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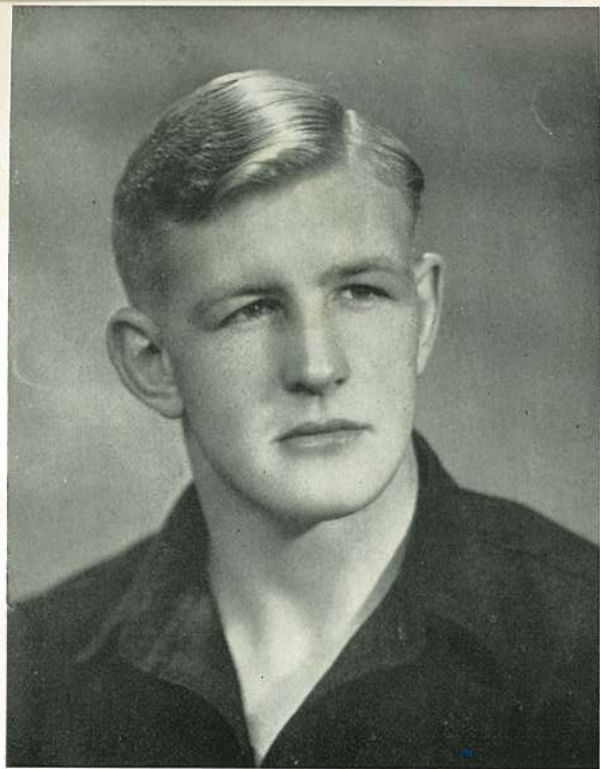
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## EDITORIAL

THE FUNCTION OF THE SCHOOL IN MODERN SOCIETY.  
THREE OPINIONS.

### I.

T. S. ELIOT in "Notes Towards the Definition of Culture," quoted the following definition of education: "Education is a process by which society seeks to open its life to all individuals, so that they may ultimately take their place in that society." Thus from its very definition education is a product of society and one would expect education to differ from society to society. Any change in the structure of a particular society must be accompanied by a corresponding change in education; the converse of this is also true for any change in education must ultimately affect society.

The whole of modern economic history shows a trend towards socialism; the tremendous rate of industrial progress has necessitated socialisation. Private enterprise is rapidly disappearing and communal effort has assumed increasing importance. Whether or not we vote for a socialistic party, these are facts and it is upon these facts that we must base any criticism of existing education or propound any new theory of educational aims.

Education for a socialistic State must have as its primary aim the development in the individual of a sense of responsibility towards the community. The education of the individual must not be directed towards developing his capacities to his own particular end in the hope that he will somehow fit into society; rather he must be educated from the point of view of developing his will to subordinate his selfish wishes to those of society. Development of a will to serve is of primary importance since without it there can be no development of individual talents in a manner directed by the needs of society.

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If a particular society is to continue, it must offer to its members a greater incentive to work than material gain. Education must impress on them that they are actually doing something of importance—that they are indispensable cogs in a vast social organisation which is actually progressing. This aspect of progress is important, since "where there is no vision, the people perish." Certain measures have been adopted to bring about in workers this sense of responsibility towards society. Shares in their particular industry have been made available; workers' councils have been established to enable the worker to have some voice in the direction of the industry's affairs. But the proper place to instil in the individual a sense of responsibility towards society is in the schools, since schools are the main institutions by which a society educates its members.

While the present system of coercion in schools may produce individuals with the ability to serve the community it does not necessarily produce individuals with a will to serve. As we have already seen the will to serve must be developed before the community can benefit from an individual's ability to serve.

A change in education is necessary. Education must now have as its primary aim the development of the individual's will to serve the community. But children must first be taught a responsibility to their own particular community, that is, to their school. Examples of irresponsibility are frequent in New Zealand schools: we invariably find boys who simply do not care about the school and who will often go to great trouble to avoid the performance of a simple school duty. They then feel that they have scored in the battle against the irksome discipline the school maintains. The prevalence of this attitude among school children points to the conclusion that there is something fundamentally wrong in a system of coercion such as is maintained by most New Zealand schools. Now coercion is resorted to in many schools purely for the sake of discipline and not, in this enlightened age, for the imparting of knowledge. Discipline is necessary for the successful function of any institution, but how much more useful it would be if members of such an institution were taught to subordinate themselves to the wishes of the institution as a whole. That is, if a system of self-discipline were maintained rather than the imposition of discipline from an external source.

The most obvious method of cultivating such an attitude in the pupil is the democratic control of school affairs by the pupils themselves. However, experiments in this type of control show that school children are not entirely capable of managing school affairs. Some guidance is necessary, but the guidance must be of such a nature that it will not destroy the primary aim of the democratic control, which is the development of the attitude that the pupil is individually responsible for the school.

The function of any coercive system is based on the stimulation of the fear instinct. Bertrand Russell has written: "Fear can only be disastrous where the right course may be discovered by thinking." And surely the present state of the world indicates the need for clear, disinterested thought. A child who carries out a school duty under the stimulus of fear is merely choosing between a distasteful

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course of action and punishment; he is not choosing between good and evil and consequently has not had his powers to choose developed to any extent. In short, the present state of education fails to satisfy the main need of society—the need for clear thought. It is hoped that we are now entering upon an era in which international differences are due to be settled by peaceful means: our present knowledge of destructive weapons has made such settlement necessary. For the final success of any organisation such as the United Nations Organisation we must produce a generation capable of united effort and accustomed to settlement of differences by consideration of which course of action would be most suited to the needs of society as a whole.

The good school must educate a generation accordingly. Just what course the educational process takes is another subject and can be left to be debated by the teachers and child psychologists.

A. B. Hooper, 6 A.

## II.

THE AIMS of modern education are largely determined by contemporary social conditions. At a time in which accepted moral standards and ideals have been irredeemably shattered, in which, indeed, nearly all human faith and endeavour has produced only global war, man's relationship to life and to his fellow men has become the most pressing and difficult problem ever to confront the intellect. We are, I believe, faced either with the downfall of our civilisation or its extension into a new age of intellectual experience; it lies in our hands to determine which it shall be. Education, being fundamental to an enlightened modern life, must have a potentially vital influence on the question. Education can develop two things, individuals and members of society. The modern conception of the individual is that he shall be free and that he shall live his life as fully as possible; of the member of society that he shall live with a conscious realisation of his responsibility<sup>9</sup> for the welfare of society. The aim of the good school must be, therefore, to create clear-thinking individuals with the knowledge and power to live their lives as fully and in as enlightened manner as possible.

"I believe that we can avoid another war, I believe even that we can eventually achieve stable conditions of peace, but we must start thinking—all of us, and all together—thinking hard, thinking again, thinking ahead."—Hon. Harold Nicholson, Paris Peace Conference, 1946.

To which might be added that, under such conditions, life can reach a higher intellectual and moral status. What, then, is to be the relationship between the good school and the pupil? The attitude that all which is done is done to further enhance the reputation of the school, an attitude which is a survival of an aspect of a narrow and outworn imperialism, can have no place in the good school. We do not suggest that the pupils should be discouraged from holding their school in affection and from being proud of its achievement; such a loyalty is necessary, for example, to the minds of the younger pupils and if it has been honestly is to be commended. But, when it results in the moulding of the

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minds of the pupils to a pattern to which all are required to conform, in the suppression of the individual for the greater glory of the school, in a prejudiced and unreasoning false patriotism, in a mob opinion with which none may disagree and ultimately in a false and cruel sense of values based on an untrue conception of man's dignity, it is to be utterly condemned. No, the individual pupils are the glory of the school; it is for their benefit that the school exists and the first essential of the good school is that it shall recognise this. The worn-out traditions and customs of the school can have no value when compared with the first function of modern education—the provision of an environment in which the individual may realise himself most fully.

The conduct of the boys of the good school, however, must obviously be restrained by certain conventions. Unfortunately these can be imposed only in an authoritative manner because the boys are, in the main, not capable of forming their own. What is important is that the pupils should understand the significance of these rules and conventions, and hence that the rules should have a significance: that is they must be based upon a set of values in keeping with the aim of modern education.

It has been generally assumed that boys are lacking in the sense of responsibility which would demand that they conform to these laws by a simple realisation of their value, and probably there will always be certain tendencies towards this irresponsibility, though it is noticeably greater when there is no apparent reason for the restraint.

With this consideration comes the question of punishment and discipline. Punishment and discipline in the accepted tradition have always had an adverse effect in that in the hands of the less scrupulous, they are frequently accompanied by all the evils associated with the openly sadistic activities, by a growth of intolerance and lack of understanding of others resulting in smugness, vulgarity and many forms of persecution and by the false values and standards which can have no place in an enlightened modern society. Fear aroused by punishment of this sort is also extremely dangerous to the mind of the individual, because it can produce neurosis and mental disorders with the effects mentioned above. Apart even from this, such a discipline is directly opposed to the aims of a good school. It must be replaced by the stimulation of a communal consciousness resulting in a self-discipline for the common good.

We have defined one of the aims of the good school as creating individuals able to live their lives as fully as possible. The definition of the full life varies so much that it cannot be arbitrarily stated. In general, though, it is the life which contains a complete satisfaction in work and leisure. Education can train us for work, but it should also play an important part in training us for leisure by the provision of a broad culture. The difficulty of the modern school is to set the balance between a general and diversified, and hence often shallow, appreciation of the subjects fundamental to this culture; and the more intensified and specialised study of the more particular mind-developing subjects. Obviously the second of the two must be the most important, because it is in the study of these subjects, such as languages, mathematics and science that the mind is developed and becomes an efficient instrument without which

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we could not even be interested in adopting a culture. The good school is capable of a combination of the two with sufficient specialisation to produce pupils of high scholastic merit, but a specialisation tempered by a more general cultural appreciation resulting in pupils with a broad outlook not restricted to the narrow field of pure scholarship.

Co-education from the scholastic point of view appears to be undesirable. The minds of the two sexes develop in different stages and an attempt to make them conform in teaching them together must be detrimental to both when compared with a separate education. But the same cannot be said for the mingling of the sexes otherwise. It is essential, particularly in the case of boarding schools, that the pupils shall lead a normal life. If they are to take their place as adult members of society it must be with a healthy attitude towards that society and with a certain experience of it, as young people. The segregation of the sexes can do little to foster this attitude.

Schools of this kind have in the past failed to recognise their responsibility to give opportunity for the growth of a natural social relationship between the sexes, to divorce them from the functions of the school, and to be content with the mere prohibition of the frequent mingling of the sexes. But the good school must, in fitting its pupils for their society, make an attempt to establish a natural relationship between the sexes, to encourage their mingling without restraint in a normal social atmosphere. The prejudice and indifference under which we have laboured for so long must give way to an interested and responsible approach to the problem.

This, then, is the good school. The school which subordinates its own interests to the needs of the individual pupils, which lays aside the old prejudices that so often tend to become the guiding principles and adopts a new aim and purpose as the guiding force in the creation of the complete individual with the power to think for himself, to take his place as a responsible member of society, to adopt an understanding attitude towards his fellow humans and to make his life as full an existence as he can; and, as the chief force in modern society, aims to help man towards his ultimate hopes for a peaceful world and a new intellectual attitude towards the common problems.

B. A. Walker, 6 A.

## III.

OF ALL the constructive tasks on which the nation is engaged education offers scope for the greatest adventure and promises the fullest social gain for the effort involved provided we have a strong lead and a clear directive purpose which will ensure that all the gains we have achieved are consolidated and harmonised. The common description of education as "a preparation for life" is almost meaningless unless life is closely defined. We cannot prepare children for a life that is so full that it becomes a vacuum, empty of significance. Only when we have clearly visualised the life and the conditions which determine its shape can we profitably set about the drawing up of educational programmes which will provide the necessary preparation for life.

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The present position of education is unsatisfactory owing to a catastrophic over-simplification of the problem. Pupils are educated for a world of nationalism and the world has become international. The result has been that as men and women they have failed to fit the time. Hence the failure of the League of Nations and the difficulties experienced by U.N.O. The League was founded without intellectual preparation. The fact preceded the idea. Education has not been complete or even generous to the extent that it has restricted its horizons and limited its view.

"The moving finger writes and having writ moves on." But our last sentence in education was written over thirty years ago. To be total, education must take the world for its province.

Life is interdependent. What is done in one place affects the course of events far off in all directions. Isolationism is moribund if not dead. To take but a single instance the structure, the aims and the content of education in one country are very much the concern of other countries. The bitter experience of recent years has taught us that we can no longer be indifferent to the educational methods of other countries. The fact of interdependence is of paramount importance and just the teaching of facts is not enough. There is a conception of world citizenship to be inculcated.

In the future, or better, now, its main task must be teaching the art of living together. This is not merely a matter of providing better buildings and improved amenities for the poor. It is a matter of inculcating a spiritual affinity, of inducing an attitude towards living which genuinely acknowledges the brotherhood of man.

World citizenship is gained only by those who reinforce their instinct of humanity against the destructive forces of self-will. For, security of national groups can be realized only through international co-operation and organisation powerful enough to maintain world peace and facilitate world-wide comity.

It follows then that an improved national education which recognises that the attainment of national objectives depends on international co-operation is the surest basis for world understanding and will be more practical and effective than any action taken by an international body. The art we have to teach—that of living together—began in the family circle. Since then we have learnt its technique in business, politics and religion and we have been able to form and maintain communities composed of very heterogeneous elements. To-day this art has to be mastered and practised on a larger scale and having succeeded with the easier art we should be well on the way to mastering the more difficult.

While the links that bind men together now are more numerous than in the secluded past, the extent of cultural variation is considerable. But if pupils are to be educated for the modern world they must see culture not as an exclusively national possession but as a common substratum of civilization underlying an infinite variety of expressions. Pupils must be made to take these cultural variations for granted and not to deny any claim to be cultural because it differs from their experience. Education for such a world, for its oneness will mean the inculcation of a new broadmindedness and a new tolerance and this must be a deliberate element in any education calling itself complete.

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Finally the world is changing with bewildering rapidity. This fact of galloping change is one which teachers have been slow to appreciate. The tendency is for the teachers to teach the children for the world they have known.

How are we to set about meeting the demands made of total education? There is international machinery and the men behind it. On exactly what it could do there is much vague thinking. It would be futile and highly improper for any international body to lay down a programme for its constituent members for independence is the life blood of education and people must educate themselves. But there are spheres of national education in which the whole world has a right to be interested and it would be these tracts that would require the attention of the international body which would devote itself to the maintenance of minimum educational standards in all countries to the collection and dissemination of information and general collaboration between countries. Collaborating with this assembly a World Federation of Teachers would be necessary. The final machinery—the school curriculum is perhaps the most important. As it is already overloaded we must work through our present subjects.

Foreign languages, taught beyond their mere mechanics offer valuable insight to national character. The teaching of History must be critically re-examined. A possible suggestion is that eminent historians be invited to write a history of the world or if required certain parts of the world and all schools use such a text book, simplified for junior forms. Geography can well explain the reasons for cultural variation and the effectiveness of such a culture in relation to physical conditions. Even arithmetic by judicious use of examples can accomplish much. Science properly taught illustrates the international character of men. Contributions from all nations have raised science to its present position and it would be well to emphasise this.

But mere machinery is not enough. Pupils must be taught not only what to think but also how to think. Finally education must not cease at eighteen or thereabouts. Total education has no boundaries.

Scientific methods will be employed beyond the confines of the science room in the detection of fallacies and ambiguities and the unmasking of prejudice. Education if it be given a meaning as wide and as deep as it deserves cannot and should not seek to escape the responsibility in playing a central part both in shaping the ideals of to-day and the world of to-morrow. It is not the state's gift but the state's need. It is the most conscious tradition through which each individual receives his share of the common inheritance and his opportunity to add to it.

B. J. Crowley, 6 A.

## BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

The ceremony was held on the afternoon of December 9th. On the platform were: Mrs. Allum, Mayoress of Auckland, Mrs. Gilmour, Mayoress of New Plymouth, and Mr. Aderman, M.P.

The Headmaster, in the 68th Annual Report, remarked that owing to the poliomyelitis outbreak, the opening of school was delayed one month and that correspondence lessons were arranged by the staff and forwarded to the pupils. Owing to restrictions in the Auckland District 30 boys could not return by the opening date and additional courses, which involved considerable inconvenience to the staff, had to be prepared. In addition, the School was closed for a further week in April due to a pupil contracting poliomyelitis. Fortunately the boy recovered. The delay entailed greater efforts for the senior pupils by the staff, continued the Headmaster. The Education Department and University Senate would make allowances for the loss of time in the cases of School Certificate and University Entrance examinations.

Two recent changes in policy, he added, would affect the School in future. Firstly, the introduction in most new apprenticeship awards of the condition that the boys receive at least two years post-primary education before being apprenticed; and secondly the introduction of part-time daylight training of apprentices at school. The former would tend to increase the roll as 28 per cent. of the new entrants in 1948 were over 14 years of age, and these could not leave before 16. The latter would be gradually introduced, starting with plumbing and motor apprentices next year—four hours weekly per class. Accommodation was available and it was hoped that instructors would be located.

During the last few weeks there had been a noticeable demand for boys for employment, which could not be met. The position was worse than during the last two years, and employers would find it worse for a few years to come. The decline in the birth rate during the depression would affect employment until 1952. The number of young people between the ages of 15 and 20 entering employment in 1952 would be about 135,000 compared with 171,000 in 1940 and 154,000 in 1949.

The Education Department Inspectors visit the School at least once a year, and every four years a report is furnished to the Board of Governors after a complete inspection of the School by a group of inspectors. The report was rather confidential and contained useful criticism and was of great value to the Board of Governors and the Headmaster. It contained many facts that were already known. For instance: "The School Boardinghouses are of good standing and excellently kept," "The class rooms in the two main blocks are unattractive and require complete redecoration."

The concluding part of the report showed the Inspectors' reasonably good opinion of the School and its work. "The Inspectors had a pleasant visit to the New Plymouth Boys' High School and wish to record their appreciation of the co-operation given in the task of a full inspection by members of the staff. Since the last inspection (1943) a steady progress along many lines has been made and the School is in good heart. Satisfactory courses are being

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provided for the wide range of boys at the School, professional groups, engineering and woodwork groups, and a large number of country boys, and some short term pupils of indifferent I.Q. The School has a very creditable list of sports and club activities to which all members of the staff devote considerable time. The appearance and behaviour of the boys both at school and as seen by the Inspectors in the streets is distinctly good."

The block of class rooms which should be ready about April would relieve congestion in the classes. There had been some difficulty about the size of forms—one sixth form and two other forms had about 45 boys. This new block would contain a new Art and Crafts room and three other class rooms.

### EXAMINATIONS PASSED—

Taranaki Scholarship, 4.  
Accountancy Professional, 4 (1 in 4 subjects, 3 in 3).  
Higher School Certificate, 14.  
University Entrance, 46.  
Endorsed School Certificates, 56.  
School Certificates, 79.  
City and Guilds Preliminary, 6.

Before passing to the School activities the Headmaster recorded his appreciation of the work done by the Staff, the Matron (Mrs. Jackson), and her staff, Miss Pottinger and the various Ministers of religion for their active interest in the boys. The Headmaster also gave his thanks to the Board of Governors for their constant attention to the needs of the School.

### OLD BOYS.

There were now nine branches of the Old Boys' Association in New Zealand, and the Headmaster had visited most of them during the previous 18 months. The Memorial Fund started in 1945 had grown continuously and the year's target of £2000 had been attained. The Auckland Old Boys had subscribed £60 towards a scholarship for the boys from Auckland whose fathers had been killed on active service.

### FOOTBALL.

Owing to the poliomyelitis epidemic two playing Saturdays were lost. The First XV. won every game except the Taranaki Championship semi-final against Tariki. No other team was as successful. The School was fortunate in being able to use the Racecourse and it was hoped that in the near future more grounds would be made available and the present ones improved. That would entail considerable expense and it was hoped that the Board of Governors would provide financial assistance.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

The programme had been slightly restricted owing to the epidemic.

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### SWIMMING.

Swimming lessons were taken by all classes for the first two or three weeks after school opened. The swimming sports were postponed and in the third term only the championships were contested.

### CORRECTIVE WORK.

An effort was made to examine every boy in the School for postural defects. While few marked defects were revealed, minor defects were present in the majority of cases. These minor defects were often removed after the boy's attention had been directed to his particular fault.

### SPECIAL CLASS.

A special class was held each Friday afternoon between 3.30 and 5 p.m. for boys especially interested in gymnastics as a form of recreation.

### ATHLETICS.

There was an increased interest in athletics owing to the energy of the Boys' Athletic Committee. There have been a number of outstanding athletes and eight records, six in track and two in field events had been broken. The Hansard Cup for inter-house athletics was won by Central House.

Meetings were held after school in the first and third terms.

The annual Steeplechase was held on grounds adjacent to the School on October 15th, instead of the Ngamotu Golf Links because it eliminated transport difficulties and was easier to control.

The annual Sports Day was held on October 30th. The weather was ideal and there was a good attendance of parents and Old Boys.

### BOXING.

During the first and third terms 60 boys received coaching. The annual Tournament was held towards the end of the second term and although the general standard appeared slightly lower than the previous year many promising boys were seen in the finals.

### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The season had been a good one with 45 boys taking part. The School entered three teams in the competitions and they came second, third and fourth respectively. The Mt. Albert match was drawn, 1—1.

### HOCKEY.

Two teams were entered in the North Taranaki Competitions, the "A" team playing in the senior grade and acquitting itself very well. The Medallion presented by Mr. C. Castle for the most improved player went to C. Luxton.

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### CRICKET.

The season was broken by the poliomyelitis epidemic and the Nelson match was not played. Rain was also a hindrance, stopping the Wanganui Collegiate game and curtailing several practices. House cricket was played on Pukekura Park and the School grounds with 16 teams taking part. The shortage of grounds has been felt and the Racecourse is regarded as the solution of the problem. It is hoped that the Board would provide financial assistance. Another team has been entered in the North Taranaki competitions as a result of more young masters becoming interested in cricket.

### DRILL.

Owing to the poliomyelitis epidemic the annual week's barracks were not held this year. Instead of the usual three-quarters of an hour per week the School now has half a day per month. Three of our senior N.C.O.'s (R.S.M. Brown, C.S.M. Launder and C.S.M. Crowley) passed the examination for the new rank of Junior Under Officer.

### MUSIC.

In the third and fourth forms of the School, the pupils received training in notation, appreciation and singing. The Choir now contained 60 voices and had performed well.

The purchase of 1400 gramophone records had assisted greatly in the appreciation of music.

A School Band had been started under Mr. Ramsay, and regular practices carried out and great progress made. On the resignation of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Lowe kindly agreed to take over the tuition.

### LIBRARY.

The Library benefited considerably by the large additional grant made by the Department which enabled many new books to be bought. A number of changes in organisation was made during the year. The books have been re-catalogued on the Dewey Decimal system and instruction given to the pupils in the methods of using it. A three-way card index system was begun. This year the Library received many gifts of books from citizens and firms, and to all of these we give our grateful thanks.

### DRAMATIC CLUB.

Owing to the late opening of school it was decided not to produce a full-length play in the usual manner. Only play readings were held. It is hoped to produce a play again at the Opera House next year.

### PRIZES.

Mrs. Gilmour presented the Sports Prizes and the School Prizes presented by Mrs. Aderman were as follows:—

General Excellence Cup (presented by Dr. E. F. Fookes); B. M. Brown.

Dux Prize (Buick Cup, and prizes presented by Mr. C. Johnson and Ian MacLead Memorial); J. L. Veale, M. G. MacDonald.

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- Head Boy's Prize** (presented by Mr. E. Harden): J. A. Ross.  
**Syme Prize** (Latin): A. A. Finch.  
**White Memorial Prize**: D. E. Jamieson.  
**Heartley Memorial Prize**: J. R. Michaels.  
**Reading Prizes**: Senior (presented by Mr. H. N. Hewson), J. R. Michaels. Junior: D. L. Kitchingman. In Assembly: W. G. Croll. In Chapel: A. B. Hooper.  
**Tabor Scholarship**: English: J. R. Michaels. Science: N. B. Beach. Engineering: S. A. Astwood.  
**Special Prize for Electrical Engineering**: R. C. L. Wilkinson.  
**Junior Oratory** (Moss Cup, and prize presented by Mr. L. M. Moss): D. G. Howell.  
**Senior Debate** (Wellington Old Boys' Cup): B. M. Brown, J. L. Veale.  
**Music Prize**: Piano (Mr. Collier's Prize): T. N. Waters. Orchestra (Mrs. P. C. Davie's Prize): J. L. Veale. Violin (Mrs. Webb's Prize): B. Major.  
**Drawing** (Mr. Tett's Prize): R. J. Littlejohn.  
**Rex Dowding Memorial Prize** (Essay): D. G. Howell.

## CLASS PRIZES—

**VI B.1**: B. A. Walker 1, G. S. Wood 2. **VI B.2**: N. B. Beach 1, N. J. Quin 2. **V Cl.**: J. C. Barrett. **V Sc.**: A. T. Saywell. **V G.1**: D. Duff. **V G.2**: J. B. Johnston. **V E.1**: J. K. Bargh. **V E.2**: B. Henderson. **IV Cl.**: D. G. Howell (George Prize). **IV G.1 & Sc.**: R. Julian and B. Evans (equal). **IV G.2**: B. C. Arthur. **IV E.1**: K. E. Luxton and F. J. Crawford (equal). **IV E.2**: W. Williams. **IV Bld.**: F. Trye. **IV Ag.**: M. Walter. **III Cl.**: D. L. Kitchingman. **III G.1**: S. R. Hill. **III G.2**: A. F. Cassie. **III G.3**: K. R. Pentecost. **III E.1**: D. T. Schultz. **III E.2**: N. B. Quicke. **III Bld.**: T. S. Duxfield. **III Ag.**: T. J. McEwan. **Preparatory (Upper)**: V. Mila. **Lower**: J. McC. Carter.

## ATHLETICS—

- Old Boys' Challenge Cup** (Senior Athletic Championship): J. A. Ross.  
**Challenge Trophy** (Junior Athletic Championship): W. J. Underwood.  
**Bennett Cup** (Under 14 Championship): L. J. Shrimpton.  
**1911 Cup** (Senior Steeplechase): D. C. Deere.  
**Bryce Cup** (Senior Steeplechase, Fastest Time): M. F. Craig.  
**Challenge Cup** (Junior Steeplechase): A. Gaskell.  
**Easton Memorial Cup** (Junior Steeplechase, Fastest Time): A. Gaskell.

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- Fookes Cup** (Senior Mile): C. Keig.  
**Mason Memorial Cup** (880 Yards Open): J. R. MacMillan.  
**Old Boys' Challenge Shield** (440 Yards): J. A. Ross.  
**Pridham Cup** (Old Boys' Race): Mr. R. Baunton.

## BOXING—

- Lepper Memorial Cup** (Senior Championship): B. M. Brown.  
**Kidd Memorial Cup** (Under 14 Stone): M. W. Wilson.  
**Chivers Cup** (Middleweight): W. D. Gardiner.  
**Wallace Shield** (Inter-House): Moyes.

## CADETS—

- Sole Cup** (Best N.C.O.): B. M. Brown.

## CRICKET—

- Birch Memorial Cup** (Day Boys v. Boarders): Day Boys.  
**Bates Cup** (Inter-House): West.

## FOOTBALL—

- Pease Cup** (Day Boys v. Boarders): Boarders.  
**Kerr Cup** (Inter-House): Pridham.

## SHOOTING—

- McDiarmid Belt** (Senior Championship): W. G. Croll.

## SWIMMING—

- Sykes Memorial Cup** (Senior Championship): C. J. Ross.  
**Challenge Trophy** (Junior Championship): V. Mila.  
**Fox Cup** (Under 14): M. B. Francis.

## TENNIS—

- Candy Cup** (Senior Championship): B. R. Boon.

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School opened this year on February 1st with a total roll of 702. Of these 241 were boarders and 434 day boys. The Preparatory Department consisted of 29 boys of whom 27 were boarders.

The acquisition of a library of over 1,000 select recordings will be of great benefit to the music of the School. It is hoped to obtain a radiogram early in the future for the use of the boys.

We are glad to hear that after a year's recuperation in South Africa Mr. Hatherly will soon be returning. He fulfilled his promise of sending regular news of the All Blacks. For this we are very grateful.

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At the Under-Officer courses held at Linton the School has an excellent record. So far there have been two courses, and on each occasion a member of the School has topped the examination held at the completion of training. B. J. Crowley was also the only candidate in the Central Military District who was successful in the newly-created Senior Under-Officer course.

The highlight of the cricket season last year was the long-awaited Masters v. Boys cricket match. Since 1947 when a master rudely shattered the complacency of the boys by breaking a window from a far distant pitch, much plotting and practice has occurred on both sides. The School received a half-holiday and all watched the match with great interest even though the result was never in doubt. Cricket caps, bearing a suspicious resemblance to certain well-known clubs of almost international standing were worn by some masters, doubtless another example of their intimidatory tactics. At first the boys were non-plussed to see good length balls which, according to Grace, should have been carefully blocked, casually flicked by one hand to the leg boundary. Further evidence of shock tactics was revealed in the masters' fielding when the ball appeared to be returned at the batsmen rather than to the keeper. It was interesting to see the masters actually at work. Even the ball seemed to enter into the spirit of the game and became most elusive when the boys were batting. One master, it is said, losing sight of a hard-hit ball, promptly calculated where it would land. Fortunately he was a little out—the ball just missed his head. Of course the catch was dropped. We believe that a minor land-slide occurred on Paritutu when one master of generous proportions fell over whilst retrieving the ball. Umpires' decisions were surprisingly fair.

On arriving back at School for the second term we found the old coke fires disposed of and replaced by gas radiators. This change was received with joy by the junior boys who no longer have to carry coke to sixth form rooms. The life of the clay radiants was expected to be disastrously short, but a small fine is collected for any breakages. This appears to be a sufficient deterrent although a small fortune has been collected from a certain senior form.

Again this year there has been a noticeable paucity of speeches from visitors. In the second term Colonel Davis addressed us on Duntroon, and military careers in general. Mr. Hemming, an educational authority from the United Kingdom, was the only other speaker. He gave a short address on international co-operation.

During his visit to New Plymouth Mr. Isador Goodman, a noted pianist, took an active interest in the proposed war memorial. He strongly supported the proposal to build an auditorium, pointing out that, in doing this, New Plymouth would be taking the lead in improving the facilities now offered to concert artists touring New Zealand.

The School saw two excellent pictures during the year. They were "Hamlet" and "Scott of the Antarctic."

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During their opening engagement of the season the National Symphony Orchestra entertained us in a morning concert for New Plymouth schools. The varied programme provided for many the first opportunity to see a full orchestra playing.

There is at least one proof that the School is keeping up with the times. The Book Depot has, in our opinion, exhibited doubtful business acumen in reducing the price paid for books by 20 per cent. It has been explained, however, that this action is entirely honourable and results from the adjustment made in sterling exchange.

We congratulate Martin Donnelly for topping New Zealand team's batting averages and scoring 206 in the second test—a record score for a New Zealander in a test match. Most boys will regard this as the finest innings ever played in Test Cricket as it earned us a half holiday. Exams the following day were, we believe, not well done, owing no doubt to the fact that cars were by the radio rather than eyes on the text books.

The First XV. celebrated the return of their captain B. J. Novak to active play, by compiling forty-five points against Tukapa, of which the full-back G. I. Deakin scored five tries.

Our congratulations go to the First XV. and Cricket XI. for their successes this year. The First XV., besides emerging undefeated in College games, also won the Taranaki Junior Championship for the first time since 1927. The First XI. scored an excellent win against Wanganui Collegiate, and their effort of dismissing Wanganui twice in one day was most commendable. The success of this season was further extended by the breaking of several records. Two School senior swimming records were broken by C. J. Ross, who also holds two Taranaki Junior records. The discus and shot put records were broken by A. B. Hooper and the hop, step and jump by W. Thomson.

So great was the interest in First XV. College matches this year that some boys "hitch-hiked" to see distant College games. We are told that of the five hundred miles travelled by two boys only five were walked.

A touch of glamour was brought into our lives when Miss New Zealand, Miss Mary Woodward returned in triumph to her home town. The boys and staff lined Avenue Road when she drove past the School on her way to the civic reception. Her cheerful wave and winning smile were received with delight and answered by three of our rousing cheers.

This year groups of boys have been working in Pukekura Park on Saturday mornings, helping in the general improvement and extension of the grounds. On the whole the boys have found satisfaction in the work, and a competitive pride has sprung up between the houses as to quality and quantity of work done. Groups have given names to their varied efforts and junior boys are to be found arguing over the merits of Crowley's Bridge and Hooper's Highway.



## SCHOOL NOTES

A long-standing grievance with the boarders was disposed of when it was decided to hold fortnightly pictures. Among those seen were: "Mutiny on the Bounty," "A Christmas Carol," and "Madame Curie." These films were thoroughly enjoyed.

A new method of barracking at First XV. matches has been evolved by certain boys who persistently rang a cowbell at the championship final. We do not know whether or not it was their intention to distract the opposing team which came from a farming district.

