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Laura Armstrong, Senior Business. A. F. Campbell, W.G.
G. J. Bosson, E.G.A. C. V. Nairn, E.G.A.

PREFECTS, 1953

Boy Prefects

Head Boy: A. F. Campbell Sub Prefects: K. A. Russell
Deputy C. V. Nairn R. Alder
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S. L. Macaskill G. Bowmar
D. E. Bain R. T. Potatau
F. L. Dennerly J. Collier
G. Donnell R. Charlton
J. M. McElrea G. Moss
R. G. Trowern J. Such
G. J. Bosson R. Blennerhassett

Girl Prefects

Head Girl: Laura Armstrong Sub Prefects: Adeline Redwood
Deputy Tui Bristow Rose Quensell
Prefects: Lesley Thornalley Rosa May
Romola Cooper June West
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Ann Hunter Noeline Gracie



HINDLEY SCHOLARS—1953

Standing: C. V. Nairn (Deputy Head Boy), D. E. Bain, Romola Cooper, G. J. Bosson.
Sitting: Laura Armstrong (Head Girl), A. F. Campbell (Head Boy).



PREFECTS—1953

Back Row: J. P. Collier, R. Alder, J. M. Ravlich, K. C. Such, R. Blennerhassett, G. C. Bowmar, R. T. Potatau, R. W. Charlton.

Second Row: Noeline Gracie, Rosa May, June West, T. B. Steven, Valerie Tercel, Adelene Redwood, Rose Quensell.

Third Row: Ann Hunter, F. L. Dennerly, S. L. Macaskill, K. A. Russell, J. M. McElrea, D. E. Bain, G. P. Donnell, Carolyn Sinton.

Sitting: G. N. Moss, Lesley Thornalley, C. V. Nairn (Deputy Head Boy), Laura Armstrong (Head Girl), A. F. Campbell (Head Boy), Tui Bristow (Deputy Head Girl), G. J. Bosson, Romola Cooper, R. G. Trowern.

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Principal's Message

The year 1953 has been Jubilee year, commemorating the 50th year since the first Principal, Mr. Geo. George, took up his position. When he arrived from England he found a small technical school, poorly housed providing evening classes only and having 322 students in all.

In 1906 the day school was opened with all the difficulties of scanty scattered accommodation. As the years went by it was the technical high school which made remarkable progress, particularly under Mr. Park. S.M.T.C. can take its full credit for its share in the growth of this New Zealand institution of which that keen critic, the late Dr. Spencer, writing in 1938, said: "And with one interesting exception, that of the New Zealand technical high school, the Mother Country has little to learn from the Dominions, except perhaps from Victoria, in zeal." In 1939 the roll of the technical high school reached the remarkable figure of 1746.

Since World War II the emphasis has changed so that the growth of the College has been equally rapid but directed rather to the education of senior and part-time students and apprentices. In 1903 there were 322 part-time students, in 1953 their

number is 4169. To make the comparison more recent and in a different form, we can compare the equivalent teaching staff outside the technical high school—in 1944 it was 165, today it is 512.

In "Education Today and Tomorrow," published by the Minister of Education in 1944, we find written: "The future of the bigger technical schools is by no means clear. In the four main centres, at least, they have come to the end of the path they have followed fairly consistently for forty years." It was consequently with great pleasure we heard the Minister of Education, Mr. Algie, at the opening ceremony of the Jubilee, tell us that arrangements were in hand to pass the ownership of the College site over to the College. "Here", he said, "in the middle of Auckland is the most magnificent educational endowment in New Zealand . . . Now you have enough acres to give you a magnificent technological institute." This was indeed, to use the Minister's own phrase, "a wonderful birthday present for the College." One of the greatest difficulties in the way of our progress, the exiguous nature of the site, has been removed. The College enters its second fifty years with the way clear to plan for greater things.

VALEDICTORY

It was with much regret at the end of last year that we parted with Miss Henderson, who for the past six years had been the Senior Mistress at the College. Miss Henderson, joined the Staff in 1926 but did not remain at Seddon continuously, as she visited England and the Continent at one period and also had a break for a time while she was living away from Auckland. In 1942 she again linked up with us as a senior teacher of English and when Miss Wright left the College in 1947 she was appointed Senior Mistress.

Shortly before the end of the last term (1952) when Miss Henderson had planned to retire, she met with an unfortunate accident which prevented her from taking leave of the Staff and the girls as she had intended, so we were unable to wish her personally a long and happy retirement and hope that she would have a speedy recovery from the injuries from which she was suffering.

Miss Henderson always took a keen interest in the welfare of the girls, both at school and in their outside activities, as her presence at Saturday Sports amply testified. There were many other ways also in which she gave individual help, or wise counsel to girls, many of whom will gratefully remember her kind actions through the years to come.

Her association with the members of the Staff was a particularly happy one and her humorous attitude towards life frequently and effectively smoothed out minor difficulties which are inclined to arise from time to time.

Our best wishes then go with Miss Henderson, and we hope that her health will be completely restored so that she may again take up, and enjoy her many and varied interests.

Mr. H. W. James resigned at the end of the second term to take up a position at Otahuhu College. He joined the staff in June 1925 and thus served the College for 28 years.

The College has been most fortunate in recruiting over the years hardworking teachers of integrity like Mr. James who have given up the major part of their teaching life to the work of the College. Outside the classroom his special interests were in music and in drama. Each year the annual productions received his keen and active help.

For several years before World War II the annual production of Gilbert and Sullivan operas were a special feature of the College activities which deservedly brought us credit. Mr. James took an important part in their preparation and in their presentation.

He gave whole-hearted support to the Teachers' Association and he will be missed from the men teachers common-room. All at the College wish Mrs. James and H. W. the best of good luck in the future.

At the end of the year the College is to lose another master who has given a long period of service, Mr. L. M. McKillop, who joined the staff in May, 1929. Having a first-class Honours degree in Mathematics he has for many years been one of the senior teachers in Mathematics. His special talents have not been confined to the excellent class-room teaching of his specialty but they have been used to great advantage in the constructing of the College timetables which are of unusual complexity. Mr. McKillop is well-known in N.Z. as an authority on contract bridge in which he has broadcast and in which he has taken part in international contests. Some of his common-room colleagues will miss greatly the benefit of his tuition.

Mr. McKillop always gave generously of his time to our outside activities. In cricket, in tennis and in Rugby he has consistently taken College teams. He has for some time been Chairman of the Staff and Pupils' Fund Committee and of the Social Committee.

Mr. McKillop is receiving well deserved promotion in taking up the position of the First Assistant at the new Kelston post-primary school. He will be greatly missed at the College which is very proud of the preferment gained by so many of its senior teachers over the years.

Mr. L. Wordsworth took Mr. Cook's place as music master during the first two terms of 1953, a period which included not only the Annual Music Concert, but the Jubilee Celebrations of the College. Mr. Wordsworth's work with the College Choir at the latter was a most important contribution from the present-day pupils of the College to what was primarily a gathering of past pupils.

Mr. Wordsworth was very happy in his contacts both with staff and with pupils and both were very sorry to have to bid him farewell when he was appointed first assistant at Hillsborough Primary School.

Miss B. Hyland is leaving us at the end of 1953. For the past two years she has been taking music with the senior girls of the College, preparing them not only for our own Concert and Prizegiving but for the Secondary Schools' Festival. We have very much enjoyed having Miss Hyland in the College on Tuesday mornings and we very much appreciate the interest in choral work which she has aroused amongst the girls and the ability with which she has developed their talents.

Mr. L. E. Adams joined the staff of the newly established Mt. Roskill Grammar School as its senior English master.

