hawera forwards, by superior tactics, scored their third goal. In spite of some good saves by the School goal-keeper, the Hawera team scored two more goals in the last few minutes, making the final score: School 1, Hawera 5.

On the last Saturday of the second term a six-a-side tournament was arranged in New Plymouth for local teams. There were two sections with four teams in each. The School entered two teams. The A team was the winner of its section, but was defeated in the final by the New Plymouth A. team. Altogether, it was a most enjoyable afternoon's play, and a fitting conclusion for the 1948 hockey season.

C. J. Peake.

TENNIS NOTES.

The early closing in December, 1947, and the postponement of re-opening until March 1st., 1948, prevented School from taking part in the North Taranaki Inter-Club Competition. However, for the present season we have entered two teams in the B grade and two in the C grade. This ensures match-play for at least 16 boys and 16 girls. To date, the teams in the B grade have held their own while the C grade teams, consisting mostly of fourth form players should benefit by the experience of playing against outside clubs.

The School Championships are to commence at the end of November. A number of boys have entered for the North Taranaki Junior Championships which will take place on November 27th. and 28th. The tennis ladder, at the time of going to press, reads as follows:—1, J. Glasgow; 2, M. Shearer; 3, R. Fairey; 4, A. Miller; 5, M. Harkness; 6, S. Pope; 7, A. Townsend; 8, A. Collier; 9, M. Bedford; 10, P. Young; 11, Haworth; 12, W. Wood; 13, J. A. Miller; 14, Huggins; 15, B. Cameron; 16, Stevenson.

TABLE TENNIS.

The second year of the club's existence saw a marked improvement in the standard of play. This improvement was aided by the purchase of two new tables, bringing the total number at the club's disposal to six, and by games played against outside clubs. The prospects for future seasons look bright.

During the season a representative match and the trials for the North Taranaki ladder were played in the school gymnasium.

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The school entered teams in the A, B and C grades of the North Taranaki club competitions and these teams acquitted themselves creditably, the C team, in particular, impressing by winning the C grade championship.

The school ranking list was:—

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| 1. B. R. Boon | 7. S. Pope |
| 2. P. Hardie | 8. M. Shearer |
| 3. A. D. Brownlie | 9. B. Cameron |
| 4. D. Kruse | 10. A. Townsend |
| 5. S. Houng Lee | 11. E. Moen. |
| 6. F. Crowley | |

The school championships were played at the end of the second term, the entries numbering more than seventy. A great percentage of these competitors were in the intermediate grade, which was keenly contested.

Senior Singles:—B. R. Boon defeated S. Pope 21-16, 23-21. Boon won the title for the second successive year.

Senior Doubles:—B. Boon and P. Hardie defeated J. Bertrand and P. Playstead 21-5, 21-16.

Intermediate Singles:—A. D. Brownlie defeated B. Cameron 21-9, 21-4. This match was a fine display of table tennis, despite the convincing margin.

Intermediate Doubles:—Brownlie and F. J. Crowley defeated P. MacMillan and J. R. C. Haworth 21-15, 21-13.

Junior Singles:—R. Batson defeated R. Montgomerie 21-12, 21-19.

Junior Doubles:—Montgomerie and Shroeder defeated D. H. Brown and B. Jack 21-5, 21-9.

Congratulations are due to B. R. Boon and P. Hardie for their successful efforts at the Taranaki Championships during the August holidays.

The most noteworthy feature of the 1948 season was the high standard of play reached by the top twelve players.

B. R. BOON

GYMNASTICS.

More enthusiasm for gymnastics has been seen this year especially among the members of the horse squad who, from capable instruction and patient practice, have reached a high standard.

The number of entrants for the annual championships held on November 12th. was greater than last year. The general standard was very high and the competition was closely contested throughout.

The senior championship was won by L. Myers who consistently showed excellent finish to his work. With a definite lead McDonald was the winner of the Intermediate Championship but the second place was hard to decide upon. The 3rd. Form contest was postponed because of scholarship examinations.

Intermediate Championship:—C. S. McDonald (1), P. W. H. Collier and D. Venables (equal 2).

Senior Championship:—L. Myers (1), A. Luxton (2), J. E. McGeachen (3).

A. H. Holder.

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DEBATING NOTES.

On September 25th an evening of prepared speeches was held in the School Hall, and was presided over by the chairman, Mr. Veale. This was held to enable the debating representatives of each House to see who were their promising speakers and make the final selection for the senior debating teams. There was a high standard of speaking and the subjects were varied and interesting.

Last year at the Hawera Competitions held in the August holidays, Boys' High School members obtained all places in Oratory classes. This record was maintained this year by J. L. Veale, who gained first place in the Prepared and Impromptu Speech classes under 18. Rod and Don McCallum and Denis Brown also distinguished themselves in the elocution classes.

During the first week of November the preliminaries of the inter-House debates were held. The teams were:—

Moyes: M. M. Jamieson, B. A. Walker.

Pridham: E. R. M. Bate, R. J. Littlejohn.

Carrington: D. McCallum, R. C. Schroeder.

Central: J. L. Veale, B. M. Brown.

West: I. Corkill, B. J. Crowley.

East: D. W. Diprose, D. A. Hazlett.

The subject was: "That the widespread extension of secondary industries is in the best interests of New Zealand's future." Central defeated Pridham, Moyes defeated West, and East defeated Carrington in the preliminaries, and Moyes defeated East in the semi-finals, leaving Moyes and Central to contest the finals.

We were again fortunate in having Mr. Moss to judge the final of the Junior Oratory and inter-House debates, which were held in the afternoon on November 15th.

The Junior Oratory Prize, the L. M. Moss Cup, is given to the best prepared speech by a third or fourth former on a subject of his own choosing. The finalists were: Howell (The Spirit of New Zealand); Crawford (Abraham Lincoln); Smith (The Titanic); Kitchingman (Orchids).

Mr. Moss, awarding the cup to Howell, said that he used his voice well and held the attention of his listeners a little better than the other speakers.

In the final of the senior debate, the subject was unchanged, Moyes taking the affirmative and Central the negative. In awarding the decision to Central, Mr. Moss said that it had been a keen contest with plenty of force on both sides, but that he thought the winning team had been the better speakers. Their introduction of humour had been welcome. Thus Central were successful for two consecutive years with the same team.

J. L. Veale.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Taranaki Scholarships.—E. W. Collings, G. P. Monaghan, W. N. Sheat, K. Simpson.

Higher School Certificate.—R. M. S. Archer, D. T. Bathgate, E. W. Collings, K. J. Dobson, R. W. Fisher, D. M. Frank, W. K. Fyson, L. K. James, D. M. Liardet, G. P. Monaghan, A. R. Reid, W. N. Sheat, K. Simpson.

Matriculation.—T. W. Andrews, R. P. Bowler, B. M. Brown, K. G. Burton, R. N. Chilcott, P. S. Cole, B. J. Corboy, I. Corkill, D. P. J. Crofsky, W. G. Croll, B. W. Dey, R. G. Dreadon, B. Ellis, A. A. Finch, R. G. Frean, L. R. Gibbs, T. C. H. Grant, G. Griffiths, G. S. Gundesen, N. K. Higgins, J. A. D. Holden, D. E. Jamieson, I. S. Jones, R. R. Julian, C. Keig, C. R. Kidd, D. M. Liardet, W. A. Lowrie, M. G. Macdonald, B. P. Melody, B. G. Mills, T. J. O'Meagher, J. H. Osborne, G. R. Paul, M. J. Poletti, R. G. Pool, J. S. Putt, R. B. Reweti, J. A. Ross, I. S. Russell, R. S. Smith, J. B. Sturtevant, H. M. Titter, J. L. Veale, T. N. Waters, N. A. Worker.

School Certificate.—B. H. Adams, V. H. Andrews, S. A. Astwood, D. G. Baird, D. B. Barclay, E. R. M. Bate, N. B. Beach, M. J. Bedford, C. W. Bell, R. Boggust, B. S. Brown, J. W. Brown, B. L. Cameron, M. H. Cameron, B. G. Coleman, A. F. Collier, H. W. Cooke, C. E. Croad, J. H. Crocker, B. H. Crowhurst, B. J. Crowley, N. V. Davies, G. I. Deakin, R. S. Fairey, J. N. Gadd, W. D. Gardiner, J. B. Glasgow, M. C. Grayling, M. G. Gow, H. d'A. Grut, D. A. Hazlett, B. E. Herbert, S. N. Hetherington, W. J. Hofman, A. H. Holder, A. B. Hooper, G. J. R. Hunt, C. F. Hurliman, G. W. Ingram, M. M. Jamieson, R. W. Jones, C. M. Julian, R. I. Launder, R. J. Littlejohn, R. I. Looney, C. G. Luxton, J. R. Macmillan, B. W. Major, D. M. Major, R. A. C. Mayhead, J. R. Michaels, J. A. Miller, C. M. Mills, E. O. Moen, R. G. Motion, W. E. Motion, B. J. Novak, O. J. Oats, D. M. N. Paterson, G. A. Patterson, E. H. M. Purvis, G. F. Ramsden, D. S. Ritchie, J. D. Saunders, M. A. Shearer, A. B. Shewry, L. B. Shrimpton, J. H. L. Strawbridge, A. F. Stevenson, L. R. Thompson, B. A. Walker, D. M. Waters, R. C. L. Wilkinson.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LONGER HOURS FOR GYM.

Sir,—

I think that the gym. should be opened to the boys more than it is at the moment. I and several other boys think that we have insufficient gym. work to bring this school's standard up to that of other schools. I suggest that to remedy this, the gym. be opened on Saturday morning (except during the football season as a great number of school games have to be played in the morning) and also Sunday night between tea and bedtime. I suggest the latter time because nobody ever has any particular engagement then and so some are inclined to break bounds. This scheme I think would help to prevent that. As there is a boarder gym. master I am sure this scheme can quite easily be carried out and I am sure that you will give this idea some thought.

I am, etc.,

Desirous.

TENNIS COURTS.

Sir,—

Undoubtedly much criticism has been received about the inadequate number of tennis courts available for the boys. I however would like to remark upon what condition the few courts we have are now in. Behind the baseline of two courts there is a considerable dip with the result that players quite often lose balance and fall. Also the nets are in very poor repair and sometimes it is impossible to determine whether balls go over or not. Furthermore the rough surface of the stone wall behind the courts causes the balls to bounce in any direction and together with the gaps in the wire netting, causes much time to be spent in looking for balls.

Surely attempts could be made to improve playing conditions and all players will agree with me in that immediate attention is required.

I am, etc.,

M.A.S.

[From the extent of the correspondence on this subject it is obvious that there are many players concerned about the conditions under which the game is played at the School. The School authorities are aware of the situation and have definite plans for the provision of additional courts but these will not come in the near future owing to the finance involved. It is beyond the means of a school to provide facilities for all the games boys wish to play and some games are encouraged as school games and some are not.—Ed.]

NATIVE BUSH.

Sir,—

Owing to the fact that the native bush surrounding the tennis courts is being killed out, I think that something should be done about it. The undergrowth is being trampled out by boys climbing up and down the slope on which it is growing. Boys running down snatch at a sapling to steady themselves and it breaks off or is pulled out by the roots and therefore, dies. Younger seedlings are trodden on and crushed, and so they die. I think a fence should be built to stop boys from playing in that area and so to allow the native bush to grow up.

I am, etc.,

M. J. Looney.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SCHOOL UNIFORM.

Sir,—

The school uniform is going from bad to worse. The introduction of a school regulation sports coat was, in my opinion, a retrogression. It is rather unpopular and its inception appeared to act as a signal for boys to wear sports coats and pullover of any colour or design. Senior forms have set the standard for the Juniors by displaying coats of a loud and often, dilapidated appearance. Fortunately this jarring colour scheme is not allowed on battalion parades. But what must visitors think when they address boys who are garbed in a heterogeneous collection of clothes surpassing by far the spectrum in range of colour. I suggest, Sir, as in previous years, rules regarding the correct school uniform should be more rigidly enforced and that no sports coats be allowed in assembly.

I am, etc.,

"Monochromatic Harmony."

[It is good to see a member of the School so interested. The introduction of the uniform sports coat was designed to prevent what the correspondent considers it brought about. There is still a shortage of some items of school uniform.—Ed.]

EXAM. PAPERS.

Sir,—

For some years it has been the custom in senior form examinations to include questions from public examinations. Doubtless, this is an excellent idea but, recently, in some subjects, school exams. are found to consist either of some complete public paper or a fairly large portion of it. Often the papers are only two or three years old. My contention is that this is unfair as often fairly recent public exam. papers are revised by some boys, giving them an advantage equivalent to seeing the term exam. paper or a section of it. This tendency ought to be checked. Questions should be selected from a number of earlier papers.

I am, etc.,

"Moaner."

[This practice arises, we are sure, from a desire to make certain that term etc. exams. are fully up to the standard of the public ones. Emphasis in examination papers changes so much and so rapidly that papers of five years ago might be out-of-date.—Ed.]

SCHOOL CAFETERIA.

Sir,—

I write this letter to make a suggestion which may not be new but which is a good one. It is that a cafeteria should be built where the bus boys and dayboys could obtain a wholesome meal cheaply. If this could be done and the meals were good many more boys would make use of it and it should pay handsomely.