The orthodoxy of this year's boxing was relieved when such new and interesting styles as the "Hawke's Bay Crouch" and the "Taupiri Cover" were introduced. Due precautions were taken this year to prevent any spectators from falling into the baths.

Acted in collaboration with the Girls' High School, the annual play, G. B. Shaw's "Major Barbara" proved a great success. The cast handled the theme and the difficult parts with confidence and skill.

The undisciplined creatures which invade the School every February will receive a shock next year for it has been decided that in March the School will hold Barracks Week at Linton Military Camp. As it will probably involve a favourable change of menu, the scheme is of considerable interest to boarders.

Long Night Dance again proved a great success. The appearance of the Assembly Hall was completely transformed by careful use of scenery. Because of the large attendance two classrooms were used as additional floor space.

It was hoped that the Masters v. Boys annual shoot would be resumed, but as fears were entertained for neighbouring cows it was abandoned.

An exceptionally severe epidemic of influenza in the third term overflowed the hospital into one of the dormitories. The masters again proved the toughness of their fibre by resisting all attacks of the germ.

We were very sorry to hear of the retirement of Archdeacon Gavin. He has rendered excellent service to the School for seventeen years. As he will be residing in New Plymouth we hope we shall not lose touch with him.

Sustained applause echoes through the Assembly Hall when, on speech night a pupil speaking on the properties of Nothing mentioned that the boarders often say, "How my dinner tasted like nothing on earth."

A surprise awaited the School one morning when it was found that seating accommodation had been arranged for masters during morning prayers. A feature of these forms is their immense rigidity which is doubtless utilised to its fullest extent. It was interesting to note how the younger masters used the "left wing" whilst the older ones were content with the "right wing."



SCHOOL PREFECTS.

Back Row: N. B. Beach, B. J. Novak, M. G. A. Wilson, M. Tala, H. W. Cooke, B. J. Crowley, J. N. Gadd.  
Front Row: F. Albrechtsen, J. B. Glasgow, J. H. Crocker, A. B. Hooper (Head), W. G. Thomson, B. V. Kerr, B. A. Walker.

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We congratulate Mr. R. Baunton on securing a fine "double." Besides gaining his M.A. degree he was married in Auckland during the year.

A certain senior boy, in a moment of devilment, melted his semi-transparent plastic ruler in one of those very convenient gas fires, rolled it into an uneven ball and presented it to a science master, inquiring innocently if it might be kauri gum. After a moment's hesitation the master replied that it was too light for kauri gum, but that it was probably the substance exuded from the common pinus insignis tree. A company of boys is now anxious to purchase a pinus insignis forest to provide the raw material for the manufacture of plastic rulers.

Old Boys and present boys who have learned during their early years at School to detest the expression "roller squad" will be glad to know that the old roller can no longer be pushed or pulled by boy power. A new tractor has been purchased which will cut the grounds with gang mowers and the roller has been converted for pulling behind the tractor. All heavy rolling will be done in this way in future. It is rumoured however that those in charge of cricket are reluctant to remove altogether such an effective means of exercising small boys requiring discipline and have ordered a small roller so that the third formers can keep alive an old tradition.

Many of the boarders have recently taken up golf. The lawns around the baths and various houses are showing definite signs of maltreatment inflicted by would-be golfers. This game would be a welcome addition to the winter sports of the School.

We were very pleased to hear that two old boys were the finalists in the New Zealand Amateur Golf Championship. They were J. Holden and D. Sutherland. Mr. Holden won the title. We understand that a master claims the honour of coaching him—at cricket. We congratulate him—J. Holden we mean.

Because of the fireworks display at Pukekura Park the Sports Concert was held on the night preceding the sports. It was probably the most successful for several years. Contributing to the success were the School choir, orchestra, band, gymnasium squad, and vocal quartette.

Early in November the junior boys received a talk on road safety from Mr. Rennie. He spoke mainly on the causes of bicycle accidents. A film was shown at the conclusion of the talk.

The Day Boy v. Boarders cricket match was won this year by the Day Boys who retain the Birch Cup.

Early in the year the Old Boys' Association formed a special committee to raise funds to provide a suitable memorial to our late Headmaster, Mr. W. H. Moyes. It has been decided that the memorial will take the form of a cricket pavilion situated on the cricket ground by Niger House. This, it is felt, will not only be a worthy and dignified memorial but also an improvement to the amenities of the School.

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This year additional facilities were offered to boys who wished to see the St. Pat's match. Two buses were provided for those boys who had football fixtures in the morning. They left the school after an early lunch and returned in time for the evening meal. Thus many boys were able to see the match and the school teams were able to fulfil their Saturday fixtures. Unfortunately the day was again spoiled by continuous rain.

The establishment of a District High School at Okato, which will be opened at the beginning of next year, will further relieve the congestion with which the School has been troubled in the past few years. This is the second school of its kind to be opened in the surrounding district since 1947. We welcome the establishment of the school because it will eliminate a long and tiring bus journey for many boys. We hope to develop the same spirit of friendly rivalry in games as exists between us and the Waitara District High School.

The tuckshop was recently moved from its old position to make room for the building of a new sewing room. This, with the construction of a cafeteria is part of the ten-year plan for the improvement of the facilities of the school. Junior boys still regard prices as exorbitant, pointing with an accusing finger to the large profits. However, sixth formers are only too ready to maintain that the prices are easily the lowest in town.

Late in the third term the New Plymouth Rotary Club held a dinner for the school prefects of all the New Plymouth Secondary Schools. After the dinner Mr. Horner, solicitor from Hawera, gave an interesting talk on "vocations." A. B. Hooper in a short speech thanked Mr. Horner and the Rotary Club for the interesting evening.

The extension of the "morgue" building is almost completed by now and it is hoped that it will be ready for occupation at the beginning of the new school year. It will consist of two general classrooms, one small classroom, one art and craft room, one small craft room and two cloak-rooms. This addition should solve our accommodation problem for some time. The extension is designed to match as near as possible the original "morgue" building and when painted will hardly be detected from the outside as a recent addition. There are many who wish that the addition will enable us to dispense with rooms 17 and 22.

This year we had a new type of programme printed for the sports. It was slightly larger than usual and where possible the names of the entrants of each race were printed. This, however, could not be done in some races, particularly sprints in which there were large numbers of competitors. Another innovation was the inclusion of the long distance races and field events in the championships.

For the first time supper was given to boarders sitting School Certificate during the exams this year, in the hope that it will provide better results. We hope that this will lead to giving supper to all boys at all times.

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Cricket enthusiasts will be pleased to hear that the School has been presented with the cricket bat with which Martin Donnelly made his double century against England. On it are written the signatures of the members of the New Zealand team and the marks where the ball was hit may be seen always in the centre of the bat. This will no doubt prove an object of awe and inspiration to all.

Barrack's Week culminated this year with a series of exciting mock battles, using blank ammunition. Held on the school farm, they presented a vivid picture. Amid much crashing and yelling figures could be seen scaling trees and cliffs, skulking along hedges, splashing through mud and in general doing everything expected of not very responsible school boys. Even commands and directions from masters were forgotten in the general excitement, "C" company in particular hailed the project with enthusiasm as to them it was the highest form of "cowboys and Indians" yet conceived.

With regret we learned of the death of Mrs. A. Burgess who for many years has been a close friend of the School. She gave valuable financial assistance particularly to the Old Boys' Memorial Fund. We extend to all her relatives our deepest sympathy in their loss. The School was represented at her funeral.

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The 1949 football season began with greater enthusiasm than ever. The weather was kinder than usual and only once during the season was there any doubt about the possibility of Saturday football. The standard of football in all grades was such that we can look back on the season with satisfaction.

The first XV again performed very well. The policy of fielding a team in the May holidays was continued and it was during this period that they had their only loss of the season. In the local First Junior competition they won the Northern Division with only one loss, defeated Hawera, Southern Division winners, comfortably and playing very intelligently defeated their old rivals Tariki in the final. This gave them the Taranaki Championship. In College matches they were successful against St. Patrick's, Wanganui Collegiate, Te Aute, and Auckland Grammar School. This year an additional game was arranged against King's College, Auckland, and resulted in a hard-fought draw. Thus for the fourth season in succession the School team has been undefeated in College games. The team owed its success, perhaps, to its weight, the pack averaging 13 stone, its experience, speed in the backs and to the skilful direction of the captain, B. J. Novak.

The Second XV. again developed into a fair combination, and particularly towards the end of the season more than held its own with third grade teams. Unfortunately it has been impossible to arrange an inter-school fixture for them.

Owing to the strength of the opposition particularly in the fifth grade competition the fourth and fifth grades had to be reorganised after the season commenced. This did not affect the one team which remained in the fourth grade. This team had a good season, winning half its games and playing attractive open

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football which often drew complimentary remarks from opponents and spectators. Nearly all the points scored were the result of wing threequarter tries. A college game against Opunake District High School, which School won 12—6, proved a popular innovation and we hope that the fixture will be an annual one.

The reorganisation did affect the fifth grade. It left in that grade three teams of equal strength which had unfortunately lost three valuable weeks at the beginning of the season. When they did settle down they all played attractive football and made their presence felt. In the second round the School A team drew with the unbeaten Waitara District High School team. To close the season we invited the Waitara D.H.S. team to the School and selected a team from the whole group to play them. The team played well but could not match the excellent combination of the Waitara team. Three boys from the group represented Taranaki in a fifth grade representative match against Wanganui.

The football in the sixth and seventh grades this year reached a particularly high standard. School entered six sixth grade teams and five seventh grade on a house basis. From the Taranaki Rugby Union's point of view both these grades were very strong and school teams more than held their own. Pridham House sixth grade team won the grade knock-out by defeating West 6—3. Thus two School teams contested the final of this competition. Moyes House seventh grade team went through the year undefeated and won the competition. It was in this grade that the most improvement in school football took place. None of the teams played ragged untidy football, and at times some very skilful play was to be seen. School teams contributed fourteen of the twenty players selected for the Taranaki seventh grade representative team.

During the season school sixth and seventh grade teams travelled to Stratford Technical High School. Both games were won by School. Such interest was aroused among the boys by the selection of these teams as well as the trip and games that it is to be hoped that the event will become an annual one.

The house system proved successful this year. The standard of football was good, the boys keen, the teams successful so the school's very junior football is in good heart.

Saturday competition was provided for seventeen teams. Games in all except the three top grades were played in the morning so that the racecourse usually presented a scene of great activity. Sometimes as many as eight games were played there in one morning. Competition has been keen and there has been a great improvement in the style of football played.

This year an attempt was made to complete all football in the second term including the Senior House matches and the Day Boys v. Boarders match but the heavy programme of the first XV made this impossible and the final of the House Competition and the Day Boys v. Boarders match were played in the third term. In the House competition the teams were not so evenly matched as usual but the final in which Pridham defeated Central provided good football.

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The Day Boys v. Boarders match was disappointing as a spectacle but was evenly contested.

Grounds presented something of a problem. Work commenced on the remainder of the Racecourse enclosure with the object of sowing in the spring so that additional grounds would be available for next season. This meant that the Soccer ground was out of commission and one of the Rugby grounds had to be converted. This brought difficulties with practices but no team suffered. We would again express our thanks to the Taranaki Jockey Club for their continued goodwill in making grounds available and their ready co-operation in suggestions for additional grounds.

The thanks of the boys are tendered to all the masters who have assisted with the coaching and organisation of teams. We consider that we are fortunate to have so many who are keen and enthusiastic.

The thanks of the School are due to the Hawera Branch of the Old Boys Association for making the St. Patrick's week-end so enjoyable for the team, to Mrs. Gray, who again entertained both teams after the match, to the hosts of the First XV. in Hawke's Bay, to the Referees Association and the St. John's Ambulance for their help during the season, to those boys who assisted with the refereeing of Junior games and to the Taranaki Rugby Union for their continued interest in the School football and consideration at all times. We are especially grateful to the Headmaster of King's College for agreeing to an end of the season match and inviting the team to Auckland and to the boys of the school for making our team welcome and providing us with such a well contested match.

## COLLEGE GAMES.

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

(Played at Hawera, July 2nd.) Won, 19—9.

The teams were:—

St. Patrick's.—C. Limmer, C. Staszuk, G. Carrington, B. Zygadle, E. Laulu, F. Byrne, D. Ryan, R. Harold, E. O'Donnell, R. Rasch, L. Kissick (captain), K. Murphy, P. Mohi, K. Ross, B. Cosgriff.

School.—G. Deakin, L. Myers, R. Meredith, J. Brown, A. Luxton, B. Novak (captain), A. Townsend, A. Hooper (vice-captain), M. Tala, A. Miller, D. Fleming, B. Kerr, C. Julian, C. Croad, I. Flavell.

Rain fell continuously during the game. However, in the first spell, School handled well and scored eleven points. In the second spell the lighter St. Pat's pack often carried play to School's goal line and scored their only points of the match. With a marked superiority in scrums the School backs saw more of the ball and played sound, enterprising football, indicating that the game would have been spectacular if the weather had been fine and the ground firm.

## THE PLAY.

While the ball was still dry the school backs began a passing rush but Meredith was tackled. School attacked again; Brown ran thirty yards and kicked ahead but the ball went into touch. Then St. Pat's were penalised but Luxton's kick from thirty yards out

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dropped under the bar. The School backs handled for a ruck to form in the St. Pat's twenty-five. School gained possession with the St. Pat's backs out of position and Meredith, with Brown in support scored well in for Luxton to convert. (Score 5—0.) From a scrum just inside St. Pat's half Townsend passed to Novak who beat his man and passed to Luxton who side-stepped the full-back to score under the posts. His kick failed. (Score 8—0.) Following a scrum Townsend ran round the blind side and passed in-field. Five School forwards handled and Hooper finally scored ten yards from the posts. Myers missed with his kick. (Half-time score 11—0.)

At the beginning of the second spell the School forwards burst into St. Pat's half and from loose play Townsend kicked through for Novak to carry it on further up-field, beating the full-back and finally scooping up the ball to score behind the posts. Luxton converted. (Score 16—0.)

A few minutes later the School forwards began a determined rush from half-way which ended in Croad scoring in the corner. The kick failed. (Score 19—0.) On one of the few occasions the St. Pat's backs handled, a try resulted. From a scrum, their first five-eighths kicked for the corner, the ball rolled over the line for Staszczuk to beat Brown and Deakin to it. Carrington's kick failed. (Score 19—3.)

With their lighter forwards working vigorously, St. Pat's dominated play. School were penalised and Carrington kicked a goal. (Score 19—6.) Carrington followed this with another fine kick after an infringement by a School forward and this made the final score 19—9.

### v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE.

(Played at Pukekura Park, July 20th). Won 29—11.

The teams were:—

**Wanganui.**—P. Gunson, B. Battell, R. Benjamin, J. White, D. Hamilton, B. Hamilton, K. Swinburn (captain), G. Hare, E. Jardine, M. Bull, S. Dixon, M. Glenn, F. Woollams, P. Irvine, J. Lithgow.

**School.**—G. Deakin, L. Myers, R. Taylor, J. Brown, A. Luxton, B. Novak (captain), A. Townsend, A. Hooper (vice-captain), B. Kerr, A. Miller, J. Johnston, F. Stevenson, C. Julian, C. Croad, I. Flavell.

The day was very hot but the ground was heavy. Although they were unable to reproduce the form they displayed at Hawera, School won by a wide margin. Apart from the first few minutes School dominated the first half and gained a strong lead by means of the superior penetration of their backs. In the second spell Wanganui played with greater skill and determination, attacking for long periods at a time. In the final phase of the game School recovered and scored two tries.

### THE PLAY.

From the kick-off both teams handled, each back line looking for an opening. Novak broke through and passed to Luxton who was tackled in possession. Following a penalty in the Wanganui half the ball was passed along the back line to Brown, then infield

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to Hooper who passed to Townsend who scored in the corner. The kick failed. (Score 3—0). The sound defence of the Wanganui team checked the repeated attacks of the School backs. From a scrum on the Wanganui twenty-five Townsend passed to Luxton who stepped inside his man and passed to Hooper who crashed over for a try. Luxton converted. (Score 8—0).

Wanganui attacked. With their advantage from scrums at this stage their backs made several fast dangerous movements but they all lacked finish. Wanganui attacked from a scrum near the School twenty-five but Taylor intercepted. He lost possession but Brown kicked it further upfield and Novak following up, gained possession and scored behind the posts. Luxton converted. (Score 13—0.)

A few minutes later from a fast passing movement in Wanganui's twenty-five Taylor raced through a gap to score close in. Luxton converted. (Score 18—0). Intercepting a bad pass Battell scored after running forty yards. Jardine converted. (Score 18—5). Near the end of the first spell, Brown received the ball from a back movement, fended off several tacklers and scored fifteen yards from the sideline. Luxton failed with the conversion. (Score 21—5).

From a line-out in their own half the School backs handled and Deakin came in as extra man. Finding the gap he raced down the line but was well stopped by Gunson. (Half-time score 21—5).

The second spell opened with Wanganui on the attack. From a lineout on the half-way mark Jardine got the ball, beat a tackle and brushed off the full-back to score in the corner. The kick failed. (Score 21—8). Wanganui attacked again and again but each time School cleared. Then from thirty yards out Jardine kicked a fine penalty. (Score 21—11).

From a scrum just outside the Wanganui twenty-five School won the ball and Brown raced around to make an extra five-eighths. He received the ball, used his speed to brush off several tackles and score. The kick failed. (Score 24—11).

School hooked the ball and Luxton was through the defence. He scissored with Novak but a dropped pass stopped the movement. In the last few minutes of the game Deakin again came into the back-line to find a gap and score wide out. Taylor converted. (Final score 29—11.)

### v. TE AUTE.

(Played at Nelson Park, Hastings, July 30th). Won 13—6.

The teams were:—

**Te Aute.**—K. Karaka (captain), R. Poi, M. Kutia, L. Apanui, E. Mason, H. Tibble, B. Mahue, K. Henare, D. Kutia, G. Wano, C. Seymour, R. Hemopo, B. Pomare, J. Mataira, W. Ngatai.

**School.**—G. Deakin, L. Myers, R. Meredith, J. Brown, A. Luxton, B. Novak (captain), A. Townsend, A. Hooper (vice-captain), B. Kerr, A. Miller, D. Kruse, M. Tala, C. Julian, C. Croad, D. Fleming.

In spite of a slippery surface both teams played bright and open football. School deserved their win because they were more enterprising and had the better combination. Te Aute, however, fully extended them and had them on the defence during the last fifteen minutes of play.

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The School forwards won the set scrums and the rucks and gave their backs plenty of ball but they did not at any stage completely subdue the Te Aute pack. In the second half particularly, the Te Aute forwards more than held their own in the line-outs. Their backs lacked the smooth understanding of the School set and although they showed great dash and speed their efforts were largely individual.

### THE PLAY.

The game opened with two back attacks by School but Brown was crowded out and Myers dropped a bad pass on the line. Myers missed with a penalty and then School were twice penalised but Karaka missed with the kicks, both within range.

Te Aute then attacked with a run by Apanui and a clever kick by Tibble but Myers and Deakin saved. School then got possession, the ball travelled to Myers who beat his man and ran for thirty-five yards but Karaka was safe. From the resultant ruck School caught the Te Aute backs out of position and Meredith sent Brown over. Myers converted. (Score 5—0).

School returned to the attack. Novak cut through but his pass to Meredith was dropped on the line. (Half-time score 5—0).

Although Te Aute lost the first two scrums in the second half, they broke up the School back attacks and playing vigorously pressed to the twenty-five. From a ruck the ball went to Mason who punted into the goal mouth. In the resultant scramble School were penalised and Karaka kicked an easy goal. (Score 5—3).

Swift movements and good handling by the School backs tested the Te Aute defence. Then from a lineout near the Te Aute goal line Kerr dived over for a try. Myers missed with the kick. (Score 8—3).

Te Aute forwards attacked but Meredith and Deakin saved with hasty kicks into touch. Good work by Tibble, Mason and Kutia hustled School into mistakes. M. Kutia succeeded with a difficult kick from the touchline. (Score 8—6).

School attacked and Meredith found a gap, passed to Myers who centre-kicked. Croad took the ball, broke through two tackles and scored under the posts. Luxton converted. (Score 13—6).

The Te Aute forwards now played with renewed vigour. Apanui made a great burst for the line and only just failed. Te Aute kept play in the forwards and when they did open out the School tackling was solid. The game ended without further score.

### v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

(Played at Rugby Park, New Plymouth, August 6th). Won 11—5.

Grammar School.—R. M. Harris, B. Leaming, B. Connell (captain), R. Edgar, B. Stretton, R. Harris, B. Palmer, J. Taylor, G. Nicholson (vice-captain), W. Valentine, J. Hubert, D. Massey, H. Harris, G. Brown, A. Keith.

School.—G. Deakin, L. Myers, R. Meredith, J. Brown, A. Luxton, B. Novak (captain), A. Townsend, A. Hooper (vice-captain), B. Kerr, A. Miller, D. Kruse, M. Tala, C. Julian, C. Croad, D. Fleming.



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Back Row: G. I. Deakin, I. C. Flavell, C. M. Julian, F. J. Stevenson, A. B. Hooper (Vice-Captain), J. A. Miller, D. F. Fleming, D. Kruse, J. B. Johnston.  
Middle Row: A. T. Luxton, C. E. Croad, J. W. Brown, B. J. Novak (Captain), L. Myers, B. V. Kerr, M. Tala.  
Front Row: J. D. Reid, A. C. Townsend, R. L. Meredith, R. T. V. Taylor, D. G. Baird.



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The weather was fine and the ground firm but the game was not as spectacular as might have been expected. The teams were very evenly matched and the tackling good on both sides. The School backs always looked dangerous and made the most of their limited opportunities. Grammar packed, scrummaged and rucked well and got sufficient ball from all sources to win the match. The Grammar backs were not weak but were always held in check by good tackling and greater speed in the School line.

### THE PLAY.

Grammar made an early attack when Deakin was caught in possession. The School forwards cleared and took play into the Grammar half but Grammar were controlling the scrums and good line kicks drove School back. Grammar attacked again but a well-angled kick by Edgar was fielded by Deakin who saved. Grammar attacked again. Connell cut through and Leaming scored in the corner. R. M. Harris converted from a difficult angle. (Score 0—5).

From a scrum in midfield the ball came out to Novak who had shifted to second five-eighths. He cut through very fast, beat the full-back with pace and scored under the posts. Luxton converted. (Score 5—5).

Miller then led the School forwards into the Grammar twenty-five. School attacked again but R. M. Harris cleared. Miller again led the School forwards to the Grammar twenty-five as half-time sounded. (Score 5—5).

School again attacked but Grammar hooked the ball from a resulting scrum and drove School back with line kicks. Play at this stage was solid and unspectacular. Tackling was hard and there was little movement. Novak made a break on the blind side but R. M. Harris found touch. The School backs then received the ball from a scrum; it travelled quickly to Brown who fended off his opponent and ran down the touchline to score. The try was not converted. (Score 8—5).

School now pressed for a further advantage and the pace of the game quickened. Their efforts were frustrated by solid tackling.

Grammar came back to the attack and made every endeavour to pierce the School defence with straight running and backing up. Harris came into the backline and cut through but Deakin caught him when a try seemed certain. Then from a lineout near School's goal line Kerr broke away, carried the ball to Grammar's twenty-five where he gathered it in and passed to Kruse who was tackled just short of the line.

Right on time Novak, who had moved this time to centre, cut through to score. The kick failed. (Final score 11—5).

We are particularly grateful to Auckland Grammar School for their ready co-operation in arranging the game a fortnight earlier than usual.

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### v. KING'S COLLEGE AUCKLAND.

(Played at College ground Auckland, August 16th). Draw 6—6.

The teams were:—

**King's.**—Simcock, Stoddard, Savage, Abernethy, B. N. Spenser, Caughey, Young, Williams, Robinson, Hook, Polson, Eden, Parkinson.

**School.**—Deakin, Brown, Taylor, Myers, Luxton, Novak (captain), Townsend, Hooper (vice-captain), Kerr, Miller, Kruse, Julian, Fleming, Croad, Flavell.

In the fifth and final college match of the year played under ideal Rugby conditions, School did not reveal the ability they had shown in earlier matches. King's on the other hand played an excellent game. Excluding brief periods of mishandling the School backs were a constant danger but the forwards, although displaying some competence in the loose were conclusively beaten in the tight and in set scrums. In the lineouts their superior size was of little avail. The game was marked by an exceptionally high standard of tackling on both sides and by the sound performances of both full-backs. On the whole the score was a fair indication of the play.

#### THE PLAY.

From the kick-off King's took the initiative. School fumbled and revealed little cohesion but the danger of their backs soon became apparent when the team settled down.

Playing vigorously the School forwards soon had King's on the defensive. They were unlucky when Kerr charged down a clearing kick in the King's twenty-five, took the ball with a clear field ahead only to be stopped by an injury. He was replaced by D. Baird. Repeated thrusts maintained the offensive and it was from one of these that a try was scored. Flavell emerged from a collapsed scrum, dribbled the ball to the line and Fleming scored near the corner. The kick failed. (Score 3—0). Continuously attacking the School backs changed the direction of play but lost ground by loose play and through the resolute defence of King's.

Just before half-time School increased their lead when Hooper kicked an outstanding penalty goal from a central position fully forty-five yards from the posts. (Score 6—0).

Accurate line kicking by Simcock and Savage drove School back into their own territory where Simcock failed with a penalty. (Half-time score 6—0).

In the first few minutes of the second spell Simcock kicked a penalty for King's. (Score 6—3).

Then from a scrum near the School goal the ball went out along the King's back line. Simcock joined the backs and outran the defence to score in the corner. The kick failed. (Score 6—5).

With the scores even play moved up and down the field with several enterprising movements. King's were still getting most of the ball and the backs made good use of it. From a scrum in mid-field the ball came to Brown who beat his man only to be tackled by the cover defence with the goal line a few yards away.

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A few moments later Novak made a break, bringing the ball back to his forwards. A School forward was caught in possession on the King's twenty-five and there the movement died. Play moved back to School territory where Simcock missed narrowly with four penalties from well out. Near the end School rallied to stage a good loose attack that swept play to the King's twenty-five where Taylor missed with a penalty. From then on neither side looked dangerous. (Final score 6—6).

### COMPETITION GAMES (FIRST JUNIOR).

#### First Round:

- April 23.—v. Star I. Won 9—3. Tries: Brown, Hooper. Hooper one penalty.  
April 30.—v. Marist. Won 23—6. Tries: Brown (4), Myers, Reid. Myers one conversion. Penalty by Hooper.  
May 7.—v. Clifton. Won 11—6. Tries: Brown, Meredith. Conversion by Luxton. Penalty by Croad.  
May 14.—v. Old Boys. Lost 6—19. Tries: Quickfall. Croad one penalty.  
May 21.—v. Star II. Won 11—6. Tries: Quickfall (2), Brown. Conversion by Crocker.  
May 28.—v. Tukapa. Won 45—16. Tries: Deakin (5), Brown (2), Meredith (2), Croad (2), Julian, Stevenson. Conversions: Novak (2), Croad.  
June 4.—v. Urenui. Won 35—3. Tries: Myers (3), Brown (3), Meredith, Hooper, Croad. Conversions: Myers (3), Luxton.

#### Second Round:

- June 6.—v. Clifton. Won 8—5. Tries: Myers (2). Conversion by Luxton.  
June 11.—v. Star I. Drew 9—9. Tries: Brown, Croad. Myers one penalty.  
June 18.—v. Marist. Won 27—3. Tries: Myers (2), Brown, Meredith, Novak, Reid, Julian. Three conversions by Croad.  
June 25.—v. Old Boys. Won 25—0. Tries: Brown (3), Myers, Novak, Tala, Croad. Myers two conversions.  
July 9.—v. Star II. Won 20—3. Tries: Myers, Brown, Crocker, Taylor, Tala. Conversion by Croad. Penalty by Myers.  
July 16.—v. Tukapa. Won 26—9. Tries: Brown, Tala, Croad. Five penalties and one conversion by Taylor.  
July 23.—v. Urenui. Won 15—6. Tries: Myers (2), Julian, Luxton, Kerr.  
August 13.—v. Hawera. (Taranaki Semi-final). Won 29—9. Tries: Deakin (2), Brown, Meredith, Croad, Flavell. Luxton three conversions. Hooper penalty and conversion.  
August 24.—v. Tariki (Taranaki Final). Won 19—9. Tries: Deakin (2), Brown, Novak, Tala, Luxton and Hooper each one conversion.

#### Summary:

Games played 16.  
Won 14. Lost 1. Drawn 1.  
Points for 318. Points against 112.

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Below is a summary of the games played by the First XV since they returned to the Junior grade in 1946. The summary includes College Matches.

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points for	Against
1946—	12	10	1	1	233	55
1947—	16	10	3	3	209	111
1948—	19	17	1	1	351	57
1949—	21	18	2	1	396	149

### DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS. (PEASE CUP).

(Played on Racecourse).

The teams were:—

**Day Boys.**—Deakin, Quickfall, Brown, Davies, Powell, Crocker, Eddowes, Fleming, Glasgow, Stevenson, Adams, Thomson, Black, Greensill, Williamson.

**Boarders.**—Taylor, Myers, Julian, Shewry, Luxton, Harkness, Townsend, Hooper, Tala, Miller, Kruse, Walker, Ayres, Croad, Flavell.

With three First XV players on the sideline the Day Boys' team was severely handicapped. However at no period did the Boarders gain the advantage expected of them. When they missed an easy penalty near the end of the game the Day Boys lost a chance of equalising the score.

### THE PLAY.

After a short period of indeterminate play the Boarders hooked the ball and held it in the back of the scrum. Hooper dribbled the ball across the line to score. Croad missed the kick. (Score 3—0.)

The Boarders at this period were securing a greater share of the ball but through mishandling in the inside backs gained little advantage. Crocker and Deakin repeatedly gained ground for the Day Boys by excellent line kicking.

The Boarders pressed hard and narrowly missed scoring when Eddowes tackled Tala near the line. Following a backline movement the Boarders won the ball from a ruck and Myers crossed to score. The kick missed. (Score 6—0.)

Shortly before half-time the Boarders were penalised and Crocker kicked a good penalty. (Score 6—3.)

In the second half the Day Boys receiving little of the ball were hard pressed but the Boarders failed to increase their lead.

Shortly before time Deakin missed a penalty from a handy position. The game ended soon after with no change in the score. (Final score: Boarders 6, Day Boys 3.)

### HOUSE FOOTBALL.

The inter-house competition final was played during the second week of the third term. Pridham beat Central in a fast, open game. The two preliminary rounds of the competition were held at intervals during the second term. It was hoped to play the final during the last week of the second term, but owing to the absence of the first fifteen for an inter-school fixture, the game was postponed.

## CRICKET

Results:—

**First Round** (5th July)—Pridham 30 v. Carrington 0; Moyes 9 v. East 0; Central 36 v. West 0.

**Second Round** (12 July)—Pridham 22 v. Moyes 0; Central a bye.

**Final** (20th Sept)—Pridham 11 v. Central 3. Axbey, Kruse, Hooper, tries and Taylor, a conversion for Pridham. Davies, a try for Central.

The Pridham XV was.—Myers, Taylor, Luxton, Axbey, Dickson, Townsend, Cameron, Hooper, Tala, Teariki, Johnston, Kruse, Alexander, Flavell.

## CRICKET

This year's First XI, retained five members from last year's team, and settled down to form a good side. The batting strength of the team was solid, and the bowling was varied and well balanced. Two members of the team, R. Heale and I. Launder, were chosen for the Taranaki Representative team. The annual Nelson College match was again drawn, although sporting declarations by both teams kept the interest alive until the last hour.

Play in the Wanganui Collegiate match was held up because of rain and did not begin until after dinner on the first day. The game resulted in an innings win for School, who held a convincing lead throughout the game.

As a whole, the season has been a very enjoyable one. The results have been satisfactory, while a worthwhile nucleus has been built for next season's team.

## COLLEGE GAMES.

### v. NELSON COLLEGE.

(Played at Nelson, December 9th and 10th, 1948. Result: Draw).

This match was played in ideal cricket weather, on a hard, fast and true wicket. School won the toss and batted.

The Nelson bowling was accurate and steady, and runs came slowly until Lay and Shaw took the edge off the bowling and developed an excellent partnership. The later School batsmen failed owing to a spell of excellent bowling by Wilson when School had the chance to set a commanding total.

An opening partnership of 80 saw Nelson in a sound position at the end of the first day's play, but the remaining Nelson batsmen failed to push home their advantage. At lunch Nelson declared at 198 for 8 wickets, leaving the game open for a decision.

The School second innings was declared closed at the tea interval, school losing six wickets for 189 runs. Crowley 64 and Lay 64 batted well for school, at one stage adding 110 runs in 40 minutes. School were now 245 runs ahead with two hours left for play.

The Nelson batsmen were content to play out time and at stumps were 2 wickets down for 126 runs.

The teams were well matched and the game was played in a most genial atmosphere. A draw was the only logical outcome.