Mr. Adams came to us in 1938/39 and his stay with us was interrupted by a long period of war service. On his return he did senior English and commercial work in the day school and also taught advanced book-keeping to evening accountancy classes. Both branches of his work were always carried out most thoroughly and efficiently. He was also the Board's internal auditor. As well, he was a mainstay of the boys' sporting activities, particularly in swimming and soccer. He has our best wishes in his new position.

Obituary

MR. F. A. C. UPTON

As the magazine is going to press it is with regret that we learn of the death of Mr. F. A. C. Upton, representative of the Auckland Education Board on our Board of Managers.

Mr. Upton, an Old Boy of the College, was a director of the firm of A. E. Upton and Company. He was a member of the Auckland Education Board and the Auckland Grammar School Board.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Upton and her children in their very tragic bereavement.

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The Activities for the year followed much the same pattern as in previous years. The Prefects' concert proving to be a spectacular success as the opening function. This was followed in the first term by the Annual General Meeting which drew a small group of followers. This is really the key meeting for the whole year as from this meeting come ideas on matters of programme and policy. If the Association is to develop into an enthusiastic and well-knit body then more parent support of the annual meeting is necessary.

During the middle term our customary afternoon tea function was held and the guest speaker, Dr. Barney, a psychologist from the Education Department, spoke on various aspects of Adolescent Behaviour. Dr. Barney's interesting and informative talk was very well received.

A new type of evening feature was tried with much success during the winter term. Two evenings were sponsored to give some insight into the workings of the College. A Boys'

Sport Evening in June attracted one hundred and forty or so parents who found the programme to their satisfaction, while towards the end of the term Mr. Smyth's Commercial Department played host at what was our most successful evening ever. Encouraged by the success of these two evenings the association sponsored a Drama evening the third term which was once more received with considerable enthusiasm. The association feels that evenings of this type are of more value than film evenings as they show a real aspect of school life.

As usual Mr. Sinton has organised card evenings of a Wednesday night and these continue to provide a small but steady trickle of revenue into the College War Memorial Fund. We thank Mr. Sinton for his untiring efforts on behalf of this cause.

There have been signs this year of increasing interest in the P.T.A. Indeed the record attendance of well over three hundred to the Commercial Department's evening many stand for a long time, but the association hopes that this interest will continue next year. There is real value in the work of a vigorous P.T.A. Education and schooling are not synonymous terms and harmony between the home and school is a great force in developing the character of the child. We feel therefore that the P.T.A. has a positive function in the school and entreat all parents to give it their support.

1st Rugby XV—1953

Back Row (from left):

B. Campbell, R. G. Trowern, W. Penerata, R. Potatau, J. Collier, M. Phillips.

Middle Row (from left):

B. James, M. Brunt, J. McElrea, B. Knight, R. Harker, F. Dennerly.

Sitting (from left):

R. Elliot, R. Myles, J. Ravelich (Vice-Capt.), A. Campbell (Capt.), G. Donnell, R. Alder, Mr. K. S. Turtill.



2B Rugby Team

Back Row:

R. Hodgskinson, G. Mullions, L. Conroy, G. Donovan, G. Renwick, B. Darroch.

Second Row:

W. McLaughlin, P. Hume, B. Phillips, R. Pennell, K. Such, D. Gunn.

Front Row:

L. Cooper, F. Kaa, R. Myles, I. Diamond (Capt.) R. Watson, T. Grammer, Mr. C. T. Brooking.

Absent: D. King, F. Neale, B. Airey.



3rd Grade Rugby Team

Back Row:
C. Munday, B. Mayo, B. Small,
K. Callender, B. Sutton, D. Allbon,
G. Cooper, R. Castaing.

Middle Row:
P. Corcoran, R. Watson (Vice-
Capt.), K. Russell (Capt.), D.
Mullions, H. Kipa, J. McAlpine.

Front Row:
G. Lee, R. Clarke, A. Hodgkin-
son.



4th Grade A Rugby Team

Back Row:
G. Heather, R. D. Mitchell, R.
A. Gardner, W. A. Fleming, D. J.
Malcolm, R. B. Macdonald.

Middle Row:
T. Ridgley, M. J. Brown, N. R.
Catton, G. Hill, R. S. Tilton, R. R.
Brown, Mr. A. C. Yonge.

Front Row:
C. Hogg, K. Naea, J. G. McLin-
tock, W. G. R. Tuck.
Absent: G. Bowman (Capt).



BOYS' SPORTS NOTES

ROWING NOTES, 1953

The standard of rowing this season was not up to that of the last two for the one reason—that lack of experience. In fact there were only three boys who had rowed before. Consequently the "Eight" had five first year rowers and both the fours had novice crews. However, this factor did not dampen our spirits and thanks to the able coaching of Messrs. E. Smith, A. James and N. Armitage, who coached the "Eight" the First Four and the Second Four respectively and to the West End Rowing Club who generously loaned their plant, we were not far behind the leaders in any event.

There were eight or more entries in each of the school's races and in the "Eights" race there were nine—a record for any eight-oar race in the Dominion. This race, which was of course the most important, for the Maadi Cup and the Head of the Harbour were to be decided by it, drew entries from as far away as Dunedin. The entrants were Kings College, contesting the Head of the Harbour for the second time and the Maadi Cup for the first time; Auckland Grammar school, contesting for the first time in both events, Tauranga College, and Wanganui Technical College holders of the Maadi Cup for two successive years; King Edward Technical College from Dunedin; Mt. Albert Grammar school who were the holders of the Head of the Harbour title; Wanganui Collegiate School, who were the holders of the Maadi Cup; Sacred Heart College and Seddon. The first boat was to win the Cup and the first Auckland boat was to win the Head of the Harbour title.

There was a lot of time wasted in getting the boats in position at the starting line, then when all were at last in position Kings first then Auckland Grammar "beat the gun" for a false start. We then had to go through the horrible procedure again. It certainly was horrible, that time spent at the starting line for it strained everyone's nerves to a maximum—no wonder there was one false start. The second time there was a little anxiety in our own crew for the rudder of our craft nearly fouled a course marker.

Kings got away to a good start as did most of the other crews with the exception

of Tauranga which got all out of time. Mt. Albert, Kings and Wanganui Tech, inched away from the the rest. One of the members of our boat had the misfortune to "catch a crab" (catching an oar in the water) when we had completed about one third of the seven-eighths mile course. It slowed our boat up considerably and we took a while to get going again.

However we came fifth equal with Wanganui Collegiate and we understood that there was not more than two lengths between Kings and us. One factor which did hearten our crew was that we defeated the Auckland Grammar lads.

Next year we hope to have a much stronger crew some members of the eight returning to school and there are some good rowers who were in fours coming on. Perhaps the lads next year may have better luck and wrest the Head of the Harbour title if not the Maadi Cup from Kings.

SOFTBALL NOTES 1953

This season nine teams represented the school in the Inter-Secondary Schools competition.

First-Nine: The first-nine fielded a very young team this year, and although the standard of play was not very high in their first match against Mt Albert, they settled down after that and played good softball. The outfield was the weak spot in the team's play, but excelled themselves in their last match, by beating the strong Avondale side, nine to three. In this match Avondale hit three runs in the first inning. Smith then went on to pitch, and Avondale scored no runs in the next eight innings.

Potatau was the team's captain and his enthusiasm was an inspiration too the team. Other outstanding players were Smith (pitcher), Rutherford (catcher) and Uilyness (second base). Smith, who is the team's vice-captain was selected for the Inter-Secondary School Softball reps.

The softball teams, and particularly the first-nine, are very grateful to Mr. McDonald for all he did during the season. They also appreciate very much the help given by the other masters.

FIRST XV RUGBY NOTES, 1953

Quickly overcoming the many difficulties which are always present early in the season, the team settled down and developed a particular type of play which counteracted effectively the weight advantage held by the other teams. This season the back line succeeded in combining together as an attacking unit which was dangerous at all times, a thing which has been conspicuously absent for some years.