I am, etc.,

J. O. Hendriksen,

[The School authorities are aware of the necessary for a school cafeteria and are keeping it steadily in mind.—Ed.]

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SCHOOL LUNCHES.

Sir,—

Since I have been attending this school, I have noticed how many boys buy pies for lunch or even a few biscuits. I notice that it is generally the same boys, and I am sure any boy cannot keep healthy eating pies or biscuits for a lunch. Whether these particular boys' parents are too indifferent to supply their children with a substantial meal is hard to say. I think something should be done about it. I suggest, because it has been successful in primary schools, to have in place of pies a lunch consisting of sandwiches of whole-meal bread, an apple or similar fruit, a raw carrot and other necessary food containing vitamins. The cost should range from 6d. to 1/-.

I am, etc.,

D.S.

DEBATING TEAMS.

Sir,—

Even though the ability to speak is of vital importance in future life, debating and speech-making generally seems to be losing ground in this school. A good way to arrest the decline would be to send debating teams with our football or cricket teams so that an inter-college debate could be held on the evening after the game. I am sure this would be appreciated by all concerned.

I am, etc.,

M. M. Jamieson.

TEAM SPIRIT.

Sir,—

During the past football season I have noticed a decline in interest in football. On Saturdays when it is wet teams often have to default their games because some players do not turn up. Every boy playing football should know he has an obligation to his team and whether it is wet or not he still has to turn out. What would happen to football in Taranaki if matches were cancelled on all wet Saturdays? There would be no competition at all.

At practices too there is a lack of attendance. It seems that boys go only when they feel like it. It is very seldom that the master in charge is seen by the boy who is going to be absent. Surely something could be done about it. A committee in each group could be set up to investigate the soundness of the reasons of those absent, with a master from the group concerned as chairman.

I am, etc.,

"Esprit de corps."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DAYBOY HOUSES.

Sir,—

How many dayboys now at school realise that the Day House system was established only in 1939? The "Taranakian" of 1940 comments upon the new spirit current in the School, and a visible bracing up of dayboys in general. What could we write now?

The inauguration of the house system engendered considerable enthusiasm, and initially, achieved its aim of fostering a new competitive spirit. In 1941, for example, a dayboy house in the second year of the separate existence, won all three grades in the inter-house football competition. But such enthusiasm proved to be only momentary, the interest to be due more to novelty than to the growth of a true house spirit. Since then the wave of interest has ebbed into indifference and ignorance.

Yet, as has been obvious this year and in past years, there is no lack of ability among day pupils. This year we have more than held our own in cricket and athletics, and on paper at least, are quite strong in Rugby. However, these efforts are spasmodic and are rarely followed up by the sustained support which is so essential to a continued standard of excellence in sport. The very diffuseness of dayboy houses is their greatest weakness. Dayboys are notoriously difficult to get hold of. Once away from school jurisdiction, they hastily disappear into a maze of diverse individual interests. It is impossible to foster any kind of house spirit when members hardly know who is in the house, and who is not, when they are grouped together for only occasional meetings for odd purposes.

What measures can be taken to ensure that even those who, upon entry to the school, possess some perhaps naive keenness and desire to do well, do not lapse into that gradual apathy which seems to envelop the great majority of dayboys? It is essential that we should endeavour to recreate the unity which is the strength of the boarders. The starting of house notice boards was a step in the right direction, but this merely scratches the surface of the problem.

The only way to get dayboys together is to have frequent house-meetings while they are at school—immediately after the seventh period would be suitable—in which matters of interest to the house could be discussed. Such meetings could be run by the prefects, with perhaps occasional assistance from the housemaster. Their aim would be to keep the younger boys well-informed and vitally interested. Lack of knowledge breeds lack of interest and leads finally to the apathy now so common.

I am, etc.,

"Dayboy."

RADIO AND CAMERA CLUB.

Sir,—

Before the war there were at this school Radio and Photography Clubs. Possibly the reason for their being abandoned was the lack of materials and equipment during the war. Why are these not started up again as the required materials are once more on the market? I feel sure that there are sufficient boarders interested to support these clubs.

I am, etc.,

"Sparks."



DAY BOY HOUSE PREFECTS, 1948.

Back Row: R. P. Bowler, S. A. Astwood, C. R. Kidd, B. W. Major, A. A. Finch, N. J. Quinn.

Front Row: B. J. Novak, J. H. Crocker, R. S. Smith, M. G. Macdonald, D. S. Ritchie.



BOARDING HOUSE PREFECTS, 1948.

Back Row: L. R. Gibbs, H. W. Cooke, M. J. Bedford, G. A. Patterson, T. B. Wynyard, L. B. Shrimpton, C. J. Peake.

Middle Row: S. N. Hetherington, W. A. Lowrie, H. A. Wright, A. B. Hooper, M. Tala, R. G. Frean, C. M. Julian, T. N. M. Waters.

Front Row: J. R. Michaels, G. F. Ramsden, B. A. Walker, A. J. N. Miller, J. R. Macmillan, W. G. Croll, E. R. M. Bate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BUS BOYS AND ASSEMBLY.

Sir,—

With regard to the matter of announcements in assembly, I think that this a good idea but it has one fault. When some of the Bus Boys get to school the announcements have been read out. The result is that some of the important ones are missed altogether by the boys. This sometimes causes an undue amount of inconvenience so I suggest that something ought to be done about it. If a Country House notice board were put in the assembly hall where the more important notices could be placed this would help considerably. Hoping that something will be done about this matter.

I am, etc.,

D. Drake.

ELIOT STREET APPROACH.

Sir,—

In the issues of the "Taranakian" for 1946-47, this section contained letters suggesting that something be done to improve the clay bank on the Eliot Street side of the cricket field. I know you must be almost ready to go to print but I think all your readers would be interested to read this cutting taken from the Taranaki Daily News of November 23, 1948:

"It is proposed to build a retaining wall with terracing on the Avenue Road boundary of the main cricket field at the New Plymouth Boys' High School. The project was discussed at a meeting of the New Plymouth High School Board last night.

"An inspection of the bank in question was made by the Taranaki Education Board's architect, and it was his opinion that the bank was in a condition that was a danger to pedestrians on the road below. Measures to improve the bank were that a small retaining wall should be constructed and stepped to allow for the fall in pavement level, while the bank above could be terraced. Plants and shrubs could be planted on the terraces, and each terrace could be faced with ponga. A little of the cricket field would be lost by this measure, but the loss would be in a little-used quarter.

"If terraces are formed, the New Plymouth Rotary Club has undertaken to supply shrubs and plant them. It was suggested that application should be made to the Education Department for a special grant to do this work."

I am, etc.,

"Interested."

[Thank you "Interested!" It certainly seems that there will be action in the near future. Our gratitude goes to the Rotary Club for their interest.—Ed.]

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

THOUGHTS.

Sometimes upon our inner senses
Springs a thought that's not defined,
Tracing a path of haunting vagueness
Through the darkness of our mind.
Trying to draw from inner sight
Something that we can't recall,
Dragging dead thoughts to the light
But failing quite to pierce the wall.
Are these from a great creation
In which we shared long, long ago,
Or are they from an incarnation
Of which we dream but never know?

J. R. Michaels, 6B1.

THE SNOWDROP.

A small green shoot amidst the snows,
The trumpet of spring heralding
That here beneath this barren unfrozen earth
Life is sustained.
A pure white gem with tips of green,
The snowdrop gives to man relief
From winter's dreary length, and faith
In warmth, new growth and health.
In happy hours beneath the sun,
Of burning sands and cool, clear seas,
And when at last the snow is gone
These thoughts and only these remain.

M. G. A. Wilson, 6B1.

GONE TO GROUND.

Pity the poor little hunted hare
Crouching with fear in the bracken there,
Alert for the smallest warning sound
Of huntsman or horse or curious hound;
With senses alert, so fearfully waiting
For the crack of a twig. Fearfully waiting
For the scream of a bird disturbed from mating.
Lying alone in the barren waste,
Tense for a dash with the greatest haste;
And oh! Do you think it kind or fair?
So pity the poor little hunted hare!

Bob Blundell, 3E2.

SPRING.

Dormant life, engendered in the earth's
Productiveness, bursts forth in blaze
To light anew the Christmas tree of nature.
Once again the air contains the
Mystery of scents obscure; browsy
Noon now feels the warmth of
Summer's herald bringing forth the
Bright new mantle of the world
To clothe the uselessness of Winter.
Fresh life, fresh blood into the maelstrom spurts!

J. R. Michaels, 6B1.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

THE NIGHTMARE.

The sweaty hand of Giant Horror
Reaching from soft, black nothingness,
Is suddenly about me,
And drags me from oblivion.
Dread and terror lick and tease
With leaden steps I flee
The clawing, clumping monster,
Cry, an empty choke,
And ugly doom still simmers there below.
The vice of anguish tightens,
I writhe,
Now falling, sickly frantic;
Taunting impossibles around me loom;
The yawning void embraces me,
Captive, helpless. God, oh God,
I cry — I feel the hand
Of night upon the tightness of my brow;
The comfort of her gentle touch;
Her cool breath soothes my thumping heart
And sweet relief slips into sweeter sleep.

R. G. Freaan, 6A.

GLIMPSES OF CHRISTMAS IN NEW ZEALAND.

Surf on the sand with muffled roar,
Cast in a foam on the baking shore,
Seagulls high swooping to soar.

Christmas.

Down by the sea in heavy haze,
Lifting their branches as though in praise,
Blossoming Pohutakawas blaze.

Christmas.

The air is alive with heady balms,
Trees bat the breeze with lazy arms,
Heat waves rising from sprawling farms.

Christmas.

Dusty boots on a dusty way,
Curving down to a scorching bay,
Past the paddocks of heated hay.

Christmas.

Basking townships sleepily drowse,
Shaded sheep continue to browse,
Even the dogs fail to rouse.

Christmas.

Brighter contrast of vivid sheen,
As old as the thoughts that once have been
On saddle and ridge the bush gleams green.

Christmas.

So when we think of Christmas, let's forget the festive snow,
The Yuletide logs of England which we shall never know;
But rather think of sunshine and the dusty open way,
Of native trees all blooming and the smell of new mown hay.

J. R. Michaels, 6B1.

THOUGHTS ON IMMORTALITY.

Is there a life to come sublime and pure
Where man may cast away the shell
Of earthly flesh and soul unfettered rise
Again to meet a destiny on earth,
In form of new-born child to live once more
In this eternal cycle of the soul?
Or is man sent to pass through life, and then,
With disregard for good or evil ways
To die and fade to dust? For if 'tis so
It matters not the type of life he leads.
How oft he strives for good and better ways.
Kind words, good deeds, high mind—of no avail.
To merely die! That cannot be the purpose

Of a lifetime on this earth.
Should each birth bring a new creation here,
Unblemished by a former knowledge of his life,
Unscarred by past misdeeds and wrongs,
—And yet no benefit come from noble past—
Then would the child be pure, unstained by life
Re-lived; then would the spirit have birth and death
Where life is first conceived and stolen away.
But if it leaves the flesh of aged man,
Enriched or ravaged by his use of life,
To live again with past experience,
Yet not with realisation of that life,
Then does the child appear in body clean
But soul enriched by living in the past;
Then is some spur to lead a well-spent life,
A goal which makes the task seem one worthwhile,
The purpose of a lifetime on the earth.

B. A. Walker, 6B1.

TO A PIECE OF CHALK, FOUND BEHIND A CUPBOARD IN ROOM I.

How long in thickening dust have you lain here?
How many times escaped the "General's" broom?
I wish you could speak, for me your tale to hear—
What rough hand consigned you to this corner's gloom,
And all the silent memories of this room?
O small grey shape, though spiders have and beetles been
For long your only friends, yet have you beheld
Many a lesson, many a human scene;
You remember in what subject he excelled,
When he was here, and why another was expelled.
Well have you known that tensest atmosphere
Which comes at examination time, and flies
When the ordeal is through; and year by year
Have felt the newcomers' fearful air, which dies
As each expands and talks, and spirits rise.
To you were borne, though from afar, shouts and cheers
From the football fields, and challenging cry
From cricket nets. You pitied the tingling ears
When the master used, with hot tirade, to try
To shift the roof. But now, alas, has that passed by.
I say it's past: for though it would please me
To leave you undisturbed, 'tis my mean task
To throw you on the rubbish heap. Yet we
Two are alike, in that I can only bask
Behind Life's cupboard till Death plucks me from its dusk.

C. R. Kidd, 6A.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

BOTHER!

Why is Mr. Blow so very great a bore
Putting H₂O with H₂SO₄?
With H+S+O how can he be content!
He doesn't seem to know a good experiment.

But I shall take some O
And mix it in a jar
With gin and indigo
And turpentine and tar.

And light a match to show
What science ought to be;
I hope that Mr. Blow
May still be there to see.

S. Purvis, 4E1.

THE OLD WHARF.

At the entrance of the bay an attempt had been made to build a wharf. A road and a small railway track had been laid down across the headland, sheds built, expensive machinery bought, and even a breakwater of huge boulders made. But the project had failed!