**CRICKET**

		SCHOOL.			
First Innings—					
Heale, l.b.w., b. Dennis	..	..	11	Second Innings—	
Crowley, l.b.w., b. Moller	..	..	12	c. Leggat, b. Wilson	10
Lauder, b. J. Wilson	..	..	40	b. Dennis	.. 64
O'Meager, c. M. Curtis, b. Wilson	..	..	4	b. Snowden	.. 24
Lay, c. Dine, b. Wilson	..	..	76	c. and b. Dennis .. 64	
Shaw, b. Wilson	..	..	73	c. Curtis, b. Bowers 1	
Albrechtsen, c. Leggat, b. Wilson	..	..	0	not out .. .. 4	
Crocker, c. Leggat, b. Dennis	..	..	3	b. Dennis .. .. 9	
Ramsden, not out	..	..	6	Extras .. .. 14	
Kerr, b. Wilson	..	..	0	Six wkts decl.) 189	
Wilson, c. Curtis, b. Wilson	..	..	3		
Extras	..	..	20		
<b>Total</b>	..	..	<b>248</b>		

**Bowling Analysis.**

					Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
I. Legatt	.. 24	5	57	—	8	2	33	—	
J. Wilson	.. 23	6	62	7	13	5	27	1	
A. Dennis	.. 28	8	56	2	14	2	51	3	
R. Moller	.. 4	—	15	1	1	—	14	—	
P. Edwards	.. 7	1	13	—	6	1	19	—	
R. Williams	.. 3	—	9	—					
J. Houghton	.. 2	—	12	—					
R. Snowden					5	1	14	1	
R. Bowers					3	—	19	1	

**NELSON.**

First Innings—		Second Innings—	
Edwards, c. Shaw, b. Launder	.. 34	Edwards, st. Kerr, b.	..
Moller, l.b.w., b. Shaw	.. 38	Crocker	.. 50
Houghton, l.b.w., b. Shaw	.. 1	Moller, l.b.w., b.	..
Leggat, c. Kerr, b. Crocker	.. 30	Lauder	.. 0
Dennis, c. Shaw, b. Wilson	.. 29	Leggat, not out	.. 19
Bowers, run out	.. 17	Houghton, not out	.. 54
Williams, c. Launder, b. Wilson	.. 11	Extras	.. 3
Wilson, c. Shaw, b. Wilson	.. 8		
Dine, not out	.. 1		
Snowden, not out	.. 4		
Extras	.. 20		
<b>Total (8 wickets decl.)</b>	.. 192	<b>Total (2 wkts.)</b>	.. 126

**Bowling Analysis.**

					Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Lauder	.. 27	12	54	1	7	1	21	1	
Shaw	.. 15	6	27	2	9	2	24	—	
Crocker	.. 17	4	52	1	9	1	36	1	
Wilson, M.	.. 11	3	37	3					
O'Meagher	.. 3	—	6	—	5	1	16	—	
Heale					3	1	11	—	
Lay					3	—	15	—	

**CRICKET**

**v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.**

(Played at Wanganui, 10th and 12th of March, 1948. Result: School won by an innings and 48 runs.)

Play commenced after lunch owing to bad weather conditions the night before, which resulted in the pitch being flooded. School won the toss and batted on a very dead, wet pitch. The Wanganui attack was accurate and the fielding keen. Runs came steadily during the first hour but the scoring rate dropped away over the latter stages of the day. At the end of the first day School were 164 for four wickets, Lay (73 n.o.) and Crowley (42) being the main scorers. The next morning, however, School tried to add quick runs with the object of an early declaration but were dismissed for a total of 199. For Wanganui Giesen was the steadiest of the bowlers.

Wanganui began their first innings disastrously and at lunch were three wickets down for seven runs. After lunch they fared little better against the School spin attack and were all out for 57. Wanganui began their second innings more confidently but once again their inability to play spin bowling on a responsive wicket led to their collapse, and were all out for 94. For Wanganui Giesen, Hamilton and Hare batted confidently, and for School Wilson and Crocker bowled extremely well.

This game was an excellent win for School, who with accurate bowling, backed up by excellent fielding, put the home side out twice in one day.

**SCHOOL.**

First Innings—		Second Innings—	
Crowley, c. Gopalan, b. Giesen	.. 42	Edwards, st. Kerr, b.	..
Davies, c. Hamilton, b. Kettle	.. 17	Crocker	.. 50
Albrechtsen, l.b.w., b. Lewis	.. 3	Moller, l.b.w., b.	..
Lay, c. Levin, b. Lewis	.. 76	Lauder	.. 0
Crocker, b. Giesen	.. 4	Leggat, not out	.. 19
Jackson, not out	.. 13	Houghton, not out	.. 54
Kerr, b. Lewis	.. 0	Extras	.. 3
Barclay, l.b.w., b. Lewis	.. 4		
Wilson, b. Kettle	.. 1		
Baigent, b. Kettle	.. 5		
Fairey, c. Lewis, b. Giesen	.. 7		
Extras	.. 27		
<b>Total</b>	.. 199		

**Bowling Analysis.**

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tidswell	.. 20	6	47	—
Lewis	.. 35	17	43	4
Kettle	.. 22	10	33	3
Giesen	.. 25	11	25	3
D. Hamilton	.. 5	—	27	—

CRICKET

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

First Innings—				Second Innings—			
B. Hamilton, c. Barclay, b. Wilson	..	19		b. Wilson	..	12	
Kettle, c. Jackson, b. Crocker	..	0		b. Wilson	..	7	
Giesen, c. Crowley, b. Crocker	..	0		c. Lay, b. Crocker	..	22	
D. Hamilton, b. Crocker	..	0		b. Crocker	..	20	
Hare, b. Davies	..	13		c. Albrechtsen, b. Fairay	..	16	
Gunson, b. Davies	..	8		b. Crocker	..	2	
Levin, b. Wilson	..	1		c. Kerr, b. Crocker	..	6	
Abraham, b. Crocker	..	9		c. Albrechtsen, b. Crocker	..	12	
Tideswell, c. and b. Wilson	..	4		b. Fairay	..	1	
Lewis, st. Kerr, b. Wilson	..	0		i.b.w. b. Crocker	..	0	
Gopalan, not out	..	0		not out	..	0	
Extras	..	2		Extras	..	2	
Total	..	57		Total	..	94	

Bowling Analysis.

First Innings—					Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Lay	10	5	10	—	3	1	8	—	
Fairey	8	5	6	—	7	4	9	2	
Crocker	11.4	5	15	4	13	2	33	6	
Davies	8	1	14	2	8	3	9	—	
Wilson	7	1	10	4	6	—	20	2	
Jackson					1	—	8	—	
Crowley					2	—	5	—	

FIRST XI. BATTING AVERAGES.

Name.	No. of Innings	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total Runs	Average
Heale, R.	7	1	89	304	50.66
Crocker, J.	15	4	67*	357	32.44
Lay, P.	14	1	76	398	30.7
Balgent, T.	6	2	45*	104	26.00
Shaw, W.	6	0	73	133	22.16
Launder, I.	11	1	52	237	20.37
Albrechtsen, F.	14	1	57	261	20.03
Wilson, M.	9	4	55 <sup>c</sup>	99	19.3
Crowley, F.	18	0	64	311	17.57
Tala, M.	1	0	14	14	14.00
Jackson, H.	4	1	13*	38	12.66

\*Not out.

FIRST XI. BOWLING AVERAGES.

Name.	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Corkhill, I.	12	3	34	3	11.333
Fairey, R.	48	18	93	7	13.285
Wilson, M.	68.5	7	283	21	13.476
Shaw, R.	54	17	119	8	14.825
Jackson, H.	29.2	10	89	6	14.820
Crocker, J.	174	31	571	37	15.459
Lay, P.	66	26	136	8	15.750
Launder, R.	111.3	33	287	18	15.944
Ramsden, G.	9	2	38	2	19.000
Heale, R.	17	4	74	3	24.666
Davies, J.	62	15	204	5	40.800
O'Meagher, T.	32	4	128	2	64.000

## NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS 1949.

EVENT.	FIRST.	SECOND.	THIRD.	TIME, HEIGHT, DISTANCE.	SCHOOL RECORD OR BEST PERFORMANCE.
(a) 100 Yards Junior Champ.	Dickson, P. G.	Sanders, L. J.	Shrimpton, L. J.	11 4-5sec.	10 3-5sec., } C. C. Kjestrup, 1937. W. J. P. Mitchell, 1946.
100 Yards Junior Handicap.	Francis, M. B.	Candy, W. A.	Bathgate, J. D.	12 1-5sec.	10 2-5sec., } R. Watson, 1927. W. P. Revell, 1943.
100 Yards Senior Champ.	Croad, C. E.	Reid, J. D.	Greig, G. A.	11sec.	
100 Yards Senior Handicap.	Quickfall, D. N.	Davies, L. J.	Tala, M.	11sec.	11 3-5sec., A. R. Bothamley, 1916.
100 Yards, Under 15.	Francis, M. B.	Bannister, E. H.	Hancock, J. A.	12 1-5sec.	
100 Yards, Under 14 Champ.	Patten, M. R.	Simcock, M. S.	Foggin, D. M.	12 1-5sec.	2min. 12 3-5sec.
100 Yards, Under 14 Hdcp.	Henderson, I. R.	Lornie, A.	Sattler, C. C.	13sec.	
880 Yards Senior Hdcp.	Cole, R. M.	Cavaney, G. G.	Williamson, D.	2min. 12 3-5sec.	2min. 21 4-5sec.
880 Yards Junior Hdcp.	Hook, P. J.	Julian, G. G.		2min. 21 4-5sec.	
		Robinson, W. B.			
(c) 880 Yards Senior Champ.	Boon, G. G.	Cooke, H.		2min. 13 2-5sec.	2min. 3 4-5sec., C. Keig, 1948.
(b) 880 Yards Junior Champ.	Buckeridge, P.	Cassidy, G.	Shrimpton, L. J.	2min. 34 4-5sec.	2min. 17sec., M. Alsweller, 1948.
75 Yards, Under 13.	Smith, A. W.	Croxson, R. S.	Morby, C. R.	10 3-5sec.	8 1-5sec., N. H. Street, 1941.
75 Yards, Under 14 Hdcp.	Westmoreland, R.	Moorehead, B. W.		10sec.	
75 Yards, Under 14 Champ.	Patten, M. R.	Simcock, M. S.	Carter, J. M.	9 2-5sec.	42ft. 7in., W. G. Thomson, 1949.
Hop, Step and Jump.	Thomson, W. G.	Taylor, R. T. V.	Simpson, D. F.	24 2-5sec.	
(d) 220 Yards Senior Champ.	Croad, C. E.	Reid, J. D.	Greig, G. A.	27sec.	24sec., L. B. Shrimpton, 1948.
220 Yards Senior Hdcp.	Ayers, A. T.	Davies, L. J.	Brown, J. W.	25 4-5sec.	24 1-5sec., O. A. Greensill, 1948.
220 Yards Junior Champ.	Dickson, P. G.	Buckeridge, P.	Sanders, B. L.	27 4-5sec.	
220 Yards Junior Hdcp.	Heatley, M. C.	Walter, M.	Francis, M. B.		
			Bathgate, J. D.		
220 Yards, Under 14 Champ.	Patten, M. R.	Foggin, D. M.	Simcock, M. S.	27 3-5sec.	26 2-5sec., M. P. Tamati, 1934.
220 Yards, Under 14 Hdcp.	Henderson, I. R.	Lornie, A.	Alsweller, J. T.	30 1-5sec.	128ft. 8in., A. B. Hooper, 1949.
Throwing the Discus.	Hooper, A. B.	Luxton, A. T.	Lay, S. P.	128ft. 8in.	
100 Yards, Under 12.	Morton, M. J.	Carr, M. O.	Roberts, O. H.	13 4-5sec.	52 3-5sec., J. A. Ross, 1948.
440 Yards Senior Handicap.	Townsend, A. C.	Campbell, I. R.	Williamson, D. A.	55sec.	
(e) 440 Yards Junior Handicap.	Walter, M.	Watson, R. I.	Watts, M. W.	59 1-5sec.	56 3-5sec., N. H. Street, 1943.
(f) 440 Yards Senior Champ.	Croad, C. E.	Reid, J. D.	Boon, G. G.	56 1-5sec.	43ft., A. B. Hooper, 1949.
(g) 440 Yards Junior Champ.	Dickson, P. G.	Cassidy, G. M.		62 2-5sec.	5ft. 2½in., A. A. Keller, 1932.
Putting the Shot.	Hooper, A. B.	Tala, M.	Croad, C. E.	43ft.	5ft. 6¾in., J. C. Gordon, 1929.
(h) High Jump, Junior.	Dickson, P. G.	Falwasser, G. W.	Buckeridge, P. W.	4ft. 10in.	17sec., R. I. Brown, 1940.
High Jump, Senior.	Luxton, A. T.	Thomson, W. G.	Croad, C. E.	5ft. 4in.	
75 Yards, Under 12.	Morton, N. J.	Carr, M. O.	Roberts, O. H.	11 1-5sec.	15 3-5sec., M. O. Ekdahl, 1935.
Old Boys' Race, 100 Yards.	Atkinson, A. F.	Shaw, D. F.	Chong, S. L.	19 3-5sec.	
120 Yards Hurdles, Junior Champ.	Shrimpton, L. J.	Dickson, P. G.	Cassidy, G. M.	19 4-5sec.	
(i) 120 Yards Hurdles, Junior Handicap.	Tait, R. B.	Law, R. W.	Simcock, M. S.	17sec.	
120 Yards Hurdles, Senior Champ.	Thomson, W. G.	Luxton, A. T.		19 2-5sec.	
(j) 120 Yards Hurdles Hdcp., Senior.	McKenzie, M. A.	Mila, V.	Frank, B. F.	17ft. 9in.	20ft. 8½in., C. C. Kjestrup, 1937.
(k) Long Jump, Junior.	Buckeridge, P.	Cassidy, G. M.	Croxson, L. J.	20ft. 3½in.	21ft. 8in., A. G. McIntyre, 1937.
Long Jump, Senior.	Croad, C. E.	Thomson, W. G.	Slocombe, K. G.	5min. 21sec.	5min. 8sec., M. F. Craig, 1945.
(l) Mile, Junior Handicap.	Murray, B. A.	McEwen, T. J.	Walker, P. D.	5min. 41sec.	4min. 42 3-5sec., C. Keig, 1948.
(m) Mile, Senior Handicap.	Boon, G. G.	Cavaney, G. G.	Ford, R. S.		
Inter-House Relay.	Pridham House	Moyes House	Carrington House		
	Reid, J. D.				
	Myers, L.				
	Slocombe, K. G.				
	Greig, G. A.				

### CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS—

Senior:	Croad, C. E., 22pts. . . . .	1
	Thomson, W. G., 16pts. . . . .	2
	Boon, G. G., 14pts. . . . .	3
Junior:	Dickson, P. G., 23pts. . . . .	1
	Buckeridge, P., 19pts. . . . .	2
	Cassidy, G. M., 13pts. . . . .	3
Under 14:	Patten, M. R. 18pts. . . . .	1
	Foggin, D. M., 9pts. . . . .	2
	Simcock, M. S., 7pts. . . . .	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. B. W. Grieves' Cup.
- (m) Dr. E. F. Fookes' Cup.

## JUNIOR CRICKET.

**Second XI.**—Although the Second XI had a strong team, performances were disappointing. The main reason for this was an inability to adapt themselves to Senior B playing conditions. In batting the team tried to produce orthodox strokes and as a result scored fewer runs per hour than their opponents. However, this is relatively unimportant because the standard of play has improved considerably. This season with more experience and a little less caution the team should be a hard one to beat. A match was played against Stratford Technical High School. An enjoyable game, interrupted by rain, was won on the first innings by Stratford. In this match the Stratford players played with more enterprise and greater accuracy.

**Third XI.**—The Third XI had quite a good record for the season in which there were several unaccountable lapses of form. The side was stronger in batting than in bowling. There was plenty of room for improvement in fielding. Unfortunately we were unable to arrange any outside matches for the team but it is hoped that this season will see the first annual fixture against Waitara District High School.

**Fourth XI.**—The Fourth XI, established to provide cricket for boys who were keen to play, but had not been able to gain a place in the top three groups, amazed all by playing some really good cricket. The 1948 team defeated all teams in the Junior Competition with the exception of Inglewood. Their most thrilling win was that gained over the Third XI. Early in 1949 the team lost M. Walter to the Second XI when he scored a very fine century. Players in the Fourth XI are now forbidden to make centuries. This year's Fourth XI promises to do at least as well as last year's. The success of this team lies not so much in its cricketing ability as in its team spirit and the keenness of the boys. No net is better attended on practice nights. All members of the team look forward to the day when a boy who has played in the Fourth XI receives his First XI cap.

**Third Form XI.**—This year's group looks much stronger than last year's. Already, two boys have been promoted. One to the First XI Group. Last year's match against the Primary School Representatives was particularly exciting. Both teams scored over 200 runs, and School won by a single run. A commendable feature of the Group has been its neat turn out at practice.

## HOUSE CRICKET.

**A Grade.**—The Senior Competition for the Bates Cup was again won by West House, who defeated Moyes House in the final. West, first innings, 165 for nine (F. Crowley 40, Crocker 35, Brine 35; Miller three for 18). Moyes, first innings, 51. A win for West by 114 runs. As this competition interfered a great deal with the net practices of the first four groups it has been suggested that we play this competition along the lines of the Auckland Rugby Union's Jubilee Trophy. Each year the holders of the Bates Cup will meet the strongest challenge. Results of the other House Competitions were as follows:—B Grade: Pridham House. C Grade: Moyes House. D Grade: Moyes House A.

## MASTERS MATCH.

Last year a Masters' XI challenged the First XI, and the game resulted in a win for the First XI but no loss of prestige for the staff. We all hope the game will become an annual one.

## BOARDERS v. DAY BOYS MATCH.

The annual matches for the Jack Birch Memorial Cup will be played as a one-day fixture this term.

This year the breakdown of the School mower and rolling machine held up the preparation of wickets. With the adaptation of the heavy roller to the new tractor and the purchase of a light roller it will be possible to give the wickets better rolling than before. Enquiries have been made in England with regard to the purchase of artificial wickets for use in House cricket. These will be laid down each summer and stored each winter. We have been advised by Martin Donnelly to wait a season until this type of wicket has been perfected in England. The adoption of this wicket would solve our problems of preparation and maintenance of House cricket wickets.

### UMPIRES' CLASS.

During the first term, this class was conducted by Mr. R. Launder. The twenty boys who attended regularly were given a sound grounding in the principles of umpiring and the laws of cricket. It is to be hoped that the community will eventually receive the benefit of the knowledge the class has gained. Half-way through the year, Mr. Launder was transferred to Christchurch and his place as instructor was taken by Mr. V. Parkinson. To both the School wishes to express its gratitude for the help and guidance given.

J. Crocker.

## BLAZER AWARDS.

The following have qualified during the year for School Blazers—

A. B. Hooper, Head Boy, First XV.  
 B. V. Kerr, Prefect, First XV., First XI.  
 B. J. Novak, Prefect, First XV. (Captain).  
 J. H. Crocker, Prefect, First XI. (Captain).  
 M. Tala, Prefect, First XV.  
 F. Albrechtsen, Prefect, First XI.  
 M. G. A. Wilson, Prefect, First XI.  
 C. E. Croad, First XV., Athletics.

### Prefects—

B. A. Walker	N. B. Beach	L. B. Shrimpton
J. B. Glasgow	H. W. Cooke	W. G. Thomson
B. J. Crowley	J. N. Gadd	

### First XV.—

J. W. Brown  
 G. I. Deakin  
 I. C. Flavell  
 D. F. Fleming  
 C. M. Julian  
 D. Kruse  
 A. T. Luxton  
 R. L. Meredith  
 J. A. Miller  
 L. Myers  
 J. D. Reid  
 F. T. Stevenson  
 R. T. V. Taylor  
 A. C. Townsend  
 J. B. Johnston  
 D. G. Baird

### First XI.—

S. P. Lay  
 L. J. S. Davies  
 H. F. Jackson  
 L. A. Barclay  
 R. S. Fairey  
 F. J. Crowley  
 E. F. Baigent

### Boxing—

W. D. Gardiner

### Swimming—

C. J. Ross

### Shooting—

M. R. B. McKenzie

## ATHLETIC NOTES

The Annual Sports this year were held on November 5th and despite the dull and overcast weather there were a large number of parents and friends present.

The records broken were in the field events probably owing to the fact that the track was wet and heavy and thus most unsuitable for running. A. B. Hooper broke the shot put record by over two feet and threw the discuss 128ft. 7ins. to break his own record by 20 feet. By jumping 42ft. 7ins. W. G. Thomson broke the hop, step and jump record by 7ins. Our congratulations also go to A. B. Hooper, C. E. Croad, W. G. Thomson, J. A. Ross and L. B. Shrimpton for gaining honours in the West Coast North Island Athletic Championships.

The Hansard Cup for the winner of the inter-house sports meeting was this year won by Moyes with Pridham second and East third. Owing to the increased interest in Athletics in the School the various events were keenly contested.

We should like to thank the New Plymouth Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club for the loan of equipment and for providing special events in their Tuesday night sports for High School competitors. We are particularly indebted to Mr. S. Lay, Mr. G. Sullivan and Mr. Davy who acted as officials at our Sports.

## STEEPLECHASE

The Annual Steeplechase this year was held for the second time on the new course, around the School farm. Conditions for cross-country running were ideal. Although times were slower than last year the general standard of fitness was high. Our congratulations go to G. Cavaney, the young New Plymouth Harrier, who came second and gained fastest time in the senior race; to T. J. McEwan and W. G. G. Marsh, who both won and also gained fastest times in the junior and under fourteen events.

Our thanks are extended to the Taranaki Jockey Club for agreeing to the use of the Racecourse. Fastest times and placings are as follows:—

### SENIOR STEEPLECHASE.

A. C. Townsend (30sec.), 16min. 33sec.	..	..	..	1
G. G. Cavaney (10sec.), 16min. 26sec.	..	..	..	2
R. S. Ford (10sec.), 16min. 27sec.	..	..	..	3
E. F. Baigent (20sec.), 16min. 46sec.	..	..	..	4
I. C. Flavell (scr.), 16min. 32sec.	..	..	..	5
G. G. Boon (scr.), 16min. 35sec.	..	..	..	6
A. F. Ayson (60sec.), 17min. 42sec.	..	..	..	7
M. A. McKenzie (50sec.), 17min. 35sec.	..	..	..	8
H. W. Cooke (scr.), 16min. 45sec.	..	..	..	9
D. R. Morton (30sec.), 17min. 16sec.	..	..	..	10

Then followed: C. R. Cassidy, H. C. Seamark, N. V. Davies, G. Johns, D. A. Williamson, I. H. Oliver, E. H. Adams, D. Smith, J. F. Mainland, J. R. McLeod.

### Fastest Times:

G. G. Cavaney, 16min. 26sec.	..	..	..	1
R. S. Ford, 16min. 27sec.	..	..	..	2
I. C. Flavell, 16min. 32sec.	..	..	..	3
A. C. Townsend, 16min. 33sec.	..	..	..	4
G. G. Boon, 16min. 35sec.	..	..	..	5



**Fastest Times—Continued**

H. W. Cooke, 16min. 45sec.	6
E. F. Baigent, 16min. 46sec.	7
N. V. Davies, 17min. 4sec.	8
D. R. Morton, 17min. 16sec.	9
C. R. Cassidy, 17min. 20sec.	10

**JUNIOR.**

T. J. McEwen (60sec.), 14min. 29sec.	1
M. C. Heatley (40sec.), 14min. 38sec.	2
E. A. Murray (50sec.), 14min. 54sec.	3
M. Benton (70sec.), 15min. 21sec.	4
G. R. Rattenbury (50sec.), 15min. 10sec.	5
R. I. Watson (60sec.), 15min. 21sec.	6
E. Pratt (60sec.), 15min. 21sec.	7
R. J. Urbahn (70sec.), 15min. 42sec.	8
I. A. Bayley (60sec.), 15min. 37sec.	9
K. W. Baigent (70sec.), 15min. 47sec.	10

Then followed: R. L. Batson, G. A. White, T. R. Quigley, R. J. Grey, F. G. B. Lys, R. A. Farquhar, P. Buckeridge, J. K. Vickers, G. Cassidy, M. Young.

**Fastest Times:**

T. J. McEwen, 14min. 29sec.	1
M. C. Heatley, 14min. 38sec.	2
B. A. Murray, 14min. 54sec.	3
P. Buckeridge, 15min. 2sec.	4
G. Cassidy, 15min. 4sec.	5
G. R. Rattenbury, 15min. 10sec.	6
T. R. Quigley, 15min. 17sec.	7
R. I. Watson, 15min. 21sec.	8*
E. Pratt, 15min. 21sec.	8*
M. Benton, 15min. 21sec.	10*

\* Equal.

**UNDER 14.**

W. G. G. Marsh (30sec.), 10min. 46sec.	1
T. Luff (60sec.), 11min. 22sec.	2
P. A. Boon (60sec.), 11min. 54sec.	3
R. A. Fenton (160sec.), 13min. 41sec.	4
J. T. Alsweller (40sec.), 11min. 42sec.	5
A. Lornie (80sec.), 12min. 44sec.	6
R. J. Leversha (100sec.), 13min. 5sec.	7
A. B. Stewart (100sec.), 13min. 6sec.	8
D. M. Foggin (scr.), 11min. 31sec.	9
M. R. Patten (scr.), 11min. 32sec.	10

Then followed: P. G. Maxwell, R. M. Joyce, R. G. Adam, E. A. Batten, R. S. Croxson, M. S. Simcock, M. E. O'Carroll, W. F. Shortt, J. D. Raines, B. C. Beetham.

**Fastest Times:**

W. G. G. Marsh, 10min. 46sec.	1
T. Luff, 11min. 22sec.	2
D. M. Foggin, 11min. 31sec.	3
M. R. Patten, 11min. 32sec.	4
P. G. Maxwell, 11min. 35sec.	5
J. T. Alsweller, 11min. 42sec.	6
M. S. Simcock, 11min. 48sec.	7
P. A. Boon, 11min. 54sec.	8
R. M. Joyce, 11min. 56sec.	9*
E. A. Batten, 11min. 56sec.	9*

\* Equal.

## In Memoriam

MR. W. H. MOYES, C.M.G., M.A., B.Sc.—Died 2nd. January, 1949.

It is with great regret that we record the death on January the 2nd., 1949, at Rotorua, of Mr. W. H. Moyes, Headmaster of the School from 1912 till 1941. Though it was known that his health had been such as to necessitate his removal to hospital, his sudden passing came as a great shock both to the School and to Old Boys all over the world. To his wife, three daughters and two sons the School extends its sincerest sympathy.

Mr. Moyes was educated at Nelson College where he had a distinguished career both in the classroom and on the playing field. He was a member of the 1st. XV. for five years and captain for three years, a member of the 1st. XI, champion sprinter, and Head Boy in 1901. From there he went to Canterbury University College and here, too, he made a great name for himself. He gained the M.A. and B.Sc. degrees, captained the 1st. XV., represented Canterbury at Rugby, and for several years won the N.Z. University 100, 220 and 440 yards championships, including the University record of 51 2-5sec. for the 440 yards, a time which was not equalled for many years. After leaving the University in 1905 he served various terms as an assistant master at Timaru High School, Nelson College and King's College, Auckland. His teaching ability, enthusiasm and great influence over boys brought about a rapid rise in his profession, and at the age of 30 he was appointed Headmaster of New Plymouth Boys' High School.

When he came here in 1912, he found a small, mixed day-school, with no provision for an advanced VI. Form course, and very little in the way of playing fields and other amenities. With that far-sighted vision that was so characteristic of him he saw that for the School to progress it was necessary for the boys and girls to be formed into separate schools, and for a boarding department to be established. Despite some local opposition he had his way, and in 1913 New Plymouth Boys' High School, as we now know it, came into being. Its growth was nothing short of phenomenal. New Plymouth boys who had previously gone away to other schools to complete their education now remained here; boys began to pour in from distant places as boarders; the roll increased by leaps and bounds; and soon the School found itself strong enough to compete successfully both in scholarship and in games with the better-known and older-established institutions. There came the day when Junior University Scholarships were won, when the Imperial Challenge Shields for Shooting, both senior and junior, fell to the School, when we triumphed over Te Aute and Auckland Grammar at football, when cricket gained a firm hold, champion athletes were produced, a School orchestra, dramatic, debating and social clubs began to play their part in the life of the School. Enthusiasm ran high as

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the boys strove to make their School "the best School of all." And inspiring this enthusiasm and directing it into the right channels was the Headmaster, working and playing with the boys, leading them on to greater heights of achievement. Then the Moascar Cup, token of N.Z. Secondary Schools' Rugby supremacy, was won and held, and a Rugby tradition formed which has been maintained to the present day. And so it went on, success following success in various fields of endeavour; more and more building to accommodate the ever-growing School; and news of successes of Old Boys in many parts of the world came in to add further inspiration.

And what of the environs of the School during this period? "Si monumentum requiris, circumspice" was written of one of England's famous men. Just let us take a glance around, too. It was Mr. Moyes's work that created from a rough paddock the cricket field we now possess; it was his vision that converted an unsightly gully into a fine football ground; it was he who worked there with his staff and boys with pick and shovel and wheelbarrow to cut away the hills and fill in the hollows; it was he who planned and dug out the baths and planted the surroundings with trees and so gave us this little bit of Eden; it was he who planted and built everywhere—and always with him was his devoted groundsman, Jack Ward, who helped him so much in the creation of the beauty we see all about us. The lovely oaks, the native trees and punga, the pines, the gums—almost every place of beauty on the School property—are the result of their devoted work and care and will ever remain as their memorial.

In educational matters Mr. Moyes kept abreast of the times. Not for him passing fads, and vague theories; nevertheless he realised that the world was changing and new ideas and methods were needed to meet the change. So after much thought he put into practice those things which he considered stood for the advancement of education. It was he who advocated the amalgamation of the New Plymouth High and Technical Schools in 1928, with such happy results; he and Mr. A. L. Moore, Principal of the Technical College, compiled the curriculum for the dual-purpose school which was accepted by the Education Department and has become the standard for all the Combined Schools which have since been formed. Mr. Moyes took the broad view of education that it was primarily meant to create the good citizen, and all his efforts were directed to this end.

And in this ideal of good citizenship he set a noble example both to the School and to the whole community. There was in this district hardly a cultural, recreational or athletic organisation in which he did not at some time play a leading part. He was a member of the Dominion Council of the Physical Welfare Department,

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of the Egmont National Park Board, the Taranaki Alpine Club, the Taranaki Acclimatisation Society, the Taranaki Swimming Council, one of the founders of the New Plymouth Athletic Club, a member of the Management Committee of the Taranaki Rugby Union, Patron of the Taranaki Cricket Association, and a member of the New Plymouth Library Committee. Never the good cause that needed assistance that he did not back both with his own vigour and enthusiasm and with the weight of the whole School. He made the School realise that it had an important part to play in the life of the community. It was just as much for this fine service to the community as for his work for education that he had bestowed upon him by His Majesty the King the honour of the C.M.G.

And now he has gone—the great man who planned and built a great School; a man of courage, boundless energy, clear vision, strict but fair, friendly and approachable, equally at home in the councils of the great or in the company of ordinary men, one who loved and understood boys over whom he had a great influence for good, and who until the very end remained at heart a boy himself. But his name will still live on. It is perpetuated in the name of one of the boarding establishments, Moyes House, and the memorial cricket pavilion when it rises will also bear his name. And in the minds and hearts, too, of thousands of Old Boys his name will for ever be treasured, for to them "Old Bill" means more than the man, it means the very School itself.

## PREPARATORY NOTES.

**Roll.**—The year opened with 25 boys in the Preparatory Department, 13 new boys and 12 old hands. During the year our numbers increased ending with 33 boys—17 new boys, 12 old hands and 4 day boys.

**Sports Activities.**—During the year we have competed in various sports. The Preparatory Swimming Championship was won by I. Brightwell, the Boxing Championships by Fa'aitu, M. Takai, T. and M. Carr. The boys did well in the Annual Sports. Congratulations are extended to M. Morton and A. Smith for winning events and to J. Carter for winning the Osborne Cup and securing a point in the under 14 Championship. We played one Rugby game during the season, against Moyes but we were defeated 9 points to nil. In the cricket we were moderately successful last season securing 10 points and second place in the D Grade Competition.

**Renovations.**—During the first few weeks of the first term Niger House was renovated. There were two showers and two hand-basins put in; a new addition to the bathroom downstairs, and two new lavatories. The house was also painted and repapered.

**Talks.**—During the second term we were given an interesting talk by the father of one of the boys. The talk was on Nigeria and its people and we all enjoyed it very much.

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**Bellona Visit.**—During the second term we visited H.M.N.Z.S. Bellona and were lucky enough to be shown inside a gun turret. We all enjoyed the visit.

**Beach and Eeling Excursions.**—During the year we have been to the neighbouring beaches and have collected crabs and shellfish which have been eaten during the evening. Also the boys have been eeling, and only three times have boys fallen in. In the first term we tramped to the old reservoir just out of New Plymouth where we cooked sausages and ate boiled potatoes. Everyone had a good day.