The entire team, the backs in particular discarded all thought of stereotyped play and threw the ball about in all directions leaving many opposing teams bewildered. Another thing on which the team could rely was a uniform turn of speed along its backline, and this was exploited well whenever the ball sped quickly from Potatau at half usually to the centre Trowern who made many useful breaks.

Having some little renown in the past, two seasons for active forward packs, this year's team found its strength in its rearguard though too much cannot be said of the 1953 pack. Lighter, but even more fiery than usual, the forwards came through their extremely difficult job with flying colours. In fact they built round themselves a reputation for playing Rugby in the way it should be played, hard and tough.

Oddly enough the forwards gave the backs far more than their fair share of the ball, and we must congratulate them on their fast, clean heeling against far heavier packs. It would be grossly unfair to single out any one player in the pack but nevertheless, risking this, mention must be made of the ceaseless toiling of George Donnell, the fast breaking side row man. Throughout the entire season, whether the going was tight or loose, George could be seen only when he came up for air.

Rangi Potatau at half back serviced the five eights, Allan and Brian Campbell, in great fashion and these three players had a perfect understanding with each other that resulted in many first class tries. The wings, Joe Collier and Merv Phillips, made the most of every chance that came their way and in particular both must be congratulated on their rock-like defence. Merv Brunt at full back came through a hard season well, saving the team on many occasions. Unfortunately, however, he received a couple of hard knocks which had a marked effect on his play and shattered his confidence.

As the season progressed the inferiority complex, which invariably accompanied Seddon teams, was discarded and replaced by a will to win. Altogether we enjoyed a most successful season and must thank Mr. Turtill for his untiring interest in us.

Summary of Matches

V. Auckland Grammar—Lost 14-0.

This game was not, as the score indicates, one-sided; in fact it was one of the closest and hard-fought matches. The forwards played particularly well and the points scored against us were due to the timidity of the inside backs.

V. Mt. Albert—Lost 17-0.

This loss could not be attributed to anything but a lack of combination along the back line, the forwards again playing well.

V. Avondale—Won 3-0.

This game could not be regarded as the advent of further successes, as the whole team lacked a concerted drive and, once again, combination. The only points were a penalty kick by Campbell.

V. Otahuhu—Lost 8-3.

Playing with only 14 men, for the first time the team looked as though it would win more matches. The forwards played with even more vigour than before and were assisted, for the first time, by consistent tackling by the backs. Ravlich scored an unconverted try for our points.

V. Takapuna—Drew 11-11.

After leading 8-0 at half-time, the forwards wilted under pressure and became individuals rather than a pack. For Seddon A. Campbell scored a try, converted it and kicked a penalty, while Alder scored a try.

V. Kings—Lost 6-0.

Kings scored two unconverted tries in the first 15 minutes and there was no further score. The tackling in this game was particularly good.

V. Sacred Heart—Lost 9-0.

The ultimate championship winners went on the field expecting an easy win and met another team that wanted to win also. The forwards and backs combined well and with any luck should have scored several times.

V. St. Peters—Won 6-0.

After a hard season, the team had become particularly jaded and were listless in their play. B. Campbell scored a try and A. Campbell converted.

V. Otahuhu—Won 12-9.

Playing with new life, we produced our best Rugby of the season. The whole team

played as one force and three fine tries by Ravlich, Trowern and Donnell resulted. A. Campbell kicked a penalty.

V. St. Peters—Won 3-0.

In atrocious conditions, and playing even worse football, we scraped home by an excellent try by Phillips.

Non-Championship Matches

V. Pukekohe—Won 6-3.

Two tries by B. Campbell.

V. Hamilton—Won 12-0.

A try and 3 penalties by A. Campbell.

V. Stratford—Drew, no score.

V. Thames—Lost 8-0.

The team would like to express their appreciation to Mr Scott for his generosity in allowing them to play a number of their matches in school time and also for his granting permission for several enjoyable visits to other centres.

I.I.B Rugby Team

The I.I.B team did not have great success in the competitions this season. This was due to wet grounds and postponed matches. Towards the end of the season the combination and teamwork improved, but unfortunately too much was left to a few players. If this team had been supported better our success would have been greater.

During the season the I.I.B. made trips to Thames and Dargaville High Schools. The team thank these schools for the hospitality they showed us and the good football they provided. At the close of the season a team from Waihi District High School came up for one night.

Seddon won for the first time in four years, defeating Waihi 9-8. The visit was enjoyed by all.

6A RUGBY, 1953

The usual team was Kerr, Cunningham, Dormer, Macarthy, Lyon, Kennedy, Banks, Perry, Gilmore, Somerville, Rushen, Abbott, Rankin, Brown, Thrift.

It was a very wet season and not the best for Rugby. But on the whole, we did very well. Out of seven games, we lost two. The first match, against Kings College, we won 14-0, on the best Saturday in the season.

The next game against Otahuhu College, we lost 0-8 under unfavourable conditions.

Sacred Heart was the hardest game of all, played on a muddy ground. We were lucky to win 5-3 with thirteen men.

The game against Avondale College was also played on a cold, wet morning, but we won quite easily by 11-0.

We lost 0-3 to Auckland Grammar after a very hard struggle.

Thames High School came up for a day which they thoroughly enjoyed. We had an easy win over an inexperienced team. Later on our team visited Thames, and spent a very enjoyable day there. We also won this match quite easily. We would like to thank Mr. Wakefield for arranging this trip and for the excellent coaching he gave us during the season.

FIRST HOCKEY XI

Team—R. Blennerhasset (Capt.), L. J. B. Thornton (Vice-Capt.), E. R. Baillie, C. V. Nairn, N. L. Head, H. A. Potter, M. Ranchoh, D. N. Brown, J. W. Good-sir, G. J. A. Anderson, J. R. Huston.

Others who played were: R.E. King, K. J. Royal, A. M. Gatland, D. Dean, C. R. Gatland, R. Gedye.

As two or three of the original team left school, some vacancies were created at the beginning of the season. In spite of this, we were still able to compete in the Christchurch Section of the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Tournament.

Of our normal Saturday matches, we won two and lost eight. The two teams we beat were King's College and Avondale College. Other matches were:—

V. Whangarei Boys' High School—Lost 14-0. Soundly beaten by a superior team.

V. Taumarunui High School—Won 2-1. A game played in a sea of mud in which it would be difficult to decide which was the better team.

V. Dargaville High School—Won 4-2. A very even game.

SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

Team: R. Blennerhasset (Captain), L. J. B. Thornton, C. V. Nairn, E. R. Baillie, M. Ranchoh, J. D. Goodsir, G. T. A. Anderson. Emergencies: N. L. Head, A. M. Gatland.

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the top of the Port Hills. The hills and the plains are just the two extremes of the terrain. The hills seem to rise almost vertically from level plains. From the summit, the vastness of the Canterbury Plains can be realised. Southwards the plains extend beyond the horizon, while northwards they extend to the Kaikoura's. Ahead, the Alps can be seen quite distinctly, while to look behind, the whole of the inlet at Lyttleton can be seen. Descending from the summit, we stopped for afternoon tea at the Sign of the Takeke. This building is made of rock in an old English design with all the interior walls covered in murals depicting the various conquests and ages of England.

After an official welcome by the Mayor, the first round of the draw was played on Monday afternoon, Christchurch Boy's High School beating us 7-0.

The following morning we were shown through the old Provincial Chambers. Although the building is now used by the Department of Agriculture, the original chamber has been preserved. The whole of the ceiling which is painted in an intricate design, was done by an artist who was hoisted up each morning and left there all day to paint because of a tendency to get drunk at any convenient time.