One evening, when a chill wind stirred the grass, I saw what remained of it. Great pieces of rusting iron machinery stood out against the skyline, while the door of what had once been a tractor swung on its rusted hinges with an eerie creaking.

I strolled along the dusty road and so down to the place where the pier was to have been. Parts of the cliff had been cut away and the remainder concreted to form a platform. The wooden walls of two sheds were rotting away, and the corrugated iron roofs were red with rust. Concrete pillars rose at different angles from the sea, and leaned drunkenly against one another. Here and there the concrete had broken away, and pieces of it lay on the rocks. When I turned to go the door was still swinging, and the sea lapped gently against the rocks.

P. Hann, 3E1.

OLD JOSH.

Old Josh, they used to call him. He was a familiar sight sitting on the wharf watching the ships come and go. Often I would stop and listen while he related many strange stories of the days when he sailed before the mast. He would chuckle softly, take out a soiled, crinkled tobacco-pouch and fill his pipe, and then ramble on into one of his fascinating tales. With the smoke wreathing in changing patterns around his pleasant, weathered features, he would draw a knife from under his ragged jersey and whittle away at a piece of wood while his tale unfolded, or sometimes, too, an old Spanish coin which hung on a cord around his neck would seem to kindle memories of those far-off days as he fondled its well-worn surface. His story finished, I would leave my friend gazing with that far-away look in his old brown eyes out over the waves where the gulls wheeled and screamed in joyful abandon.

M. Moorhead, 4G1.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

THE FIRE.

With the screaming of locked wheels and the fast diminishing siren the heavy fire engine comes to a slithering halt. Then, without a second's loss, the men swarm from its red sides to perform their dangerous task against the fire demon. Some rush to the fire hydrants to connect up the hoses, while others swarm up ladders which have swiftly been erected against the sides of the doomed building. Below them great fountains of water arch upwards, turning red as they reflect the ruddy glow from the fire, and then fall with a hiss into the burning interior. After hours of gruelling fighting the fire is brought under control and the men, now black with smoke and drenched with water, clamber from the ladders and remote points of the smoking ruins. With a few men left on guard in case of a further outbreak, the rest wearily climb back on to the engine, which begins to rumble slowly off down the drenched and littered road leaving in its wake the now blackened ruins, from which smoke drifts slowly upwards.

N. B. Quicke, 3E2.

TROPIC ISLE.

A shimmering heat haze hung over the bay dazzling the eyes. Before us as far as the eye could see was a vast, green expanse of undulating jungle. The breakers burst with a roar and sent their milk-white foam coursing up the warm sand. Overhead the stately palms rustled their beautiful fronds as a delicate breeze sighed through the tree tops.

As the sun's blood-red orb passed slowly overhead a turtle crawled laboriously down the sand to the water's edge. A wild pig intent on his quest for roots came snuffling and snorting through the bush. Inside the bay sharks' fins cut the limpid, blue-green water, leaving behind a white, foaming wake and terror in the hearts of the smaller fish. Everywhere was lonely, tranquil desolation. It was a memorable picture of wild, exotic, tropical beauty.

B. C. Murphy, 4E1.

THE PERFECT ALIBI.

While gazing out of the Broadcasting Corporation's buildings at Meadowbanks, Graeme Gardiner, sole operator of the tiny one-man station, was thinking deeply.

His plan was perfect, the time was 7.15 p.m. and the sky was darkening with the approaching evening. The large eight-record radio gramophone was standing in the corner of the studio ready for his evening broadcast, which was to begin at 7.30. Graeme smiled grimly as he glanced at the giant machine. His plan was indeed perfect as, nestling between the records were seven other miniature recorded reproductions of his own voice announcing the following tune. This allowed him exactly forty-five minutes.

Between 7.30 and 8.15 hundreds of listeners would hear him broadcasting, truly a flawless alibi.

Graeme looked up at the studio clock—it showed 7.29. He tested the set, switched on the gramophone, locked the door of the studio behind him and disappeared into the darkness.

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Graeme entered the tiny sitting-room through the open French windows and, taking hold of a small vase which stood on a nearby table, dropped it with a crash to the floor. And then, pistol in hand, he stood facing the door at the other end of the room. The door opened and his intended victim stepped into the room.

The deafening report of Graeme's pistol had scarcely died away when his own voice came mocking him, broadcasting his evening session, through the open door.

"This is Station 2YL Meadowbanks—2YL Meadowbanks—2YL Meadowbanks—2YL Meadowbanks——"

R. J. Littlejohn, 6B1.

POISONED!

(A Story with a Moral.)

It was evening and a chill fog was crawling up from the river and slinking through the streets of the town. His pipe hung empty from his mouth, his corns were throbbing, he was wet and miserable, and old Sam Blewett, the ne'er-do-well of the town, was uneasy. The all-pervading spirit of gloom had gripped him and he was afraid. What was this nameless dread haunting him? Something terrible was about to happen. Well, what else could he expect. Had his whole life not been a series of failures and defeats?

The glistening footpath rang with the purposeful tread of workers hastening home to a bright fire, company, and a good meal. On the wet street car tyres hissed as prosperous citizens sped snugly on their way to comfort. A feeling of bitterness and hatred welled up within old Sam as he shuffled hopelessly back to his tin shed in the undergrowth on the other side of the railway lines. He was an outcast, persecuted by everyone, unable to trust anyone—one of his fits of melancholia was upon him.

All that day, in the office, Mr. Jackson had suffered the tight, sickly torment of indigestion. All day he had fought against it, taking his pills, unpleasant, it is true, but effective, and now, at last, he had found relief. A maudlin contemplation of his own ill-health and a snarling hatred for mankind had given place to an urgent desire to express his gratitude for his gastric contentment. He looked about for some suitable object for his purpose, and old Sam shuffled to his doom.

Sam, still snarling at his misery and warily suspicious of this obvious madman, was hustled into the bright, noisy fish shop on the corner. Before he could understand his position he found himself before a large steak and eggs, while Mr. Jackson beamed benevolently at him across the table. While he ate his brain was seething. What did this eccentric want? No one would pay for such an expensive meal out of pure kindness of heart. He knew that. And as he thought his suspicions grew and he watched and waited.

As the meal advanced (or retreated) Mr. Jackson stood up and went over to the counter to get the tea which the waitress had forgotten to bring. While he waited, he thought of his pills and decided, in his clerky caution, to take just one more in order to prevent a relapse. Dropping the pill into his tea, he took the two cups and carried them back to the table.

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Old Sam, unconscious of his peril, reached out for one of the cups while Mr. Jackson was staring absent-mindedly into the mirror behind him. He peered at the tea suspiciously. Well, it looked all right, anyway. He picked up the cup and gulped thirstily. A slow grimace of horrified amazement spread over his face. With a snarl he hurled down the tea, staggered back from the table tearing at his shirt collar and croaking, "You murderer! I'm poisoned," and collapsed on the floor.

That night, despite all efforts to save him, old Sam died quietly in the public hospital, the victim of a rather unpleasant indigestion pill, a cold, wet night, and an over-vivid imagination, but convinced to the end of the correctness of his forebodings of doom.

The moral?—Why, it's obvious; when feeling melancholic or out of sorts shy clear of dyspeptic gentlemen bent on benevolence, for gloomy imagination is a dangerous thing, but combined with indigestion it is fatal.

D. E. Jamieson, 6A.

CONTEMPORARIES.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines which have been placed in the School Library:

New Zealand: "The Mawhera Gazette"; "The Patrician"; "The Hutt Valley High School"; "The Sheaf"; "The Hamiltonian"; "The Otago Boys' High School"; "Blue and White"; "The Hawera Technical High School"; "The Knox Collegian"; "The Waitakian"; "The Christchurch Boys' High School"; "The Nelsonian"; "The Wanganui Collegian"; "The Christ's College Register"; "The Wellingtonian"; "The Index"; "The Malburian"; "The Westonian"; "The Palmerstonian"; "The Scindian"; "The Fideliter"; "The Hill"; "New Plymouth Girls' High School"; "The Chronicle"; "The Timaruvian"; "The Waimate High School"; "Te Karere"; "The Southlandian"; "The Postman."

Australia: "The Record"; "The Melburnian"; "The Jargon"; "The Unicorn"; "Unity News."

England: "The Ousel"; "The Meteor"; "Lancing College"; "The Lorettonian"; "The Felstedian"; "The Cromwellian"; "The Mill Hill Magazine"; "The Patesian"; "The Reptonian."

Scotland: "The Glenalmond Chronicle"; "The Fettesian"; "The Watsonian"; "The Aberdeen Grammar School."

Wales: "Swansea Grammar School."

South Africa: "St. Michael's Chronicle"; "The Jeppe High School"; "The Graemian"; "The Plum Tree."

Canada: "The South Canadian"; "Vantech"; "The College Times."



L. E. PETTY, Esq.
President of the Old Boys' Association.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

THE past year has been one of considerable activity for both the parent body and all branches of the Association. The outstanding success of the Shilling Donation Scheme for the Memorial Funds can be accepted as evidence that the Branches, particularly, are in a healthy state and retain their interest in the School.

For some years the Association will continue in its purpose of assisting the School by raising its quota towards the Memorial Fund. Contributions from the Branches towards this fund have been very heartening, and we can look forward to a still greater effort next year. At present the plans of the Parent Association for next year are not known, but as a result of this year's experience any plans made by this body will depend for their success on the co-operation of the various Branches.

We would remind the Branch organisations, however, that their first duty as Associations is to themselves, and not to the School—the duty of holding regular reunions and giving Old Boys in those districts an opportunity to meet and renew friendships made at School. We are very pleased to record the formation of an energetic Branch at Taumarunui. Its secretary is W. E. Stevenson, of Box 165, Taumarunui. This Branch will be glad to welcome into membership Old Boys residing in that district. The School and the Parent Association would be glad to hear of other Branches formed in centres of population, and will give any such Branches all possible support.

We have also noted with pleasure evidence of increased activity at Palmerston North. This Branch used to be one of the strongest, and we sincerely hope it can regain its former strength.

The Memorial Fund donors' list, published elsewhere, now amounts to almost £6000. We are pleased to report an increase of £1320, made up chiefly from the Shilling Donation Scheme total (£1017), private donations (£200), and the amount transferred from the Association's Ball Fund (£60).

A full report of the Shilling Donation Fund, and the details of the efforts of the various Branches, is contained in the Annual Report, published elsewhere. The Parent Association is naturally jubilant at the excellent result, and extends its thanks to all who assisted. The response from the Branches was remarkable, they being responsible for £391 of the total. All Old Boys will also be pleased with the efforts of the boys of the School, who collected £609. On congratulating the boys, the Headmaster pointed out that much of this sum would come from local Old Boys, and that therefore the actual contribution from Old Boys would be considerably larger than the £483 credited to them.

The Parent Association extends a hearty invitation to all Old Boys to visit New Plymouth next Easter. In addition to the attraction of the Annual Ball on Easter Monday, the Association will arrange a Reunion Dinner in the School Dining Hall on Easter Saturday. The Headmaster has again generously made available bed and breakfast in the Houses from Friday evening until Tuesday morning. A payment of 7/6 per day will be necessary to cover board. The Association will notify Branches of the details in due course. Any Old Boy who does not belong to a Branch should write to the Secretary of the Parent Association for particulars.

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All Old Boys heard with deep regret of the death of Dr. E. F. Fookes. He was himself an Old Boy and a great friend of the School, besides being School physician and for many years a member of the Board of Governors. On your behalf we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, and particularly to his three sons, all of whom are Old Boys.

Reference is made in the annual report to the presentation of a Memorial Shield by the parents of the late Ian Macleod for competition between the Old Boys and our School and of the Hawera Technical High School, both of which Schools Ian attended. The first game was played this year. Old Boys are very grateful for the opportunity the game gives of selecting a combination of all Old Boys playing football in the province. The match is to be played alternately at Hawera and New Plymouth, and will, we know, be supported by all Old Boys.

Old Boys will learn with regret that Mr. J. S. Hatherly has been forced to take leave of absence, on account of ill health. He has edited these notes since 1940, and as a joint secretary of the Association has done yeoman service. He has been particularly interested in the Memorial Fund, and it is important that all Old Boys should make a special effort to help the fund in order to counter-balance the loss of John's enthusiasm.

In the meantime, news of Old Boys is as hard to get as ever. Please regard these notes as yours—a place where you can exchange news of each other. When you hear that a fellow Old Boy has been promoted, bought a farm, joined the Navy, or produced a son and heir, drop a postcard to the Editor, who in 1949 will be Mr. W. E. Alexander, at the School.

We give a list of this year's secretaries of the Association:—

New Plymouth: M. A. Blanchett, c/o N. B. Bellringer, Devon Street, and J. S. Hatherly, Boys' High School (joint secretaries).

Hamilton: L. G. Day, Hamilton Technical School.

South Taranaki: A. C. Jensen, Box 118, Hawera.

Wanganui: D. M. Brown, Home Cookery, Maria Place.

Wellington: A. B. McDougall, Box 863, Wellington.

Hawke's Bay: C. R. Campbell, Box 389, Hastings.

Christchurch: D. H. P. Richardson, Canterbury University College.

Dunedin: W. M. McLeay, Otago University College.

Auckland: J. W. Wood, 11 Edgerley Avenue, Epsom.