**Choir.**—This year nearly all the Preparatory boys were in the choir and performed in the School concert.

**Library.**—We all thank Mr. and Mrs. Veale for so generously donating many books to the house library which we read with the greatest pleasure.

The boys rising to the upper school next year, wish to thank our form master Mr. Blundell, for all he has taught us, and for what we feel sure is a firm grounding in the subjects we will learn next year.

We wish good luck to the boys going into the upper school next year and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the members of the Prep.

J. R. Brimblecombe.

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### CHAPEL NOTES.

During the year, the 9.30 School services have been held regularly each Sunday at St. Mary's Church, conducted with few exceptions by Archdeacon Gavin, who never fails to make the service a success. About once a month, the Girls' Bible Class attend the service, and with the many people who find it convenient to attend this service, swell the size of the congregation to an inspiring number.

The Carol Service last year was held on the second Sunday before the end of the term. As usual, the church was full, partly owing to the large number of parents who attend the service. The readings were taken by C. Julian, Hetherington, Croll and Veale. The carols sung were: Our Brother is Born; A Child This Day is Born; God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen; Good King Wenceslas; and Jerusalem; while the hymns were numbers 59 and 62.

Mr. Moyes, for many years Principal of this School, passed away at his home in Rotorua during the Christmas holidays, to the intense sorrow of a great many people, including the hundreds of Old Boys who have passed through this School. A commemoration service was held at 9.30 on the 13th of February, when a large number of Old Boys attended. Archdeacon Gavin in his service told us of the great work Mr. Moyes had done for the School.



DAY BOY HOUSE PREFECTS, 1949.

Back Row: O. J. Oats, B. Henderson, D. W. Diprose, D. M. Waters, E. F. Baigent, R. S. Fairey, G. G. Boon.  
Front Row: N. V. Davies, J. W. Brown, L. J. S. Davies, G. I. Deakin, S. P. Lay, R. D. Tate, A. G. Shaw. Absent: D. N. Quickfall.



BOARDING HOUSE PREFECTS, 1949.

Back Row: C. J. Ross, J. D. Reid, M. J. Harkness, R. T. V. Taylor, R. C. L. Wilkinson, R. R. Burtenshaw.  
Standing: A. B. Shewry, D. G. Baird, A. J. N. Miller, C. M. Julian, J. A. Miller, J. B. Montgomerie, J. E. Johnston, R. K. White, A. E. Turner.  
Front Row: T. Lloyd, C. R. Cassidy, C. E. Croad, A. T. Luxton, J. Myers, W. D. Gardiner, J. B. Moss.

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On July the 26th the annual Confirmation Service was held in St. Mary's Church at 7.30 in the evening, when after nearly a term's classes, the Bishop of Waikato, the Rt. Rev. C. A. Cherrington, confirmed the following boys: R. J. Alexander, J. A. Axbey, M. R. Beach, A. J. Bower, R. L. Burton, D. M. Calder, H. N. Chapman, R. M. Cole, P. G. Dickson, D. J. Graham, R. H. Graham, J. I. Hine, D. B. Honeyfield, E. J. Honeyfield, I. H. Johnston, B. P. Kendall, S. P. Lay, G. A. J. Miers, R. M. Montgomerie, A. G. Mune, M. A. McKenzie, W. C. Rigg, B. J. Rountree, B. L. Sanders, R. C. Schroder, M. A. Shearer, R. E. Still, G. A. Verry, D. R. Wilkinson. They took advantage of the monthly Communion services at School and attended their first Communion in the School library on the 7th of August.

The 7.30 Communion services have been held quite regularly by the Rev. Mortimer-Jones, who has devoted a considerable portion of his private time to come up to the School library once a month to conduct the services. On the 2nd of October Archdeacon Gavin honoured us by coming up to take his last service as vicar of St. Mary's. To show their appreciation over seventy boys turned up to make it a delightful service. The attendance was a record one for the library.

On the 2nd of October the Girl Guides made use of our 9.30 service for the consecration of their new flag.

Archdeacon Cavin preached his last sermon to the boys as vicar of St. Mary's on the 9th of October. The Archdeacon has been in New Plymouth since 1932 and has been associated with the School during that time in more ways than one. Deep regret is felt at his retirement as he has been a friend and a comrade to all the boys during his association with the School. On Tuesday, the 4th of October, a small presentation was made to the Archdeacon as an appreciation of the work he has done for the School.

On the 16th of October Dr. Fox, of the Melanesian Mission schooner the "Southern Cross" gave us a most interesting talk of his adventures and his work in the early days. He told us of difficulties such as cannibals and head-hunters he had to overcome in starting up a school on a small island.

We are looking forward to the return of Mr. Hatherly from South Africa in February, because in the past he has delivered many delightful and helpful sermons and we hope that he continues in this work when he returns.

At present the Rev. Mortimer-Jones is the temporary vicar of St. Mary's, but in November the Rev. J. T. Holland will be arriving to fill the position.

The practises for the Carol Service have just begun and the carols will probably be: The Holly and the Ivy; The First Nowell; Good Christian Men, Rejoice!; What Child is This; We Three Kings.

R. K. White.

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### MUSIC NOTES.

#### The School Choir.

The School Choir has met regularly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout the year. Although there are fifty-seven members we feel there should be more from such a large school. Nevertheless the standard of singing is high. A great interest has been taken in music this year, and we owe much to the excellent selection of records (numbering well over a thousand) that the School bought at the end of last year. In the annual Sports Concert we sang six numbers, four being sung by the full choir, and the other two by the basses and tenors alone. This year a quartet consisting of two tenors and two basses sang five numbers at the School concert. The choir and the quartet have been asked to sing at the break-up ceremony.

#### The School Orchestra.

The Orchestra this year consisted of nineteen players. Practices have been held throughout the year on Friday mornings. The Orchestra played at the farewell to Archdeacon Gavin at St. Mary's Hall, at the School Play at the end of the second term, the Sports Concert, the Sports Dinner, and the break-up ceremony. This year, for the first time, we have had an oboist in the orchestra, and this helps a great deal to obtain a better balance between the woodwind and string sections.

The following are the members of the 1949 Orchestra:

Violins I.: W. G. Thomson, J. D. Saunders, G. J. Saunders, J. Diprose, C. K. Lee.

Violins II.: R. Brine, G. Derby, R. Gadd, R. White.

Viola: G. Bruce.

Cello: D. W. Diprose, S. R. Hill.

Double Bass: N. V. Davics.

Flute: P. R. Hancock.

Clarinet: D. A. Walker.

Oboe: F. F. M. Stonnell.

Cornet: J. Miles.

Drums: J. N. Gadd.

Piano: V. H. Bedford.

#### The School Concert.

The School Sports Concert was held on November the 4th., and produced some items of very high standard. A combination which aroused considerable interest was the vocal quartet, which is undoubtedly the finest small group of singers to be produced by the School for some years. A criticism of the concert by many of the audience, was that it was too long, and it has been suggested that only one of each type of item be given in future, with the exception, perhaps, of the choir and orchestra.

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The programme was as follows:—

### PART I.

National Anthem.	
Orchestra: "March Heroique"	Schubert
Xylophone:	
"On Another Track"	Jack Simpson
"Blue Smoke"	Karatiana
	J. N. Gadd
School Choir: "The Catastrophe"	Sprague
"Angelus" from "Maritana"	Wallace
Cello Solo: "Kol Nedrel," Op. 47	Bruch
Vocal Quartet: "Fairings"	Easthope Martin
"Passing By"	Purcell
	M. A. Shearer, H. Collier, A. B. Shewry, A. E. Turner.
Orchestra: "Minuet" from Oxford Symphony	Haydn
"Nocturne"	Mendelssohn
Elocution:	
"It's a Boy's World"	Edgar Guest
"An Appointment With The Dentist"	Eugene Field-Smith
	R. Westmoreland.
The Gym. Master and His Class.	
Band Quartet:	
"Remembrance"	arr. Round
"Village Chimes"	arr. Round
	R. McGiven, J. Miles, J. Crisp, J. Burrows.
School Choir: "Evening's Pastorale"	Shaw
"Policemen's Chorus" from "Pirates of Penzance"	Gilbert and Sullivan
	— Interval —
	PART II.
Orchestra: "Minuet and Trio"	Mozart
Elocution: "Albert Evacuated"	Muriot Edgar
"The Vicar's Recital"	Anonymous
	J. C. Lovell
Instrumental Duet: "Rigaudon"	H. Waldo Warner
	J. D. Saunders (viola), G. J. Saunders (violin)
Vocal Solo: "The Admiral's Broom"	Frederick Bevan
"The Little Irish Girl"	Herman Lohr
	A. T. Hughson
Gymnasium Squad	
Flute Solo: "Love's Dream"	J. Harrington Young
	P. R. Hancock

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Vocal Quartet: "Swing Low Sweet Chariot"	
"Oh Wasn't That a Wide River"	
"Steal Away"	Negro Spirituals
School Band: "Maori Melodies"	arr. R. L. Lowe
"Bless This House"	Brahe
School Choir: "Over the Rippling Waters"	Handel
"The Long Day Closes"	Sullivan
Orchestra: "March" from "Tannhauser"	Wagner
	G. J. Saunders and H. Collier.

## DRAMATIC CLUB NOTES.

The annual play was presented in the Opera House on the 10th and 11th. of August. Bernard Shaw's "Major Barbara" was chosen and both the difficulty of the play itself, and the large cast, made rehearsals necessary at an early date. Mr. Harris was our producer and the play was run in conjunction with the Girls' High School, six of a cast of fifteen being girls. There was a certain amount of competition among the members of the Dramatic Club, to become one of the cast.

The cast was (in order of appearance):—

Lady Britomart Undershaft	Joan Boswell
Stephen Undershaft	J. D. Saunders
Morrison (the butler)	J. B. McGeachen
Sarah (Lady Britomart's	Ruby Mercer
daughters)	Jill Cassels
Charles Lomax	D. K. Brown
Adolphus Cusins	J. C. Lovell
Sir Andrew Undershaft	B. Walker
Rummy Mitchens	Anne Brocklebank
Snobby Price	A. L. Brice
Jenny Hill	Joan Kidd
Peter Shirley	H. Cook
Bill Walker	A. Turner
Mrs. Baines	Phillipa Watson
Bilton	C. Croad

The scenery was made by Mr. Harris, with the help of the boys. Valuable assistance was given by many, especially Mrs. Church and Mr. Blundell who attended to the costuming and make-up.

The annual play has been the only activity this year by our Dramatic Club and it is hoped that more boys will join in the future. The scenery possessed by the Club has been considerably extended and a large variety has been built up this year.

J. C. Lovell.

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### DRAMA NOTES.

#### A CRITICISM OF THE SCHOOL PLAY.

The School Play for 1949 was Shaw's "Major Barbara," a play in four acts, with a satirical theme. It was produced in the Opera House on the 10th and 11th of August, before nearly full houses on both nights. The play chosen was a very difficult one, so difficult that some considered it beyond such an inexperienced cast. However, as the result of several months' hard work, we saw a performance up to the usual high standard. On the opening night some players did not speak out, and this fault was accentuated by the inability of the large adolescent section of the audience to sit still and stop rustling. In the repeat performance, this was not as noticeable, although the audience was still far from quiet.

As Lady Britomart, Joan Boswell was one of the outstanding members of the cast. The part of Stephen Undershaft, a son estranged from his father by his mother's failure to agree with her husband's tradition, was convincingly acted by Jolyon Saunders. John McGeachen was a perfect butler in appearance and bearing, but at times was rather difficult to hear. Jill Cassels, as Major Barbara Undershaft, had one of the hardest parts and showed herself to be very suited to taking a leading part, while Ruby Mercer readily adapted herself to the part of Sarah, Barbara's languid sister. John Lovell, who played as Adolphus Cusins, Professor of Greek, gave what was probably the best performance in the play. What he lacked in size, he made up in voice and action. Dennis Brown's representation of Sarah's feather-brained fiancée, Charles Lomax, was very pleasing to the audience. We feel, however, that this couple might have been more evenly matched, especially regarding size. Another good performance was given by Brian Walker, as Andrew Undershaft, although he has not yet reached the portly state usually associated with such magnates.

Joan Kidd, as Jenny Hill, looked the part of a Salvation Army lass, but lacked the assurance of some of the others. Competent acting was done by Anne Brocklebank as Rummy Mitchens, and by Harley Cooke as Peter Shirley, both of which were the parts of paupers depending on the Salvation Army. The audience thoroughly appreciated the performance of Lesley Brice, who represented Snobby Price, a man of a type not usually expected around Salvation Army headquarters. Alan Turner obviously enjoyed manhandling Jenny Hill as Bill Walker, a lout who did not exactly agree with Salvationist principles. The part of Bilton, a worker at the munitions factory of Undershaft and Lazarus, was soundly acted by Colin Croad.

Some of the cast showed slight inexperience. This was especially noticeable in the scene at Salvation Army headquarters, when there was a tendency, mainly in the supporting parts, to over-emphasise, and over-act.

G. J. Saunders.

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### LIBRARY NOTES.

The policy of keeping the library open for the purpose of issuing as often as possible was continued this year and it has been possible to arrange for the issue at all times when the library is open. This system has the disadvantage that books are damaged much more quickly and the advantage that much more use can be made of the books. All evidence suggests that there has never been more reading done in the School. To borrow books boys merely have to enter their names and the numbers of their books in the issue book and the numbers are later entered on their cards by the librarians. It is obvious that boys must be trusted to enter their books honestly. It is not practicable to have librarians in charge at all times, but the system seems to have worked satisfactorily.

The library was classified on the Dewey System in 1948. The new card indexes and the shelf and title lists are now finished. It is hoped to complete a subject index for the fiction section at the end of the year. Much progress has been made in the binding and repairing of books.

The purchases this year were to strengthen especially modern English Literature, arts, music, and sports sections which needed considerable improvement, but they have spread over all types of books.

We received a very generous bequest from the estate of Miss Douglas, an ex-member of the Board of Governors. This was put towards the purchase of a new "Encyclopaedia Britannica."

The Assistant Librarians of 1949 were:—A. B. Hooper, A. B. Shewry, A. E. Turner, C. R. Cassidy, R. H. Calder, R. Beach, D. Fleming, M. R. B. McKenzie, R. K. White, D. Sutcliffe, G. G. Boon, B. Henderson, H. W. Cooke, B. J. Crowley.

T. Lloyd.

### CADET NOTES.

During the year military drill has been carried out with similar organisation to last year. There was a six-day barracks week at the opening of school and drill one half-day per month for the remainder of the year. The unusually large size of C Company this year revealed that there was a shortage of well trained n.c.o.'s. It is hoped that the courses conducted at Linton Military Camp will in future be attended by larger numbers, for the value of these courses has been repeatedly demonstrated. Training this year has been more diverse. C Company, instead of concentrating entirely on musketry and foot-drill, also received instruction in knots and lashings and first-aid. The same applied to "B" Company, who also attended lectures on elementary map reading. Drill to a more advanced stage was carried out by "A" Company, including battle drill. At the conclusion of barracks week company mock battles were carried out, blank ammunition being used. Although very popular, the value of these is doubtful.

The Signals carried out an interesting course of instruction ably assisted by Staff-Sergeant Mills. On the final day of barracks week an all-day field exercise was held around Paritutu. This was, however, marred by adverse weather and poor visibility, the visual signal station at School being unable to contact the Paritutu one.

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Running commentaries of the Steeplechase and results of Sports Day events were successfully conducted by members of the Signals. These were sanctioned by the Army as official exercises. It is hoped that the Army mobile Servicing Unit will soon visit the School again for the equipment, although still giving excellent service, is in need of overhaul. The numbers who have been to and are intending to attend Signal courses at Linton show that the interest in this unit is being maintained.

The I-Platoon started with a roll of 21. Map interpretation, the use of mapping aids and the preparation of simple survey maps was again its main objective. Among the assignments completed in 1949 were: A map enlargement for New Zealand Official War History, showing a 2nd N.Z.E.F. evacuation point in Greece; a contour map to scale of the paddock below the School Gymnasium for the Social Studies; and a plane table survey of the upper and lower grounds for the Athletic Committee. The contour map was by far the most ambitious project. It involved the taking and plotting of some 37 compass bearings. The Platoon finished this project with a thorough appreciation of the need for scrupulous accuracy in mapping and knowledge of the use and application of the Abney Level to mapping. A pleasing feature of the Platoon's work was its high standard of marching despite the small amount of time spent on this part of drill.

The A.T.C. adopted a new syllabus this year. Besides foot and rifle drill, instruction was given in signals, airframes, engines and the theory of flight. During barracks week the Corps visited Bell Block Aerodrome and among other things made a general survey of the air-radio station. The visit of a Mosquito from 75 Squadron proved of great interest to the Corps. Resuscitation training was carried out during the year and it is hoped that the whole battalion will do this year. While at Linton next year the Corps hopes to visit Ohakea Aerodrome. Our congratulations are due to Sergeant C. N. Robinson, who was selected for the Government Assisted Flying Training Scheme.

Interest increased immensely in the brass band formed last year. Under the baton of Mr. R. L. Lowe the band has practised regularly although attendances were not always good. Recognition must be made of the willing assistance given by the Taranaki Regimental-Municipal Band in making available their music and band room to the School. Apart from playing at School battalion parades the band performed at the welcome to Miss New Zealand, at the West End School, at two concerts, one at Pukekura Park and one at the Opera House, which was organised by Mr. L. E. Smith in aid of School band funds.

In conjunction with the Municipal Band the School Band paraded at Waitara for the unveiling of a war memorial and the Anzac Day service. In leading the Anzac parade, J. Heaton, the drum-major, put on a creditable performance.

The members were as follows:—

Drum-Major: J. K. Heaton.

Cymbals: C. R. Morley.

Bass Drum: J. Taylor.

Side Drums: J. N. Gadd, M. Lawson, L. F. Moverly, J. B. Moss, D. Venables, T. S. Wagstaff, P. Wahlstrum.

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Bass: A. T. Hughson, D. L. Westlake.

Trombone: D. Diprose.

Euphoniums: E. R. McGiven, M. C. Heatley.

Baritone: J. P. Crisp.

Tenor Horns: W. S. Horton, B. W. Raynor.

Cornets: J. G. Burrows, J. Miles, J. Diprose, S. B. McMillan,  
B. Martin, E. Pratt, R. Quinlan.

The School battalion again marched in the Anzac Day Parade after a short service at the main gates, where wreaths were laid by Mr. L. E. Petty (Old Boys), Sergeant A. B. Hooper, Corporal J. H. Crocker and R.S.M. B. J. Crowley.

The Linton courses were again held in January. School was well represented in all the courses. C.S.M. H. W. Cooke and C.S.M. J. B. Glasgow took Under-Officers' courses, subsequently graduating with the rank of Junior Under-Officer. R.S.M. B. J. Crowley took the Senior Under-Officer course, which is the highest rank obtainable by a school cadet. He is the first school cadet to attain this rank. With the introduction of compulsory military training these courses should prove of great value to those eligible for training.

Junior n.c.o. examinations were conducted in the third term. The standard was uniformly fair. The Sole Cup awarded to the best n.c.o. was awarded to R.S.M. B. J. Crowley, who was also selected to represent Area 8 in the William Friar Memorial Prize Competition. He was interviewed by Brigadier L. W. Andrew, V.C., D.S.O. Next year the barracks week will be held at Linton Military Camp. Although much working and planning will be necessary, it is considered that the increased efficiency will make it worth while.

## SHOOTING NOTES 1949.

This year a team was entered for the Earl Roberts Shield, which is awarded to the best Secondary School shooting team in New Zealand. The team selected to represent the School was as follows:— N. V. Davies (captain), M. R. B. McKenzie, A. T. Luxton, T. Barnett, and A. B. Shewry. Scoring 291 points out of a possible 320 the team gained first place in Area 8 and second place in the Central Military District. Marton District High School won with an excellent score of 300.

The School Championship and MacDiarmid Belt which is awarded to the highest aggregate in the Searle and Kelly Cups was won by M. R. B. McKenzie.

The Searle Cup, won by M. R. B. McKenzie is shot at a range of 25 yards with .303 rifles. Results were:—

	Application	Rapid	Total
	(50)	(50)	(100)
M. R. B. McKenzie	48	46	94
A. T. Luxton	41	46	87
C. E. Croad	42	35	77
D. Quickfall	37	40	77
W. A. Broughton	37	40	77





SCHOOL ORCHESTRA, 1949.

Standing: G. J. Saunders, J. L. Diprose, D. W. Diprose, P. R. Hancock, N. V. Davies, F. Stonnell, S. R. Hill, C. K. Lee, J. D. Saunders.

Sitting: W. G. Thomson, C. Derby, R. E. Brine, J. Miles, J. N. Gadd, H. V. Bedford, R. F. Gadd, D. Walker, R. White, G. H. R. Bruce.

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The Kelly Cup is shot at 200 yards range and was also won by M. R. B. McKenzie. Results were:—

	Application (25)	Rapid (25)	Snap (15)	Total (65)
M. R. B. McKenzie ..	25	24	12	61
C. N. Robinson .. ..	20	16	15	51
D. F. Fleming .. ..	18	20	12	50

Therefore the School Championship was won by M. R. B. McKenzie with a total score of 155, followed by A. T. Luxton with a score of 128. Results were:—

	Searle Cup (100)	Kelly Cup (65)	Total (165)
M. R. B. McKenzie ..	94	61	155
A. T. Luxton .. ..	87	41	128
T. Barnett .. ..	75	49	124

The Lady Godley Senior Cup and Senior Shell Case is awarded to the boy seventeen years or over, or an N.C.O. gaining the highest score in the annual class-firing with .303 rifles. Out of a possible 90 points, M. R. B. McKenzie won with a score of 89. R. B. McKay coming second with 84 points.

The .22 shooting this year was well below the usual standard. The practices for each of the three cups was 7 rounds application and 10 rounds snap the possible being 85. Following, are the results of the Junior Cups:—

The Hamblyn Cup, open to boys 15 and under 17 was won by B. Rountree with 59 points, the runner-up being A. R. Wyllie with 53 points.

The Loveday Cup, open to boys 14 and under 15 was won by W. N. Thomas with 59 points, he was followed up by R. F. Lowrie with 44 points.

The McLeod and Slade Cup open to boys under 14 was won by J. Ritter who scored 52 points, D. M. Foggin coming second with 49 points.

The winner of the Lady Godley Junior Cup and the Junior Shell Case which are awarded to the boy obtaining highest score in the annual .22 Class firing has not yet been decided.

M. R. B. McKenzie.

## MOUNTAIN CLUB.

The Annual Meeting of the Mountain Club was held on Tuesday, 22nd February, and was attended by about fifty boys. Following the election of officers, the previous season's activities were reviewed and the policy for 1949 outlined. The club's intention was to run summit attempts during the first term and make several trips to Tahurangi Hut during the second and third terms when the snow was down to about that level. Unfortunately many of these expeditions were marred by bad weather but they were all enjoyable and one summit attempt was successful.

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A feature of all mountain trips continues to be the quantity of food eaten and the winding track down from the Old House has found out several people who have over-indulged.

The club proposes to extend its activities during 1950 to week-end tramping trips. To this end twelve American army "pup" tents have been purchased, together with ground sheets and cooking equipment to serve parties of approximately twenty boys. The club's intention is to organise trips to several of the streams and water holes within ten miles of the School to enable boys to spend week-ends under canvas.

The committee wishes to express its thanks to the Taranaki Alpine Club which has continued to take such a keen interest in our activities, to supply guides, and to make available to us all club facilities. In particular we would like to thank Mr. D. Rawson for his personal interest in us and for the sacrifice he has made of his own time to assist us.

A. Shewry.

## BOXING.

Boxing classes were coached by Mr. L. Wallace during the first two terms. The School championships were held at the end of the second term. We wish to thank Dr. Church for once again consenting to act as referee and Messrs. A. Clarke, V. Barnes and T. Ryan who judged, particularly Mr. Barnes who helped to judge and referee the preliminaries.

The results of championship finals were:—

**Prep. Heavyweight.**—After a good bout Fa'aitu defeated M. Rangi on points. Fa'aitu hit crisply with good punches to either side of the head.

**Prep. Lightweight.**—A. Smith although conceding height and reach put up a good performance against P. Robertson. Robertson earned the decision by his continued aggressiveness.

**Under 6st. 7lb.**—Moving well and keeping himself well covered D. Baker took a comfortable decision from D. Hart. Baker punched well to the body with both hands.

**Prep. Middleweight.**—T. Takai, hitting well to either side of the head proved too strong for F. Lys and registered a knockout in the first round.

**Under 7st.**—An effective right cross combined with a good defence and hard straight-left gave T. Smith the decision against G. Julian. Julian moved well but was unable to break through Smith's guard, whereas Smith landed some heavy blows.

**Prep. Midgetweight.**—N. Carr gained a well deserved decision against G. Fewtrell. Carr, although giving away reach and height, defended cleverly and attacked well in the last round.

**Under 7st. 7lb.**—Punching solidly B. Martin won a clear-cut decision against W. Broughton. Broughton was at no stage able to land with any heavy punches while Martin boxed well and defended cleverly. Martin was awarded the Scientific Cup.

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**Under 8st.**—Attacking viciously from the first gong R. Black soon had E. McClellan in trouble. McClellan defended desperately but at the end of the round was put down by two very heavy uppercuts. The gong saved him but at the gong for the second round he was unable to come out and Black was awarded the fight.

**Under 8st. 7lb.**—Guarding his head well and countering to either side of the face C. Sattler forced a more aggressive T. Quigley to a draw. Quigley punched solidly and won the first round convincingly but thereafter Sattler settled down and gradually made up the leeway.

**Under 9st.**—M. Brice quickly disposed of D. Wilson. Landing with a good right to the solar plexus he followed it up with several punches to the head and scored a knockout in less than a minute.

**Under 9st. 7lb.**—R. B. McKay took what appeared to be a very close decision from B. Christenson after one of the best bouts of the evening. Christenson crossed well to either side of the face while McKay concentrated more upon hooks and uppercuts. The second round might easily have swayed the decision in Christenson's favour but McKay boxed well in the third and made up the lost ground.

**Under 10st.**—P. Dickson moved well and used a straight left effectively to take a decision from K. Luxton in a fight fought for the most part at long range. Luxton defended well but Dickson was, on occasions able to penetrate his guard.

**Under 10st 7lb.**—Ruggedness and aggressiveness gained G. Cassidy a points decision against M. Harkness. Harkness was unable to connect with many of his punches but Cassidy appeared to be landing almost at will.

**Under 11st.**—Mila attacked furiously from the outset but good use of straighter punches by B. Tait quickly took the edge off his opponent. Tait went on to keep off Mila with good straight lefts and rights and won in the second round when Mila was unable to continue.

**Under 12st.**—After a very good first round in which Shewry punched well to the body and Axbey countered to the head, Shewry landed with a vicious left rip to the solar plexus in the second round. Axbey was unable to regain his feet and was counted out.

**Senior Championship.**—W. D. Gardiner landed with a hard straight-left in the first round of his bout with A. J. Miller. From then on Gardiner held the advantage and gained a t.k.o. decision in the second round after knocking Miller down.

W. D. Gardiner.

## SOCCER NOTES.

Once again we have had a very pleasant and fairly successful season. Approximately forty boys played this year and among them were quite a number of seniors. It is hoped that next year even more seniors will stay with the code. We were able to put three teams into the Taranaki Championship. The A team was very successful, losing only one game, and thereby winning the Plum Cup.

## SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS

Congratulations are extended to Sharland, Hook and Albrechtsen on gaining selection in the Taranaki National Cup team, which rates players under eighteen years of age. The following boys were selected to represent Taranaki in the North Island Secondary Schools' Tournament, at Wellington: Hook, Sharland, Williams, Gadd, Eatson, Oliver, Hughes, Barclay, Roberts, J. Diprose and Rattenbury.

We again welcomed Mt. Albert Grammar School in New Plymouth to play our annual match. We learned from them our usual lessons and the score resulted 5-0 against us. The forwards lacked co-operation, but some very good defence play came from the half-back line, where Albrechtsen, Hook and Hughes continually held the opponents back. Sharland in goal also played very well and, but for him, the score would certainly have been larger. The team was: Sharland, Williams, D. Diprose, Hughes, Albrechtsen, Hook, Pelham, Barclay, Gadd, Teiley, J. Diprose. Reserves: Mason and Roberts.

### HOCKEY NOTES.

This year, because of many losses in the strength of the more experienced players, one team only was entered in the Northern Division Hockey Competition. A second team composed of new boys learning the game was not entered in the competitions, but gave valuable practice during the week. It is hoped that it may be possible to organise a junior grade next season to cater more fully for the less experienced players. As the senior boys have found, hockey is a game requiring skill and much practice, and cannot be mastered in a season. It is hoped that more junior boys will take up the game next season, so that a reserve of players with experience may be built up.

This year's senior team acquitted itself very well, and, although not winning many games against its more experienced opponents, it held them in all cases to very small goal margins.

Senior boys have taken their share in umpiring games this year and several have sat the qualifying examinations after attending a series of lectures on the rules.

During the year a five-a-side team competed at Eltham in a tournament, and two teams took part in a Northern Division five-a-side tournament. In both these tournaments the team gained only minor successes.

This year two inter-college games were played, one against Hawera Technical High School at the Racecourse and the other against Stratford Technical High School at Stratford.

The team for both games was as follows:—

Forwards: G. Brewster, R. Smith, N. Gadd (captain), C. Luxton, D. Smith.

Half-backs: M. Lawson, R. Pearce, P. Lovell.

Full-backs: D. Florence, J. Lovell.

Goal: R. Wilkinson.

Emergencies: Brice, Gould.

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### THE GAMES.

#### v. Hawera Technical High School.

The teams, playing under very muddy conditions, were evenly matched. School appeared to have the better forwards, but what Hawera lacked in the forwards was made up by their two hard-hitting full-backs. First Hawera scored after a fine passing rush, after which School staged a remarkable recovery to run up a 3-1 lead. Hawera retaliated, and the half-time score was 3-3.

In the early stages of the second half Hawera scored after a mud scramble round the goal, and it was not until the final stages of the game that they looked like losing their lead. School attacked, and almost at the end Gadd slipped through to even the score.

Scores for Hawera were: Campbell (2) and Miln (2), and for School Gadd (2), Brewster (1) and Smith (1).

#### v. Stratford Technical High School.

Played in ideal hockey conditions, the game opened at a good pace, and Stratford soon netted two quick goals. Soon afterwards Luxton netted for School. Another goal for Stratford made the half-time score 3-1.

Soon after the commencement of the second half, the Stratford forwards increased their score to six, in spite of some good saves by the School goalkeeper. From a penalty bully Luxton notched School's second goal. After a period of very even play Stratford again goaled, to make the final score: Stratford 7, School 2.

In a game played against the New Plymouth Girls' High School at the Girls' High School, School won by four goals to two.

J. N. Gadd.

### TENNIS NOTES.

This year's tennis season has been an eminently successful one despite the continued congestion on the courts. The School in conjunction with the Girls' High School entered four teams in the North Taranaki inter-club competitions. All the players participating in these matches thoroughly enjoyed themselves and gained valuable experience in match play. The "A" team played "B" grade with considerable success. The two "C" grade teams also achieved some measure of success.

Players from the school figured prominently in the finals of the North Taranaki Junior Championships held in November of 1948. B. Boon won the boys' singles and shared the mixed doubles title while T. Robertson and J. Glasgow were the winners of the boys' doubles.

B. Boon, M. A. Shearer and T. Robertson are also to be congratulated for their selection in the North Taranaki team which represented the Association in the Auckland Junior Championships in January of this year.

## SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS

The standard of play in the 1948 School Championships was uniformly good. Some excellent matches were seen especially in the Senior Singles and keen competition for the titles extended right down to the Junior Division. Results were as follows:—

**Senior Singles.—Semi-finals:** B. Boon d. M. Shearer, 9-4; H. Titter d. M. Grayling, 9-2. **Final:** B. Boon d. H. Titter, 6-1, 1-6, 6-2.

Both finalists played good tennis but Boon's greater accuracy and consistency proved the deciding factors.

**Senior Doubles.—Final:** H. Titter and P. Powell d. B. Boon and M. Shearer, 5-7, 7-5, 7-5.

**Intermediate Singles.—Final:** M. Harkness d. A. Townsend, 6-2, 6-2.

**Intermediate Doubles.—Final:** P. Powell and D. Stewart d. J. Mainland and L. Croxson, 0-6, 6-5, 7-5.

**Junior Singles.—Final:** M. Reeves d. B. Cameron, 7-4.

**Junior Doubles.—Final:** B. Cameron and S. Williams d. B. Tait and L. Shrimpton, 7-3.

## INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION.

The annual inter-House competition was played during the first term. Results were as follows:—

**First Round.—East d. West** on games. Central d. Pridham 5 sets to 1. Moyes d. Carrington 5 sets to 1.

**Semi-final.—Central d. Moyes** 4 sets to 2.

**Final.—East d. Central** on games.

The East House team was J. Glasgow, P. Powell, D. Stewart and J. Mainland.

## DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS.

This match was played in the first term and resulted in a win for the Day Boys on games.

Results (Day Boys names mentioned first):—

**Singles.—B. Boon d. M. Shearer, 9-2; J. Glasgow d. A. Townsend, 9-5; D. Stewart lost to J. A. Miller, 4-9; B. Beetham lost to M. Harkness, 4-9.**

**Doubles.—B. Boon and J. Glasgow d. M. Shearer and A. Townsend, 9-5; D. Stewart and B. Beetham lost to J. A. Miller and M. Harkness, 7-9.**

**Day Boys.—3 sets—42 games.**

**Boarders.—3 sets—38 games.**

At the time of going to press the following were the top sixteen players on the tennis ladder:—1. M. Shearer. 2. A. Townsend. 3. J. Glasgow. 4. M. Harkness. 5. A. J. Miller. 6. A. Brownlie. 7. B. Cameron. 8. R. Stevenson. 9. J. A. Miller. 10. C. Barrett. 11. B. Walker. 12. H. Collier. 13. R. George. 14. D. Foggin. 15. V. Andrews. 16. D. Gardiner.

J. B. Glasgow.

## SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS

### TABLE TENNIS..

This was the club's third and most successful year in respect to both competition results and finance. There was a marked improvement in play notably amongst the top eight on the ladder. We began the year with six tables and towards the close of the season purchased two new ones in preparation for next year. As usual we entered teams in the A, B and C grades of the North Taranaki club competitions and these teams performed well, particularly the A grade who were runners-up.

At the close of the season the School ladder was:—1. A. Brownlie. 2. B. Boon. 3. P. Hardie. 4. T. Crean. 5. F. Crowley. 6. B. Cameron. 7. D. Kruse. 8. A. Townsend. 9. M. Shearer. 10. B. Pattie. 11. R. Schroder. 12. M. Palmer.

The School Championships were played during the last week of the second term, the entries numbering about seventy.

**Senior Singles.—Boon d. Hardie, 21-14, 21-15, 17-21, 21-18.** Once again Boon was the outstanding player of the season, retaining his title for the third successive year.

**Senior Doubles.—Boon and Brownlie d. Kruse and Hardie, 21-15, 21-16.**

**Intermediate Singles.—Cameron d. Crean, 21-18, 21-18, 21-9.** Cameron gave an excellent display of table tennis and though Crean was his equal he could not keep Cameron's attack in check.

**Intermediate Doubles.—C. McDonald and Cameron d. Schroder and Walter, 21-15, 21-13.**

**Junior Singles.—Raines d. Parkinson, 21-15, 21-13** in a close finish to a keen competition.

We must congratulate the twelve School players who competed in the Taranaki championships in July. Boon played impressively but was narrowly defeated in the final of the Junior Division. However, he won the Men's Plate.

A. D. Brownlie.

### DEBATING NOTES.

The activities of the Club for 1949 started early in the Second Term with an evening of prepared speeches held in the Assembly Hall. All Boarders attended and Mr. Veale was in the chair. Altogether nine Seniors and eight Juniors spoke, the general standard being poor. At the conclusion of the speeches the Chairman gave a short talk on public speaking in general.

The next event, a debate between Boarders and Day Boys was held on July 15th in the Assembly Hall. The subject chosen was "That Co-Education in all Secondary Schools is desirable." The Speakers were:—

**Boarders (affirmative):** D. G. Howell (Leader), A. T. Luxton, R. C. Schroeder.

**Day Boys (negative):** D. W. Diprose (Leader), J. Brown, L. Croxson.

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The Day Boys gained the decision by a majority of one mark. Mr. Veale presided.

During the third week of October the preliminaries of the inter-house debate were held. The teams were:—

Moyes: B. A. Walker, D. G. Howell.

Pridham: A. T. Luxton, R. R. Burtenshaw.

Carrington: R. C. Schroder, J. B. Moss.

Central: J. W. Brown, L. J. Croxson.

West: B. J. Crowley, M. Reeves.

East: D. W. Diprose, B. Waite.

The subject was "That the world is becoming a better place to live in."

In the first round Moyes defeated Central after a keenly contested struggle. West defeated Pridham comfortably while Carrington and East had byes. Moyes and West were again successful in the semi-finals, eliminating Carrington and East.

During this period the preliminaries were held for the Junior Oratory Contest among the third and four forms.

The finalists selected were:—

R. D. Alexander: Winston Churchill.

R. S. Croxson: The Life of R. F. Scott.

M. I. Broome: Thomas Edison.

M. W. Bamfield: Jack Cornwall.

The finals of the oratory and debate were held on November 10th in the lounge. As Mr. L. M. Moss was unable to be present this year Mr. Bottrill judged. Mr. Veale again presided. The standard in the junior oratory was uniformly high and in awarding the decision to Croxson Mr. Bottrill said that the winner displayed better presentation than the others. The subject for the debating finals was unchanged, Moyes House taking the negative and West the affirmative. The judge awarded the decision to West House who won by a very narrow margin. The standard was as good as previous years but there was a tendency for irrelevancies to be included. Both Walker and Howell spoke well for Moyes. Crowley who was the mainstay of the West House team in the elimination rounds lacked his usual confidence but Reeves compensated for this with an excellent fighting speech.

R. C. Schroder.

## BADMINTON.

The School club enjoyed a most successful season. Despite the high price of shuttles and the fact that the club bought four new racquets, it concluded the season in a financially sound position.

A team of six spent an enjoyable evening as guests of the New Plymouth Badminton Club and valuable coaching and experience in match play was gained by all.



FIRST SOCCER ELEVEN, 1949.

Back Row: J. P. Hook, D. W. Diprose, H. R. Sharland, L. Barclay, R. L. Williams.  
Middle Row: E. Roberts, G. R. Rattenbury, F. Albrechtsen (Captain), R. A. Oliver, T. Huges.  
Front Row: R. Batson, R. F. Gadd. Plum Cup: W. L. Tetley.



MOYES SEVENTH GRADE.

Back Row (left to right): E. Johnston, C. Sattler, C. Osborne, I. Elliot, D. Howell, F. Day, B. Browne, P. Maxwell.  
Middle Row: J. McLeod, D. Brown, P. Lacy, B. Kerr (Vice-Captain), D. Baker (Captain), I. Smith, K. Aiken, R. Black.  
Front Row: A. Fleming, G. Julian, R. Kruse, N. McLeod.  
Absent: G. Collier, B. Webby.

## SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS

The School Championships held in mid-August were remarkable for the large number of entrants. On account of limited time we held only Junior and Senior singles. However this did not restrict opportunities and some close, exciting games were witnessed in both divisions.

Results were as follows:—

**Junior Singles (Isaacs Cup):** J. B. Cameron d. B. Boon 15-13, 10-15, 15-12.

**Senior Singles (Cook and Lister Cup):** Semi-finals: Harkness d. A. Brownlie, 25-23; Townsend d. D. Hayes, 21-15. Final: A. C. Townsend d. M. Harkness, 15-8, 11-15, 15-12.

## SWIMMING NOTES.

The Swimming Sports of 1948 were held too late in the third term for inclusion in the "Taranakian" owing to the extension of the Christmas holidays on account of the infantile paralysis epidemic. The only events held were the championships and diving. C. J. Ross set a very high standard and broke two records. They were the 100 Yards Senior Championship with a time of 1min. 4sec., and the 220 Yards Senior Championship with a time of 2min. 41sec. In addition to these he won the Senior Championship. The Junior Championship was won by Mila and the Under 14 Years Championship by M. B. Francis. I. T. Brightwell won the Preparatory Championship.

### CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

**Senior.**—C. J. Ross, 18 points, 1; Allao, 8 points, 2; D. Hitchcock, 7 points, 3.

**Junior.**—Mila, 10 points, 1; A. A. Roxborough, 8 points, 2; L. S. Jensen, 6 points, 3.

**Under 14 Years.**—M. B. Francis, 15 points, 1; E. H. Bannister, 9 points, 2; I. E. George, J. H. Nash and Looney, 1 point, 3 equal.

**Preparatory.**—I. T. Brightwell, 10 points, 1; J. R. Brimblecombe, 6 points, 2; W. B. J. Routley and D. C. Saxton, 1 point, 3 equal.

#### Senior Championship—

33 1-3 Yards.—Allao 1, C. J. Ross 2, P. W. Scott 3. Time, 17 1-5sec.

50 Yards.—C. J. Ross 1, D. Hitchcock 2, Powell 3. Time, 28 4-5sec.

100 Yards.—C. J. Ross 1, D. Hitchcock 2, Powell 3. Time, 1min. 4sec.

220 Yards.—C. J. Ross 1, D. Hitchcock 2, Powell 3. Time, 2min. 41sec.

#### Junior Championship—

33 1-3 Yards.—Mila 1, L. S. Jensen 2, C. K. Lee 3. Time, 19 1-5sec.

50 Yards.—Mila 1, A. A. Roxborough 2, L. S. Jensen 3. Time, 31 1-5sec.

100 Yards.—A. A. Roxborough 1, A. W. Coppel and L. S. Jensen, 2 equal. Time, 1min. 17 4-5sec.

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### Under 14 Years Championship—

33 1-3 Yards.—M. B. Francis 1, E. H. Bannister 2, Nash 3. Time, 21 4-5sec.

50 Yards.—M. B. Francis 1, E. H. Bannister 2, J. E. George 3. Time, 37 1-5sec.

66 2-3 Yards.—M. B. Francis 1, E. H. Bannister 2, M. Looney 3. Time, 50 4-5sec.

### Preparatory Championships—

33 1-3 Yards.—I. T. Brightwell 1, J. R. Brimblecombe 2, D. C. Saxton 3. Time, 23 4-5sec.

66 2-3 Yards.—I. T. Brightwell 1, J. R. Brimblecombe 2, W. B. J. Routley 3. Time, 60sec.

### Diving Championships—

Senior.—P. W. Scott 1, M. R. B. McKenzie 2, D. A. Wills 3.

Junior.—J. B. McGeachan 1, D. Erceg 2, B. L. McGregor 3.

Under 14 Years.—E. H. Bannister 1, D. C. Saxton 2, J. H. Nash and M. B. Francis 3 equal.

## SWIMMING, 1949.

The weather was overcast and rain was threatening when the Annual Swimming Sports of 1949 began. After the preliminary heats had finished it began to rain and the rest of the sports were postponed to a later date. The finals were swum off in fine weather and once again a high standard was achieved. C. J. Ross broke the 220 Yards Senior Championship record which he had set last year, making a new time of 2min. 38sec. The championships were keenly contested with C. J. Ross winner of the Senior Championship and P. Powell and G. Innes winning the Junior and Under 14 Championships respectively. Brightwell repeated his last year's performance by winning the Preparatory Championship. Great interest has been taken in swimming this year and many more boys have become proficient in the art through coaching. Boys from School have also competed successfully in the activities of the town baths.

## CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

Senior.—C. J. Ross, 20 points, 1; A. B. Hooper, 10 points, 2; A. T. Ayres, 5 points, 3.

Junior.—P. Powell, 10 points, 1; M. B. Francis and C. Osborne, 6 points, 2 equal.

Under 14 Years.—G. Innes, 15 points, 1; D. Henderson, 6 points, 2; D. Harrison, 3 points, 3.

Preparatory.—I. T. Brightwell, 10 points, 1; J. Takai, 6 points, 2; B. Beach, 2 points, 3.

### Senior Championship—

33 1-3 Yards.—C. J. Ross 1, A. B. Hooper 2, A. T. Luxton 3. Time, 18sec.

50 Yards.—C. J. Ross 1, A. B. Hooper 2, A. T. Ayres 3. Time, 28 1-5sec.

100 Yards.—C. J. Ross 1, A. B. Hooper 2, A. T. Ayres 3. Time, 1min. 4 1-5sec.

220 Yards.—C. J. Ross 1, A. T. Ayres 2, A. B. Hooper 3. Time, 2min. 38sec.

## SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS

### Junior Championship—

33 1-3 Yards.—P. Powell 1, M. B. Francis 2, R. T. Gadd 3. Time, 19sec.

50 Yards.—C. Osborne 1, P. W. Joyce 2, R. T. Gadd 3. Time, 32 2-5sec.

100 Yards.—P. Powell 1, M. B. Francis 2, C. Osborne 3. Time, 1min. 13sec.

### Under 14 Years Championship—

33 1-3 Yards.—G. Innes 1, D. Harrison 2, C. McCombe 3. Time, 21 1-5sec.

50 Yards.—G. Innes 1, D. Henderson 2, C. McCombe 3. Time, 37 2-5sec.

66 2-3 Yards.—G. Innes 1, D. Henderson 2, C. McCombe and Richards 3 equal. Time, 59sec.

### Preparatory Championship—

33 1-3 Yards.—I. T. Brightwell 1, T. Takai 2, B. Beach 3. Time, 23 4-5sec.

66 2-3 Yards.—I. T. Brightwell 1, T. Takai 2, B. Beach 3. Time, 59sec.

### Diving Championships—

Senior.—J. Reid 1, A. T. Luxton 2, J. B. McGeachan 3.

Junior.—Falwasser 1, N. Hebden 2, R. T. Gadd and C. Osborne 3 equal.

Under 14 Years.—G. Innes 1, P. Boon 2, Foden 3.

### Open Events—

33 1-3 Yards.—Country House: Falwasser 1, Crawford 2, F. Stonnell 3. Time, 24sec.

33 1-3 Yards.—New Boys: M. Wells 1, D. Harrison 2, B. Parkinson 3. Time, 26 1-5sec.

25 Yards.—Learners: J. Clarke 1, Miers and Moverley 2 equal. Time, 21sec.

50 Yards.—Country House: Falwasser 1, Crawford 2, F. Stonnell 3. Time, 36 2-5sec.

Inter-Form Relay.—VCI 1, IVG2 2, VIB2 3. Time, 1min. 31 3-5sec.

Inter-House Relay.—Pridham 1, Central 2, Moyes 3. Time, 1min. 18sec.

Day Boys v. Boarders Relay.—Boarders. Time, 1min. 51 4-5sec.  
A. J. Miller.

## LIFE SAVING.

The examinations for the Royal Life-Saving Society's awards were held in the first term of this year.

The awards were as follows:—Total awards—44, Bronze Medallions—31, Bars to Bronze Medallions—2, Awards of Merit—7, and Surf Medallions—4.

Surf life-saving has been reinstated and it is hoped that there will be a continued interest shown in future years.

We wish to thank Mr. Bennet of the Old Boys' Surf Club for his valuable help in assisting four of our senior boys to gain the Surf Medallion.

J. D. Reid.



## EXAMINATION RESULTS

Taranaki Scholarships.—A. A. Finch, R. G. Poole, J. L. Veale, T. N. M. Waters.

Higher School Certificate.—R. P. Bowler, B. M. Brown, I. Corkill, W. G. Croll, A. A. Finch, R. G. Frean, L. R. Gibbs, G. Griffiths, G. S. Gundesen, D. E. Jamieson, C. Keig, C. R. Kidd, W. A. Lowrie, M. G. MacDonald, P. A. McDavitt, T. J. O'Meagher, M. J. Poletti, R. G. Poole, J. S. Putt, J. A. Ross, R. S. Smith, H. M. Titter, J. L. Veale, T. N. M. Waters.

B. Com. Degree (Section).—R. P. Bowler, L. R. Gibbs, G. S. Gundesen, C. Keig, J. S. Putt, R. S. Smith, H. M. Titter.

Matriculation (E; Accrediting).—B. H. Adams, V. H. Andrews, S. A. Astwood, E. R. M. Bate, N. B. Beach, M. J. Bedford, E. F. Baigent, B. S. Brown, J. W. Brown, H. W. Cooke, M. F. Craig, B. J. Crowley, N. V. Davies, J. N. Gadd, J. B. Glasgow, D. A. Hazlett, R. R. Heale, S. N. Hetherington, A. H. Kolder, A. B. Hooper, C. F. Hurfiman, G. W. Ingram, M. M. Jamieson, R. I. Launder, A. P. Littlejohn, C. G. Luxton, B. J. McLaughlin, J. R. MacMillan, B. W. Major, R. A. Mayhead, J. R. Michaels, E. O. Moen, B. J. Novak, O. J. Oats, G. A. Patterson, C. J. Peake, I. H. M. Purvis, N. J. Quinn, D. S. Ritchie, I. D. Robertson, J. D. Saunders, R. W. Shaw, M. A. Shearer, L. B. Shrimpton, W. G. Thompson, A. E. Turner, B. A. Walker, D. M. Waters, R. C. L. Wilkinson, M. G. A. Wilson, G. S. Wood, T. B. Wynyard.  
By Exam.: W. D. Gardiner, C. M. Julian, G. F. Ramsden, G. T. Robertson, A. B. Shewry, C. B. Still.

School Certificate.—E. G. Adams, F. Albrechtsen, M. N. Alsweller, W. J. Arthur, J. K. Bargh, J. C. Barrett, J. V. Bertrand, W. L. Bonnette, B. R. Boon, G. G. Boon, A. D. Brownlie, R. R. Burtenshaw, R. H. Calder, V. J. Caseley, R. M. Cole, W. A. Crisp, F. J. Crowley, L. J. S. Davies, D. R. Dickson, D. W. Diprose, D. Duff, R. S. Ford, H. H. Freundlich, D. Fromm, G. G. Gibbons, M. G. Gow, K. W. Gray, O. A. M. Greensill, M. J. Harkness, B. Henderson, L. A. Hine, D. Hitchcock, S. W. Hough-lee, J. D. Huggard, J. B. Johnston, D. Kruse, D. W. E. Lash, T. P. Lealand, C. K. Lee, T. Lloyd, J. C. Lovell, P. G. Lovell, J. K. Lush, A. T. Luxton, I. M. MacKenzie, J. B. McGeachen, P. B. MacMillan, B. McMurray, P. D. Mahar, R. L. Meredith, A. J. N. Miller, D. R. Morton, J. B. Moss, K. McD. Okey, O. W. Pearce, R. K. Pearce, P. S. Playstead, S. G. Pope, J. B. Powell, D. N. Quickfall, B. W. J. Reid, J. D. Reid, C. J. Ross, G. J. Saunders, A. T. Saywell, R. C. Schroder, R. P. Stephenson, R. D. Tate, R. Tatham, R. T. V. Taylor, I. W. Telfer, F. P. Webster, D. A. Wills, B. C. Wisneski, P. G. Young.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THIRD TERM ACTIVITIES.

Sir,—

During the past two years, and more especially this year, 1949, I have noticed that the number of School activities left to the third term is steadily increasing. I realise that in many cases this is unavoidable; but in a great number of others I feel that it would be possible to hold them in other terms. For instance would it not be possible to hold the oratory and debating contests in the second term; or the shooting or tennis championships in the first term? Tennis even more especially, for that is usually the time when a person is at the top of his form and a higher standard would be reached. The Steeplechase and Sports I know cannot be held at any other time. These are just a few examples out of a great many, but I feel sure that some steps should be taken to rectify this condition. I speak not solely for myself, but for many others who have expressed the same opinion.

I am, etc.,  
"Equal Distribution."

[We cannot agree with the statement that School activities in the third term have increased. The writer may have in his mind 1948 when the closing of the School in the first term made it necessary to conduct some competitions later on.—Ed.]

### SCHOOL SPORTS.

Sir,—

At the end of October or the beginning of November the School Sports are held. Usually at this time of the year the weather is apt to be changeable. Boys are revising for exams or in the case of fifth formers School Certificate. Training and swotting can't go together—one is sure to be neglected. If boys swot no high standard of athletics can be reached, and if they train exams are not passed. Could not Sports Day be held about March the 20th, giving boys time to train? No exams are held then, and because of this higher records might be established.

I am, etc.,  
E. H. Bannister.

### JUDGES FOR GYMNASTICS.

Sir,—

I wish to draw attention to the fact that nearly all the Annual Sports competitions have been judged by outsiders and I was wondering why the form Gymnastic Competitions do not have the same privilege.

My main reason for stating this, is that our P.T. masters see what we do during the year and when the time of judging comes they have that thought in the back of their minds all the time.

Will you please enlighten me on this point?

I am, etc.,  
"Horse."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### GYMNASIUM SHOWERS.

Sir,—

I wish to bring to your notice the disgraceful condition of the showers adjacent to the gymnasium. There are several showers. Three at the most are in proper working condition. In one the metal on the back of the sprinkler has been bent back, leaving a hole for the water to escape, and the front of another is missing altogether. Most of the remainder are leaning over enough to let the water flow out unevenly. I think that these showers should be repaired some time in the near future.

I am, etc.,

"Reminder."

[These showers were repaired last year. This is an unfortunate case of wanton destruction and it is unfair to expect public money to be spent on their replacement.—Ed.]

### MASTERS' PHOTO.

Sir,—

The absence of a masters' photo in the Taranakian is indeed an unjust omission. Surely a photo of this kind would appeal to the interest of many readers. Present Old Boys could reminisce with joy at the few changes which have taken place in the staff since their stay at school. Pupils who are still at School could look at their magazines twenty years hence and wonder why and how. Furthermore it would be of interest to fond mothers to view the stern faces of those brutes who mutilated their darling little Tommy throughout the long years.

The Taranakian is the magazine of the N.P.B.H.S. and obviously the masters are a part of it, if not the dominating influence in this establishment. If the prefects who merely keep the boys in order have one photo included then the masters deserve half a dozen for their teaching alone.

I am, etc.,

A. D. Brownlie.

### MASTERS TENNIS MATCH.

Sir,—

Two years ago there was much interest and excitement throughout the School at the commencement of a Boys v. Masters tennis match. Some excellent tennis and supreme sportsmanship together with shrewd "duckshoving" was witnessed on both sides. On the whole it was a highly successful event. Lately the absence of such a sporting struggle has been the cause of much surprise and comment by many tennis-minded boys. It is the general feeling that the rise in the standard of play among both the masters and boys representatively will surely bring out two strong and eager teams. I hope that next year such a match will be arranged and fought in the true sportsmanlike manner the game requires.

I am, etc.,

A. D. Brownlie.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### CYCLE CONGESTION.

Sir,—

In view of the constantly recurring trouble caused by the numerous cyclists who use the Eliot Street entrance, it is remarkable that no better provision has been made.

One solution which would divert a considerable proportion of riders from the busy Avenue Road, would be to erect a light shed on the waste land at the north end of the bottom ground. If all those coming from the Fitzroy area were consigned to this route they would not only reduce considerably the overcrowding of the accommodation behind the "Morgue" but also reduce the numbers on the busy road and keep them to roads with much less traffic.

I am, etc.,

"Cyclist".

### RADIO ROOM.

Sir,—

At present the School is crowded with young radio amateurs who seek refuge in Room 17, dormitories, and many other places. I think that something should be done. Perhaps a small hut built away from the main school for them, would eliminate the interference received by the Head and other masters on their radios.

This would create a rivalry and provide education in radio which would be invaluable to many who may become electricians on leaving School.

I am, etc.,

"Interested."

[The need is realised but no funds are available at present.—Ed.]

### SCHOOL TOWER.

Sir,—

As a new boy last year I noticed that just above the Headmaster's office are some pieces of reinforced steel protruding above the level of the wall. Would it not be possible to complete the main block with the clock tower as was originally intended? If not, could these unsightly pieces of steel be cut off below the level of the wall?

I am, etc.,

"Clock-Watcher."

### DIVING PLATFORM.

Sir,—

With the return of summer the baths have once again come into universal use. But, although the bath itself is in good repair, the two higher diving boards are not. The stand is in a state of disrepair. Some of the girders are split and many crossbeams are rotting. When one dives the whole structure trembles and shudders fearfully. Surely this could be remedied with a few hours' work.

I am, etc.,

"Safer Diving."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### HOT SHOWERS.

Sir,—

The erecting of the building between the "Morgue" and Science Block I understand has necessitated the installation of central heating. Would it be possible to run the water from the heating system to showers for footballers in winter and cricket and tennis players in summer. These no doubt could be utilised by the boarders as well.

I am, etc.,  
B.V.K.

[A good suggestion except that experience is not completely in favour of hot showers before a journey home from School in the cold.—Ed.]

### SCORERS' BOX.

Sir,—

As the top ground is used for the Senior Cricket Competition I suggest that a temporary scorers' box be erected next to the score board. It need not be expensive as a good box is to be built when the new pavilion is erected, but as a shelter from the wind and rain. It is a very necessary improvement that should have been done a long time ago.

I am, etc.,  
"A Scorer."

### GULLY GROUND.

Sir,—

The bottom ground is one of the finest School grounds in the Dominion. Terraces which enable large crowds to witness events are its main advantage over most grounds.

I believe the advantage of possessing this ground could be more fully exploited in two directions.

Much of the confusion which occurs on Sports Day is due primarily to the fact that it is difficult for everyone to obtain a good view of the events. Many parents travel many miles to see their sons compete in events. They should be entitled to witness the events in ease and comfort. If the sports were held on the bottom ground these difficulties would be overcome.

The inter-college Rugby games are played at Rugby or Pukekura Park. If seating were constructed on the terraces the large crowds which witness the games could easily be accommodated at the School. This, I feel, is the correct place for First XV. matches to be played.

I am, etc.,  
I. W. Telfer.

[We cannot afford seats at the moment.—Ed.]

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SUPPER FOR BOARDERS.

Sir,—

Last term I had the privilege of visiting King's College as a member of the First XV., and being a boarder, naturally looked for points of difference between the two boarding establishments.

Perhaps the first thing which struck me was that every boy in each house had a cup of cocoa after prep. before going to bed. This could easily be introduced here without any appreciable difficulty. Every boy could have a cup of cocoa in the winter term at least, and in the summer term, perhaps the boys could be given a glass of lime juice or some other cool drink.

I make this small suggestion for those in future years who could benefit from it.

I am, etc.,  
"Thirsty."

### SLACKNESS IN DRESS.

Sir,—

This year there has been a marked increase in the laxness of boys in the School. Too often boys have been seen slouching around town with no caps and their socks around their ankles. I think that this state of affairs has resulted from the abolition of the use of the cane by the head boy. The fact that the cane could be used by the head boy would act as a sufficient deterrent to those boys who indulge in this lax conduct. It must also be remembered that the name of the School suffers as a result of this, something which no member of the School or Old Boy would wish for.

I am, etc.,  
"Corporal Punishment."

[We cannot agree with this statement. The appearance of boys has been worse in the immediate past. Some articles of school uniform are still difficult to obtain.—Ed.]

### CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

Sir,—

The School has begun to develop a consciousness of the existence of the cultural aspects of life. There is a growing interest in art, music, and literature, an interest which appears likely to blossom into a fuller realization in the future. The library is continuing to improve and expand, there is a real activity in the music of the school and more and more are beginning to discover art as a means of expression.

Recognition appears due to those who have sponsored and are encouraging this development. Their work is appreciated by a large portion of the School and must, in itself, be satisfying. It is to be hoped that the work will continue to be carried on and encouraged in its further development.

I am, etc.,  
B. A. Walker.

## ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### VISION.

Here earth is quiet; the trees scarcely bend  
Before the wind that whispers over the calm land.  
The heavy clouds are tired—see how they rest  
Upon the purple hills! The sea is heaving  
Gently in a soft sleep, whispering in caverns,  
Lapping grey rocks, smoothing the hair of the seaweed  
In sunlit depths. And feeling this, how  
Can I believe that elsewhere guns are smoking  
Twisting and blasting the calm, green earth  
That, lonely between the cell's cold, stone, square  
Prisoners fret themselves to madness. In  
Teeming cities starving children crouch  
In filthy shelters. From the hard earth  
Thrifty, toil-bent peasants grub a bare subsistence.  
So much pain and misery and bondage  
And yet my world sleeps on, no wrinkle  
On the forehead of the smooth sea.

T. Lloyd, 6B1.

### THE CALL.

Down from the hills, sombre and dreary,  
Echoed the call gentle, yet eerie,  
Born on the breeze, silver entwined,  
Rushed all the valley, crept to the mind,  
Down to the glade, dappled with sunbeams,  
Startling the wild one, fleeing his dreams,  
Seeking the shadows, and waterborn weeds,  
Dying in silence among brittle reeds.

J. K. Lush, 6B1.

### NEW ZEALAND, LAND OF HOPE UNREALISED.

Where virile dusky men have lived and fought  
Who has seen the silent forboding lines  
Of warriors trek the untouched forest—  
Aware of a grandeur in which they were dwarfed;  
The primitive mysticism of their lives,

Where came the stagnant society  
To seek a breath of life, crude in its potency;  
To battle the green and proud creation  
And to find a sturdy peace and strength.  
Who made the soil their own, or destroyed it.  
Who were simple, knew God, lived near life.

Where now shining roads cut their way  
And pastures fill the place of tangled bush.  
Where symmetrical cities and planned towns glitter  
All with the ordered beauty of precision.

Hold to the vigour which you have.  
But do not restrict us, bind us, to our past,  
Nor let us become weary in youth.  
Fulfil the promise of your history,  
Give us God, give us mind, give us work.

B. A. Walker, 6A.

## ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### THE STEEPLECHASE.

Bright the morning sun arose,  
Thoughts for some of sweet repose;  
Others hailed it with a sigh,  
Oh, that they in bed might lie!

There we stood in white array,  
This was the awaited day.  
Frisky, restless, oh to start,  
Though ours be but a losing part.

Off the mark, yes, starting well,  
All look fit, but who can tell.  
Brisk the air and strong the pace,  
Padding feet; but long's the race.

Silent thoughts take each one's mind,  
Struggling efforts are confined,  
Puffing, stumbling, tired and hot  
Such is our unenvied lot.

Almost over, one last try,  
Relaxation just near by.  
Some can make a final dash,  
Others know they've been too rash.

So the winner, justly proud,  
Runs before the cheering crowd.  
Two contestants sprint for place,  
This is an exciting 'chase.

Slowly in, the long line comes,  
Now's the time for jesting puns.  
Who's that slinking quietly round,  
Fearing lest his place be found.

So concludes a healthy test,  
That is, if we did our best.  
When every one has tried to win,  
That is where the good comes in.

D. L. Kitchingman, 4C1.

### SCHOOL-DAYS.

When at school instead of reclining,  
Our Latin nouns we start declining  
We slave each term from beginning to end,  
And all our spare money on books we spend.  
Quite often when we haven't the knack,  
Our seats receive a very smart whack.  
The best way found to avoid the latter,  
Is to take more heed of the subject matter.  
At sport and games we can all take part,  
Be it cricket, football or the boxing art.  
Though our masters at us may often lament,  
A day at school is a day well spent.

D. H. Lee, 3C1.

## ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### NUMA AND THE SACRED SHIELD OF ROME.

Three times Jove's thunder rent the cloudless sky;  
And thrice his fiery flashes threw. Unearthly sight,  
The depthless blue itself eternity  
Unfolds, as king and people view the sight.  
With awe and horrid fears, their heads upturned.  
Behold a shield comes twisting through the air  
And idly floats towards their very feet.  
Triumphant shouting issues from their lips  
And to the stars imparts their joyous news.  
A quivering steer, whose neck has never felt  
The yoke, is offered up in thanks to Jove.  
The shield they name Ancile.

Ovid Fast III. 369

B. A. WALKER, 6A.

### HAPPY LIFE COMES FROM KNOWLEDGE JOINED WITH REVERENCE.

Happy he to whom all things unfold  
Their cause; to whom is then no fear of cold  
Harsh fate, nor trivial care of after life  
When he must tread the banks in angry strife  
Of gloomy Acheron. To him is joy  
Who knows aged Silvan and the sisters coy,  
Who live in forests cool, and merry Pan,  
And rural dieties, worshipped by man.  
He has no dread of axe, of rich-clad king,  
Of angry wrath, nor Dacians, as by wing  
Descended from the forests of their might  
Through which the gleaming Danube day and night  
Unwinds its course. The small affairs of men,  
Their destiny, are all without his ken.  
The cares for kingdom doomed to end their years  
His mind untrammelled leave. Desires and tears  
For worldly wealth disturb him not; he lives  
Not wanting riches from his works and gives  
No thought to gold which lesser man devours  
But plucks the luscious fruits from laden boughs  
Conceived by fertile fields in golden hours.

Vergil: Georgics II. 490).

B. A. Walker, 6A.

## ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### LYING IN BED.

Lying in bed is a most satisfying if not a necessary culmination to a restful sleep. Mind you, I am not in favour of lolling aimlessly in bed for hours on end. The longer one spends in bed after awakening the less inclined he is to arise out of it and besides, if one has not had too late a night and the weather outside is fine, he has no reason for putting off getting up for hours at a time. The duration of the disinclination should be limited to a period after he has awakened, in which he is able to ponder for a few moments, and then start to drowse. That is the moment when he must rise. Allowing one's self to drowse, waking up at intervals to ponder and then drowse again takes all the satisfaction out of sleep, and when, very late in the morning, the lazy one actually rises, he has a heavy feeling brought on by the heat of the day which forces him into inertia for the rest of the day. I have found that my inertia on these occasions is usually further deepened by a splitting headache.