The remainder of the morning was spent canoeing on the Avon. In the afternoon we played Gisborne High School and were beaten 5-3.

On the Wednesday morning we played a Christchurch combined team who beat us 4-0. In the afternoon we played Otago Boys' High School and were defeated 7-2. In the evening a farewell dance was held for the visiting teams in the Christchurch Technical College Hall.

In spite of a drizzle, the final was played off between Christchurch Boys' High and the Auckland Grammar School in the morning, Christchurch winning 1-0. In very wet conditions in the afternoon, the match, North Island Reps. v. South Island Reps. was played with the South Island Reps. winning 4-2.

That evening we were farewelled at the Christchurch station as we left for Lyttleton. The next day in Wellington we were shown through the House of Representatives and then saw the House in session. Mr. Halstead, M.P. for Tairāwhiti, was speaking on the Land and Housing Scheme Bill.

In the afternoon at 3 p.m. we left Wellington for Auckland and arrived home on the Saturday morning at 7.10 a.m.

We would like to thank the Christchurch Tournament Committee for the well-organised and interesting programme; and our billetes for the hospitality extended to us.

Our appreciation goes to Mr. Scott for allowing us to visit these centres during our season. We realise that without his consent and Mr. Carnachan's management, these trips would not have been possible.

FIRST SOCCER XI

This year the first eleven was composed mainly of new players only three remaining from the previous season. The team settled down very early in the season to play good football. The season proved to be very short due to bad weather which stopped play for five weeks. With more games the team would undoubtedly have done better and might even have stood a good chance of winning the competition.

The following players represented the College, Bain (Capt.), Bosson (vice-capt.), Twell, Moss, Ullness, Smith, Curtis, Orrell, Nichol, Vaughan, Lindsay and Rutherford.

The results of the games played were:
v. Auckland Grammar. Draw 2-2

The team gained an early advantage in this game against the strong Grammar team and were leading 2 nil in the first half. The Grammar team fought back in the second half and managed to equalise. It was a very closely contested game and the team settled down well for the first match.

The scorers were Bosson and Rutherford.

v. Avondale. Won 3-1

Although the score suggests a comfortable win the team did not play good football.

Ullness played well in goals and saved the team on many occasions.

Scores Smith, Orrell and Lindsay.

At this stage of the season the competition was disrupted and it was decided to start the championship again.

v. Otahuhu. Won 7-0

The team after a long spell played good attacking football. The forwards, with good combination proved too good for the Otahuhu defence. Smith, Curtis, Moss and Rutherford played well.

Moss 1, Rutherford 1,

The scorers were Smith 3, Curtis 2,

v. Avondale. Lost 2-3

This was the first defeat of the season; the team being unfortunate to have three injured players, Bosson and Smith being unable to play.

The team considering the circumstances played hard but the forwards lacked drive. Illness despite a sprained ankle gave an outstanding display of goal-keeping. Moss, Atwell and Nichol played well. Scorers Moss 1, Orrell 1.

v. Takapuna. Won 2-0.

Takapuna who only entered the competition at the recommencement of the round proved a very good team and the Seddon team was forced to play hard. Rutherford played a good attacking game on the wing.

Scorers: Smith and Rutherford.

v. Mt. Albert. Lost 1-2.

The team without the services of the captain, did not settle down and lacked attack. Smith scored Seddon's only goal.

v. Auckland Grammar. Lost 0-3.

Two quick goals which caught the Seddon defence out of position, gave Grammar a good lead. Seddon played better in the second half, the forwards attacking more vigorously, but they were unable to score. The game, despite the score, was very even.

v. Hamilton Tech. Won 6-0.

The game was played at Hamilton and provided a very pleasant trip for the team who showed more experience and outplayed their opponents.

Scorers: Smith 4, Orrell 1 Lindsay 1.

We would like to thank Hamilton for the game and also our Principal, Mr. Scott, for allowing time off school for the match.

The team would also like to thank Mr. Riddolls for his services during the year in coaching and managing the team.

The first eleven was well represented in the Secondary School Reps.

Bain, Illness, Smith and Atwell played in the Open Reps., who retained the Skerret Cup by defeating Wellington.

Curtis played in the Senior Schoolboys' team who also won their Tournament at Wellington.

JUNIOR SOCCER

This was a most disappointing season for junior soccer at Seddon. After being undefeated in the first four games of the season, the fixtures were cancelled due to the weather. A re-draw took place and in the second series the team lost to those teams which it had beaten in the first encounter.

In spite of this misfortune, the team played as a team under the able captaincy of P. Rae, who was a tower of strength to the team.

1ST. CRICKET XI

For some time it appeared that this years XI. would fare a little better than its immediate predecessors had done. The team was a well balanced one with strong batting down to number six; while the opening bowling attack was also stronger than usual. There was lacking however a reliable spin bowler to follow this up and the pace men Campbell and Penerata found themselves forced to bowl for long periods unchanged.

The many old and inevitable problems arose once again, finding fieldsmen for the slips to take the many catches offered there, and two confident opening batsmen. The two beginners Miller and French lost confidence quickly and it was necessary to replace them, and thus the team was upset even further.

The problem, I think was that the majority of the players were too young and consequently lacked confidence in themselves.

The season opened with a match with Otahuhu which gave us great hopes for future success. The batting was first class as was the bowling and fielding. In all eight catches were taken without any being dropped.

Winning the toss we batted and scored 134 of which Penerata contributed a patient 39. Otahuhu were dismissed for 83 Campbell taking 7 for 35. Our second innings was 125 for four wickets when we were able to declare with little fear of a loss. Otahuhu being left 176 runs to score in two hours succeeded in getting only 82.

Our second match against Auckland Grammar was a great disappointment the team seemed to lose all form.

The third match against Avondale was washed out by rain when we were in a bad position. This sudden loss of form by most of the team was unaccountable. Fielding deteriorated to a pitifully low ebb and many catches which should have been taken were not.

The team for the third term will have to be remodelled as Miller and Orrell have left school. This loss will weaken both batting and bowling but the team is not dismayed and anticipate further success in the new term.

Fifth Grade Cricket Team.

The fifth grade team had a successful season, playing five games, including three wins, one loss and a draw.

These favourable results were made possible by the time and encouragement displayed by the coach Mr. Powell. The most successful batsmen were Bowerman (43), Constable (35, 23), McLachlan (33, 20 n.o.) and Service (21), while among a lot of good bowlers Hollis, McLachlan, Bowerman and Leys excelled. Service gave invaluable aid behind the wickets.

Results:

The first match v A.G.S. "D"
This was our first loss.
The second match v A.G.S. "A" was won by us on the first innings.

The third game against T.G.S. was a good indication of our form. S.M.T.C. 57 and 3 for 53 declared. (McLachlan 20 n.o. Oliver 16), T.G.S. 29. (Bowerman 8/6.)
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The fourth game against A.G.S. "C." gave us a well deserved win.

S.M.T.C. 115. (Bowerman 43, Service 21.)
1st Innings. A.G.S. 31. (Holis 5/5.)
2nd Innings. A.G.S. 7/36 declared.

The final game of the season against M.A.G.S. was a hard fought match.
S.M.T.C. 112. (Constable 35, McLachlan 33.)
M.A.G.S. 9/91.

The regular team was; Constable (Capt.), Leys (Vice-Capt.), McLachlan, Bowerman, Oliver, Service, Hollis, Coulston, Galbraith, Peden, White and Mr. Powell (Coach).

TENNIS NOTES 1953

The 1952 Senior Tennis Team consisting of G. Bush, W. Whittaker, G. Moss, G. Orrell, G. Boson & B. Penny completed its season on quite a successful note by defeating King's College "B" and St. Peters' College in the last two matches.