Taumarunui: W. E. Stevenson, Box 165, Taumarunui.

Australia: N. W. S. Brookman, Gilbert Lodge & Co., Ltd., 126 Sussex Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Roll of Honour

As in the 1945, 1946 and 1947 issues, this stands at 212, and is the same as last year with the addition of the following:—

Malcom Edward John Shogren.

Flight-Sergeant David Newbery Luxton.

2nd-Lieutenant Robert James Couper.

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MALCOM EDWARD JOHN SHOGREN.

In the last two issues of the Magazine, the name of this Old Boy has been included in the "Missing, Believed Killed" section. It is with great regret, and with the deepest sympathy for his parents, that we transfer it to the Roll of Honour.

After leaving the School, M. E. J. Shogren was for eleven years a fitter with J. B. McEwen Ltd., of Auckland.

Then, during the war, he went overseas, joining the 75th Bomber Squadron, and was recommended for a commission. On the night of April 28th, 1943, his bomber went missing on operations. Between then and 1947, no trace of him or the other members of the crew could be found.

As a result of later investigations, he is now presumed to be buried in the Svino Cemetery, in Denmark. He was the only member of his crew found or ever heard of.

DAVID NEWBERY LUXTON.

Flight-Sergeant Luxton was an Old Boy of the Hamilton High School as well as of the New Plymouth Boys' High School. In 1942 he was on the staff of the Hamilton Post and Telegraph Department, and in the same year enlisted in the R.N.Z.A.F.

After training in Canada, he arrived in England in December, 1942, beginning bombing operations immediately, and flying Lancasters over Germany. He was placed first in his class in navigation and aerial photography. Soon afterwards he was flying with No. 76 Pathfinding Squadron. While in England, he also played Rugby, being a member of the R.A.F. Wescott Rugby team.

Flight-Sergeant Luxton met and, on December 10, 1943, married, a girl from Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Three months after his marriage, he was listed as missing on Air Operations over Berlin. It has since been ascertained that Flight-Sergeant Luxton, together with the other six members of his crew, was buried at Dobertiz, Germany.

ROBERT JAMES COUPER.

Second-Lieutenant R. J. Couper was a dayboy at New Plymouth Boys' High School. He left New Zealand in 1940 with the 2nd N.Z.E.F. for the Middle East. There, he served with the 25th Battery, 4th Field Regiment in North Africa, Crete, and Greece.

In 1942 he was given commissioned rank. The following year, on July 15th, Lieutenant Couper died of wounds.

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All Old Boys will be sorry to hear that Mr. Moyes has been in the Rotorua Public Hospital since early in October. At the time of writing he is making good progress, and is a great deal brighter. He has had many visitors, including Old Boys and their parents. All Old Boys and his many friends will join in wishing him a quick recovery.

Among the many Old Boys who have visited the School in the course of the year were: J. G. McDonald, M. J. Outred, D. G. Lysnar, A. H. Andrews, J. B. Sturtevant, N. A. Worker, D. H. M. Wilson, H. d'A. Grut, M. N. Hewson, J. W. Wood, D. Levene, A. L. Rae, C. A. Turner, L. Wanklyn, K. H. Collins, A. W. Moverley, C. E. Bottrill, H. Gibson, W. H. Pitt, A. Reeves, S. Chong, J. W. Wright, T. Roberts, L. T. Hone, J. Ford, N. W. Corbett, R. H. Granger, B. Mart.

Wing-Commander P. Weston is on the staff at the H.Q. of the R.A.F., Flying Training Command in England.

Wing-Commander C. A. Turner returned from Britain at the end of last year and is now in Melbourne. He is liaison officer for the R.N.Z.A.F. in Australia.

K. Staunton is training to enter the Roman Catholic priesthood in Australia.

T. H. Logan continues to figure prominently in New Zealand swimming championships.

Maurice Crow was a member of the team which represented New Zealand at the Olympic Games.

R. B. Horner, a chief surveyor of the Malayan Survey Service, who is at present on furlough in New Zealand, has been awarded the Fulton Bequest Medallion for 1948 by the Council of the New Zealand Institute of Surveyors, Incorporated. The terms of this award are "for outstanding service to the Institute and profession," and R. B. Horner is this year's recipient in respect of his book "Survey Computations," a work unique in its practical subject matter. Published in Malaya by the Survey Service, this book is being made available to surveyors' institutions throughout the British Commonwealth, through the courtesy of the Surveyor-General, Malaya and Singapore.

H. G. Murphy ('43-'45) was accidentally killed during the Christmas holidays. He suffered fatal injuries when the car which he was driving collided with an army truck.

D. Monaghan was ordained in New Plymouth last July by the Most Rev. P. B. McKeefry, Coadjutor Archbishop of New Zealand.

A. L. Rae has been awarded the first research grant by the New Zealand Wool Board for post-graduate investigations overseas. He will study for two years in America at the Iowa State College.

M. P. Donnelly has taken up an appointment with the British firm of Courtaulds Ltd. Wisden's Almanack recently included him among the first five cricketers of the 1947 season, and said of him: "Rightly regarded as the world's best present-day left-handed batsman, Donnelly was born at Ngaruawahia on October 17, 1917. In spite of his lack of inches, few cricketers show more punishing power

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with the drive against good-length bowling, and he is merciless in pulling and cutting shorter-pitched balls. The example of this quiet and unassuming man is one of perseverance, for he did not model his style upon that of any great predecessor, but developed on the axiom that constant practice and match play must of necessity bring improvement. Besides his fluent, stylish batting, Donnelly has few superiors as a fieldsman at cover point."

T. C. Larkin recently accompanied the Prime Minister on his visit to London. He is on the secretariat staff of the Department of External Affairs.

The death occurred in Auckland last July of Edward Allan Brooker. He left School in 1917, and subsequently led a successful business career.

J. W. Wood has been doing well in athletics and boxing at the Auckland University College. At the inter-faculty sports he jumped 22ft. 3½in. in the long jump, which was an inch better than Goddard did at the New Zealand Championships this year. Last year he won the lightweight University boxing title. His brother, Russell, was recently awarded his boxing blue for Oxford against Cambridge.

Dr. Bruce Faris, who was formerly senior resident medical officer in the Sydney women's hospital, has been awarded a New Zealand travelling scholarship in obstetrics and gynaecology.

Commander J. S. Hilliard, D.S.C., has been appointed an honorary aide-de-camp to the Governor-General.

E. R. Dearnley, who was dux in 1933, was an outstanding participant in the Inter-Dominion Radio Quiz. He was the only entrant who was able to answer all the questions set.

Dr. Peter Allen, who has been radiologist at the New Plymouth Hospital for the past eight years, sailed last September for England to take up his tenure of the Chester Beatty Travelling Scholarship in Radiology. The scholarship was awarded to him in 1939, but owing to the war and subsequent difficulties in obtaining a suitable locum tenens he was not able to take advantage of the opportunity till this year. He will be in England for approximately a year, and during his absence is taking a keen interest in the progress of cricket in Taranaki, having been for some years a prominent member of the Old Boys Cricket Club, and president of the Taranaki Cricket Association.

J. S., G. A. and D. O. Kerrisk are farming at Ohangai.

C. W. Kerrisk is in a radio-electrician business in Hawera.

B. N. Hopkins, who left New Zealand for London in July, 1946, as radio officer on board the S.S. "Baltraffic," has for the past twelve months held the same position on the S.S. "Grand River," an oil tanker owned by the Overseas Tankship Corporation, of New York. He hopes to return to New Zealand about the end of the year.

J. S. Hatherly ('26-'33) left New Zealand for South Africa on the "Tamaroa" in October. He will spend about a year in the country on sick leave.

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From Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, J. F. (Lachie) McDonald (1925-28), special correspondent in the Far East, South-East Asia and the Pacific for the London Daily Mail, wrote in September:—

"I'm sorry it's taken 15 months to keep my promise to bring you up-to-date on recent movements. I went into Atsugi, Japan, with MacArthur's airborne troops on August 30, 1945, and thought I was surely the only Old Boy round Honshu at that time. I wasn't. A couple of days later, in either Yokohama or Tokyo, I ran smack into Ivor McIvor, then a Royal Australian Air Force intelligence officer attached to the U.S. Navy, and now, I believe, an accountant in Ballarat, Victoria. Joe Christie and other mutual friends will be glad to know McIvor and I did better than on our previous meeting at Tacloban in the Philippines some months before the end of the Pacific war; we got some beer on the second occasion. McIvor each time brought me up-to-date on School affairs.

"I was in and out of Japan, with Tokyo as a base, until mid-January, 1947. Saw China, or rather that small part of China, from Canton in the south to Nanking, Shanghai and Peking, and as much of Korea as the Russians would permit. They occupied the northern half of the Korean peninsula, the Americans the southern half. With a couple of American correspondents, a Negro, a Chinese and an Australian, I jerked a special locomotive and a pullman coach from the frightened Japanese stationmaster at Seoul, and paid the Ruskie a visit. They kept us for a day after stopping our 'special' a few miles south of Pyongyang, their headquarters. Our wrist-watches were a great hit with the Red soldiers, who offered all sorts of trade goods for them, including German and Russian pistols. No trade.

"Then to Hong Kong once more, Indo-China and Siam. Back to U.K. for February, March, 1947, and glad to get off to Burma in April. We ran into the blizzard which started that winter's U.K. freeze-up and I had an unexpected 10 days in the south of France, mostly Marseilles, where the French they speak is slightly different from Vic. Kerr's more Parisian variety. However, by vigorous use of both hands and a few French phrases which weren't in the School curriculum, I got along all right in Marseilles. U.K. had less food and less warmth than any other country I had been in for some years but, like everyone who has lived there, I was overjoyed to see it again.

"Burma for a couple of months, the most interesting part being a journey through some of the Shan States on the mountainous border to China. Despite Geneva, there were white poppies for miles and miles—and caravans coming in from China and Siam to cart off the crop. Opium. U Aung San, then Premier of Burma and twice a traitor first to us, thento the Japanese, whom he aided in their attack on Burma, gave me the first definite news that Burma would be out of the Empire by the end of that year. He took singular pleasure in telling me, and I shed no tears a month later when I read how Burmese gunmen belonging to another faction had burst into his office and slaughtered him along with a handful of his cabinet. Burmese killings still go on, and will. At moment of writing this a colleague on the foreign staff of the Daily Mail is held in Rangoon gao by the present Burmese administration. No charges have been preferred against him—a quaint old Eastern custom.

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"Australia, Tonga, Fiji, and, too briefly, New Zealand. Then to another war, the Dutch 'police action' against Indonesian republicans in Java and Sumatra. Back to Australia for the British Commonwealth conference on preliminaries to the Far Eastern peace settlement (still to be finalised) and some peaceful weeks in Tasmania. London couldn't understand why a British Premier charged with graft—and later cleared—did not resign until his honour had been vindicated. London doesn't understand Anzac labour politics.

"Then back to New Zealand for two months, mostly leave. Sydney again, then Singapore and the Federation of Malaya with a temporary base at Kuala Lumpur.

"Next? You never know in this job. But I hope one year soon it will take me to New Plymouth for a good, pre-war Old Boys' reunion."

J. Kelly ('45-'46) is with his father on his farm near Waverley. He is playing good football for the Waverley Club.

W. T. Mathieson ('36-'39) is teaching at the Vogeltown School, New Plymouth. He was the leader of the forwards in the Old Boys' senior Rugby team.

D. E. Black ('44-'45), after serving with the Railway Department in New Plymouth and Palmerston North, is now employed by the Patua factory.

L. R. G. Pattie ('41) is teaching at the school on the Great Barrier Island.

Laurice ('43), **Basil** ('41-'42) and **Ronald Whitehead** ('37-'38) are all working on their father's 700-acre cattle farm on the Ohanga Road, Tikorangi.

Algar Trill ('14-'18) is an engineer in the Merchant Marine. **E. L. Reeves** ('15-'17) is resident in Wellington, and has entered his son in the School.

Maurice Munro ('39-'44) is now completing his third year at Auckland University, studying for his architecture exams.

Frank Peach ('39-'40), now married and living in Hastings, is still on the staff of N.Z. Aerial Mapping Ltd.

Henry Worthy ('40-'43) has returned to farm at Patumahoe after war service with the Merchant Navy.

Doug. Hamilton is working in an indent agent's office in Auckland. He has just become engaged.

The brothers **Dunbar** (**C. O.**, **O.** and **I. J.**) are managing the store at Urenui.

J. G. Jamieson ('42-'45) is working with a Wellington law firm, being a part-time law student.

G. A. Waters, mentioned in the 1945 Magazine as working at the New Plymouth Post Office, has since been transferred twice—first to Greymouth, where he spent two years, and then to Wellington.

Murray Rose ('43-'45) is with the Eltham branch of the Bank of New Zealand.

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Old Boys working with accountants' firms in Wellington are **W. J. McBurney, B. Candy and I. Jackson.**

Barry Shaw ('42-'46) is reporting for the Taranaki Herald.

E. W. Kedgeley was last year appointed assistant registrar of the University of New Zealand, after a distinguished war record.

Gav. Crowley, Colin Blance, Bill Watson and Dickie Dow have transferred from the Canterbury to the Otago University.