If on the other hand the night has been strenuous ending perhaps in the early hours of the morning, the sorry victim should be allowed no longer period of lying in bed. That is, he need not be wakened, but should be allowed to sleep until he wakes, when he would rise; of course this would hardly apply if the sleep had been induced by a series of non-stop parties, as this, as might be imagined, could last nearly all day and there would appear, at afternoon tea a sulky, headache-ridden, aspirin-soaked ghost who said nothing, ate nothing, but just sipped tea.

The other extreme of been violently shaken and dragged out of bed is most distressing, completely ruining a rest and possibly inducing bad temper for the rest of the day. It would be therefore most thoughtless and tactless to rudely shatter the idyllic pleasures of the early morning dreams. The result—all-temper—would probably have to be endured by the agent for quite a long period. It would be much to everyone's advantage if a sleeper were gently tapped, told it was "time to get up" and left to rise quite voluntarily—he would soon become methodical about it.

C. K. Lec, 6B1.

### SAILING—A RELAXATION?

The speaker blares. Long S.'s voice rolls across the water.  
"Five minutes till the first gun!"

The boat ahead suddenly goes about, and skipper J. puts the helm hard across, Pop hauls on the main sheet, I leggo, and, as one man, we dive to windward as a strong southerly heels our allegedly trim sloop on the starboard tack. Caustic remarks blow in from all sides as water pours into the cockpit, and J. snarls at us to hikeout.

Bang!

Five red flags hang over the side of the judge's box, and all of us make for the line and mill around just on the wrong side. Tubby U. goes too far, and is harangued by Long S. The flags come in at minute intervals, and with the disappearance of each flag the tension increases, becoming highest as the last is withdrawn, we hear the report of the second gun, and, in a solid bunch the yachts pile over the line.

## ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

O lucky man, just on the line! As usual it's old A. who's right there. Now he rounds the beach buoy, some distance ahead already, and his useful for'ard hand is already working with the spinnaker.

"Out sheets, and snap out with that kite!" shouts J. as we round the beach buoy. I feverishly clip on the sheet guy, boom, haul on the halliard, and finally (with a "Why the heck aren't you paying out that guy J.") I shove out the boom. The spinnaker flies, and we're away. Poor old Dave A. has his spinnaker tangled and lumbers around the buoy. Ahead are A., Baldy, Tubby, and three others. We soon pass Tubby and Baldy, who have smaller boats, and they drop back looking behind to see who's next. Away to leeward is the rescue launch—a comforting sight to all, for to-day is likely to be quite the day for capsizing. The next buoy is only a quarter of a mile ahead, and J. naturally unsure of my spinnaker work, orders me to start taking the kite down. I pull the thing down somehow, making a terrific tangle on the floorboards, and leaving the guy trailing in the water. This rope brings an innocent inquiry from a nearby boat whether we are trolling, and if the fish are biting well. I take over the jib sheet from Pop, who has been managing this as well as the main. We are on the buoy. The others are already around, except one, who is troubled by the difficult gybe.

"Stand by to gybe," roars J. "In main!" Pop hauls that main sheet as J. puts the tiller across. In a terrific gybe the boom sweeps across. I grab the other jib sheet, and we heel awayover. The main sheet, too thick for the pulley blocks, refuses to run out, and we turn into the wind. We head straight for that buoy.

Crunch! We hit the buoy! Curses! Doomed to disqualification, we begin our long beat back to the shore, accompanied by the loud jeers of Tubby U. who is about to gybe. J. starts moaning about the thin main sheet I'd forgotten to buy the day before, and I try to think of a suitably cutting answer, when a sudden shout from astern lets us know that Tubby U. is capsizing. I find the sight of Tubby U.'s centreboard pointing skyward somehow satisfying, with two hobbling, spluttering heads waiting for the launch. I wonder how satisfied Tubby is?

G. J. Saunders, 6B1.

## IN A THEATRE QUEUE.

The rain was streaming down as we turned into Lambton Quay and through the windscreen we could dimly see the tail-lights of cars and buses as they ploughed along the wet street. We crept on until we found a parking place, about eight feet long and two blocks from the theatre. In misery we trudged through the rain until the theatre was reached. Here we found a queue which stretched from the ticket-box into infinity. Our arrival at infinity was greeted with, "Evening mister. Lovely weather for ducks." This issued from a coat and hat about five feet high. The occupant, his face lost in the shadows then proceeded to tell me that 'Smug Pug' is a sitter for to-morrow's Cup. I agreed dismally wondering if there was a 'Flying Fish' running.

## ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

About this stage a murmur crept along the line. "They've started selling," said the coat and hat. I took a numbed step forward and a new arrival came to the line. She was a stout woman of perhaps forty years. In her hand she held a small boy who gazed around taking in everything and everyone. He is, we learn, a nephew. "It's his first pitcher," she confided to my wife, "And he's so excited."

"You'll like it sonny. It's real good," replies the coat and hat. "I've seen it twice."

"Never miss a good film myself," said the woman.

I thought how gladly I would have missed this one.

Meanwhile we progressed slowly to the ticket-box. "Two one and sixes," I said, and having divested ourselves of our coats and fifty per cent. of the water we were ushered into the inner sanctum to find we had missed the "New Zealand Review" which is, after all, half the picture.

A. F. Cassie, 4G2.

## OUT OF THE ETHER.

When the story of our age is written no chapter in the book of these days will be so impressive as that which tells of the beginnings of radio. New Zealand played an important part in this story. Our first battleship "H.M.S. New Zealand" was cruising down the coast of Africa. The navy was experimenting with long-distance messages and in the midst of these experiments came the news that Capt. Scott and his party had made their last journey. The operator was inspired to send these words.

"They sleep in peace amid the eternal snows  
Their goal achieved, their duty nobly done.

And over those who victor's crown have won,  
The loud shrill requiem of the tempest blows."

Surely there is something thrilling in the thought of this tribute to a gallant gentleman coming suddenly to a ship, as it must have seemed in those days, out of the heavens.

In those fateful days of early September, 1939, the late M. J. Savage speaking on the air told the world New Zealand, come what may, stood as always, at the side of Britain, and every New Zealander heard him in solemn silence.

Later Winston Churchill was to inspire every Briton with his call to all to resist so that in all the glorious chapters of our history men would always say "This was their finest hour."

Yes, messages that will live for ever have come to us over the ether, and yet was there ever such a message so inspired as that, to the "H.M.S. New Zealand" when radio had its beginning.

R. Westmoreland, 3CL.

## ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### A SUMMER SUNSET.

The canvas rucksack was heavy on my back as I climbed the final few feet to the ridge top. Gaining the rough track along the top, I paused breathless, and stood there gazing at the wide panorama spread before me. Tipping the surrounding ranges with a ruddy glow, the sun was sinking swiftly towards the horizon. The cloud-legions, floating before it, were transformed to drifting wisps of fire. Down in the valley below, things were strangely quiet, and the river changed to a stream of burnished silver as the dying rays settled briefly upon it, and then swung swiftly away as the great disc slid ever downwards. For a brief moment the skyline was flung into silhouette, the twisted hilltops standing out stark and bare. Next moment this had vanished and only the crimson sky held any trace of the vanished sun. Slowly the sky dimmed from bright crimson to pink, which gradually lightened until even the sky held no trace of the mystery. The valley darkened and dusk settled over the land. So, turning on my heel, I made off down the narrow track to where a dark-red roof stood out against the light green poplars.

A. J. Bower, 4G2.

### TAUPO.

After a restless night of tossing and turning in a hot bed trying to disregard the incessant buzzing of mosquitoes, I felt the comparative stillness of the dawn most refreshing.

I was awakened early by the sun shining on my face. I arose and stole softly out of the hot tent into the cool, still dawn. The silence was broken only by the pleasant lapping of the waters on the shore and by an occasional burst of song from some bird inspired by the beauty of the morning. The lakeside was flanked with kowhais and briar from which there arose a sweet fragrance. Five miles out there lay a green island splashed with flaming pohutakawas. The far shore and the township of Taupo were hardly visible. Over all there lay a purple haze, while above the twinkling stars paled slowly as the hills became pink.

There were noises too—noises peculiar to the lake. Across the water came dimly the phut-phut of a lone outboard motor. Some distance away a camper was chopping wood. I thought I could hear the faint whir of a reel running out.

If you have not been to Lake Taupo it is almost impossible to imagine the cool and soft brilliance of this early morning scene. Those who have visited this lake will always cherish the days spent there as a period of quiet but stirring beauty.

G. S. Collier, 4CL.



MAJOR BARBARA. Scene: Salvation Army Shelter.



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### COMING HOME.

What a pleasant sensation it was, coming home!—home from the afternoon's hunt. The splendid bay filly beneath me was no longer jog-trotting as she had been, coming out. The afternoon's run had taken the edge off her skittishness and she had settled down to the steady, cushioned stride which made her such a comfortable mount. Her fine thoroughbred head with its small pointed ears was held proudly and the muscles rippled along her sleek neck as she walked. I knew her thoughts ran, as mine did, on the cheerful homecoming, on the homely bustle as she was unsaddled, groomed and covered before being released to graze at her leisure in the home paddock, of the apple and pat which would reward her services.

It had not been a stylish hunt, with hounds and red-coated followers; just a plain follow-the-leader affair in which the petty worries of the everyday world were forgotten as spirits soared to the clouds in the exhilaration of the clean, fresh air and the joy of a fine horse beneath. The bay filly had enjoyed the hunt as much as I had. Our joint happiness was complete.

And as I rode home through the gathering dusk with the last rays of the setting sun gilding the grass and the leaves on the trees, I wondered if anything in this world could so nearly approach perfection as the sensation of coming home after an enjoyable and pleasure-filled day.

E. L. Johnston, 4Cl.

### CONTEMPORARIES.

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

New Zealand: "The Wellingtonian," "The Knox Collegian," "Hokiwi," "Waimate High School Magazine," "King's Collegian," "Nelsonian," "The Palmerstonian," "The Southlandian," "The Christ's College Register," "The Patrician," "Otago Boys' High School," "Westonian," "Christchurch Boys' High School Magazine," "Te Karere," "Canterbury Agricultural College Magazine," "The Wanganui Collegian," "The Auckland Grammar Chronicle," "The Marlburian," "The Wellington Technical College Review," "The Index," "The Waitakian," "The Wanganui Collegian," "The Wanganui Technical College Review," "The Hamiltonian," "The Spectrum," "The Nelsonian," "Taniwharau," "The Fideliter," "The Hutt Valley High School Magazine," "The Hereworth Magazine," "Criovara Na Iona."

Australia: "The Record," "The Jargon," "The Melbournean," "The Unicorn."

England: "The Ousel," "Felstedian," "The Cromwellian," "Mill Hill Magazine," "The Patesian."

Scotland: "The Watsonian," "The Aberdeen Grammar School Magazine," "The Fettesian."

Wales: "The Swansea Grammar School Magazine."

South Africa: "The Graemian," "The Primitian," "The Johanian," "St Michael's Chronicle," "The Plumtree School Magazine."

Canada: "College Times," "Vantech," "The Tech Tatler."

## OLD BOYS' SECTION

### A PERSONAL TRIBUTE TO THE LATE W. H. MOYES BY AN OLD BOY

I HAVE been prompted to write this tribute to our late Headmaster as I knew him by the feeling that all Old Boys would wish this number of the Taranakian to contain some permanent expression of the respect in which he was held, of the gratitude which all his Old Boys feel for his influence over them in their formative years, and of the reverence they have for his memory.

I knew Mr. Moyes as his pupil, as an Old Boy, and later was a member of his staff. I always thought of him as "The Boss," a title which seemed to me to epitomise his qualities. My most vivid memories of him are the earliest. I first remember him as I saw him standing outside the locker-room at the back of the Old House smoking the inevitable pipe, taking in great drafts of smoke. Suddenly as I watched, his eye was attracted by some boys having a clay-fight in the Gully. He took in a gust of smoke, shouted at the boys in a huge voice, threatening swift retribution, and then exhaled the smoke.

I was a country boy, rather awed by my surroundings when I first came to School as a boarder. I had been there only three days when I lost my cap with its precious, shining, silver badge. I summoned enough courage to report the loss to the Boss. I entered the New House, trembling, and knocked on the study door. A hearty "Come in." The great man was sitting smoking his pipe. Before I could find the words to express my humble disgust at myself for being such a nuisance, he said, "Well old man, what's the trouble?" That was the only time during all the vicissitudes of life as a boarder that I wanted to weep. I was so relieved and so touched by the sympathy in his voice, and so moved by the impression that he was placing himself on my level. He made me feel that he lost things every day. I knew that here I had a friend.

This incident illustrated, I think, the secret of his great success with boys. On many occasions when he felt that boys were not behaving according to his high standards he could be a figure of terror, but all the time we were having our shortcomings vigorously brought home to us we felt that no one understood better the frailties and faults of the adolescent boy than he did.

I remember too, how he used to match himself against the School's best athletes, and how on almost every Saturday morning he had his coat off leading a gang of boys building a rockery or planting trees. And somehow we worked willingly, and the sure knowledge that at the end of the morning there would be a stone jar of ginger beer from "Teapot's" was not the only incentive. His own performance in these activities was prodigious.

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On such occasions he had the faculty of being able to relax completely and become one of us. He spent many hours just yarning with the boys. He was a born story teller and his stories were told with great skill always accompanied by the appropriate actions in pantomime. Two generations of Old Boys will remember his performances at morning prayers, particularly his demonstration of the boarders parading Devon Street on Friday afternoons. I know that I could listen to him for hours, fascinated by his sure instinct for the comic, hearing the same old stories, waiting for the last subtle hyperbole that would make each repetition like a fresh version.

His best stories usually had their setting in the "Golden Age" when he first came to the School, and of the many I have heard I think his masterpiece was his account of how he chased the cows off the wicket in his pyjamas and bare feet, pursued them through the town in his rage, and would have driven them off the end of the breakwater if they had not turned off at the South Road and headed for Opunake.

In the classroom the Boss was most impressive. He filed the room and forced the attention of his class by his energy, the vivacity of his expressive features, and the speed of his own mental processes. His expositions were clear and logical because his great understanding of boys allowed him always to take the boys' point of view and to base his explanations on their real difficulties. He taught always at the highest pitch of his voice which was most compelling in his own classroom but must have been exasperating to all the masters trying to teach in his vicinity.

I feel however, that his greatness as a headmaster lay in his ability to awaken in his School a general response to his own high aims. He infused into each individual member of the School some portion of his own enthusiasm, so that each felt that he was a member of a select band, fortunate because they were taking part in building an institution of which they could be proud and which would be an inheritance to future generations. I doubt if any group of boys has ever striven with the same sense of great leadership as we did. What lessons we learned in manliness and loyalty! What an example of service! What inspiration to strive and to build!

When I returned to the School as a member of the staff I had the opportunity to meet him on more even terms, as it were, and to study his methods with a more experienced eye. I found myself more impressed than ever by his compelling personality. I have seen him in all sorts of company, among his Old Boys, with men about town, even with Cabinet Ministers, and wherever he was, he always dominated the group. I became convinced that his boundless energy was directed towards building a great School for no other purpose than for the good of the individual boys in it. He had no personal ambition beyond the School. He made mistakes, of course, but they arose from his enthusiasm and his impatience to get on with it rather than from lack of judgment. As with the boys of the School he bound his staff to him by a great personal loyalty to himself. And in return for their loyalty he gave trust in their ability to carry out an allotted task without interference.

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To these numerous qualities must be added the greatest quality of all—a quality that has been the rare possession of great men—his humanity. The members of his School his Old Boys, and his staff always looked on him as a friend. They knew that in times of trouble and distress they could rely on his wise counsel and ready action on their behalf. And they knew that in times of great triumph there was one with whom they could share their joy.

And that is why we have all felt so much his going. Hundreds of men who passed through the School could say of him, "He was my friend, faithful and just to me." In those same lives there is a gap for ever. But we shall never forget him.

## PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. MOYES

Many Old Boys will have already made donations to the Moyes' Memorial Fund. Some will also have seen the sketch of the proposed building. For those who have not the architect's elevation is published on the opposite page.

It is proposed to erect the cricket pavilion on the north-west corner of the cricket ground above Niger House. It will not be a large building, the dimensions being 46ft. by 17ft. In addition a scorer's box 5ft. by 5ft. will be attached and built in such a way that it is not a separate unit and will allow the scorers to alter the scoreboard without leaving the box. The main plan will provide two rooms 16ft. by 10ft. which will be changing rooms for home and visiting teams and will contain lockers and seats. The main central room will provide an area 23ft. by 14ft. This will be fitted with tiers of seats to accommodate thirty people. Terraces in front of the pavilion will provide accommodation for another sixty people.

As the sketch indicates the design is simple, conceived to harmonise with existing buildings and its site. Building will be done in reinforced concrete and a brick base and terrace will give a colourful contrast. The hipped roof will be in slates to match the main school and the exterior will be colour-washed. The clock-lantern surmounting the pavilion, though not alike in style, will echo the lantern on the main school building.

All Old Boys will agree that such a building will provide a fitting memorial to our loved headmaster and that it will be an addition to the amenities of the School such as he would have approved of. The cost is estimated at £2500. The fund is still open and all Old Boys who still wish to make a contribution are requested to forward it to the Secretary, Moyes Memorial Fund, Private Bag, The School.



CRICKET PAVILION—PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO OUR LATE HEADMASTER.

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### Roll of Honour

As in the 1945, 1946, 1947 and 1948 issues, this stands at 215, and is the same as last year with the addition of the following:—

Sergeant Victor Arthur Tunbridge.

Signalman Driver James Alister Dunbar Peddie.

### Pro Patria

#### VICTOR ARTHUR TUNBRIDGE.

Sergeant V. A. Tunbridge was educated at the Central School where his parents lived in Mangorei Road, New Plymouth, and attended New Plymouth Boys' High School in 1928. On leaving School he was employed on the staff of the Pelone Woollen Mills, Wellington.

He was a keen harrier and tennis player winning many trophies in these two sports.

Sergeant Tunbridge was killed while on air operations over Germany on the 14th August, 1943.

#### JAMES ALISTER DUNBAR PEDDIE.

Signalman Driver J. A. D. Peddie received his primary education at Hereworth School, Havelock North, and showed great promise as a swimmer. He entered New Plymouth Boys' High School in 1929, as a boarder, to take a course in Agriculture. While at School he continued to take an interest in swimming and football, being a member of the First XV. in 1930.

After leaving School James Peddie went as a cadet to Mr. W. Illston's stud farm at Hunterville, and from there began farming at Hastings, where he was later Secretary of the Hawke's Bay Branch of the New Plymouth Old Boys' Association.

A great lover of horses, he had many successes in the Show Ring.

He went overseas with the 10th Reinforcements and on arrival in Egypt took a course in Signals, eventually going to Italy as a Driver. At Massa Lombardi, on the 13th August, 1945, a few weeks before the end of the war, he was killed in action. He was 31 years of age, and his grave is beside that of another Old Boy.

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### OLD BOYS' NEWS.

G. L. O'Halloran has been appointed Assistant Under-Secretary to the Department of Internal Affairs. When at School Lionel was a Prefect, a member of the First XV, and First XI, and a swimming and life-saving champion. He also took a keen interest in tennis and athletics.

Lewis Eggleton has been promoted to the Detective Department of the Police Force.

Russell Wood, writing from The School, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, says:—"The New Zealand cricketers over here have added the finishing touches to what has been a perfect summer. I was lucky enough to see all the Second Test match at Lord's. I simply devoured Martin Donnelly's classic innings. I am enclosing a newspaper cutting about him, which you will probably not have seen. It is from the 'Sunday Times,' the most 'respectable' Sunday paper, and the particular column is the most respectable thing in it. It is probably the first time the School has 'hit the headlines' of the 'Sunday Times..'"

The newspaper cutting stated:—

"Martin Donnelly, whose innings of 75 and 80 in the Manchester Test, like his brilliant double century in the Test at Lord's, formed the major part of New Zealand's resistance to our bowlers, is so widely regarded as one of the world's great left-handed batsmen that the full versatility of his sporting record tends to be overlooked. At Rugby we know him as Oxford's fly-half in J. O. Newton-Thompson's year, and later as a centre for England; yet at New Plymouth School, New Zealand, he played as scrum-half for the First XV., and at the University, at Canterbury College, was their full-back. He was School tennis champion in 1934 and 1936, and athletic champion in 1936, when he won the 100 Yards, the 120 Hurdles and the Long Jump—no mean record when it is realised that New Plymouth is one of the great New Zealand schools, with some 300 boarders and 400 day boys."

Ivor McIvor, who is a Public Accountant in Ballarat, Australia, describes that city in a letter received by a member of the Staff recently:—"Ballarat is a very picturesque city of 45,000, noted for its magnificent trees, gardens and lakeside area, quite apart from its historical interest in the early gold days. It is one of the soundest rural districts in Australia to support its varied industrial activities and has most of the amenities of a larger city, without quite so much of the mad rush which goes on elsewhere."

Alex Rae has been granted leave of absence from Massey College, where he is lecturer in Sheep Husbandry, to take a Ph.D. in an American University.

Don Sommerville, who owns a furniture business in Taihape, visited the School recently to enrol his son in the boarding house.

John Shanahan, who was in VG1 in 1940, has been a very successful swimmer. He was a member of a New Zealand team which visited Victoria where he broke the existing butterfly record.

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At the 1948-49 New Zealand Championships he won five events, the 100 Yards Butterfly and Breaststroke and the 220 Yards Butterfly and Breaststroke and the 100 Yards Medley. At some time he has held the records for all these events.

Tom Logan had a very successful swimming season. He was a member of the New Zealand University Swimming Team in Australia during January. At the New Zealand Championships at Auckland he won the Medley Race and later broke the record for the same event. He visited the School at the end of the summer and gave the boys a demonstration of the new Butterfly stroke which has considerably reduced times in breaststroke races.

T. K. McKeon has made a name for himself at the sport of skiing. In 1948 he won the Taranaki Championship and was runner-up in 1949, winning the Downhill. He was selected to take part in the trials at the Chateau when a team was selected to represent New Zealand against Australia.

Last September two Old Boys, J. Holden and D. V. Sutherland, met in the final of the New Zealand Amateur Golf Championship at Hastings. Holden defeated Sutherland at the 31st hole of a scheduled 36-hole final six up and five to play. The pair are also the joint holders of the Poursomes Championship.

Holden after the tournament said: "I was playing well all the time, but I had no easy games. The luck was on my side and I came through." Sutherland was more expansive when speaking of Holden's achievement: "In the opinion of most at Hastings, the most brilliant and consistent player among the amateurs at the tournament was Holden, and it was my privilege to meet him in the final," he said. "Holden needed only a little luck in the open, and we would have brought that title back with us too."

All Old Boys will wish to congratulate Roy Roper on his All Black selection.

"With Kelly off the field, the New Zealand threequarters had a difficult day, but Roper, the Taranaki winger, played an outstanding game, first on the wing and then later at centre. He might well be said to be the selectors' find of this rather dismal international season. He revealed plenty of pace, a good pair of hands and a keen eye for the main chance. Lots more should be heard of him." Such was the typical opinion of Rugby critics after watching him during the second test between Australia and New Zealand at Auckland last season.

As early as 1940 and 1941 when he played in the School first fifteen, Roper's ability was a pointer of things to come. His was a natural flair for the sport and his selection as an All Black—the first produced by Taranaki since the days of J. L. Sullivan—was a fitting reward for a uniformly successful career.

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In 1942 Roper joined the army and played for the Taranaki Regiment at Palmerston North. In that season came his first big representative match, Fourth Division v. First Division. Opposing Roper there was J. B. Smith, future Kiwi and All Black, but Roper still scored five tries. He played for Taranaki in its only representative match in 1944, and then, as a member of the Navy, played for the Auckland Navy team. Overseas, Roper won a place in the New Zealand Services side and took part in many seven-a-side tournaments in Scotland and England. Home in 1946 he won immediate selection for Taranaki including the combined Taranaki-King Country side which was defeated by the touring Australians of that season.

With only three games behind him in 1947 Roper received an ankle injury which kept him out for the rest of the season. Last year saw him again on the field and again a member of the Taranaki representative team. The season just passed needs no recounting. Roper played football of a consistently high order and, as Taranaki had long anticipated, won well deserved selection.

While Rugby may be his strongest point, other sports have also felt the effect of his participation. He was senior athletic champion of the School in 1940 and 1941 and in his only subsequent year of competitive running, claimed, in the 1947-48 season, the Taranaki 100 yards, 220 yards, long jump and hop, step and jump titles. He also twice won the West Coast, North Island, long jump.

**D. O'Dea** was co-manager of the Taranaki Rugby team on its South Island tour last season.

**P. R. Fenton**, who served as a Pilot in the Air Force in New Zealand and the Pacific during the war, joined the Auckland branch of the firm Universal Business Directories (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. after the war. He was transferred to Sydney in February of 1948 and present indications are that he will be there for some time. He is married and has a two-year-old daughter. His brother, **T. F. Fenton**, is now with the Tauranga County Council as a Civil Engineer and has just qualified A.M.I.C.E. During the war, he too served in the R.N.Z.A.F. in New Zealand and in the Pacific. He is likewise married, but has three children, two girls and a boy.

**W. M. Groombridge**, who was chief clerk of the Lands and Survey Department at Invercargill, has been transferred on promotion to the head office at Wellington.

**D. W. Hetherington**, who was chief of staff of the Taranaki Daily News, has left New Plymouth to take up a position at Wellington.

**Major A. L. Lomas, M.C.**, and **Lieutenant W. J. Watt**, have been posted to the Royal New Zealand Army Medical Corps Territorial Force. Alan Lomas is practicing as a surgeon in Hamilton and has a daughter.

**Lieutenant-Colonel F. L. H. Davis** has been appointed Director of High School Cadets and Rifle Clubs. He was formerly Chief of Staff, Southern Military District. He visited the School during the year.

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Last year we published an account of the travels of **A. W. Moverley**, who was head boy of the School in 1927. He went to Pitcairn Island to build and organise the first school as Education Officer in the Colonial Service.

The following news was recently received from him:—

"The school is now nearly erected. It is a prefabricated building and is being erected alongside a glass-fronted residence that was built earlier for myself. The site of the school lies 300 feet above the sea on a characteristic shoulder of the steep island. A mass of coconut palms separates it from the settlement below and it is backed by a sheer crag that is typical of Pitcairn contours. Although Pitcairn is back to its pre-war role of ocean signpost for ships crossing the Pacific, no New Zealand mail had been received by the islanders for two months when the "Corinthic" called at the island on the 23rd of March. However, this lack of shipping meant that there was no diversion for the island's labour force and scores of men were mobilised to dig foundations, cart gravel up the steep hillsides and assemble the school buildings."

Further activities of **A. W. Moverley** are described in the following extract taken from the American Magazine "Time":—

### PITCAIRN'S PROGRESS.

The great conch shell no longer blew to summon the people together but from all over the island, leaving their goats and gardens behind, the people came flocking to watch the carpenters at work. Not since the days of the Bounty mutineers had Pitcairn Island made such an ado over a building. The island was getting a new schoolhouse, and with it, its first properly trained teacher.

It was a lot of progress for Pitcairn to swallow. For one thing, it would mean giving up the old schoolhouse that **John Adams**, last of the mutineers, had built some 150 years ago. There **Adams** first taught the islanders to read from the Bounty's Bible, and to write with the worn quill pens from **Captain Bligh's** desk.

Pitcairn's teachers have long been natives trained by Seventh Day Adventist missionaries and hired at 20 to 40 dollars a year. British inspectors who had seen them at work found that few of them had ever read a book outside school, knew little about teaching a course, could barely spell themselves. The islanders were fast forgetting their English, and were slipping into a droning dialect all their own.

In recent years, on the strength of all the books written about the mutiny on the Bounty, Pitcairn had found itself an island of worldwide interest. It had 130,000 dollars in the bank, earned by selling stamps to collectors all over the world. What should be done with the money? The islanders asked Britain's High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, lanky **Sir Leslie Brian Freeston**. Said he: If Pitcairn Islanders would build a school, the British would promise to keep it going in perpetuity. And to show he meant it, his office placed an ad in New Zealand's Education Gazette for a new teacher to run it.

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Last week on Pitcairn, the man who answered the ad—blond, 40-year-old Albert Wadkins Moverley—was pitching in with the work on the new school house. Teacher Moverley will have a few modern gadgets to help him with his 25 charges that John Adams would never have thought possible on Pitcairn. Among them: electricity, radios, and a 16mm. movie projector.

Ronald Syme has added fresh glory to his reputation as the greatest scholar the School has produced. He has been awarded the 300-year-old Camden Chair of Ancient History at Oxford University. This chair has a long history. It was endowed by William Camden, a scholar, antiquarian and historian who was born in 1551 and died in 1628 and was buried at Westminster Abbey. He spent a lifetime in careful scholarship, writing all his important works in Latin, and achieved lasting fame for his "Britannia," a survey of the British Isles. He became Headmaster of Westminster School in 1597, was made Clarenceux King-at-Arms, a post which allowed him additional time to pursue his studies. In 1838 a Camden Society was formed in his honour for the publication of early historical remains. This appointment marks Ronald as one of the great scholars New Zealand has produced. He hopes to visit New Zealand next year.

E. W. Hursthouse was an interesting visitor to the School on 31st of March this year. He was at the School in 1882 and so is probably our oldest Old Boy. He is now retired and lives in Wellington. He was amazed at the growth of the School.

Bruce H. Barnitt is on the teaching staff of the Wesley College, Paerata.

John Brodie is still editing "Books of To-day," a London literary monthly. He has been doing this work since the end of the war and likes doing it very much. In a letter, which he recently wrote to the member of the staff, he says that London still fascinates him, though it is wearing at times. The only thing that he regrets is that it is so far away from New Zealand, which should really be anchored off the coast of France, in his opinion. John is hoping to pay a visit to New Zealand in the near future.

Ian Launder, who has joined the Royal Military College of Australia, is finding his busy life at Duntroon very interesting and vastly different from his earlier school days. In a military college renowned for its fine sporting record, he has taken full advantage of excellent coaching and playing facilities. He has played for the First Cricket XI. and also for the First Hockey XI. Ian is looking forward to seeing a great deal of Australia during term leave and to spending six weeks at home each year during the Christmas vacation.

Recently an interesting letter was received by a member of the staff from Stan Chong. He gives us the following news of Old Boys whom he met on a flying visit to Australia earlier in the year:—

Jim Poynter is working in the Sydney branch of Ivon Watkins, Ltd.

Darcy Self is looking around Sydney for a business.

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P. J. O'Carroll is working in the Sydney branch of the Bank of New Zealand.

Other Old Boys whom Stan met were John Ulenberg and Joe Harrison.

Harry Short is working for Mr. S. I. McKenzie, a Public Accountant in Palmerston North.

D. B. Shaw is now back on the staff of the Taranaki Herald.

D. E. Jamieson has entered the Air Force and is training at Wigram.

Old Boys in accountancy firms in Wellington are: W. J. Birnie, B. Candy, D. Hooker, I. Jackson and S. F. Smith.

R. Archer, G. Barnett and A. G. Bruce are studying architecture at Auckland University College.

Squadron-Leader G. R. Brabyn was recently appointed aide-de-camp to the Governor-General, Sir Bernard Freyberg. He was awarded the A.F.C. in the King's New Year Honours.

B. J. O'Meagher was awarded the Butterworth Prize in Roman Law for 1948 at Victoria University College.

Ross Dallison is farming in the Waverley district and represented Wanganui as hooker for the third successive season.

John and Ross Alexander are on their father's farm near Waverley. John has had a lot of success at point-to-points over the past two seasons. Ross is playing cricket for Patea this season.

Three Old Boys of the 1914-22 period farming near Waverley are John Walkington, C. J. Brown and F. E. Train.

Harry Newland is on his father's farm at Karahaki, near, Waverley.

Ken Gibbons has moved to Wanganui with his firm, Wright, Stevenson and Co., Ltd.

W. A. Hunter manages a large estate near Waverley. His son is at School this year.

L. T. (Ginger) Hone and W. Hone are working on their father's farms at Kohi, Waverley.

Bruce and Ian McGregor are working on farms near Waverley.

Ian Lieth is on his father's farm some miles up the Waitotara River.

Herbert Graves leaves for England about the end of November. He intends joining the R.A.F.

W. T. Hume has completed the degrees of Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts. He is a graduate of Victoria University College, Wellington. Recently he was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court, Wellington.