The 1953 Senior Team took the courts with a better balanced if slightly weaker team than last year. Again the tendency to lose the grip on a game was shown and quite a few players were defeated from a winning position. The team in order of play, was G. Moss, G. Bosson (Capt.), Wells, D. Dormer, I. Smith, Steven with some appreciated help from Clayton.

Despite more than a fair share of bad luck, we approached the games with an excellent spirit and endeavoured to enjoy our cricket even though the result was not always in our favour.

We are indebted to, and would like to thank, Mr. Page for his generous assistance and encouragement, and also for his joining the team's lighthearted attitude which does, positively, make long Saturday afternoons more enjoyable.

3RD TERM 1952.

The four matches during the third term of 1952 were all played in an excellent spirit and enjoyed by all the team. A brief summary of the matches is as follows.

Vs. Kings' College. Lost by 9 wickets

A feature of this match was the two good innings of Campbell who scored 33 not out in the first innings and 49 in the second. Other than Campbell and Orrell (scoring 28 in the second innings) who put on 80 runs for the fourth wicket partnership in our second knock the batting was very weak.

2nd CRICKET ELEVEN NOTES

The first term did not prove to be very successful for the 2nd Eleven who lost the two games that they played.

The team lost outright to Dilworth in the first game. Seddon batted first on a wet wicket and were quickly dismissed for 33, Anderton making the highest score of 13. Dilworth replied with 86. On the second day Seddon again went in to bat and this time managed to score 58, Bain making 25 not out. Dilworth easily made the required number of runs to win the match.

In the second game Seddon played Mt. Albert and again lost outright. This match could probably have been drawn had it not been for the fact that the team was short on the second day. The team changed from the first game played better cricket. Longville making top score with 26.

The team was Bain (Capt.), Diamond, Anderton, Longville, Brown, Kootuckou, Naca, Ranchod, Campbell, Kemp and Calpin.

The team was fortunate in having Mr. Riddolls for coach and would like to thank him for the interest which he showed in them.

The team have been rather unsuccessful so far this year, but hope for better results at the completion of the season.

The highlight of the 1st term was the School Championship which contributed a great deal toward the development of some of the younger players. Of special interest were the results of the boys Senior and Int. singles decided in both cases by Moss and Dormer. These matches displayed some really "classy" tennis with fluent strokes unfortunately marred by temperament on both sides of the net.

The results were as follows:

Senior Doubles: G. Moss & G. Orrell.

Intermediate Singles: G. Moss.

Senior Singles: D. Dormer.

Intermediate Doubles: Steven & Clayton.

Junior Singles: K. Orrell.

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The ever popular American Doubles (mixed) provided some good entertainment being won by C. Clayton & J. Coffey

To complete the first half of the year the Senior and Junior boys teams accompanied by the girls team travelled to Pukekohe for a day's play against Pukekohe High School. It proved to be both an enjoyable and successful day for the boys who won 7 of the 10 matches played.

The boys of the tennis group would like to extend their thanks to Mr. McKillop for his enthusiastic work and to his associates, Messrs. Turtill and Brooking, for their interest.

JUNIOR TENNIS NOTES

The 1953 junior tennis team had a very successful year, being runners-up in the inter-secondary schools championships. This year, unfortunately the team has not done as well as we would have liked. Owing to wet Saturdays and cancellations we missed a few games during the season. We defeated Auckland Grammar 7-4, but were defeated by Takapuna Grammar 8-3.

The Annual College tennis championships were played in April, at Windmill Rd. Courts. It was pleasing to see, as the tournament is open to any boys outside the tennis group, that the Captain K. Orrell held the singles title. Most of the members of the team reached the semi-finals. K. Orrell and T. Floyd were the winners of the doubles.

This years team consisted of: Orrell, Puckett, Floyd, Walker, Williams, Fleming, Abbott, and Olliff.

BOYS ATHLETIC SPORTS NOTES

The annual Athletic Sports were run at the Domain on the 10th and 12th of March. Conditions on the 12th were fair but they faded badly in the afternoon. A strong wind sweeping the ground made distance and middle distance running hard, and good times scarce. Records were broken by A. Campbell and P. Webber, the events being the Senior Discus and Junior 100 yds. The Sprint Cup went to G. Hill; B. Campbell won the Middle Distance Cup and A. Campbell once again won the Field Events Cup. At the Annual Inter-Secondary Schools Athletic Meeting, the Junior Team did extremely well in winning the Junior Points Cup and gaining places in the sprints.

ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS

Sprint Cup.—G. Hill (S).

Middle Distance Cup.—B. Campbell (S).

Field Events Cup.—A. Campbell (B).

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100 Yards Intermediate Championship.—W. Mincham (H) 1st, M. Brunt (H) 2nd, D. Wright (S) 3rd.

100 Yards Senior Championship.—G. Hill (S) 1st, R. Trowern (B) 2nd, R. Potatau (S) 3rd.

220 Yards Junior Championship.—P. J. Webber (B) 1st, G. Earl (B) 2nd, K. Orrell (S) 3rd.

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440 Yards Junior Championship.—P. Williams (W) 1st, W. Fleming (W) 2nd, G. Earl (B) 3rd.

440 Yards Intermediate Championship.—Moss (W) 1st, W. S. Pringle (S) 2nd, Mincham (H) 3rd.

440 Yards Senior Championship.—G. Hill (S) 1st, B. M. Campbell (S) 2nd, D. Bain (B) 3rd.

880 Yards Junior Championship.—B. E. Avent (H) 1st, B. Phillips (H) 2nd, D. Wyberg 3rd.

880 Yards Intermediate Championship.—K. Stevens (S) 1st, V. Lord (S) 2nd, Myhalevich (B) 3rd.

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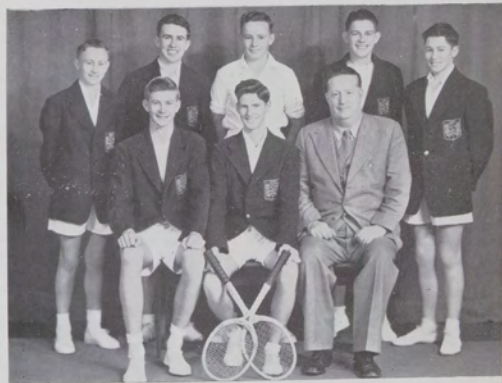
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Front Row:
G. N. Moss, G. J. Bosson
(Capt.), Mr. L. M. McKillop.



Junior Tennis Team—1953

D. M. Rickett, W. P. Williams,
W. Fleming, B. M. Olliff, T. B.
Floyd, N. Walker, Mr. C. T. Brook-
ing, K. D. Orrell (Capt.).