Tony Reeves, who has for the last two years been at Victoria University, will go to the Otago University for two years, to finish his B.Sc. degree.

Ivor Field is now serving with the R.A.F. in Britain, flying jet aircraft.

We have received a letter from **A. Lucas**, who is on leave of absence from the School staff. Mr. Lucas says he and his family are very well, and he has passed exams. in chemistry, physics, and bio-chemistry.

Malcolm Campbell has been transferred to the Wellington branch of the Bank of Australasia.

R. Boulton is with the Wellington firm of Briscoe and Mills.

The Old Boys' Race at the Annual Sports this year was an epic struggle. More athletes of the past than for many years faced the starter, and the field included Old Boys of almost every year as far back as 1913. **Burford Norman** ('13-'14) was on the limit. There were the usual false starts and the complaints about the handicapping, which became more vocal when **Dick Baunton**, an Old Boy member of the staff, won the race. The handicappers denied all charges of favouritism, and pointed to the closeness of the finish. The limit man agreed with them, saying that he was leading to within a yard of the tape, when the whole field seemed to flash past him. The race had its usual incidents. For instance, **Stan. Hutchen** ('15-'24) gathered such speed in the first fifteen yards that his body passed his legs and he fell. (Figures in the brackets refer to the years at School, and not to the order of favouritism.)

Among Old Boy visitors to the Annual Sports were "**Monty Menteith** ('11-'15) and **George Caveney** ('18-'20). Monty is now living in Christchurch and George at Opunake. George has a son at the School.

It is with great regret that we record the accidental death of **Flight-Sergeant Victor Horton Baird**, on August 17. Together with a fellow-airman, Flight-Sergeant Baird was killed when the Mosquito Bomber in which they were flying crashed into the sea off Himatangi Beach. Flight-Sergeant Baird was at the School from 1935 to 1936. After leaving, he entered the motor engineering trade. Then, in 1938, he entered the regular R.N.Z.A.F., and during the war served gallantly in the Pacific theatre.



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I. D. Morton, who is carrying on his research in organic synthesis at Trinity College, Cambridge, writes as follows:—

"I have not as yet discovered any other Old Boys here at Cambridge. I understand some freshmen from New Zealand have arrived this October, but I have not contacted them yet. The term started a few months ago and the University and College are more crowded than ever—well over 7000 this year. Life is rather difficult when you are so crowded, but I am most fortunate this year as I now have a set of rooms to myself in the College, facing the Great Court, instead of sharing some rooms as I have done during the last two years.

"Now that my New Zealand Scholarship is finished I have been given a senior grant from the Medical Research Council of this country to continue with my research. My thesis for the Ph.D. degree has now gone into some 160 odd pages of closely typed material, and all I have now to get through is the oral examination, about which my Prof. told me to have no worries.

"I intend to stay on here in Cambridge for a while after taking my degree. I like the atmosphere of the place and also I like Great Britain very much and want to see more of it. After I had completed my thesis at the end of August I went off on a most enjoyable five weeks' hiking around Scotland, up into Skye and then into the Cairngorm mountains, as well as Edinburgh and Glasgow, of course. It is very pleasant seeing all these places in good weather, but after a while I get tired of doing nothing, and really Trinity College, Cambridge, is a very pleasant spot to come back to, a secluded haven away from the rush and bustle of the outside world. And yet you meet so many types and nationalities—our laboratories are a good mixture of almost all European nationalities, including Polish, Spanish, German, Swiss, Hungarian, and then the Asiatics and students from the Dominions. We do, I hope, get a much more sympathetic approach to one another's problems."

J. Binny ('44-'46) and **J. Bradbury** are both engaged in farming at Toko.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. Goss ('14) visited the School during the year. After leaving the School, he entered Duntroon Military College and joined the Imperial Army during the First World War. He became the Commanding Officer of the East Yorkshire Regiment, then entering the Staff College at Camberley. As a Brigadier he went to Burma, and has represented the British Staff in Denmark. The Lieutenant-Colonel will be retiring from Army life about Christmas.

P. J. Callaher is a chemist at the Farmers' Fertiliser Works in Auckland.

R. H. Granger has an Accountant's business in New Plymouth.

S. Chong is in the Railways Department at Ohura.

Tom Roberts is on the staff of the Waitara Primary School.

L. T. Hone is farming at Waverley.

Jack Ford is working in the Bank of New Zealand at Feilding.

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N. W. Corbett is with the Union Steam Ship Company in Wellington.

Bill Mart has just arrived in New Plymouth to work at the P. and T. Engineers' Office, having been transferred from Wellington.

D. P. Reston, who was until recently employed by Duncan and Davies Ltd., New Plymouth, has gone to Auckland to take up a position with Winstone's Ltd.

R. Boggust, G. Paul and D. Goudie are three Old Boys employed at Duncan and Davies Ltd.

The following are to be congratulated on their respective successes in Degree examinations: J. B. Woodward, E. M. Meuli, H. P. B. Mitcalfe, K. G. Russell, J. Corkill, G. P. Monaghan, W. N. Sheat, B. J. Corboy, O. M. Pritchard, J. W. Rowe, K. M. Simpson, K. W. Tonks, R. N. Chilcott, A. N. Wilson.

R. G. Wood, at Magdalen College, Oxford, has done well at boxing. The "Times" said of him: "Wood not only was nicely balanced and steady, but seldom failed to hit straight as well." He was a member of the Oxford boxing team which recently beat Cambridge by six wins to one.

H. Clarke is farming on the Lower Lepper Road, Inglewood.

M. E. Jones ('37-'41), who is employed by the Social Security Department, has been recently transferred to the Hawera Branch.

B. Dey ('43) is working in Walker and Derby's Garage, New Plymouth.

John Wright ('24-'25) was an interesting visitor to the School late this term. Some Old Boys will remember him as a member of the staff in 1931-32.

John won a National Scholarship in 1925, and after taking a degree in New Zealand and getting some teaching experience, he went to Oxford for two years. Intent on seeing something of the world, he then joined the Colonial Education Service and was appointed to Queen's Royal College, Trinidad, where he remained for twelve years. He was then transferred as Lecturer in English to the Ibadan University College, Nigeria, which is affiliated to the London University.

He spoke in a most interesting manner on the subject of his new appointment. The purpose of the college, which has just been founded, is to prepare Nigeria for self-government. There will be 200 native students preparing for London University degrees in Arts and Science, and diplomas in Medicine to allow them to practise among their own people. When trained, these students will enter the Nigerian Government Service. Nigeria itself is a hot tropical country, three and a-half times the size of New Zealand, just north of the Equator. The population of 25 millions are engaged principally in subsistence farming in a primitive fashion. Cocoa and ground nuts (peanuts) and a little tin are exported. The average income is £5 a year.

Speaking as a teacher, John said that his students were of fair intelligence, but that living conditions generally were grim, and it would take a long time to lift them out of their environment.

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A. W. Moverley, head boy of the School in 1927, has kindly forwarded the following very interesting account of his travels. He has gone to Pitcairn island to build and organise the first school as Educational Officer in the Colonial Service.

I promised you some account of my travels, excerpts, we hope, to be suitable for the Taranakian. Well, here it is:—

After practically a year of delays we left New Zealand at the end of March, but the story was repeated in Fiji, where we were kept waiting for three months. Building materials and the ship were the main causes of delay. For her voyage of six thousand miles the ship had to have a complete overhaul, and time is no object in the tropics. I made the most of my opportunities to see Fiji and travelled 320 miles by land on one trip and a thousand miles by water on three others. In the process I saw all the strange tropical things that R. M. Ballantyne used to thrill us with in boyhood.

Over in the Exploring Isles I had one exciting experience with a shark, which was either very hungry or else somebody's pet, because it crased me into knee-deep water, where it stranded beside our drawn-up dinghy and had to struggle to get away. Two of our Indian crew then acted as bait, enticed it alongside, hit it on the nose with a heavy stick, lassoed it round the tail, towed it out to the motor-yacht before it recovered, and hoisted it up on the davits, where its struggles as it came-to shook the whole sixty-foot ship.

On another trip one of our motors broke down, and as a result we arrived back off Suva after midnight and in the midst of a storm with visibility nil, so that we could not see the lights marking the passage through the coral reef. For fear then of hitting it in the dark we had to turn and run out to sea till daybreak, and in the meantime the ship did everything but turn flips.

I found Fiji a most interesting place, but I had to go there to realise that I really knew nothing about it before; yet it has the greatest of possibilities for importance to New Zealand and should be given far more attention in our geography lessons. New Zealand already has a fair market there and takes a lot of Fijian produce. Fiji relies upon New Zealand for most of her supplies, because her main sea and air connections are with New Zealand. New Zealanders are welcome in Fiji and are appearing in increasing numbers especially in the Government services, particularly teaching. Fiji too tends now to look to New Zealand for leadership both in political affairs and in culture. The strategic importance of the place to New Zealand becomes apparent when one considers its small flying distance from Auckland; hence one soon ceases to wonder at the presence of so many R.N.Z.A.F. members there. Unfortunately it is already more than the head of the spear of Asiatic penetration towards New Zealand, because the hardworking, hard-bargaining, thrifty, prolific and politically conscious Indian already outnumbers the easy-going cheerful Fijian, so that there are all sorts of racial possibilities there.

N.P.B.H.S. is well represented. Basil Hooper is second-in-command of the picturesque Fijian police force. Mrs. Hooper of course was Miss Law, a daughter of the well-beloved matron of our times. Ernie Jeffries is the accountant in the Bank of New South Wales,

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and Ranji Mahraj is an inspector in the Income Tax Department. I had a pleasant yarn with each of these, but they told me of others of the older and the younger generations who went to School from Fiji and are now back on the native heath and doing well. The only one I knew was Rupe Mahraj, who has done well in teaching. Then of course there are other old boys on air service in Fiji.

We left Fiji at the end of June with 330 tons of cargo packed aboard our vessel. A motor ship 152 feet long, she was not really small, but she was no ocean greyhound, for it took us twelve days of plugging into wind and current to reach Tahiti. There we had a welcome and interesting break of five days. It is certainly a beautiful place, more so than Fiji. I found that my school French was much more serviceable than I had been led to think it might be, and by French barber assured me that after a few months in the country I would be talking "like a native." He did not specify whether a French native or a Tahitian. If the latter, then I should not feel flattered if I am to judge from the attempts of those I heard. Coastal and interisland ships in Fiji look like boxes floating but the waterfront at Papeete is lined with graceful streamlined schooners, all stern-on to the shore. Making wharves in Tahiti is not much trouble, because the tidal fall is only about eight inches and because as with so many volcanic islands deep water may be right along-shore. In Tahiti the Chinese take the place of the Indians in Fiji. I found their innumerable general stores crammed with New Zealand produce still rationed at home and at Home. Most of them seem to speak English rather than French, as I found after a fruitless attempt at bargaining, when in desperation the young Chinese shopman cried: "Spik Inglis!" Full-blooded Tahitians seemed a rarity in Papeete, where admixtures of French and Chinese are most apparent.

Eight stormy days out from Tahiti we sighted Pitcairn straight ahead. It certainly looked impressive, high and solid. Fortunately the weather improved to almost a flat calm for our landing, though it did not remain so throughout all the unloading operations. There is no shelter for shipping, and the Landing is a tiny beach twenty-eight yards long, all submerged at high tide, and approached through sunken reefs with a passage only a chain wide at its narrowest. A flat area above one end is just enough for the boat-houses.

Unsuitable weather and the absence of the ship while erecting a light-house on the strategically placed Henderson Island delayed the completion of the unloading operations for twenty-six days. The island boats are about forty feet long and depend on oars and sails. We had the ship's launch to hurry them between the ship and the breakers, but we had no mechanical power for lifting stuff from boats to shore. As the cargo included 126 drums of cement at 3½ cwt. each, reinforcing steel, heavy timber, hardwood piles, two refrigerators at five hundredweight each, a diesel engine at fifteen hundredweight, and a power winch at some tons and a marine motor, you will appreciate that the local men would hardly qualify for lifting hatches on the "Mountpark."

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Fortunately we had a "flying fox" for lifting everything to the cliff-top, three hundred feet above, but from there everything has had to be man-powered to the site about a mile away. This includes sand and gravel for the concrete. Progress seemed distressingly slow at first. There was much excavating and levelling to do and concrete foundations to put in, but now the shell of the school-community centre is up with most of the wall boards on, and tomorrow the first of the roofing iron should be in place. Meanwhile the house site has been prepared, and a start is now being made on foundations. I have under me three Indian builders from Fiji, and we recruit as much local labour as is offering.

I had a free hand in choosing the site. It is a little removed from the village, somewhat elevated, on a gentle slope facing the sun and covered with natural turf studded with coconut palms, fruit trees of many kinds, and scrub. It is some acres in area. The back boundary will be a great crag, bush-filled gullies form the flanks, and just beyond the frontage is the broad Pacific. Christian's Cave frowns down from a sheer cliff to the westward. The whole site is extremely beautiful, as indeed is the whole island. If one could live in Pukekura Park in perpetual summer with the hills somewhat higher and the sea somewhat closer and most of the trees bearing edible fruits then one would have some idea of my present surroundings. The people are much as one would find in any small community in New Zealand with physical types ranging from Maori to Nordic. The language is English, though a dialect has developed.