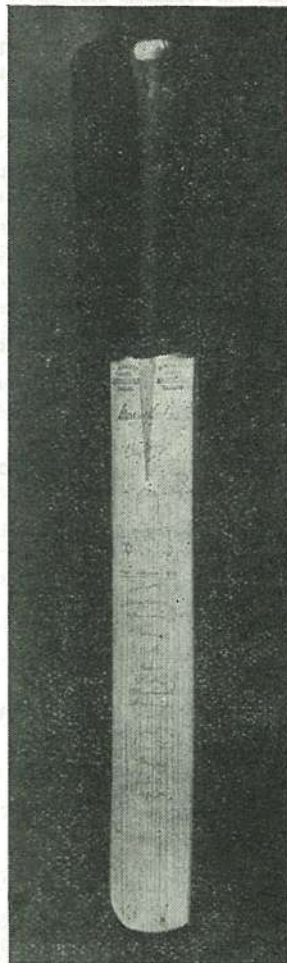


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**M. P. DONNELLY** has by his performances with the New Zealand Cricket Eleven in England this season become recognised as one of the greatest left-handed batsman of all time. When his name was included in the list of those selected for the 1949 tour of England, the greatest satisfaction was felt by the School, both past and present, together with a lively anticipation of great deeds to come. From the very first match it was evident that he had recaptured his old form, and that he was one of the sheet-anchors of team. Sparkling performances in the earlier matches more than one of which his rapid scoring was chiefly responsible for winning, were the prelude to his fine achievements in the Test matches. Forced by circumstances to play defensively in the First Test, he held the side together by holding up the English attack for long periods. His magnificent 206 in the Second Test at Lords set the seal upon his fame. Those who had the privilege of listening in to the ball to ball description of this effort will never forget the excitement as he raced towards his second hundred before the tail of the team succumbed. English writers described the innings as one of the very greatest ever seen at Lords. Again in the Third and Fourth Tests he came to light to hold the side together when the situation became difficult, and although his batting in these games lacked its natural exuberance, yet it helped largely to foil the efforts of the English Eleven to gain a victory. Altogether Donnelly played 45 innings, 8 times not out, 2287 runs, average 61.81 which placed him at the head of the averages. During the tour he scored five centuries.

Donnelly has presented the bat which he made 206 in the Second Test to the School, to find a resting place in the Moyes' Memorial Pavilion when it is built. There is no doubt that this bat, inscribed with the names of the New Zealand Eleven, will for ever remain an object of great interest and inspiration to future generations of cricketers at the School.

Martin has gone back to his old position in the firm of Courtauld's Ltd., leading rayon manufacturers,



The Bat with which Martin made his Record Score in the Second Test at Lord's.

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and he hopes that his work will soon bring him out to this country. His first-class cricket career has unfortunately closed when it had reached its very peak. But his classic style, good sportsmanship and charming personality have won for him a warm place in the regard of all cricket enthusiasts of the Home Land; and there is no doubt that he has brought great honour to himself, his School and his country.

**J. D. Ridland**, a former Taranaki representative player, was appointed Secretary of the Taranaki Rugby Union at the beginning of the 1949 season.

**P. Hardy** has obtained his Second Officer's foreign-going certificate at the Board of Trade December examinations, held at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. He has been appointed Third Officer of the "Tyros Sears." Mr. Hardy served his cadetship on the Bank Line ship "Inverbank."

At a recent meeting of the Council of Incorporated Institute of Accountants of New Zealand, **C. H. Wynyard** was promoted to the Fellowship of the Institute. **A. L. Fox** was admitted to membership of the Institute with the status of Associate.

**A. C. Moore**, a graduate of Victoria University College, has passed the examination for his M.A. degree, with second-class honours in History.

**W. J. Shrimpton**, first assistant at the Gore High School, and an ex-member of the Staff of this School, has been appointed an Inspector of Post-Primary Schools. He will be stationed in Christchurch.

**Ian V. Dalgleish** has been admitted to membership of the New Zealand Society of Accountants with the status of Associate Registered Accountant.

**J. B. Mortimer-Jones** has received advice that he has been accepted for appointment to the Colonial Administrative Service. He has gone to England and after a year's preliminary training course at Cambridge will take up an appointment in Uganda.

**I. B. Faris** has been admitted to the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, according to cabled advice received from London.

**F. J. Novak** has been admitted to the status of Associate Public Accountant by the New Zealand Society of Accountants. **J. Russell** has been admitted to the Society as an Associate Registered Accountant.

**S. R. McKeon** has ceased to be seconded to the 2nd N.Z.E.F., and has been reposted to the New Zealand Regular Forces with the rank of Lieutenant. He is stationed at Papakura.

**J. F. (Lachie) McDonald**, formerly a member of the literary staff of the Taranaki Daily News and now Pacific representative of the Daily Mail, London, recently visited New Plymouth.

**C. Lash** has resigned from the staff of the New Plymouth Savings Bank and has entered business on his own account in Auckland.

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**Murdoch Fraser**, a director of Burgess Fraser and Co., Ltd., New Plymouth, is making a tour of Britain and Europe, combining business and pleasure.

**Squadron-Leader D. L. Pritchard**, who lives in London, recently spent a month's holiday in New Zealand. He was formerly a prominent beltman in the Old Boys' surf life-saving team. He won the Distinguished Service Order in 1941.

**T. C. Larkin**, who has returned to the Dominion after duty with the New Zealand United Nations Delegation at Paris, recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Larkin, at New Plymouth. He went abroad originally as Secretary to the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser, at the Commonwealth Conference in London. After sitting with the delegation at Paris, he toured Germany for eight days with Mr. Fraser. He has now resumed his work in Wellington with the External Affairs Department.

**N. F. Little** recently visited the United Kingdom.

**R. S. Fleming**, who has been on the staff of the Land and Income Tax Department at New Plymouth since the branch opened three and a-half years ago, has left the Department to practise privately as an Accountant.

**Group-Captain F. R. Newell**, who is commanding officer at the Royal New Zealand Air Force Station, Whenuapai, has been posted to the Air Department, Wellington, as Director of Organisation and Staff Duties.

**Larry Pruden** has composed a "Children's Suite" and recently it was publicly presented for the first time in the Town Hall Concert Chamber at Wellington. "The charm of the music is evident, and considerable skill has been shown in the orchestration and in the use of children's tunes." This praise was accorded the suite in the official programme. The Wellington Press was high in its praise of the composition and one newspaper acclaimed it as a suite "in which simple, deft use is made of nursery themes in a unique and happy manner." Another commended Mr. Lindsay for including the work in his programme and described it as engagingly written, both melodically and rhythmically, adding the comment that the middle movement was most impressive.

**L. E. Petty** has been appointed an official by the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association for the British Empire Games to be held at Auckland in February, 1950. He will act as a timekeeper.

**Dr. John Keeling** has returned to New Zealand from England and will join a practice at Wellington.

**Denis Mathews** has passed the first section third professional examination for the degrees of M.B., Ch.B.

**K. M. Ward** has been appointed by the New Plymouth City Council to represent it on the New Plymouth War Memorial Committee.

**A. V. Sowry**, who is on the legal branch of the Ministry of Works at Wellington, has received notice of his transfer on promotion to Napier.

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**Ron Taylor** ('34-'36) is now employed by the National Dairy Association, Wellington.

**P. M. McCaw** is doing well in Wellington senior cricket as a bowler. A member of the University team, he took five wickets for 56 in the second innings against St. Patrick's Old Boys recently. In the first innings he had taken two wickets for 51 runs. A member of the Wellington Brabin Cup team last January, Peter scored 49 against Auckland City and Suburban and for Wellington Colts made 57 in the Jarvis Shield match against Hutt Valley but did very little bowling. At Easter he represented N.Z. University against Wellington at Kelburn Park.

**Michael Niven** qualified as a Veterinary Surgeon in England after release from a prison camp. Since returning to N.Z. he has been stationed at Woodville. He passed through on his way to Papatotetoe which will be the centre of his area of operations in the future. He spent a morning at the School.

**W. M. McLeay** ('35-'39) has completed his course at Knox Theological Hall, Dunedin. He was a visitor on Sports Day.

**B. Hutchen** was recently welcomed to the Stratford Hospital Board by the chairman.

**J. G. Short**, who is a Quaker missionary in India, recently visited New Plymouth.

The death occurred at Whakatane on October 14th of **Roger John Corney**, aged 38 years. He was at School in 1928 and 1929.

**I. D. Morton** had his Ph.D. degree conferred on him in 1948. In September of this year Ian was married to an English girl and next year he intends leaving Cambridge University.

The death occurred in New Plymouth on December 6th, 1948, of **William Thomas Broughton**. He was aged 26 years. While at School, from 1937 to 1942, Bill always took a prominent part in sports. He was a member of the First XI. for five years and also played for the First XV. and the First Soccer XI.

**J. W. Ewart** recently spent part of a six months' furlough at New Plymouth. He is the Agricultural Officer of Singapore. Jack, who left Singapore on January 11th, says of that country—"Singapore, in many respects is now back to normal. It is now possible to walk into a garage and buy a British car, a very different prospect from walking into a New Zealand garage. American cars, however, are under a strict ban. Provided that goods come from sterling areas there is no question of shortages. Shops offer a wider range than those in New Zealand, and prices for most things, excepting food-stuffs, are appreciably lower. For example, quality English cigarettes are available at about 3/6 for 50. That, however, is hardly a fair comparison, for in Singapore no import duty is payable. The price of petrol, on the other hand, is high in comparison with New Zealand standards—about 3/6 a gallon. In the past the wealth of Singapore has been derived chiefly from trade passing through its port, now that is being supplemented by an attempt to establish Singapore as a manufacturing centre. It is close to the source of many raw

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materials and it is a convenient distributing centre. This, plus the enforcement of compulsory education and extensive health and housing campaigns, is one of Singapore's major projects. Singapore, as distinct from Johore, across the causeway, is little troubled by terrorist activity. Everyone carries an identity card. Roadblocks are numerous and one's car or person was liable to be searched for concealed firearms, but since April of last year no trouble had been experienced."

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. D. S. Sykes. Born at New Plymouth 51 years ago, David was a son of Mr. A. E. Sykes, Taranaki's first veterinary chemist, and was later a partner with his brother G. M. Sykes, in the management of the business. In the Great War of 1914-18, he served overseas with the New Zealand Division. A keen Rugby player in his youth, David won representative honours for Taranaki and was a member of the team which met the 1921 Springbok touring side at New Plymouth. While at School David held a number of swimming titles and also the high jump championship. His interest in swimming and gymnastics was maintained throughout his life; in 1938 he was judge of the high diving contest at the New Zealand swimming championships held at New Plymouth, and until recent years he assisted voluntarily and regularly with gymnastic instruction at School. David also judged the gymnastic championships for many years. For this and his other services to the School we have been very grateful. To his wife and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

All Old Boys will be shocked to hear of the death of R. A. Boys, who was the co-pilot in the Lodestar aircraft which crashed about three miles north-west of Waikanae earlier in the year. While at School Roger was popular with staff and pupils alike and was recognised as a Rugby forward above average. On February 26th, 1944, he sailed for England as a sergeant-pilot. He served in the Royal New Zealand Air Force for three years in the United Kingdom with the Royal Air Force. He joined the National Airways Corporation in April, 1947, and logged 1782 flying hours in civil and military aircraft. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Boys.

In a letter to the Editor of the "Taranakian" W. N. S. Brookman, of Sydney, gives us the following news of two Old Boys in Australia.

Doug. Stewart, who is on the Editorial staff of the "Sydney Bulletin," is responsible for the "Pink" page, and has published a large number of works, including poems, plays, short stories and literary criticisms. He is married and has a two-year-old daughter. The School has received a complete set of his works from him and these are now in the library.

Noel Brookman joined Gilbert Lodge & Co. Ltd., in 1946 as Engineer-Manager of their Australian Sharples Division, which manufactures plant and process equipment for chemical and other industries. Recently he spent six months in America, returning via New Zealand last January. The American trip was to obtain practical experience and the latest technical knowledge in various

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industries—steel plants, oil refineries, caustic soda, penicillin, gas works, meat industry etc. He travelled about 12,000 miles over most of North America, visiting and working in plants in most of the large cities and many small towns, thus really seeing America from the inside. In one of his trips he travelled on nine different airlines, making 14 flights in a five-day period, finishing that trip with three days at Nassau, in the Bahamas.

Among the visitors to the School during the year was Gerald Webster ('12-'19) who has a son in the boarding school. Gerald is farming at Matamata. He himself is the son of one of our oldest Old Boys, Mr. E. P. Webster, who was at School in 1885 and has been a great friend to the School. He is an ex-member of the Board of Governors.

J. D. Willis still dispenses justice as a Stipendiary Magistrate in Dunedin.

Many Old Boys have visited the School during the year. Among them were: Don and George Fromm, Walton; Colin Haworth, Cambridge; Brian Houston, Morrinsville; Des Lysner, Auckland; R. E. Pope, Wellington; W. M. McLeay, Dunedin; Sid Train, Waipukurau; Michael Niven, Woodville; Don Somerville, Taihape; A. M. Moyes, Kaupokonui; Ken Collins, Nelson; L. V. Bryant, Pukekohe; S. McMurray, Inglewood; C. McKay, Inglewood; Jim Hine, Te Kuiti; Barry Wilson, Te Awamutu; Tony Smith, Rotorua; W. and E. Motion, Pukekohe; Stan Chong, Ohura; W. McLeay, Dunedin; H. Morton, Egmont Village; Bill Blundell, Waipukurau, Gerald Webster, Matamata; Percy James, Auckland; A. H. Brakebush, Helensville; Hugh Oliver, Pat Milliken, Derek Willis, Ian Willis, Arthur Barnitt, Ralph Boggust, Ray Cocksedge, Ken Collins, John Henderson, Rex Julian, Graham Reid, Don McCallum, Rod McCallum, Eddie Okey, Dave Wright, Bruce McWhannel, Jim Okey, John and Peter McMillan, R. Torrens, Noel Fulton, John Alexander, Brian Dickenson, Bob McMurray, Fred Cumming, Sinclair McKenzie, J. W. Morrison, T. Grant, A. Fowles, L. E. Shrimpton, D. Deare, M. Blanchett, C. E. Bottrill, R. G. Poole, S. G. Pope, E. Shaw, D. Shaw, C. Keig.

Writing from Fiji Roy Harris gives an account of a wedding, or part of it, during a 220-mile coastal trip in a 100-ton ship, which carried twelve passengers in addition to supplies and goods. "The trip took three and a-half days with stops here and there at Fijian villages," writes Mr. Harris. "Its destination was Iabasa. Here we saw an Indian wedding feast. The wedding had been going on for about twelve hours. We merely attended part of the feast. The bride was in a small room and only females could look at her. She was sixteen years of age and the bridegroom was eighteen years of age. He sat out under a canvas awning about as big as a circus tent and there were about six Mohammedan religious authorities chanting prayers for the bridegroom. After such lengthy proceedings he probably would need them. Curry and rice was handed around in abundance and this was eaten with fingers, a towel, soap and basin of water followed around. There were five hundred at the feast including Fijians and Europeans.

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At Labasa we were also shown through a temple. This was of concrete and about forty feet by thirty feet, elaborately decorated within. The person in charge put us through all the blessings with coconut-oil flares, chants, etc., and accepted a shilling in the collection box which he held out as we were leaving.

Last week we set out from Suva in a service bus, not a bus as we know them, but one with bodywork of wood. It had glass windows, and was open along the sides. We travelled with Indians, Fijians and Europeans. We made our first stop at Nandi Air Port and arrived in time to see one of the big Pan-American planes take off from the seven thousand foot runway.

Suva to Lautolia is one hundred and fifty miles and our next trip was by a similar bus, "Rebouie Services Ltd." (spark plugs cleaned every fifty miles) to Suva, a distance of one hundred and sixty-seven miles. This gave us a complete round trip of this main island. The latter portion was very pretty—sugar cane fields, rice, tapioca, bananas, coconuts and palms, not to mention the scores of Fijian villages. At most of these fruit and vegetables were on sale at very low prices. Twenty-four bananas cost one shilling and forty-eight mandarins one shilling. All the way round we sat next to a very pretty Indian girl. She did not speak the whole trip, refused bananas and mandarins, but when we arrived at Suva she said: "The driver—my husband."

## PARENT ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL REPORT.

The 30th. Annual Report of the Parent Association was presented at the Annual Meeting. The report stated that the year had not been successful financially but had been an active one.

At the meeting a vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of Dr. Fookes who was a prominent worker and supporter for the School and whose keen interest in its activities was always gratefully appreciated.

### ANZAC DAY.

The short remembrance ceremony, held at the School Memorial Gates, was the second one at which Old Boys had been invited to be present. There was a very good attendance.

### ONE SHILLING DONATION SCHEME.

Owing to unforeseen difficulties arising during the year it had been decided to cancel this method of raising money for the Memorial Fund which suffered accordingly.

### ANNUAL BALL.

The Ball was held on Easter Monday evening in the School Assembly Hall where a limited crowd attended under the new scheme which proved most popular. The scheme was that of selling only a limited number of tickets, which resulted in making dancing more enjoyable and in making supper arrangements easier to manage.

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### SPECIAL THANKS.

Special thanks were given to Mrs. Shirley Charters who arranged the supper and who made many suggestions for successful changes in the arrangements for the ball.

### PRESENTATION OF DEBUTANTES.

It was reported that a new method of presentation was put into operation and that it was very successful. Thanks were given to Miss Kathleen Haire for her valuable assistance. As proof that the presentation was successful the secretary had already received six applications from potential Debutantes for next year's Ball.

### SCHOOL KITCHEN STAFF.

Thanks were given to the staff for their continued help at both the Annual Ball and Reunion Dinner.

### BALL RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations were made in connection with the Ball: that no liquor be allowed in School Grounds; that no cars be allowed inside the main gates; that a limited number of tickets be sold with a suggested maximum of 350 (i.e., 175 Doubles); that advertising be curtailed; for one supper sitting in Buffet style; that the M.C. announces that tickets must be retained during the night, to be shown at Supper time and to be used as "Pass Out" tickets; that spotlight be used on entry and presentation of each debutante with the Hall suitably darkened; that Branch Secretaries be circularised two months before the Ball re limitation of numbers; that another orchestra be obtained.

Thanks were given to Mr. McNaught for his co-operation in allowing the Association to hold the Ball in the Assembly Hall and also for the assistance he gave in allowing the use of the Dining Room for the Supper arrangements and for the Reunion Dinner.

### DEATH OF W. H. MOYES, ESQ.

A few Old Boys attended a simple but impressive burial ceremony at Auckland by private request. The meeting paid its respects to Mr. Moyes as an outstanding Principal and a friend to the boys who came under his direction, and expressed its deepest sympathy on behalf of all Old Boys to Mrs. Moyes, her family and relatives.

### MOYES MEMORIAL FUND.

The report stated that a meeting was convened by the Parent Association on February 14th. 1949, when a full discussion took place re the suggested Memorial. A sub-committee had been set up to arrange the necessary finance and to erect a cricket pavilion on the School grounds.

### AUDITORIUM FUND.

This fund had not increased a great deal during the year and it was felt that it would be better to concentrate on the "Moyes Memorial Fund" for the year.

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### IAN McLEOD MEMORIAL SHIELD.

The game was played between Old Boys of New Plymouth High School and Old Boys of the Hawera High School at Rugby Park and proved a popular game with the public. The game ended in a win for New Plymouth and the sum of £25/5/5 was raised for the Auditorium Fund.

### VISIT OF ISADOR GOODMAN.

Mr. Isador Goodman, one of the world's well known pianists, had visited the School where he gave some helpful advice about the Auditorium. He also gave assistance by newspaper interviews and his talk at the theatre. Through his interest in the project many citizens had interested themselves in it and it was hoped that the fund would receive some donations in the near future.

### GENERAL.

The committee reported that the sum of approximately £100 would be paid into the Memorial Fund after all accounts had been paid.

The committee thanked Mr. and Mrs. McNaught for their continued support of the Association.

### CONGRATULATIONS.

A cable had been sent to Martin Donnelly on his selection for the N.Z. Cricket team and another for his most outstanding performance on the cricket field.

On receiving All Black honours Roy Roper received a wire from the Association offering him congratulations on obtaining this honour. He was on the South Island tour with the Taranaki team when he received advice of his selection and he acquitted himself well on the day New Zealand played the Australians in Auckland.

The Association was proud of these two outstanding Old Boys who had brought honour to the School and to the Association.

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

At the 27th Annual Meeting the following officers were elected for the 1949 season:—Patron: Mr. G. J. McNaught. President: Mr. H. Brown. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. A. J. Papps, E. Luxton, S. Elliot, V. Barnes, F. D. Johns, L. Christie. Hon. Secretary: Mr. F. Middleton. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. D. S. Neilson. Hon. Auditor: Mr. F. V. Morine. Club Captain: Mr. W. Mathieson. Senior Coaches: Messrs. E. H. Marfurt, G. C. Cleverly. Junior Coaches: Messrs. G. Grace, G. Roper, N. Leighton, R. Riley, J. Gillespie. Delegate to T.R.U.: Mr. G. F. Bertrand. Delegates to annual T.R.U. meeting: Messrs. G. Cleverly, E. H. Marfurt.

The 1949 season has been a most successful one in all respects, with all teams performing creditably in their respective grades of the Taranaki Rugby Union's Competitions. The Senior XV. opened the season with a game against Opunake and at Easter the annual fixture with Auckland Grammar Old Boys, played at New Plymouth, again saw a win for Grammar. Clifton were successful in winning the annual Black and White fixture this season. At the end of the season an Old Boys team drawn from Old Boys playing for various clubs in North Taranaki defeated Wanganui Old Boys at Wanganui.

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The First Junior team registered wins over Wanganui Old Boys, at Wanganui, and over Woburn, at New Plymouth, in their annual matches, whilst the Third Grade XV. had a win against Woburn at Wellington.

The part played by Club members in representative Rugby this season has been considerable, culminating in the selection of R. A. Roper to play for the All Blacks in the Second Test against Australia. With G. E. Beatty, Roper also played with distinction for North Island in the annual inter-Island game. Taranaki representative honours were gained by the following players: Taranaki A, R. A. Roper, F. J. Novak—both these players captaining the side, Novak taking over when Roper played for the All Blacks—G. E. Beatty, J. Vale, M. Strawbridge and J. Gardiner, who unfortunately was prevented by injury from playing; Taranaki B, M. Strawbridge, captain; First Junior, W. D. Smith and W. A. Bendall; Third Grade, P. Barnes, J. Burnand, I. Telfar and R. Guddop.

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

At the 27th Annual Meeting of the New Plymouth High School Old Boys' Cricket Club the following officers were elected for the 1949-50 season:—Patron: Mr. G. J. McNaught. President: Mr. R. Harris. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. J. W. Moorehead, E. W. M. Lysons, C. G. Bottrill, V. S. Pruden, C. Fookes and Dr. E. P. Allen. Club Captain: N. Grundy. Secretary: N. Kitchingman. Treasurer: L. Howlett. Hon. Auditor: S. Florence. Committee: J. Griener, C. Wells, D. Burgess, L. Kay, G. Bartlett.

The 1948-49 season proved to be the most successful that the Club has enjoyed in post-war cricket both on the playing fields and financially. A team was entered in each of the three grades and all performed creditably.

The Senior A team was successful in winning the Northern Division and the Robertson Cup. The divisional final resulting in a draw with Patea, it was agreed that the Betts Memorial Shield be held for an equal period.

The Senior B team, after a shaky start, settled down and played very fine cricket and eventually finished third in the Northern competition. To the Okato Cricket Club we offer our congratulations on their success.

The Junior team was successful in winning the Northern competition, but were defeated by the Waitara District High School. We congratulate them.

The Club members offer their congratulations to the following players, who gained representative honours in the respective grades: Taranaki, Meuli, Sweeney, James, Leighton; North Taranaki, Sweeney, James, Meuli, Ridland, Leighton; Senior B, D. Howlett; Junior, Crocker, Wells, Cormack, Roy.

Finance: This year has been rather a sound one in regard to the financial side of the Club. We are actually indebted to the A. and P. Society for our credit balance. The use of the Agricultural Dance Hall was granted for one night and the Club consequently received a cheque for £18/11/-.

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Although it might appear that we are in a reasonably sound financial position the Executive would like to point out that in the coming season the expense will possibly be even higher than in the previous season. We therefore feel justified in pointing out to all members and intending members the desirability of payment of subscriptions at the beginning of the season as it is at this time that the greater portion of the Club's expenses are incurred. We should also like to see them supporting Club functions as it must be realised that subscriptions alone are insufficient to place the organisation on a strong financial basis.

**Gear:** The Executive is concerned about the maltreatment of the Club's gear, which is expensive to renew and maintain, and members are requested to use it in the proper manner. It should be remembered that members do not improve their cricket by indiscriminate slogging at practice and this only tends to ruin the gear and incur further expense.

**Practice:** It was gratifying to see the attendance at practices in the past season and the success of the Club was consequently assured. It is hoped that the members will again show the same keenness in the present season.

### AVERAGES, SENIOR A TEAM:

**Batting:** E. Meuli 44.5, N. Leighton 27.25, J. Ridland 26.1, R. Baunton 21.9; N. Bowden 21.7, T. Sweeney 20.56.

**Bowling:** R. James, 59 wickets, average 6.5; J. Edwards, 27 wickets, average 12.4; J. Ridland, 15 wickets, average 13.0; R. Harris, 12 wickets, average 12.9; T. Sweeney, 12 wickets, average 16.0.

**Fielding:** R. Baunton and N. Leighton seven catches each, J. Ridland five catches, R. Harris four catches.

**Stumpings:** N. Leighton five, J. Ridland one.

**Senior B: Batting:** Gardner 39.7, Howlett 21.7, Thomason 15.1, Edwards 15.0.

**Bowling:** Howlett 64 wickets, average 8.5; Kitchingman, 31 wickets, average 9.8; Challis, 52 wickets, average 9.8.

**Junior: Batting:** Crocker 16.3, Kay 15.6, Wells 12.8.

**Bowling:** Cormack, 51 wickets, average 8.4; Fitzpatrick, 39 wickets, average 9.5.

### Social:

To Mr. and Mrs. Dick Baunton the Club offers its heartiest congratulations on their recent marriage.

A social and dance was run at the Omata Hall but unfortunately it was poorly supported by Club members.

It is with regret that we have to record that, during the winter months, Mr. R. James, the Club Captain, let the district. During his association with us Bob proved to be an indefatigable worker and to have a fine Club spirit. To Mr. and Mrs. James we offer our best wishes for success in their new venture.

Another loss on the administrative and playing side of the Club was sustained when the Secretary, Mr. J. Edwards, was transferred from the District.

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### OBITUARY.

The passing on, in January last, of our School's late beloved Headmaster, Mr. W. H. Moyes, severed a long and friendly link with the early years of the Club's development. For so many years Club Patron, Mr. Moyes was more than just a figure head—he was the symbol of that intangible something that seemed to fuse the present with the past—the Old Boy with his School.

It is fitting that the proposed Memorial at the School, is to be a Cricket pavilion which Mr. W. H. Moyes envisaged for so long as a necessary amenity.

Apart from its architecture and its usefulness, may it always serve to remind cricketers—past, present and future of the man who shaped the destiny of the New Plymouth Boys' High School and who left New Plymouth the richer for his work and influence generally.

In conclusion the thanks of the Club are due to all friends and supporters, Mr. Dennis the Official Club Scorer, Mr. S. Florence the Hon. Auditor, the Umpires' Association, and the Press and Station 2XP for the valuable work they do in the interests of cricket generally.

### OTAGO BRANCH.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Bowling Green Hotel on May 10th, 1949, there being a good attendance. The names of some of those present were:—W. K. Webster, P. Webster, R. Church, J. Thomson, T. Logan, Scott, A. Lucas, Fairbrother, W. Hoskin, L. Grant, L. Gedan, G. Crowley, A. Reeves, W. M. McLeay, H. Hunt, W. Tunbridge.

The minutes of the 1948 Dinner were read. Arthur Lucas then gave a fine address on Mr. Moyes and the Moyes' Memorial. It was decided that, owing to the impecunious position of each Old Boy, each would send in a promisory note stating amount willing to be given to the Moyes Memorial Fund, and when. The following officers were then elected: President, T. Logan; Secretary, A. Reeves; Committee, R. Church, J. Thomson, W. Hoskin.

The remainder of this very successful evening was spent discussing former school days, with everyone in cheerful spirits.

### PERSONALS.

W. W. Watson, who came from Australia to School in 1946, is now married.

R. Church has shown great form on the Rugby field, playing for Otago University A's, and was selected to play for New Zealand Universities against Australian Universities.

T. Logan has been going some extensive training in his swimming programme, and has shown his touch of speed by winning several swimming events.

G. Crowley hopes to finish his B.Sc. in chemistry and bio-chemistry this year. He was again selected to play for the Otago University XI, but was unable to do so because of pressure of work.

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M. Craig is at present doing a Dental Intermediate Course.

A. Lucas is, as usual, putting his nose to the books in a determined manner in order to gain his subjects.

J. Thomson is doing Third Year Dentistry.

H. Hunt is doing his fourth year of Medicine and appears to be progressing very well.

L. Gedan still continues with his swimming and should finish his physio-therapy course this year.

A. Reeves is at Otago University where he is doing a B.Sc. course.

## LINCOLN COLLEGE LETTER.

This year there are six Old Boys at Lincoln and, as in the past, all take a keen interest in College activities.

Dr. J. W. Weston M.Sc., Ph.D (N.Z.), is a lecturer in farm economics and book-keeping.

J. D. Mackay M.B.E., B.A., B.Sc., the College Warden, again coached the College First XV. with some success, and also takes an active interest in athletics, swimming, cricket, and many other sports.

P. T. Ropiha is completing his diploma course. He has been chairman of the Social Committee, captain of the Football Club, and was a member of the Diploma Swimming Relay Team which has won the shield for two successive years. He played for the Second XV.

I. McM. Eva has completed an eight months' extensive course and will be doing, next year, a course in valuation and farm management.

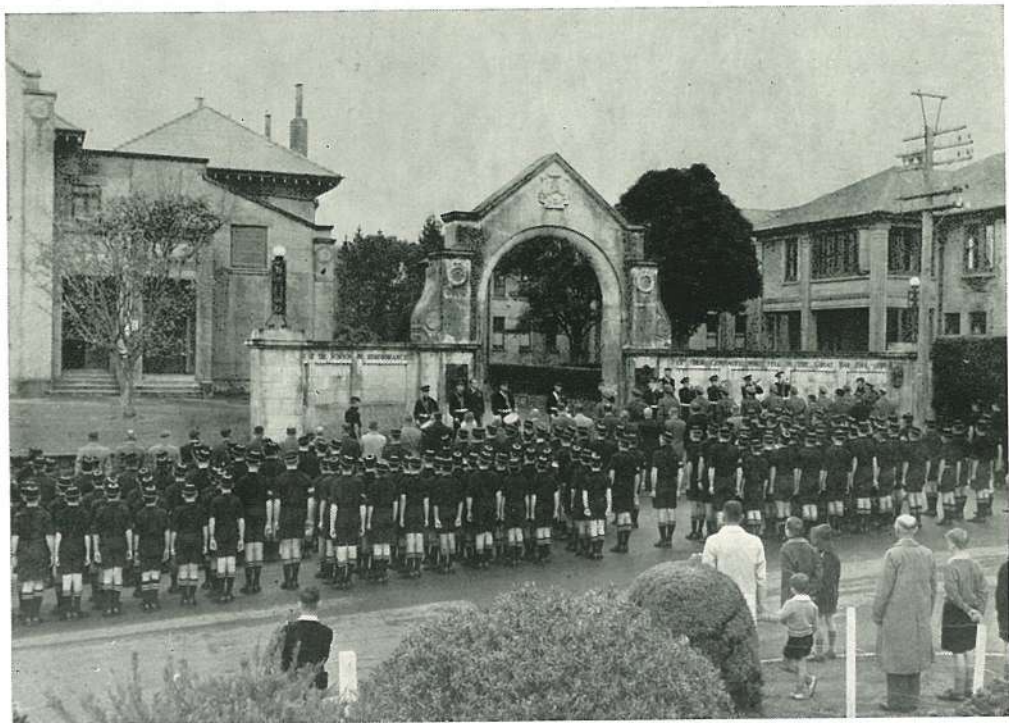
D. M. Rudd is completing his diploma course and is going farming in North Canterbury next year.

A. F. Hutchings is completing his diploma course this year. He has been secretary-manager of the College Canteen and a member of the Athletic Committee and of the College Athletic Relay team. He won the twenty-five yards handicap freestyle swimming event and played an odd game for the First XV.

## CANTERBURY BRANCH.

The year's activities began on the 23rd of March when the Annual General Meeting was held at the West Christchurch High School, thanks to the arrangements of the headmaster, Mr. Noble, who is an Old Boy. Eleven members were present and the following committee was elected:—President, M. Hollings; Vice-President, P. Fraser; Secretary and Treasurer, H. Low; Committee, D. H. P. Richardson, R. L. Thompson, H. J. Mackie, D. A. Christoffel.

At the meeting it was decided, among other things, to hold a Stag Party on July 21st in the rooms of the Christchurch Boys' High School Old Boys' Association. Some of those present at this enjoyable function were: K. Ulrich, J. McNaught, R. L. Thompson, A. Kibblewhite, W. J. Croll, W. K. Fyson, P. Fraser, D. H. P. Richardson, D. A. Christoffel, G. Low, H. Mackie, M. Hollings, D. M. Frank and W. A. Lowrie.



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No Annual Dinner was held this year owing to the prohibitive charge for catering for such a function.

The final event of the year was a picture evening held at the Phillipstown School on the evening of September 16th. This function was made possible by two Old Boys, R. L. Thompson, who secured the films, and H. Mackle, the headmaster of the School.