- 1 Mile Senior Championship.**—B. Campbell (S) 1st, L. Thornton (S) 2nd, Moss (W) 3rd.
- 100 Yards Junior Hurdles Championship.**—G. Earl (B) 1st, W. Fleming (W) 2nd, B. Phillips (H) 3rd.
- 120 Yards Hurdles Intermediate Championship.**—Helson (S) 1st, Lindsey (W) 2nd.
- 120 Yards Hurdles Senior Championship.**—R. Trowern (B) 1st, G. Hill (S) 2nd, G. Orrell (S) 3rd.
- High Jump Junior Championship.**—B. Avent (H) 1st, J. Shields (H) 2nd, B. Phillips (H) and P. Vejich (B) equal 3rd.
- High Jump Intermediate Championship.**—D. Goffin (S) 1st, N. Boag (W) 2nd, P. W. Jackson (B) 3rd.
- High Jump Senior Championship.**—G. Bosson (W) 1st, D. Goffin (S) 2nd, N. Boak (W) 3rd.
- Long Jump Junior Championship.**—Phillips (H) 1st, J. Earl (B) 2nd, T. Ryan (S) 3rd.
- Long Jump Intermediate Championship.**—P. Jackson (B) 1st, F. Ullness (W) 2nd, D. Goffin (S) 3rd.
- Long Jump Senior Championship.**—T. Potatau (S) 1st, T. Trowern (B) 2nd, F. Dennerly (H) 3rd.
- Hop, Step and Jump (Open).**—Curtis (B) 1st, T. Ryan (S) 2nd, Pratt (H) 3rd.
- Shot-Put Junior Championship.**—G. E. Donovan (S) 1st, B. Phillips (B) 2nd, J. Davidson (W) 3rd.
- Shot-Put Intermediate Championship.**—W. Brunt (H) 1st, R. B. James (H) 2nd, R. Wyles (W) 3rd.
- Shot-Put Senior Championship.**—A Campbell (B) 1st, D. Bain (B) 2nd, J. Collier (B) 3rd.
- Throwing Discus Junior Championship.**—J. Davidson (W) 1st, J. Wright (S) 2nd, J. Davis (S) 3rd.
- Throwing Discus Intermediate Championship.**—R. Wyles (W) 1st, W. Brunt (H) 2nd, R. Harker (S) 3rd.
- Throwing Discus Senior Championship.**—A. Campbell (B) 1st, D. Bain (B) 2nd, R. Wyles (W) 3rd.
- Javelin Intermediate Championship.**—W. Brunt (H) 1st, R. Harker (S) 2nd, R. Wyles (W) 3rd.
- Javelin Senior Championship.**—A Campbell (B) 1st, R. Potatau (S) 2nd, James (H) 3rd.

INTERSECONDARY SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC MEETING 1953.

1953 proved itself to be an outstanding year for the College on the athletic field. The junior team being successful in winning their section for the first time in sixteen years.

The final event of the day, the relay, proved to be a most exciting event, Seddon just defeating St. Peter's over the last few yards.

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The Intermediate team was rather disappointing this year. The team on the strength of its performers appeared to be a reasonably strong combination but were unable to match the other large schools in speed or stamina.

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Athletic Badges 1953: A. Campbell, P. Webber, T. Ryan, G. Hoggard, W. Fleming, G. Earl.

INTER-SECONDARY ATHLETIC SPORTS PLACINGS

Seniors:

- 100 Yards.—Hill 5th in heat.
220 Yards.—Hill 4th in heat.
1 Mile.—Thornton 4th in heat.

Intermediates:

- 100 Yards.—Mincham 5th in heat.
120 Yards Hurdles.—Halverson 4th in heat.

Juniors:

- 100 Yards.—Webber 2nd, Earl 3rd.
220 Yards.—Webber 2nd, Earl 5th.
100 Yards Hurdles Heats.—Earl 1st, Fleming 2nd.

Finals.—No placings.
440 Yards.—No placings.

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Final.—Unplaced.

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High Jump.—No placings.

Relay.—S.M.T.C. 1st.

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Senior Championship Results
(Over 16 years on 1st April, 1953)

55 Yards Freestyle—	
1. Neale, F. J. W5A	(B)
2. Brown, S. E5C	(H)
3. Vaughan, M. F. E5A	(B)
Time, 33.6 secs.	

110 Yards Freestyle—

1. Harker, R. W4D	(S)
2. Attwell, R. F. W5A	(B)
3. Neale, F. J. W5A	(B)
Time 1 m. 13.4 secs (record)	

220 Yards Freestyle—

1. Attwell, R. F. W5A	(B)
2. Orrell, G. R. W6	(S)
3. Donaldson, F. W3D	(H)
Time 3 m. 1.2 sec.	

55 Yards Backstroke—

1. Neale, F. J. W5A	(B)
2. Dennerly, F. L. W6	(H)
3. Orrell, G. R. W6	(S)
Time 39.6 secs.	

55 Yards Breaststroke—

1. Cosgrove, D. M. E5C	(S)
2. Dennerly, F. L. W6	(H)
3. Irvine, D. W4B	(W)
Time 44.1 secs.	

Diving—

1. Goffin, I. E4D	(S)
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Senior Championship Points—

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1. Roberts, R. B. E3C	(H)
2. Rae, P. R. E4B	(S)
3. Scott, D. T. S. E3C	(H)
Time 22.2 secs.	

55 Yards Freestyle—

1. Nelson, P. B. E3A	(H)
2. Rae, P. R. E4B	(S)
3. Middleton, W. B. E3A	(H)
Time 42.8 secs.	

220 Yards Freestyle—

1. Jacobson, G. E3B	(H)
2. Nelson, P. B. E3A	(H)
3. Middleton, W. B. E3A	(H)
Time 3 m. 29 secs.	

33 1/3 Yards Backstroke—

1. Donn, R. E3A	(H)
2. Ellis, J. W4C	(S)
3. Whittaker, T. D. W3A	(S)
Time 29.2 secs.	

33 1/3 Yards Breaststroke—

1. Harris, W. J. E3A	(H)
2. Bray, R. T4	(W)
28.7 (record)	

Diving—

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110 Yards Freestyle—

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|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Harker, R. W4D | (S) |
| 2. Attwell, R. F. W5A | (B) |
| 3. Neale, F. J. W5A | (B) |
- Time 1 m. 13.4 secs (record)

220 Yards Freestyle—

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|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Attwell, R. F. W5A | (B) |
| 2. Orrell, G. R. W6 | (S) |
| 3. Donaldson, F. W3D | (H) |
- Time 3 m. 1.2 sec.

55 Yards Backstroke—

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| 1. Neale, F. J. W5A | (B) |
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COLLEGE BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS
1952

These were held in October, the number of competitors exceeding those of 1951. The standard was considered to be above previous years. As usual the Assembly Hall was packed with parents and friends of the College, interested in the annual event.

Once again our thanks are due to the officials of the Auckland Boxing Association for their valuable assistance. Also for the considerate and efficient manner in which they carried out their duties.

The results are as follows:—

Senior Division

Mosquito-weight, 6 st. 7 lbs. and under:
Flower beat Downey
Paper-weight, 7 st. 7 lbs. and under:
Bosson beat Whitaker
Bantam-weight, 8 st. and under:
Lawn beat Whitaker
Feather-weight, 8 st. 7 lbs. and under:
Buckley beat Smith
Light-weight, 9 st. and under:
Tee beat McKenzie
Welter-weight, 9 st. 7 lbs. and under:
Cleave beat Wheatley
Middle-weight, 10 st. and under:
Dempsey beat Henry
Light-heavy-weight, 10 st. 7 lbs. and under:
Trowern beat Dempsey
Heavy-weight, 11 st. and over:
Phillips beat Andrews

Junior Division

Mosquito-weight, 6 st. 7 lbs. and under:
Barracough beat Smith
Midget-weight, 7 st. and under:
Shields beat Schischka
Paper-weight, 7 st. 7 lbs. and under:
Shields beat Richards
Bantam-weight, 8 st. and under:
Tuck beat Richards
Feather-weight, 8 st. 7 lbs. and under:
Mitchell beat Wotherspoon
Light-weight, 9 st. and under:
Mitchell beat Munday
Middle-weight, 10 st. and under:
Brunt beat Webber
Light-heavy-weight, 10 st. 7 lbs. and under:
James beat McCarthy
Heavy-weight, 11 st. and over:
James beat Harker

The Burke Memorial Cup, awarded to the most scientific boxer, was won by Tee.

The Cox Cup, awarded to the best loser, was won by Webber.

S.M.T.C. CADET BATTALION, 1953

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YACHTING NOTES—1953

This year Seddon Memorial Technical College again entered for the Secondary Schoolboys Frostbite Championships, being held for the third time since its inauguration in 1951. A record of 14 entries was received with a crew from as far afield as Thames competing.