Pitcairn averages more than one visiting ship per week, but most of them are casuals in that they do not bring cargo or mails. They will all, however, take mails on request and seem only too pleased of the excuse to call. The island seems to grow nearly every kind of fruit and vegetable, so that it survived the war period, when it was thrown very much on to its own resources. Although it rises abruptly from the sea, the interior is far from rugged, and already I have picked out a site which some day I hope will have its goalposts and cricket pitch.

We should be ready to start school by next year. Pitcairn is quite education-conscious, and I had no trouble in rounding-up for enrolling the twenty-five children. There also seems to be a demand for adults' classes and the organisation of sports and social activities. So, although already the days are not long enough, it looks as though I am going to have little time for taking up a hobby.

Finance for the present project came largely from the sale of stamps. Collectors throughout the world have proved extremely interested in the descendants of the mutineers of the "Bounty."

Well, there you have a fair outline of my activities; so I shall close with best wishes to all on the staff and elsewhere who may remember me.

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PARENT ASSOCIATION

The following is the Report which will be presented at the Annual General Meeting postponed till December 6th:—
Gentlemen,—

ANNUAL REPORT.

I have much pleasure, on behalf of your executive, to present the 29th Annual Report of your Association.

The Association has had another successful year, raising over £1000 for the Memorial Fund, which is a grand effort, as the Gala Day was not held, owing to the lateness of the School opening.

ANNUAL BALL.

This was held on Easter Monday evening, March 29th, in the School Assembly Hall, where a large crowd enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The financial result was most gratifying, the sum of £84/4/10 being the nett sum raised. Special thanks to the Ladies Committee, under Mrs. Handley Brown's supervision, for the efficient manner in which the supper arrangements were carried out.

Your Committee makes the following recommendations regarding next year's Ball:—

1. That advertising in the papers be made more regular and advertisements made smaller.
2. That the same orchestra (L. Davies) be engaged, which engagement to be confirmed in writing.
3. That the orchestra be made to arrange professional players for extras.
4. That the Kitchen Staff at School be approached at least one month before the Ball.
5. That Mrs. Beamish and her helpers be re-engaged and be contacted early.

ANZAC DAY.

Many Old Boys joined in with the School at a short Memorial Service which commenced at 9 a.m. held at the Memorial Gates. As this was the first one attended by Old Boys with the School, it is to be hoped that more Old Boys will attend this simple and impressive ceremony.

ONE SHILLING DONATION SCHEME.

Once again success has been met in this method of raising funds and it is pleasing to see that most of the Branches have done their bit with the grand support of the boys of the School. The sum of £1093/0/7 was the gross proceeds, making a nett profit of £1017/6/-, which sum has been handed over to the trustees of the Memorial Fund, making an increased amount of £299/13/7 on last year's effort.

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Thanks are due to J. Hatherly and T. N. S. Watt for their excellent administration work and to business firms and Old Boys for their donations of prizes.

The Branch results are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	92	10	0
Wellington	94	10	0
Auckland	35	16	0
South Taranaki	113	6	0
Wanganui	50	6	0
Christchurch	12	17	0
Hastings	35	12	8
Palmerston North	11	0	0
Taumarunui	8	10	0
Rotorua	8	2	0
Morrinsville	6	15	0
Te Awamutu	9	14	0
Hamilton	4	6	0
Sundry Extras	14	8	
	£483	19	4
School	609	1	3
Gross Total	£1,093	0	7

Included in the above amounts are several donations given to holders of books to send in with other receipts. After payment of expenses the nett profit was £1017/6/-.

IAN MacLEOD SHIELD.

This Shield was presented by Ian's parents, of Manaia, for annual Rugby competition between New Plymouth High School Old Boys and Hawera Technical High School Old Boys, to be played each year, alternately at Hawera and New Plymouth. This year it resulted in a win for Hawera and this game should develop into one of the games of the province as both teams always play open football.

GENERAL.

At the close of the year your Committee, after paying all accounts, will have a credit of £40 approximately, as we are keeping up the policy of paying all moneys that can be spared to the Memorial Fund trustees.

We regret the loss of Mr. J. Hatherly's services and all Old Boys wishes are that John will enjoy good health after his health trip to South Africa.

Your Committee wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. G. J. McNaught for their continued support to the Association.

REUNION DINNER.

In addition to the Ball next year, a Reunion Dinner will be held in the School dining hall Easter Saturday, 1949. We trust that there will be a representative gathering of Old Boys. Bed and breakfast is available at the School over the Easter period for a fee of 7/6 per night.

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THE NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB (Inc.).

At the 26th Annual Meeting, the following officers were elected for the season:—Patron: Mr. G. J. McNaught. President: Mr. H. W. Brown. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. B. Robb, E. Luxton, A. J. Papps, V. J. Barnes, W. E. Alexander, L. Christie. Hon. Secretary: Mr. S. Florence. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. D. S. Nielson. Hon. Auditor: Mr. F. V. Morine. Club Captain: Mr. R. G. Richardson. Senior Coach: Mr. G. C. Cleverley. Junior Coaches: Messrs. E. C. Smith, R. Grace, D. Gillespie. Delegate to T.R.U.: Mr. G. F. Bertrand. Delegates to Annual T.R.U. Meeting: Messrs. E. H. Marfurt, N. Leighton, F. Novak, R. A. Roper, D. Gillespie.

Although none of the Club's teams was successful in winning championship honours, the 1948 season was nevertheless an enjoyable one. The season opened with the annual fixture between Auckland Grammar Old Boys and the Club's senior XV., played at Auckland on Easter Saturday, Grammar being successful. The Black and White Cup match with Clifton was this year played in New Plymouth, and our team won this trophy for the third time in succession since the revival of the post-war senior competition. The first junior team travelled to Wellington and played their annual game with Woburn Club, while the third grade team played Woburn at New Plymouth and also played a Grammar Old Boys' team at Auckland.

The first junior team are to be congratulated in finishing third in their competition and for winning the Club's Trophy for the best Club team. The third grade team also played well throughout the season, and the newly-formed seventh grade team are deserving of the highest praise for their performances, under a severe handicap of both weight and age.

Two of the Club's players, G. Beatty and R. A. Roper, were selected for All Black Trials. R. A. Roper was, however, unavailable, but G. Beatty played in two trial games and must be considered unlucky not to have been selected for the final trial game at Wellington. Congratulations are also due to the following players, who gained representative honours in their respective grades:—Seniors: G. Beatty, R. A. Roper, for Taranaki; G. Bartlett for Taranaki B. First Junior: W. Smith, F. Walsh, D. Schultz. Third Grade: P. Barnes, I. Russell, K. Dee, L. Haylock, W. Bendall, R. Gudopp, L. Howlett.

At the conclusion of the season over seventy members and supporters attended a dinner held in the Mon Desir Tea Rooms, at which Club Trophies were presented.

NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' CRICKET CLUB (Inc.).

At the Annual General Meeting convened on September 6th, 1948, the following officers were elected for the season: Patron: Mr. G. J. McNaught. President: Mr. R. Harris. Vice-Presidents: Messrs V. Pruden, R. Launder, W. H. Moyes, C. G. Bottrill, C. Lash and Dr. E. P. Allen. Club Captain: R. James. Secretary: J. Edwards.

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Treasurer: L. Howlett. Hon. Auditor: S. Florence. Committee: Messrs. R. N. Leighton, V. D. Moorhead, N. Kitchingham, N. Grundy, D. Burgess and J. D. Ridland.

During the 1947-48 season the Club entered a team in each of the Senior A, Senior B and Junior grades, besides helping the Association team with members from the Club.

Although no team gained championship honours, the Senior A and Junior teams both held strong positions at the close of the season. The Senior B team, although invariably short of players each Saturday, performed creditably under the circumstances.

To the ultimate winners of the respective grades (Senior A, New Plymouth; Senior B, Kia Ora; Junior, New Plymouth) we extend our congratulations. It was felt that an enjoyable season, helped by favourable weather, was had by all players.

AVERAGES, SENIOR A TEAM:

Batting: N. Leighton 52.55, E. Meuli 47.29, R. Simpson 31.0.

Bowling: R. James, 46 wickets, average 8.93; R. T. Harris, 30 wickets, average 14.23; J. Edwards, 27 wickets, average 13.96; E. Meuli, 23 wickets, average 11.82.

Fielding: N. Leighton, 14 catches, R. James six catches, J. Edwards five catches.

Stumpings: N. Leighton 10, J. Ridland three.

Senior "B": Batting: J. Putt 26.5, D. McCartney 14.6, R. Miller 12.3.

Bowling: G. Thomason, 39 wickets, average 6.06; R. Miller, 19 wickets, average 9.2; D. Howlett, 12 wickets, average 14.08.

Fielding: R. Miller 11 catches, A. Burgess 10 catches, D. Burgess and G. Thomason nine catches each.

[A point of interest concerning the bowling of G. Thomason against Central: this member performed two hat tricks in the one innings with three runs between each hat trick.]

Junior: Batting: L. Howlett 19.7, G. Riley 16.8, N. Kitchingham 14.5.

Bowling: G. Riley, 56 wickets, average 10.8; N. Kitchingham, 47 wickets, average 9.3; L. Howlett, 18 wickets, average 9.2; N. Greiner, 18 wickets, average 14.1.

Representative Honours: The Club members offer their congratulations to the following players, who gained representative honours in the respective grades: N. Leighton, R. T. Harris, R. James, T. Sweeney, E. Meuli, J. Ridland, G. Thomason, J. Putt, L. Howlett, G. Riley, N. Kitchingham, R. Russell.

Scorers: The Senior A team was again fortunate in having an official scorer each Saturday, and our thanks are extended to Mr. O. Greensell for his valuable service in this direction.

Finance: Although last year's financial position was on a par with previous seasons, the outgoing Committee feels justified in appealing to all present and intending members to give the matter of the prompt payment of their subscriptions their earliest consideration, as with the purchase of new gear, and repairs to effect on present gear, the heaviest burden on the Club's finances is at the beginning of the season.

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Practices: It is hoped that the coming season will see a noticeable improvement in regard to attendance at the nets. With hopes of better practice wickets it is felt that all members will benefit their respective teams by constant attendance at practice.

In conclusion, the Club's thanks are extended to the Umpires' Association, to the Press, and to Station 2XP for their valuable assistance given in the interests of cricket.

WELLINGTON BRANCH.

The Annual General Meeting of the branch was held in the R.S.A. Rooms on September 14, 1948, and the following officers were elected:—Patron: Mr. G. J. McNaught. President: A. Maunder. Vice-Presidents: R. S. V. Simpson, W. A. Nicholson, R. E. Pope, P. J. Eggleton. Honorary Secretary: A. B. M. McDougall. Honorary Treasurer: W. H. MacKay. Honorary Auditor: P. A. Taylor. Executive Committee: J. Fairey, J. Jamieson, L. Papps, G. W. Buchanan, L. F. Eggleton.

After the meeting a small reunion was held.

A "get together" evening was held this year on March 9, the purpose of which was to introduce new members in Wellington to the Association here. We had a very good attendance, and this meeting will now be held annually at the beginning of the year.

Annual Reunion Dinner: The date of the annual dinner has been fixed this year for December 4, at the Grand Hotel, Wellington. We hope to have with us Masters from the School and Members of the New Plymouth Old Boys' Association.

Personals: Tom Larkin, who is with the External Affairs Department, has recently been overseas with the Prime Minister's delegation to the London Conference.

L. J. R. Stark is now a partner in the firm of Vickery and Rowden, Public Accountants, Wellington.

Phil Taylor is a partner in the firm of H. L. Cooper and Taylor, Wellington.

Three Old Boys are with Wilberforce and Harden Ltd., Wellington. They are Stewart Smith, Don Hooker, and Malcolm McCaw, who are all studying for their B. Com. degrees at Varsity. Malcolm McCaw is playing cricket for the Varsity 2nd Eleven.

Ian Dalgleish and Rex Simpson are both with Burns Philp Ltd. Ian is doing his final accountancy examinations at Varsity.

Ross Burson is with the Dunlop Rubber Company, Wellington.

Peter Williams is now in the musical firm of Charles Begg and Co., Wellington.

Bruce Ellis is with the accountancy firm of Hogg and Muir.

Bill Sheat and Gerald ("Mon") Monaghan are studying law at Varsity.

Vic McClelland is shortly to move to Dunedin to join the firm of J. G. Ward and Co. Ltd.

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Peter Wilson is now farming at Makuri, out of Pahiatua, while his brother is farming in the Hawke's Bay area.

Jim Grant is in the Bank of New South Wales, in Napier, and Eric, his brother, is with the South British Insurance Co. at Hamilton.

WANGANUI NOTES.

At least three Old Boys made a showing in the Wanganui Golf Club's annual open tournament this year. Most successful was L. H. Wilson, who reached the quarter-finals of the open championship. He is, by the way, farming at Wangaehu. D. L. Burton, Wanganui sports outfitter, and B. Somerville, Taihape, failed to survive the first round of their respective flights.

L. C. West, one of the active Old Boys of the district, has gone to Auckland, where he has joined the firm of L. C. Urlwin Ltd.