### PERSONALS.

Some of the "inmates" of Rolleston House this year are A. Scott, M. A. Mills and T. Besley, while W. Croll, W. Lowrie and W. K. Fyson are at College House.

Bert Mills is taking History Honours this year. As well as being secretary of the College Rugby Football Club, he was elected to the Students' Association Executive for 1949. The following is an extract from "Canta": "A variety of interests, eg., cricket. Harmless if taken with rather more than a grain of salt—not inclined to take things with a super-serious solemnity. An acknowledged artist in his own profession."

Other Old Boys seen around the College from time to time are M. McDonald, John Mathews, Ian Hughson, E. Frean, Barry Johnston and Tom Williams, resplendent in his tartan shirt and flowing beard.

Tom Fitzgibbon has been a regular member of the Senior College fifteen this year, which finished third in the competitions, and was also a prominent member of the Canterbury Colts' team.

A. Kibblewhite was one of the two College students granted scholarships for scientific research by the British Government.

L. G. Loveridge, a member of the management committee of the Canterbury Colts' team this year, was also one of the New Zealand, University selectors.

R. C. Adlam is headmaster of the Opawa School.

F. Bacon is manager of the Sydenham Branch of the Bank of New Zealand.

Peter Fraser is an engineer on the staff of the Christchurch Drainage Board.

Bob Thompson is the Technical Representative of the Vacuum Oil Company in Christchurch.

S. L. Bates, now in his second year at Christchurch Training College, has been granted a third year at the School for the Deaf, Sumner.

Dave Binns completed his B.E., last year and is now employed by the Ashburton Electric Power Board.

Des Beatty has also finished his B.E., and is now with the State Hydro Electric Department in Wellington.

M. P. Conway is to become a reporter on "The Press" soon.

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### MANAWATU BRANCH.

The first reunion since pre-war days was held in Palmerston North on Saturday, 15th October, 1949, in the National Party Club rooms. Thirty-eight local Old Boys were present, including two from Eketahuna and several from Feilding and Kimbolton. The branch was very pleased that Mr. Bottrill and Mr. Baunton (also an Old Boy), masters of the School, were able to be present.

Immediately after the toast to the King the annual meeting was held, resulting in the election of the following officers:—Patron: C. G. Bottrill. President: S. F. Hartnell. Committee: R. D. Looney, R. Carson, K. Hoben, O. W. Adam. Secretary: H. D. Short.

After a small volume of general business had been dealt with the actual reunion was held.

Old Boys were very interested in Mr. Bottrill's address on recent activities and changes at School and in Mr. Baunton's on the Parent Association's Activities.

Between toasts items were given.

After supper had been served the remainder of the evening was spent informally, proceedings closing with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

The toast list was as follows: "The King," "The School and Masters," "Mr. Moyes" (silent tribute), "Those Who Paid the Supreme Sacrifice" (silent tribute), "Absent Friends."

Those present at the reunion were: G. Fookes (1914-24), C. Yates (1913-17), W. Hope Jenkinson (1912-14), L. D. Burgess (1920-23), R. D. Looney (1923-24), J. Ford (1924-29), S. F. Hartnell (1925), R. Handley (1926), R. E. Harper (1927-31), A. Wylde-Brown (1927-30), G. Kear (1928-31), J. B. Cochrane (1929-31), A. Gracie (1929), R. Miller (1929-32), J. Bruen (1929-32), R. Carson (1930-32), H. Bate (1930-33), E. Ferry (1931-35), W. Squire (1931-35), C. Oldridge (1932-35), W. R. Cook (1932-37), E. B. Anderson (1935-39), H. D. Short (1935-39), K. Hoben (1935-37), O. W. Adam (1936-39), L. G. Ward (1936-39), J. P. Morgan (1935-39), M. Papps (1937-39), P. A. Batchelor (1938-40), R. Seymour (1938-39), W. J. Willman (1939-40), B. J. Adam (1942-44), T. H. Short (1942-43), G. Cole (1943-44), A. Briton (1943-44), R. V. Jones (1944-47), R. Gardner (1945-47), R. Jenkinson (1946-47).

Visitors: C. G. Bottrill (Master), C. E. Bottrill (1936-46), R. W. Baunton (1936-39 and Master), E. Okey (1941-46).

### HAWKE'S BAY BRANCH.

The Old Boys' Dinner was held in the Pasadena Tea Rooms, after the Te Aute match, on 30th July, 1949. The evening took the form of the Annual General Meeting followed by a Reunion Dinner, and was attended by approximately sixty Old Boys from all parts of Hawke's Bay.

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A resume of the evening is as follows:—"The King," Proposed by Dr. Wright—Past President; "The School," proposed by Dr. Wright, in which he covered the growth of the School since he attended at the beginning of the century. He recalled the staff at that time, consisting of Mr. Pridham, two men and two women. This toast was replied to by Mr. McNaught, who said that too many Old Boys were of the opinion that the School was at its best on the football field. He was in favour of encouraging other sports to the liking of the pupils. Mention was made of what excellent coaches both Mr. Papps and Mr. Kerr had been to the First XV.

The remainder of the reply was based on education and various improvements made in the running of the School. There was special mention made of the late Mr. Moyes, who was described as a "kindly but forceful character."

Mr. Dick Logan proposed a toast to the team, congratulating them on their win and the able way in which Mr. Kerr had trained them.

Mr. Kerr replied, thanking the proposer, and stated that in his opinion the team which played Te Aute was the best team in ten years. He thanked the Old Boys billeting the team.

The officers elected were as follows:—Patron, Mr. McNaught; President, Mr. Ron. Blundell; Vice-Presidents, Mr. Train, Mr. Kyngdon; Secretary-treasurer, C. R. Campbell; Committee, J. S. Tarrant, J. B. Wilson, R. K. Logan, J. R. Grant, C. Kirkpatrick; Honorary Auditor, S. Murley.

Mr. Kerr then spoke, appealing to Old Boys for financial assistance to erect a cricket pavilion to commemorate the late Mr. Moyes. The plans of the building were passed around for Old Boys to scrutinize and approximately £25 was collected, with the promise of further donations.

The remainder of the evening was spent in exchanging past School experiences and renewing friendships with other Old Boys, whom many had not seen since leaving School.

### NEWS OF INTEREST.

R. Anderson ('43-'46) is working with Dalgetys Ltd., Dannevirke.

R. G. Burnside ('41-'42) is buying and selling timber on his own account.

D. Bathgate ('44-'47) is working with Williams and Kettle Ltd., Stock and Station Agents in Napier.

A. K. Bathgate ('46-'48) is working with a commercial photographer.

R. Blundell ('12-'19) is an accountant in the Bank of New Zealand, Waipukurau.

C. R. Campbell ('41-'43) and B. D. Campbell ('44-'47) are costing clerk and salesman respectively in their father's timber and hardware business, Hastings.

A. Condon ('40-'41) is employed by the Bank of Australasia, Napier.

T. G. and N. S. Chatfield are farming at Dannevirke.

O. G. Ellis ('20-'21) is employed in the Bank of New South Wales, Hastings.

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- E. G. Frost ('39-'40) is a reporter on the Daily Telegraph, Napier.
- L. O. Grant ('39-'40), practically qualified in Pharmacy, is working at his late father's pharmacy in Waipukurau.
- L. Greer ('43-'45) is employed in his father's business in Napier.
- A. and T. Grant ('43-'47), ('46-'47) are studying for Optician's examinations, while J. E. Grant ('36-'39) is practising as a Public Accountant in partnership with two others in Hastings.
- M. D. Hennah ('38-'41) is farming at Fernhill.
- C. Kirkpatrick ('43-'46) is studying Accountancy and is employed by a firm of accountants in Hastings.
- M. C. Kyngdon ('14-'19) is manager of the Bank of Australasia, Hastings.
- R. K. Logan ('34-'38) is a Dental Surgeon in Hastings.
- M. A. Skeet ('35-'37) is farming at Havelock North.
- E. L. Tansey is a farm appraiser, Napier.
- G. Vogtherr is working in his father's bacon factory.
- Dr. E. Morris and Dr. C. T. R. Wright are practising at Taradale and Hastings respectively.
- D. G. Laws is a Public Accountant, Napier.
- M. E. Lepine is a Solicitor in Napier.
- B. L. McGregor ('40-'43) is farming in the Dannevirke district in partnership with his father.
- S. Murley ('36-'37) is in an Insurance business with his father.
- M. Munroe ('39-'44) is studying architecture at Auckland University College.
- D. Murley ('39-'40) is farming in the Hastings district.
- T. Peach ('39-'40) is employed by the New Zealand Aerial Mapping Company, Hastings.
- J. S. Tarrant ('25-'28) is a Public Accountant in partnership in Waipukurau.
- S. A. Train ('16-'19) is farming at Waipukurau.
- J. B. Wilson ('12-'18) is an Accountant, Hastings.
- R. Watson is employed in his mother's cafeteria business.
- M. Steer is employed by the Zealandia Printing Company, Napier.
- L. C. Arnold is on his father's ram, Tangoio.
- R. Bate is a Law Student at Victoria University College.
- J. L. Garner is employed by Dalgety and Company Stock and Station Agents, Hastings.
- H. Scott has a Dental Surgery at Waipukurau.
- V. Kurta ('37-'39) is employed by Smith and Smith, Paint and Hardware Merchants, Napier.
- W. J. Mitchell ('45-'47) is employed by Napier Golf Club.
- G. F. Ramsden ('45-'48) is a cadet, Smedley Estate.
- D. E. Sykes is employed by a Chemist in Napier.
- D. Stewart is farming in the Dannevirke district.

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### SOUTH TARANAKI BRANCH.

This year's Annual Reunion Dinner of the South Taranaki Branch of the New Plymouth Boys' High School Old Boys' Association, which was held on Saturday, July 2nd., at Hawera, was attended by approximately 60 Old Boys, with Mr. J. D. Ekdahl, the President of the Branch, presiding.

The following toast list was honoured:—"The King"; "The School" (Mr. J. D. Ekdahl—Mr. G. F. Bertrand); "St. Patrick's College" (Mr. H. A. Snowden—Rev Father McDonald); "First Fifteen Coaches" (Mr. J. Patterson—Mr. V. E. Kerr); "Parent Body" (Mr. A. Hasite—Mr. L. E. Petty); "Kindred Associations" (Mr. R. J. O'Dea—Mr. A. M. Sargeson, Mr. B. Walsh); "Taranaki Rugby Union" (Mr. F. E. Clark—Mr. D. O'Dea); "Martin Donnelly" (Mr. A. L. Herdman—Mr. A. Christie); "Hostess" (Mr. N. W. Rennie—Mrs. Gray).

Mr. V. E. Kerr then spoke on the proposed memorial to the late Mr. Moyes urging Old Boys to give their fullest support.

#### Annual Ball.

This function was once again highly successful, being held in conjunction with the High School Old Girls' Association, in the Bon Ton Tea Rooms, Hawera, on Friday, August 5th. Some 200 guests were present, including visitors from surrounding districts. Decorations were carried out with spring flowers and balloons to give a festive air, and several School emblems were also displayed. Messrs. D. Ekdahl and R. Lloyd were M's.C.

#### Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the South Taranaki Branch of the New Plymouth Boys' High School Old Boys' Association was held on 11th November, 1948, at Hawera, Mr. H. A. Snowdon presiding.

The Branch's finance showed a profit of more than £7 on the year's working, while the membership stood at 130, of whom 91 were financial. Although that was a slight improvement over the previous year there was still a wide margin of difference between the two figures.

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 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. J. D. Ekdahl. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. F. A. Buckenham and L. V. Lloyd. Treasurer: Mr. C. Robb. Executive: Messrs. E. W. McCallum, H. Snowdon, N. Rennie, A. L. Herdman, A. C. Jensen, 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.

J. P. Monaghan has been active on the journalistic side of the affairs of the Hawera branch of the "Taranaki Daily News."

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Doug. Fleming is manager of the firm of Butcher and Co., Hawera.

R. J. Avery has married Miss Peggy Wright, of Inglewood, and is now living in Hawera.

D. N. Wright has announced his engagement to Miss M. Andrews, of Masterton.

## WELLINGTON BRANCH.

The post-war boom has extended to the Wellington Branch of the New Plymouth High School Old Boys' Association. Not for many years have our formal functions drawn such large and enthusiastic attendances and it is an encouraging sign for the future that the younger Old Boys were very much in evidence.

The first meeting of the Association during 1949 was the annual "get-together" evening held on Wednesday, May 11, at the Star Boating Club supper room. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce new members and in general to familiarise them with the aims of the Association. This year we were also fortunate in having Mr. G. J. McNaught and Mr. R. C. Wilson with us in connection with the memorial to Mr. Moyes and also as to the progress of the Auditorium Fund.

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch was held at the Star Boating Club on Wednesday, August 10, 1949. The Memorial to Mr. Moyes was discussed and measures were resolved as to the way in which donations should be raised for this purpose. Also on the agenda for consideration was the proposal put forward by the Citizens' Committee in New Plymouth that its fund for the provision of a memorial to those citizens who fell in the war should be pooled with the Auditorium Fund with the object of having the one memorial for both citizens and Old Boys. After much lively comment the following resolution was passed:

"This Branch approves of the proposal on the basis of it being an Old Boys' Memorial and not a Citizens' Memorial."

The following officers for 1949-50 were elected by those present:— Patron: Mr. G. J. McNaught. President: Mr. L. M. Papps. Vice-President: Messrs. F. J. Eggleton, A. Maunder, W. H. MacKay, W. A. Nicholson. Hon. Auditor: Mr. P. A. Taylor. Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. L. Fairey. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. S. F. Smith. Committee: Messrs. G. W. Buchanan, L. F. Eggleton, J. G. Jamieson, J. Carlson and B. J. O'Meagher.

On Saturday, September 10, the Annual Dinner of the Branch was held in the Lounge of the Grand Hotel. Masters present to revive nearly forgotten experiences were Mr. G. J. McNaught, Mr. A. J. Papps and Mr. E. R. McKeon. The dinner, which was held buffet style, with an attendance of about 60, was a great success. Old Boys who were present at the School in the early years of the century mingled in cheerful equality with those of more recent vintage and many of the younger members heard old-time college games replayed again ball by ball. Mention was made during the toasts of the exploits of a now famous Old Boy, Martin Donnelly, in England.

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The final function of the year will be a Smoke Concert to be held during late November or early December.

All future Old Boys who will be due in Wellington next year are asked to get in touch with Old Boys whom they know or else with members of the Committee, any of whom will be ready to give any information which may be desired.

Ralph Dearnley has held the title in the Kings of Quiz show at 22B for fourteen times in succession.

Tom Larkin is again in the 'Varsity 1st XI.

Ian Dalglish has left Wellington and is now in England.

Stuart Smith has now completed his Professional Accountancy examination and is continuing with his B Comm.

Alan Boulton was in the Wellington Junior Representative football team.

The Accountancy firm of Wilberfoss Harden & Co., employ a large number of Old Boys including Harold Titter, Leo Gibbs, Don Hooker, Malcolm McCaw, Stuart Smith and R. C. Bradshaw is one of the Principals.

Harry Honour has left Duntroun and is now a 1st Lieutenant on a course at Trentham.

Once again Weir House is a stronghold of Old Boys and at the house are Bruce Brown, Jim Ross, Ted Collings, Harold Titter, Leo Gibbs, John Fairey, Stuart Smith, George Sullivan, Bill Sheat, Roger Bate and John Jamieson.

## WEIR HOUSE NOTES.

This year there has been a large number of Old Boys in the House, more than any other school with the possible exception of Wanganui Collegiate, with whom we are about equal in numbers and spirit.

John Jamieson, Stewart Smith, John Fairey, George Sullivan, Bill Sheat and Ted Collings are well into their 'Varsity careers, while Jim Ross, Harold Titter, Bruce Brown, Leo Gibbs and Roger Bate have just come this year.

The Old Boys of the House have followed the fortunes of the School sporting teams this year with close interest, and we have lost no opportunity in impressing the rest of the House with the School's successes. There is a spirit of friendly inter-school rivalry and this year we were fortunate that the School teams were uniformly successful, or our position may have become untenable. The success of the First XI against the Wanganui team provided the first supply of ammunition, and later the First XV's fine win added to this.

In the House the Old Boys have had some success in sport. John Fairey represented Victoria College in boxing at Easter; Stuart Smith has played good football as half-back for University Thirds; and Harold Titter played half-back for the University Third Grade team.

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### TAUMARUNUI BRANCH.

The Taumarunui Branch of the Old Boys' Association has held six meetings during the year attended by the few stalwart Old Boys in the district. Two of the meetings were in the form of farewells to Old Boys leaving the district.

#### Personals.

Rex Harrigan has left the district to take up residence with his parents, who are now living in Whangarei.

Jack Hetherington is now on the staff of the Otorohonga County Council.

Jack Bedingfield has left Taumarunui to work with the Bank of New Zealand in Auckland.

Cyril Gaylard is now working for the New Zealand Railways.

Peter Clarke is with the Bank of Australasia and during the year was married to an Old Girls of New Plymouth Girls' High School, Pam Youngman.

Basil Jayes is in charge of his father's mercery shop.

Bill Stevenson is with A. Richards, Public Accountant.

Keith Hayes is with a plumbing firm.

Mr. Runaman, our patron, is one of our oldest Old Boys and is always ready with any assistance he can offer.

Athol Smith owns a dry cleaning business.

Peter Huggins is farming at Tokorima.

Ron Shaw owns a furniture shop in Taumarunui.

Allster McKenzie now has his own grocery store.

Archie Little is farming at Piriaka.

### HAMILTON NOTES.

W. (Wally) T. Luxton, farming near Hamilton, is President of the Waikato A. & P. Association.

Neil MacDiarmid is working at the Ruskura Animal Research Station while waiting to go back to his farm.

Eric Day is a member of the Rehabilitation Loans Executive and the Rehabilitation Committee at Hamilton.

John Granville, who has been chairman of the Farming Committee of the Rehabilitation Board for some years, is contesting the Hamilton seat as the Labour Party's representative.

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### AUCKLAND BRANCH.

The year has again been one of little activity on the part of the Branch. There was no reunion, as is usually the case with the Grammar match away from Auckland. The Committee had hoped to organise one for the proposed King's College match but the final notice was too short to enable them to get a hall for that purpose. The match was, for a week day, well attended, many local Old Boys being present. The match was good, the team, however, we thought was stale and lucky not to be beaten towards the closing stages by a number of penalty kicks. Auckland Old Boys would like to have that game an annual fixture.

During the year the Branch had a visit from Mr. J. H. Boon, President of the Moyes Memorial Committee, and an extraordinary meeting was held in the Y.M.C.A. Boardroom to discuss means for raising money for the Fund. The meeting was poorly attended, but it was decided to use the "personal touch" to local Old Boys, as memories are liable to be a little lax as regards notices about these matters.

The fund has been well subscribed to, up to the present, but a concerted effort is needed by all, now, for the total to be reached  
**News of Interest.**

Bob Thomas, recently married, will soon be domiciled in Rotorua.

Bruce Waygood, an Able Seaman with the "Hong Kong Transport" trading between Vancouver and the East, is now on his fourth trip.

A. B. (Clem) Crew has married Marjorie Miller, of Auckland.

Ken Hansard is at present cattle raising in the State of Alberta, Canada.

Russell Wood has completed his B.A. (Eng.) degree at Oxford and is now teaching at Shrewsbury School in Shropshire.

Contrary to the opinion heard in New Plymouth we cannot, as yet, call Douglas Hamilton "Dad."

Selwyn Rawson is in the Traffic Section of Tasman Empire Airways Ltd., in Auckland.

Harold Batley, now a chemist, is with his father at Mt. Eden (opposite One Tree Hill).

Ron Niven's father recently sold his yacht "Arcthusa" to Mr. Winstanley of New Plymouth.

John Veale is Manager of the Auckland Branch of T.E.A.L.

R. W. (Bill) Shaw is working at Sargood, Son and Ewen.

Brian Bews, Brian Dickenson and Robert Wynyard have announced their engagements during the year.

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SUBSCRIBERS TO MAGAZINE, November, 1949.—I. Adamson, R. V. Ayling, B. Bell, R. R. Bennett, D. C. Baker, J. Blinnie, D. D. Brown, H. R. Billing, P. R. Brown, K. Brown, J. V. Bryant, R. S. Bryant, C. W. Broad, H. L. Calder, C. Campbell, R. A. Candy, W. A. Cartwright, F. E. Clark, H. A. Clay, T. F. Cleland, W. R. Cook, P. B. Craig, Mrs. O. Darney, I. M. Eva, M. E. Everiss, B. Edwards, J. R. Ford, C. Fookes, G. R. Fromm, L. R. Gibbs, J. C. Gordon, R. H. Granger, R. Green, J. Hatherly, J. M. Hamilton, K. R. Hansard, M. E. Hassall, D. R. Hay, D. J. Hay, M. J. Henderson, P. E. Henry, T. A. Hayward, C. J. Holswick, W. T. Hone, R. Hinde, B. R. Horner, F. Hutchings, I. G. Hughson, D. Hutchings, H. Isaacs, H. A. H. Insull, M. M. Jamieson, H. P. James, B. H. Johnson, G. D. W. Johnson, C. Johnson, D. O. Kerrisk, D. Laws, F. H. Lawn, J. J. Lomas, J. R. Lang, F. Larking, G. Lowe, J. W. Luxford, R. Mathews, J. W. Milne, J. B. Mooney, K. D. Morrison, J. D. Morrison, J. W. Morrison, J. W. Moorhead, A. V. Moverley, Mrs. W. H. Moyes, M. Munroe, J. D. Mackay, D. Murley, F. Morine, Mrs. F. McLeay, O. K. McLennan, W. S. McLeod, J. W. McKenzie, S. A. McKenzie, J. D. McNaught, A. C. Pepperill, A. Price, Dr. G. S. Phillips, C. Potts, Wing-Commander D. L. Pritchard, H. Parkes, A. Keller, G. P. Keller, H. T. Kershaw, E. R. Knuckley, H. Reid, J. A. Ross, K. Russell, J. D. Ridland, S. Smith, E. W. Snowden, E. C. Stanley, J. S. L. Stewart, Dr. J. Steven, P. F. L. Stephenson, O. Somerville, P. A. Taylor, J. Wallinton, A. Wallis, B. Waygood, I. Wills, T. V. W. West, S. P. Wilson, G. Winter, J. W. Wood, R. G. Wood, I. M. Worthy.

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### THE OLD BOYS' MEMORIAL HALL FUND.

The following list of donations is complete up to November 15th, 1949. The numbers appearing in brackets after a donor's name indicate progress donations. The Headmaster, who is trustee of the Fund, will gladly receive donations at any time.

The last of these lists will appear in the 1955 "Taranakian." Contributors wishing to be anonymous should notify the Headmaster.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Previously received				Extras (fines)			
(November, 1948)	6171	16	7	Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Astwood	1	1	0
Mr. C. D. Williams (4)	3	0	0	Extras	11	1	
Mr. D. Mander	10	0		Mrs. W. J. Lewis	1	1	0
Mr. W. T. Tone (2)	1	0	0	Mr. I. Insull	1	1	0
Mr. D. Mander (2)	10	0		Mr. W. R. Burton (3)	10	0	
Mr. J. Pybus (3)	10	0		Mr. I. Samson	5	0	
Mr. L. C. Malt	2	2	0	Mr. A. Wallis (3)	1	0	0
Mr. C. D. Stapieton (4)	10	0		Mr. J. W. McKenzie (3)	1	1	0
Mr. W. I. Mathews (2)	2	0	6	Mr. A. G. Walker	2	2	0
Mr. E. R. Dill (3)	3	9	0	Badges	1	15	0
Mr. L. C. Malt (2)	2	8	0	Mrs. E. R. Heaton (3)	5	5	0
Mr. T. Death	1	0	0	Mr. J. D. Roulston (2)	1	0	0
Mr. P. R. Brown (3)	1	1	0	Mr. J. Sherwen (3)	1	0	0
Mr. T. H. Death (2)	1	0	0	Mr. A. G. Walker (2)	2	2	0
Mr. P. R. Brown (4)	1	1	0	Mr. T. H. Thorp (3)	2	2	0
Mr. K. G. Russell (3)	5	0		Mr. T. Hutchings	10	0	
Mr. W. A. Nicholson (4)	1	0	0	Mr. S. C. Snowden	1	0	0
Mr. K. G. Russell (4)	10	0		Mr. B. Wilson	2	2	6
Dr. I. D. Auld (3)	5	0	0	Mr. W. H. MacKay	1	5	0
Mr. J. W. Hopkirk (2)	1	0	0	Mr. D. Irving	1	0	0
Mr. J. M. McCallum (4)	2	0	0	Mr. F. G. Chatfield	2	0	0
Anonymous	100	0	0	Mr. C. Johnson	2	10	0
Waikato G.H.S.	10	0		Anonymous	1	0	0
Mr. J. W. Hopkirk (3)	1	0	0	Mr. B. M. Godfrey	10	0	
Dr. I. D. Auld (4)	5	0	0	Rev. F. Hart	1	10	0
S.C.M.	9	0	0	Mr. P. B. Craig	1	5	0
Work of Boys	6	10	0	Mr. A. Wallis	1	0	0
Sale (unclaimed articles, etc.)	4	13	0	Mr. A. G. Walker	2	2	0
Mrs. Gilmer	10	0		Mr. H. P. Winn (2)	1	5	0
Football proceeds	36	0	0	Form Collections	34	7	1
				Total	£6439	0	9

## OLD BOYS' SECTION

### ENGAGEMENTS.

- GRANT—GRANT.—Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant, Te Puke, to Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Grant, Havelock North.
- DONNELLY—CORY-JAMES.—Elizabeth, daughter of Wing-Commander and Mrs. D. Cory-James, to Martin, son of Mrs. J. Donnelly.
- MCLEAY—MACLENNAN.—Tui Gordon Maclellan, Dunedin, to William Maurice McLeay, Turakina.
- QUICKFALL—KNAUF.—Bernice Heather, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Knauf, New Plymouth, to Gerald, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Quickfall, Fitzroy, New Plymouth.
- ROBERTS—LUMSDEN.—Isabel Jill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Lumsden, Turakina, to James Melville, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Roberts, New Plymouth.
- CARTWRIGHT—MACE.—Nola Phyllis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Mace, Huirangi, to Keith Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cartwright, Lepperton.
- HALL—PAUL.—Joy Heather, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Paul, Bell Block, to Dennis John, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hall, Mangorei.
- BURR—SWAFFIELD.—Doreen Josephine, daughter of Mrs. R. D. Boyd and the late Mr. W. Swaffield, Lower Hutt, to David Royce, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Burr, Tarurutangi, New Plymouth.
- KITCHINGMAN—OATRIDGE.—Dorothy Sybil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Oatridge, Manais, to Owen Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kitchingman, New Plymouth.
- TAYLOR—KIDDIE.—Nancy Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Kiddie, Waitara, to Roy James, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor, New Plymouth.
- ARMSTRONG—MERCER.—Adele Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mercer, Waitara, to Rex Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Armstrong, Waitara.
- CHAPMAN—COUCHMAN.—Dulcie May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Couchman, Inglewood, to Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Chapman, Inglewood.
- JOHNSTON—JURY.—Margaret Rosalind, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Jury, New Plymouth, to John William, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Johnston, New Plymouth.
- NISBET—DEANE.—Enid Faith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Deane, New Plymouth, to Bruce Albert, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Nisbet, New Plymouth.
- DAVIDSON—REID.—Ruby Margarete, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Reid, Pukearuhe, to James Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davidson, Waitara.

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- COCKER—ORCHARD.—Dawn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Orchard, Tikorangi, to Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cocker, Pukearuhe.
- TAYLOR—ROBERTS.—Lola E. Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Roberts, Wellington, to Ron, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Taylor, Mangatoki.
- PEGG—GUILLOSSON.—Marjorie Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guillosson, New Plymouth, to William Henry Pegg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pegg, New Plymouth.
- WALKER—BENSON.—Gladys Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Benson, to Leo Albert, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Walker, Awatuna.
- HAY—CLIFF.—Joan, only granddaughter of Mrs. D. G. Cliff, New Plymouth, to Derek Richmond, elder son of Captain and Mrs. H. L. Hay, New Plymouth.
- BRINSLEY—FOLLOWES.—Beryl, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Followes, Hobart, Tasmania, to Rex Sheridan, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brinsley, New Plymouth.
- POPE—PENTECOST.—Adele Reeves, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Pentecost, to William Henry, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Pope, Okato.
- RILEY—DUXFIELD.—Evelyn Rae, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Duxfield, New Plymouth, to Reginald Charles, fourth son of Mrs. and the late Mr. P. S. Riley, Pihama.

### MARRIAGES.

- DONALD—COLLIER.—On February 19th, 1949, at Christ's Church, Wanganui, Judith Maynard, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Collier, Taihape, to John Bristol, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Donald, Wanganui.
- JAMES—HOLMES.—On December 22nd, 1948, at Marton, Pamela Holmes to Henry James.
- CLELAND—MARTYN.—On September 10th, 1949, at All Saints' Church, Te Mata, Aileen Mildred, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martyn, Te Mata, to Thomas Fraser, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Cleland, Te Uku.
- MORTON—PINSENT.—On September 3rd, 1949, at Exeter Cathedral, by the Bishop of Crediton, Chloe, elder daughter of G. K. S. Pinsent, C.B., C.M.G., of 65 Warwick Square, London, and the late Mrs. K. K. Pinsent, to Ian Douglas, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Morton, Egmont Village, Taranaki.
- JENSEN—GOODWIN.—A. C. Jensen to Miss M. R. Goodwin, of New Plymouth. Now living in Hawera.
- COCKER—ORCHARD.—At Whiteley Memorial Church, Dawn, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Orchard, Tikorangi, to Gordon, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cocker, Pukearuhe.

## OLD BOYS' SECTION

WILKIE—HEATH.—On June 25th, Pamela Dagmar, younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Holmes, to Walter McGregor, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilkie, New Plymouth.

McISAAC—PAPPRILL.—On June 11th, at St. Andrew's Church, New Plymouth, Adeline, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Pappriill, Stratford, to Desmond Russell (Bill), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. McIsaac, New Plymouth.

CAMPBELL—CARSON.—On January 29th, at All Saints' Church, Eltham, Betty Margret, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Carson, Eltham, to John Garland, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Campbell, Eltham.

CLARKE—HUTCHINSON.—On November 5th, Eileen Margery, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. Lynch, New Plymouth, to Alfred George (Mick), third son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Clarke, New Plymouth.

RILEY—DUXFIELD.—At New Plymouth on November 12th, Evelyn Rae, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Duxfield, New Plymouth, to Reginald Charles, fourth son of Mrs. and the late Mr. P. S. Riley, Pihama.

## BIRTHS.

GEORGE.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. George; a daughter.

ROBINSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Robinson; a son.

WARD.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. Ward; a son.

NIELSEN.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Nielsen; a son.

SUTTON.—To Mr. and Mrs. K. Sutton; a daughter.

KAY.—To Mr. and Mrs. L. Kay; a daughter.

JAMES.—To Mr. and Mrs. S. James; a daughter.

AULD.—To Dr. and Mrs. I. Auld; a son.

CRUDIS.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Crudis; a son.

ROEBUCK.—To Mr. and Mrs. K. Roebuck; a son.

BEWLEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Bewley; a daughter.

McKAY.—To Mr. and Mrs. S. McKay; a son.

BIRMINGHAM.—To Mr. and Mrs. P. Birmingham; a son.

HETHERINGTON.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hetherington; a son.

WATSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. T. Watson; a daughter.

WHITTAKER.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Whittaker; a daughter.

NICHOLSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. Nicholson; a daughter.

PROFFIT.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. Proffit; a daughter.

## OLD BOYS' SECTION

SHAW.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. Shaw; a son.

McDONALD.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McDonald; a son.

OLSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Olson; a son.

PENTECOST.—To Mr. and Mrs. S. Pentecost; a daughter.

WESTON.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. Weston; a daughter.

GOOCH.—To Mr. and Mrs. O. Gooch; a daughter.

SMITH.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith; a daughter.

CAMPBELL.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Campbell; a son.

HENNAH.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. Henna; a son.

MURLEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Murley; a son.

FRANK.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Frank; a son.

LE FLEMING.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Le Fleming; a daughter.

FEVER.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Fever; a daughter.

NICHOLSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. Nicholson; a daughter.

SCOTT.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Scott; a son.

JOHNSTON.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. A. (Alex) Johnston; a son.

BERTRAND.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Bertrand; a son.

CLARK.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Clark; a daughter.

HANOVER.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Hanover; a daughter.

McCLUGGAGE.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. McCluggage; a son.

BULLIN.—To Mr. and Mrs. I. Bullin; a daughter.

SHAW.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Shaw; twin sons.

WATT.—To Mr. and Mrs. T. N. S. Watt; a son.

WATT.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Watt; a son.

WATT.—To Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Watt; a son.



# NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

[ESTABLISHED 1882]

## FEES (per term)—

Board: £28/10/-, reducible to £28 is 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 1950 are as follows:—

First Term .. February 7th to May 5th.

Second Term .. May 23rd to August 18th.

Third Term .. September 12th to December 15th.