Our team which was successful in coming second to Auckland Grammar School, was N. Jarvis, E. B. B., and R. Watson, E. S. A. Mr. Parrish was in charge.

The races were sailed in a light breeze in the morning which freshened for the afternoon. Boats were drawn for and as we were not placed in the first race, all blame can be placed on the boat drawn. Lunch was provided by the Waketere Club for the 28 contestants plus masters and officials. In the afternoon in a freshening breeze and after another draw, we crossed the finishing line first after leading for most of the way. A presentation was made after the race by the Mayor of Devonport.

The team would like to thank Mr. Parrish for his earnest enthusiasm and co-operation.

GIRLS' SPORTS NOTES

LIFE SAVING NOTES

During the summer and winter terms a cheerful group of 25 girls from our school may be seen every Tuesday afternoon at the Tepid Baths training for Bronze Life Saving Medallions and Bronze Crosses.

Under the able supervision of Miss Worrall the girls are becoming proficient in artificial respiration, land drill, releases and rescues in water, and diving. They have also mastered the art of breaststroke swimming, frog kicking and learnt the fundamentals of the circulation and respiration of the human body.

In the summer term a group of 42 girls were taught to swim by Miss Anderson. All made excellent progress and will be really good swimmers next year.

All members of the swimming group wish to thank Miss Worrall and Miss Anderson for their enthusiasm and help in making these swimming lessons so useful and enjoyable.

GIRLS' CRICKET NOTES
1952—1953

Once again the girls' cricket team had a very successful season, winning the Intermediate Championship and the Intermediate Knockout of the Auckland Women's Cricket Association.

Although there were only three opposing teams, Avondale, Mt. Wellington, and Ellerslie, the Seddon team proved to be the most outstanding. We didn't cause very much speculation at first, but after valuable coaching from Miss Galloway and Miss Gini, the team became reliable and consistent players.

Carolyn Sinton was the most successful of the batsmen, and having the good fortune to make a century early in the season and as there were only 10 centuries made over all the grades, this was no mean achievement, while Rosaline Ravlich, Merle Nissen and Tui Bristow also showed their skill as batsmen. Fenella Jones, Romola Cooper, Adriene McFadden, Mary Richards and Dawn Jackson improved as the season progressed. We had several emergencies, who were played in rota, thus always ensuring a full team.

All these girls helped to keep the score a safe distance away from the opposing teams.

Bowling was one of the teams weaker points, but Carolyn, Rosaline, Romola, Merle and Mary could be relied upon to eliminate the opposing batsmen. Fenella proved herself to be an efficient wicket-keeper.

Congratulations go to Rosaline, Carolyn, Romola, and Tui, who were picked to play in the Auckland Intermediate Representative Team against Wellington. These girls had a most enjoyable trip to Wellington and all showed good talent by their respective results.

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GIRLS' TENNIS NOTES

During the first and third terms, girls who are in the Tennis groups travel out to Windmill Road courts. The girls are placed in their three appropriate groups—the Beginners, Intermediates and Seniors. Girls who have not played before are in the Beginners' group. Here they are watched and coached by teachers. As they improve they are moved to the Intermediate group. This section consists of girls who can play tennis, but are not quite good enough for the Senior section. The Senior section is made up of girls who can play tennis and take place in the yearly tennis events such as the School Championships.

Two teams, consisting of six girls in each team, play for Seddon against other secondary schools every Saturday morning. There are only two teams, the Junior and the Intermediate, entered for this competition as we have no outstanding Seniors. Although the teams have had only a few wins against other schools, the experience is good and the girls are very keen.

In the first term two boys' and two girls' teams travelled by bus to Pukekohe. The boys won most of their matches but the girls won only two games. A good time was had by all teams.

The championships for this year have not yet been played, but last year's results were as follows:—

Senior Championship: Pamela Martin.
Senior Doubles: Pamela Martin and
Noeline Scown.

Junior Championship: Valerie Organ.
Junior Doubles: Valerie Organ and Maureen Pelling.

Every year at the end of the third term, boys and girls who play tennis have an opportunity to play in an American Doubles Tournament. This tournament starts at nine o'clock in the morning and ends quite early in the afternoon. A good prize is given to the boy or girl with the highest score. There is also a 'booby' prize.

Our thanks go to all the teachers who assist us throughout the year, especially Miss Campbell who gives up her Saturday morning to come with us when we play against other schools.

GIRLS' ATHLETIC SPORTS—1953

Senior Championships:

100 Yards Sprint.—L. Armstrong 1st, P. Martin 2nd, R. Cooper 3rd.

200 Yards Flat.—L. Armstrong 1st, T. Bristow 2nd, P. Martin 3rd.

80 Metres Hurdles.—L. Armstrong 1st, P. Martin 2nd, R. Cooper 3rd.

Broad Jump.—L. Armstrong 1st, P. Martin 2nd, T. Bristow 3rd.

Final Placings.—L. Armstrong 1st, P. Martin 2nd, T. Bristow 3rd.

Intermediate Championships:

75 Yards Skip.—D. Nacey 1st, Y. Brown 2nd, J. Paynter 3rd.

100 Yards Flat.—Y. Brown 1st, D. Nacey 2nd, J. Paynter 3rd.

80 Metres Hurdles.—D. Nacey 1st, Y. Brown 2nd, J. Paynter 3rd.

Broad Jump.—D. Nacey 1st, Y. Brown 2nd, J. Paynter 3rd.

Final Placings.—D. Nacey 1st, Y. Brown 2nd, J. Paynter 3rd.

Junior Championships:

75 Yards Flat.—P. Allen 1st, H. Houston 2nd, J. Dunn 3rd.

100 Yards Flat.—P. Allen 1st, H. Houston 2nd, J. Dunn 3rd.

75 Yards Skip.—P. Allen 1st, H. Houston 2nd, S. Yeo 3rd.

Broad Jump.—P. Allen 1st, H. Houston 2nd, B. Genn 3rd.

Final Placings.—P. Allen 1st, H. Houston 2nd, J. Dunn 3rd.

Age Races:

Under 13.—O. Hooker 1st, W. Saunders 2nd, B. Payne 3rd.

Under 14.—C. Hayes 1st, V. Akast 2nd, S. Renata 3rd.

Under 15.—V. Holt 1st, J. Batchelor 2nd, G. Brokenshire 3rd.

Under 16.—G. Ormsby 1st, N. Tait 2nd, C. Sinton 3rd.

Sack Races:

Under 13.—C. McKay 1st, W. Saunders 2nd, T. Kink 3rd.

Under 14.—B. Freeman 1st, D. Cook 2nd, A. Coldicutt 3rd.

Under 15.—M. Richards 1st, B. Fletcher 2nd, D. Foxton 3rd.

Under 16.—V. Organ 1st, N. Healey 2nd, R. Mankelow 3rd.

Three-Legged Race.—A. Hunter and C. Sinton 1st, D. Saunders and N. Tait 2nd.

House Relays

Junior.—Hindley 1st, Binns 2nd, Seddon 3rd.

Senior.—Binns 1st, Hindley 2nd, Wellesley 3rd.

Team Games:

Junior Corner Spry.—Hindley 1st, Seddon 2nd, Wellesley 3rd.

Senior Corner Spry.—Binns 1st, Wellesley 2nd, Seddon 3rd.

Junior Shuttle Ball.—Seddon 1st, Hindley 2nd, Wellesley 3rd.

Senior Shuttle Ball.—Hindley 1st, Seddon 2nd, Wellesley 3rd.

Junior In and Out.—Wellesley 1st, Binns 2nd, Hindley 3rd.

Senior In and Out.—Wellesley 1st, Binns 2nd, Hindley 3rd.