Bailey Martin, for some year a master at the Wanganui Collegiate School, has now gone into residence, and taken over one of the Houses.

B. H. Galpin, of Marton, does not confine his interests to his home town. He frequently churns up the Wanganui River in his speedboat, one of the fastest in the district.

J. Windleburn, for some time in the Rehabilitation Department's Wanganui Branch, was recently transferred to Auckland.

M. J. Fleming, Wanganui Constable, is in a South Island hospital undergoing treatment for nerve trouble. He is one of the district's ranking tennis players.

Another unfortunate is Lindsay McLean, who after eighteen months on his back, is still in the Wanganui Hospital.

K. D. Morrison has left the Public Trust Office and is now farming with his father at Maxwell. J. Kelly is also on his father's farm at Waverley.

D. M. Brown, secretary of the Wanganui branch of the Association, is in his father's pastrycook business in Wanganui.

R. Fields has taken over charge of the bowser station of Wright, Stevenson, and Co. Ltd.

TAUMARUNUI BRANCH.

At a meeting convened on June 19 in Taumarunui, a branch of the Old Boys' Association was formed in that town. Officers elected were:—Patron: Mr. W. H. Moyes. President: J. Hetherington. Secretary: W. E. Stevenson. Treasurer: J. Bedingfield. Committee: A. Smith, P. Clark, C. Garland, K. Hoyes.

On August 7, when Taranaki played King Country at Rugby in Taumarunui, a successful social evening was held, when the local Branch entertained Old Boys in both teams, as well as other Old Boys who travelled to Taumarunui for the match.

Personals: Jack Hetherington is the assistant town clerk at Taumarunui.

Athol Smith has a dry cleaning business.

Peter Clark is in the Bank of Australasia, while Jack Bedingfield is in the Bank of New Zealand.

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Cyril Gayland owns a tyre retreading workshop.

Colin Shaw is the proprietor of a furniture shop.

Don Tait is employed by J. Avery Ltd., as is Eric Bull.

Alistair McKenzie has a grocer's shop.

Bill Stevenson is studying accountancy, and is employed by A. Richards, Public Accountant.

Basil Jones is a mercer in his father's shop, while his brother Bernie has recently resigned from the Railways to start his own business in Auckland.

Henry Ellis, until recently employed by the Taranaki Daily News in Taumarunui, has now been transferred to New Plymouth.

Norman Hill is a land agent in Taumarunui.

Rex Harrigan is employed in a hardware shop, as is Joe Weston.

Keith Hayes is employed by Jane and Co. Ltd., Plumbers.

LINCOLN COLLEGE LETTER.

Old Boys played an active part in most aspects of College life this year.

J. D. MacKay has been warden here for the past three years, and has coached the First XV. and the 1st XI.

P. T. Ropiha is doing the diploma course. He is captain of the Football Club and a member of the Social Committee.

O. Moore has completed his diploma. He is a past member of the Social Committee.

D. Rudd is doing a diploma course, and is a member of the Students' Executive, and president of the Golf Club.

M. Mander has completed the course in valuation and farm management.

Dr. B. Weston continues to lecture in farm economics.

John McNaught has completed an extensive eight months' course. He has played some excellent cricket for the College 1st XI.

A. F. Hutchings is doing a diploma course. He was the winner of the New Zealand Young Farmers' Scholarship for 1948. A member of the Athletic Committee and secretary and business manager of the Students' Canteen, he played an odd game for the 1st XV.

Messrs. McNaught, MacKay, Ropiha, Weston and Hutchings attended the first annual meeting and dinner of the Christchurch Branch of the Association.

A.F.H.

AUCKLAND BRANCH.

The main event of the year for Old Boys in or around Auckland was, of course, the holding of the School v. Grammar match on Saturday, August 21st., at the Show Grounds, Epsom. This in itself was unusual, the game previously being a curtainraiser to the Representative Senior game staged on the same day at Eden Park, the centre of Rugby attraction in Auckland. However, we have heard that this was due to a misunderstanding on the part of the Rugby Union, as the game has been played on Eden Park for over 10 years.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

There was a good attendance of Old Boys from various places, including Tauranga, Whangarei, and the King County, and all enjoyed the game to the full.

That evening the Annual General Meeting and Reunion were combined at the R.S.A. Hall, in Parnell, at 7.45 p.m. Mr. Hilliard (President) was in the chair and our guests for the evening were Messrs. Bottrill and Kerr from School.

Election of Officers for the 1948-49 season resulted as follows:— President: D. Wilks. Vice-President: Owen Bayly. Junior Vice-President: Clem Crew. Secretary: J. W. Wood. Treasurer: R. Carnaby. Auditor: Des O'Halloran. Committee: J. W. McKenzie, H. James, G. Hawkins.

It was moved that Reunions in future would be held annually and left this year for the incoming committee to arrange. In the past, lack of funds has made it almost impossible to carry on such meetings successfully in Auckland, but with the Branch now coming back to pre-war strength this will again be possible.

It was proposed that the money, which now amounted to over £60, collected originally for the Scholarship Fund (originally started by Mr. Osborne and O. Bayly) be now forwarded to Mr. McNaught to be given to a new boy, picked by the Head as Trustee, to be used as a help towards books or clothing in his preparation for school; the amount to be £10 for each of five or more boys either in the first year, or if the suitable boys cannot be found in that year, to be extended over as many years as the fund shall last. Incidentally, Ken Hansard, now in South America for a few years, gave a large proportion of this money himself, and it was with considerable thought that the above decision was made without his knowledge.

There was the usual good muster of older Old Boys, all of whom were very pleased to hear Mr. Bottrill's interesting talk about School, and the proposed alterations to the "Old Morgue." There was a grand applause and sundry calls of "Good old Scrooge," etc.

Also present was one of our foundation members, Mr. William Noble, who started at School in 1885. He gave a very interesting and lively talk of the times that were his school days. Mr. Dobson was also present, and all his old "boys" were pleased to see him.

There were just over 80 present, and although a few less than in 1946 the evening was a success, both financially, and, as always, from the reunion of old acquaintances and the revitalising of the spirit that pervades such a meeting.

NEWS OF INTEREST.

Selwyn Rawson is at present working in the Accounts Department of the Tasman Airways.

Brian Bews also with T.E.A.L. is in the radio section.

John McKenzie is with McKenzie & Bartlett, solicitors, and at Varsity studying Law with Jim Poulgrain and G. Wilkinson.

Murray Hewson was married in New Plymouth on October 23 to Dawn Rowe, whom he met at School.

Dick Carnaby now married, has a bonny son. He is in the insurance branch of Wright Stephenson.

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Roger Boys, married to a New Plymouth girl, is with National Airways.

Jim Lewis, of New Plymouth, is working at Tisdalls Sports Store in Queen Street.

Clem Crew is in the Accounts Department of A. & T. Burts.

Harold Bartley is doing his Pharmacy C and working at his father's chemist shop during the day.

Doug Hamilton is to be married this coming February to an Auckland girl.

Ron Virtue is again in the R.N.Z.N. studying diving.

Don Hendry is working at the New Zealand Insurance Co. in Auckland.

Bill James, who is married with a family, is doing cabinet-making. He is doing competitive cycling during the summer.

Bob Wynyard, now on the Staff of The N.Z. Sportsman, has been reducing his golf handicap in spare time. (The other two days he works!)

Roy Warren is in business as a partner with R. Roseman, Public Accountant in Whangarei.

Bob Granger is also in business as an accountant, at Tauranga.

Peter Badley is Accountant at M.K. Millinery in Auckland.

Doug Ward is in the soft furnishing department of Smith and Caughey, Auckland.

John Wood recently became engaged to Judith P. Blennerhassett of New Plymouth. They met while at school.

CANTERBURY UNIVERSITY LETTER.

As in the past, Old Boys were this year again active in most fields of College life. Their names have appeared in sport and study alike, and it can be said that the School is well represented by its ex-pupils at C.U.C.

Among the Old Boys attending C.U.C. are Don Frank, Bill Fyson and N. Worker (all new arrivals). At Rolleston House are Dave Binns, Tim Besley, Des Beatty, Bert Mills and Alan Scott, while Barry Johnston, Chas. McLaren and Ian Hughson are at College House.

Des. Beatty has been making a good name for himself as wing in the senior Rugby XV., while Alan Scott has played half-back for the same team when Savage has been absent. Tom Fitzgibbon has figured among the forwards of the senior reserve A team, and should make the senior team next year.

Alec Kibblewhite, besides being a prominent member of the College Students' Association and representing the College in cricket and Soccer, has achieved scholastic distinction by being one of the two Canterbury students nominated for a Rhodes Scholarship.

M. P. Conway has acquitted himself well as reporter on "Canta," the College newspaper, and has provoked lively interest under his pen-name of "Robin."

Other Old Boys attending the College are Tom Williams, Warwick Harris, John Mathews, Rang. Richardson, Herb. Low, David Christoffel and Ken. Ulrich.

A successful Old Boys' Reunion was held in July, and many Old Boys of the district attended.

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VICTORIA UNIVERSITY LETTER.

Although all Old Boys at the University have kept rather quiet this year the School is well represented, and both in sport and study Old Boys have figured.

J. Corkill and I. Dalgleish have made a good showing as forward and centre respectively in the first XV. "Beave" McCaw has played for the second XI., and Ted Meuli played with the first XI. in the latter half of the 1947-48 season. Barry Mitcalfe, Ian Jackson and Stuart Smith have played for the colts' Rugby team.

Other Old Boys at Victoria are Ted Collings, Dave Liardet, Barry O'Meagher, who has justified his reputation as a scholar, "Mon" Monaghan, George Sullivan and Alaric Wilson.

HAWKE'S BAY BRANCH.

Activities of the Hawke's Bay Branch have been very quiet this year, apart from attempts to raise money for the Old Boys' Memorial. Members have been moving farther afield, and we have lost touch with many, with the result that only £33 could be collected. Those Old Boys who were able to do so (numbering about 18) sold roughly two books each, which is quite commendable.

At the next committee meeting the subject of an Old Boys' Ball next season will be brought up, the proceeds of it to be donated to the Memorial Fund. In this way it is hoped that a larger part will be played by the Branch in financing and aiding the erection of the Auditorium.

SOUTH TARANAKI BRANCH.

As usual an Annual Re-union was held by this Branch in the Carlton Tea Rooms, Hawera, on Saturday, July 3rd, after the annual Rugby match between School and St. Patrick's College. Mr. H. Snowdon, the President of the Branch, presided, and 62 were present.

The following toasts were honoured: "The School" (Mr. H. Snowdon—Mr. G. J. McNaught); "St. Patrick's College" (Mr. F. Clarke—Rev. Father McDonald); "Parent Body" (Mr. L. Herdman—Mr. L. Petty); "Kindred Associations" (Mr. C. Robb—Messrs. A. Sargeson, Anson, V. E. Kerr, G. Thompson, G. Bertrand); "Taranaki Rugby Union" (Mr. D. Ekdahl—Mr. G. Bertrand); Hostess (Mr. N. Rennie—Mrs. Gray).

ANNUAL BALL: This function was again highly successful, being held as usual in conjunction with the High School Old Girls' Association, in the Bon Ton Tea Rooms, Hawera, on Friday, August 27th. Over 200 guests were present, including visitors from surrounding districts. The M.C. was Mr. M. Strawbridge, and Mr. H. Snowdon extended a welcome to the dancers. Those who assisted in the organisation of the Ball were Misses E. Washer and P. Nicholls (President and Secretary respectively of the Old Girls' Branch), A. C. Jensen (Secretary) and the Committee of the Old Boys' Branch. Mr. L. Petty, of New Plymouth, represented the Parent Association.

ANNUAL MEETING: This year's meeting was held in Hawera on Thursday, November 11th, Mr. H. A. Snowdon presiding. At the date of the meeting the Branch's membership stood at 130, of whom 91 were financial.

The Branch's finance showed a profit of more than £7 on the year's working. In the sale of tickets for the School's Auditorium Fund the Branch made a record sale of £120.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

During the year Mrs. N. K. McLeod, of Manaia, donated a handsome shield in memory of her son, who was killed overseas. This shield is to be competed for by the Rugby teams of the Old Boys of the New Plymouth Boys' High School and of the Hawera Technical High School, and it is expected that this fixture will grow into a very popular one.

Officers elected were: Patron, Mr. G. J. McNaught; President, Mr. H. A. Snowdon; Vice-Presidents, Mr. F. A. Buckenham and Mr. A. L. Herdman; Secretary, Mr. A. C. Jensen; Treasurer, Mr. C. Robb; Executive, Messrs. E. W. McCallum, J. D. Ekdahl, N. Rennie, A. L. Herdman, L. V. Lloyd, F. Buckenham, D. O. Crawford, M. Strawbridge, F. E. Clarke, R. J. Avery, M. T. Linn, J. M. Hutchinson and P. B. Burton; Delegate to the Parent Association, Mr. T. N. S. Watt.

A donation of 10 guineas was made to the Auditorium Fund.

Personals:

Andrew Hastie has settled down to farming against at Kaupokonui after several years overseas.

T. Wright is store-keeping at Kapuni.

Jack Patterson is farming at Kapuni and still takes a great interest in football and cricket.

Those farming in the Manaia and surrounding districts are Bill Pease, Eric Buist, Snowdon Bros., Stevenson Bros., Betts Bros., McCallum Bros., and Jim Johnston.

Pad Moyes is manager of the Sutherland Road branch of the Kaupokonui Dairy Company.

Arthur Christie, solicitor at Manaia, is chairman of the South Taranaki Electric Power Board.

Rash Avery is now looking after the interests of the Taranaki Herald in Hawera.

Don Latham is farming at Te Roti.

Peter Burton is in the Te Ngutu branch of the Joll Dairy Company. He was one of the lucky winners in the Auditorium Art Union, winning fourth prize.

Dave Ekdahl is now in the firm of J. C. Ekdahl and Son, printers, Hawera, having left the Bank of New Zealand.

Norm Rennie is still managing the South Taranaki side of the Taranaki Daily News.

Laurie Herdman is doing a good job in leading his Hawera Technical High School pupils to cricket victories.

Max Strawbridge is a physical education area organiser for South Taranaki primary schools and is stationed at Hawera.

Brian Hughes is a salesman with J. B. MacEwan Bros. at Hawera. Also with this firm are Terry Louissou and Terry Coulton.

Len Lloyd and Cliff Nodder are with the National Dairy Association at Hawera.

Stuart McKay is with C. A. Wilkinson Ltd. at Eltham, and has played excellent golf this year, representing Taranaki against Auckland and Wellington.

Nigel Dingle is at Hallenstein Bros. at Hawera.

Malcolm Linn is farming at Mangatoki.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

Ben Shaw is now proprietor of the Park Service Station, Hawera.

Doug Crawford's headquarters as a traveller are now at Hawera. He covers the Wanganui and South Taranaki districts regularly and is closely in touch with the farming community in the course of his business.

Jack Booker is manager of J. B. MacEwan and Co. at Hawera.

Bill Jensen is with H. R. Mancor, accountant, Hawera.

Wilf Ferry is teaching at Awatuna.

Jim Clouston is now on the staff at the Hawera Technical High School.

Bunny Hutchinson is the accountant at Mortlock and Co.'s garage at Hawera.

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	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Previously Received				Anonymous	100	0	0
(November, 1947)	4671	5	4	Mr. F. Waddingham		5	0
Mr. A. Wanklyn	1	0	0	Mr. A. Roebuck (2)		2	6
Mr. R. C. Anderson	1	0	0	Table Tennis Ass.		10	0
(2)		7	0	Mr. W. G. Hughes	1	1	0
Mr. B. R. Dill	1	1	6	Mr. W. Hone	1	0	0
Old Boys' Association				Christchurch Branch			
(New Plymouth)	66	0	8	Old Boys	2	0	0
Mr. A. Holden		10	0	Mr. L. J. Slyfield	1	0	9
Dr. H. Fleming	2	0	0	Mr. B. Jonas	1	1	0
Mr. B. A. Williams	1	0	0	Mr. G. Winter	2	2	0
Mr. D. M. Brown	1	0	0	Mr. W. N. Cole	1	0	0
Mr. H. W. Diprose	5	0	0	Mr. J. Pybus		10	0
Mr. A. J. D. Shute		10	0	M. G. Winter (2)	2	2	0
Dr. J. Steven	3	3	0	Dr. R. Wright	1	1	0
Mr. B. J. Binns (Old				Mr. D. Hebden		15	0
Boys, Auckland)	1	10	0	Old Boys' Ass. (1/-			
Mr. S. S. Anderson		10	0	Donation Scheme)	1017	6	0
Mr. J. W. McKenzie				Mr. and Mrs. Pope	1	0	0
(2)	1	1	0	Mr. and Mrs. N.			
Miss D. Travena (3)	5	0	0	Shogren	1	0	0
Anonymous		5	0	Old Boys' Ass. (New			
Mr. E. E. Chapman	10	0	0	Plymouth)	60	0	0
Mr. D. R. Barrow-				Mr. P. E. Henry (2)	1	1	0
clough	5	0	0	Form Collections	16	19	9
Mr. D. Hutchings		10	0	Private Donations	103	5	0
Mr. R. Green		10	6	Work of Boys	11	8	0
Rev. H. T. N. Watt	5	0	0	Sale of Unclaimed			
Mr. R. Levi	5	0	0	Articles	1	16	10
Mr. C. Johnson (2)	2	10	0	Unclaimed Money	1	5	0
Mr. A. Roberts	5	5	0	Firewood Sold (Mr.			
Mr. J. Roulston	1	0	0	Slyfield)	1	0	0
Mr. J. M. McCallum				Extras	1	4	6
(3)	2	0	0				
Wanganui Branch							
Old Boys	42	1	3	Total	£6171	16	7

Lest We Forget

TWO HUNDRED AND TWELVE OLD BOYS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN WORLD WAR II. LET US BUILD IN THE SCHOOL THEY LOVED A MEMORIAL WORTHY OF THEIR SACRIFICE.

L. E. PETTY,

President, Old Boys' Association.

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ENGAGEMENTS.

LANDER—GROWCOTT.—Joyce Norma, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Growcott, of 63 Bayly Road, New Plymouth, to Pat Gilbert, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lander, of 52 Frankley Road, New Plymouth.

FLUKER—POCKNALL.—Molly, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pocknall, of Auckland, to David, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Fluker, of New Plymouth.

HINE—MARSH.—Patricia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Marsh, of Cutfield Street, Inglewood, to Donald, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Hine, of Waiongona.

ADLAM—MURRAY.—Hilda Norma, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Murray, of Westown, New Plymouth, to William David, second youngest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. W. H. Adlam, of Devon Street West, New Plymouth.

NICOLL—CAMPBELL.—Jean Evelyn, only daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. J. Campbell, of Fitzroy, New Plymouth, to David William, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Nicoll, of Fitzroy, New Plymouth.

WITTEN—HANNAH—SUCHA.—Anna Maria, only daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. Sucha, of Lukov, Czechoslovakia, to James, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Witten-Hannah, of New Plymouth.

ERSKINE—GREGOR.—Heather, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gregor, of Carterton, to Hamish Wright, only son of Mrs. J. Erskine, of Wallace Place, New Plymouth.

McGIVEN—ROBERTS.—Marguerite, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Roberts, of Lemon Street, New Plymouth, to Clyde Rex, second son of Mr. C. W. McGiven and the late Mrs. McGiven, of 212 Courtenay Street, New Plymouth.

McDOUGALL—WHITE.—Avis Doreen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. White, of Wellington, to Angus Bruce, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. McDougall, of Inglewood.

GRANT—RIDDELL.—Norine Joyce, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. R. Riddell, of Ellis Road, Invercargill, to Robert John Grant, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Grant, of Havelock North.

BELL—McINTYRE.—Margaret Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. McIntyre, of Inglewood, to Colin John, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bell, of Inglewood.

BELL—WINCHCOMBE.—Bette Beryl, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Winchcombe, of New Plymouth, to Roy Thomas, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bell, of Inglewood.

LANDER—WHEELER.—Lauris, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wheeler, of Inglewood, to Frank, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lander, Frankley Road, New Plymouth.

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MARRIAGES.

- KERRISK—McDONALD.**—On June 5th, 1948, at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland, Nancy Olive McDonald to George Anthony Kerrisk.
- BERTRAND—MARTIN.**—On Saturday, August 7th, 1948, at St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Nola Carey, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Martin, of Smart Road, New Plymouth, to George Rosborough, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Bertrand, New Plymouth.
- ADLAM—MURRAY.**—On August 21st, 1948, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Hilda Norma, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Murray, of Westown, New Plymouth, to William David, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. W. H. Adlam, of New Plymouth.
- ROPER—HARE.**—On Easter Monday, March 29th, 1948, at St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Doreen Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hare, of "Rakanui," Omata, to Roy Alfred, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. A. Roper, of New Plymouth.
- LOMAS—OLIPHANT.**—On June 12th, 1948, at St. Peter's Church, Takapuna, Heather Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliphant, of 16 Audrey Road, Takapuna, to Alan Lionel Lomas.
- WIGGINS—GLASGOW.**—On Thursday, January 8th, 1948, at Christchurch, Philippa, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Glasgow, New Brighton, Christchurch, to Clement, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wiggins, New Plymouth.
- McGIVEN—ROBERTS.**—On January 3rd, 1948, at St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Marguerite, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Roberts, of Lemon Street, New Plymouth, to Rex, son of Mr. C. W. McGiven, of Courtenay Street, New Plymouth.
- BEWLEY—ACWORTH.**—At St. Mary's Church, Chestnut, Hertfordshire, on September 4th, 1948, Eileen, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Acworth, of Waltham Abbey, Essex, to John Devore, only son of Mr. and the late Mrs. A. Bewley.
- CANNELL—WILKIE.**—On January 11th, 1947, at the Whiteley Memorial Church, New Plymouth, Christine Heather, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilkie, to William Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Cannell.
- SUTHERLAND—SOUTHCOTCOMBE.**—In August, at Wanganui, Valda May, elder daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. L. Southcombe, to Cedric Raymond, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Sutherland, of Tauranga.
- WATT—MORRIS.**—On January 10th, 1948, at New Plymouth, Mary Angela, only daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. R. J. Morris, of Opunake, to Douglas Roy, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. T. N. Watt, of Opunake.
- FRANK—SERGEANT.**—On November 9th, 1948, at St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Jean, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sergeant, of Melbourne, Australia, to Maurice Desmond, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Frank, of Avenue Road, New Plymouth.

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- LAWS—NICHOLSON.**—On Saturday, January 31st, 1948, at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Palmerston North, Yvonne Marcia, only daughter of Mr. V. G. and the late Mrs. V. L. Nicholson, of Palmerston North, to Derek Gordon, second son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Laws, of Napier.
- PEACH—VEALE.**—At St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Vivien Rebecca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Veale, of Young Street, New Plymouth, to Lewis Francis, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. A. Peach, of Fitzroy Avenue, Hastings.
- CAMPBELL—REES.**—On March 23rd, 1948, at St. Paul's Church, Napier, Gwendolyn Marie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rees, Cameron Road, Napier, to Cedric Raymond, eldest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. R. F. Campbell, of Charlotte Crescent, Hastings.
- FIELD—PERRY.**—On October 4th, 1947, at St. Andrew's Church, Hastings, Judith, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Perry, of Tomoana Road, Hastings, to Ivor, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Field, Hawke's Bay.
- EVETTS—LEPPER.**—On July 20th, 1948, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Thelma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lepper, of New Plymouth, to Cyril Frank, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Evetts, of New Plymouth.
- KAY—STREET.**—On Saturday, June 5th, 1948, at St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Valerie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Street, of Tarurutangi, to Lionel Horace, younger son of Mr. and the late Mrs. H. Kay, of New Plymouth.
- CORRIGAL—McCULLOUGH.**—On Saturday, August 28th, 1948, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Alison, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. McCullough, of New Plymouth, to John Douglas, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Corrigan, of New Plymouth.

BIRTHS.

- LANDER.**—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Lander; a son.
- SOMERTON.**—To Mr. and Mrs. T. Somerton; a daughter.
- PROFFIT.**—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Proffit; a son.
- SAUNDERS.**—To Mr. and Mrs. W. Saunders; a son.
- CRONE.**—To and Mrs. T. Crone; a son.
- SVENDSEN.**—To Mr. and Mrs. T. Svendsen; a daughter.
- FLEMING.**—To Mr. and Mrs. S. Fleming; a son.
- KING.**—To Mr. and Mrs. M. King; a son.
- ALLEN.**—To Mr. and Mrs. P. Allen; a son.
- GAYTON.**—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Gayton; a daughter.
- SWEENEY.**—To Mr. and Mrs. T. Sweeney; a daughter.

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WATKINS.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Watkins; a daughter.
CAWTHRAY.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Cawthray; a daughter.
ALLEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Alley; a daughter.
DUFF.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Duff; a son.
HANNAN.—To Mr. and Mrs. P. Hannan; a son.
SISLEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Sisley; a daughter.
SYKES.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Sykes; a son.
FLORENCE.—To Mr. and Mrs. S. Florence; a son.
BARNHAM.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Barnham; a daughter.
KING.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. King; a daughter.
CARTWRIGHT.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. Cartwright; a daughter.
CAREY.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Carey; a daughter.
NEVILLE.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. Neville; a son.
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MURLEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. S. Murley; a daughter.
ALLEN.—To Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Allen; a son.
RIDLAND.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ridland; a son.
SVENSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Svenson; a son.
LOBB.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Lobb; a son.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

[ESTABLISHED 1882]

FEES (per term)—

Board: £27/10/-, reducible to £27 if paid within 30 days.

Preparatory: £4/10/-.

Dinner for Day Boys: £3.

Music: £3/3/-.

Boxing: Two terms, 15/-.

Dancing (Winter Term only): 12/6.

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

SUBSCRIPTIONS (per term)—

Boarders	Day Boys
Games—Upper School 5/6	Upper School 5/-
Lower School 1/6	Lower School 3/-
Library 1/6	

SCHOOL TERMS—

The School year is divided into three Terms of approximately thirteen weeks each. The Terms for 1948 are as follows:—

First Term .. February 1st. to May 6th.

Second Term .. May 24th. to August 19th.

Third Term .. September 13th. to December 14th.