Total House Points

Binns	-	-	86
Hindley	-	-	51
Seddon	-	-	36
Wellesley	-	-	49

GIRLS' SWIMMING SPORTS—1953

Senior Championships:

33 1/3 Yards Freestyle.—E. Finlayson (H) 1st, J. Batchelor (W) 2nd, N. Tait (W) 3rd.

100 Yards Freestyle.—J. Batchelor (W) 1st, B. Finlayson (H) 2nd, N. Tait (W) 3rd.

33 1/3 Yards Backstroke.—J. Batchelor (W) 1st, N. Tait (W) 2nd, B. Finlayson (H) 3rd.

33 1/3 Yards Breaststroke.—N. Tait (W) 1st, J. Batchelor (W) 2nd, B. Finlayson (H) 3rd.

Dive.—P. Martin (W) 1st, J. Batchelor (W) 2nd, B. Finlayson (W) 3rd.

MUSIC NOTES

Musical activities in the College during the present year have been varied and interesting. There have been several extra functions at which the choir has been able to assist, and the annual concert provided ample scope for band, orchestra, and string group as well.

At the opening ceremony of the Jubilee Celebrations in May, the choir sang three brackets of songs. When a service was held in St. Mary's at the conclusion of the celebrations, the school Jubilee Choir occupied the choir seats in the Cathedral. Many parents and friends congratulated the boys and girls on their pleasing part-singing. A further Jubilee function at which singers were able to assist, occurred when six of the girl prefects sang at the Staff Reunion.

The Annual Music Concert was held in July, when performers and a large audience enjoyed the evening thoroughly. Items were given by the School Choir, Miss Hyland's Girls' Choir, the band conducted by Mr. Asten, the orchestra, and Mr. James' string group. Maori pupils contributed hakas, action songs and stiek games.

A third Form girls' group assisted by singing at a Parent-Teachers' Association function held also in July, and Miss Hyland's group of senior girls formed part of the massed choir for the Post-Primary Schools' Festival.

Pupils of the College are fortunate to have the efficient services of Miss Stratford as part-time teacher of piano. For those who desire to avail themselves of this service, lessons may be taken in school time for very moderate fees.

Final Placings.—J. Batchelor (W) 1st, B. Finlayson (H) 2nd, N. Tait (W) 3rd, P. Martin (W) 4th.

Junior Championships:

33 1/3 Yards Freestyle.—J. McLaren (B) 1st, H. Baillie (W) 2nd, C. Rogers (B) 3rd.

66 1/3 Yards Freestyle.—J. McLaren (B) 1st, C. Rogers (B) 2nd, H. Howard (H) 3rd.

33 1/3 Yards Breaststroke.—H. Howard (H) 1st, C. Rogers (B) 2nd, J. McLaren (B) 3rd.

33 1/3 Yards Backstroke.—J. McLaren (B) 1st, C. Rogers (B) 2nd, H. Baillie (W) 3rd.

Dive.—M. Cleave (W) 1st, H. Baillie (W) 2nd, J. McLaren (B) 3rd.

Final Placings.—J. McLaren (B) 1st, C. Rogers (B) 2nd, H. Baillie (W) 3rd, H. Howard (H) 4th, M. Cleave (W) 5th.

Open

33 1/3 Yards Freestyle.—J. Wright (W) 1st, H. Houston (S) 2nd, J. Hill (H) 3rd.

Dive.—E. Kapa (S) 1st, D. Cope (W) 2nd, J. Hill (H) 3rd.

Neat Jump.—B. Barry (H) 1st, B. Fletcher (B) 2nd, S. Renata (B) 3rd.

Age Races:

Under 14.—H. Houston (S) 1st, C. Hawkins (S) 2nd, N. Griffiths (B) 3rd.

Under 15.—D. Rooms (S) 1st, J. Wright (W) 2nd, G. Brokenshire (H) 3rd.

Over 15.—E. Kapa (S) 1st, L. Morris (S) 2nd, R. May (S) 3rd.

Novelties:

Beginners' Race.—B. Fletcher (B) 1st, C. Hill (S) 2nd, K. Guillard (W) 3rd.

Potato Race.—M. Jordan (W) 1st, H. Houston (S) 2nd, C. Hawkins (S) 3rd.

Dressing Race.—B. Genn (W) 1st, B. Fletcher (B) 2nd, Y. Brown (H) 3rd.

Tandem Race.—Bicklebank and Tonks (S) 1st, Hawkins and Cook (S) 2nd, Talentine and Brown (H) 3rd.

Relays:

Junior.—Seddon 1st, Wellesley 2nd, and Hindley 3rd.

Senior.—Wellesley 1st, Hindley 2nd, and Seddon 3rd.

Total House Points:

Binns	-	-	27
Hindley	-	-	26
Seddon	-	-	37
Wellesley	-	-	54

GIRLS' HOUSE NOTES

BINNS HOUSE NOTES

House Mistresses—Miss Miles, Miss Davies, Miss Rowe.

House Captain—Laura Armstrong.

Vice-Captain—Tui Bristow.

Committee—Adrienna McFadden, Valerie Organ, Margaret Illingsworth.

This year we have not done so well in sports as in previous years, but we were successful in winning the Athletic Cup. We had in our house the Senior Champion, Laura Armstrong, the Intermediate Champion, Dorothy Nacey, and the Junior Champion, Patricia Ellen, who contributed many points for the cup. Most of the members of the house took part in the team games, at which we did fairly well.

We were not so successful in the Swimming Sports, but several of the Junior girls swam very well. Our congratulations go to Wellesley House who were successful on the day, and who won the Swimming Cup.

Binns was represented in the 1st Hockey XI, the "A" Basketball team, and the "B" and 3rd Form Basketball teams which competed in Saturday competition.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking the House Mistresses of Binns House for the co-operation they have given us during this year.

SEDDON HOUSE NOTES.

Senior House Mistress— Miss Galloway.
Assistant Mistresses— Misses Stanners and Anderson.

House Captain— Romola Cooper.

House Committee— Lynette Morris, Rosa May, and Dawn Jackson.

This year began quite well for "Seddon" when they came second in points in the Annual Swimming Sports, held at Shelley Beach Baths. The weather was favourable and the sports arrangements were carried out smoothly. We were fortunate in having several outstanding juniors in our midst, special mention going to Hilary Houston, who swam well to take several wins and places. However the highlight of our day was the Relays. The Junior team, consisting of Hilary Houston, Dawn Cook Carol Hawkins, Louise Bricklebank had an easy win, while the Senior team, Donica Rooms, Rosa May, Ellen Kupa and Lynette Morris came a very good second. Thanks to these girls and all who contributed to the final total of 37. Congratulations to "Wellesley," the winning House.

The next highlight in the sports calendar for the year was the day set aside for Athletic Sports, which were held this year under ideal conditions in the Domain. Once again Hilary Houston brought honour to herself and the House by taking her place as runner-up in the Junior Championship. We took many places in the day's events, and the fact that we were last after the tally of points had been taken, is not accurate evidence of the way in which the girls participated. We all combined well in the team games and managed to bring our total up. Everyone enjoyed the day and though a few had regrets, aches and pains etc., the next day, we feel sure they have all recovered now.

We are trying hard at the moment to win the honours at inter-house basketball, played on Tuesday afternoons at Windmill Rd. At the moment we are lying second to Hindley but we hope to alter that situation. Many of our numbers have managed to bring honour both to themselves and the House, by obtaining places in the Saturday teams. Our tennis enthusiasts, are Barbara Eade in the Junior team and Flora Botica in the Intermediate team. Lynette Morris, Ellen Kupa, Dawn Jackson and Romola Cooper are members of the College First Cricket Eleven which had a very successful season. Congratulations to the latter two who succeeded in getting chosen as trialists for the Auckland Intermediate Rep. Team.

Our representative honours do not finish with summer sport for in winter we have many girls in the Saturday basketball and hockey teams. We have three members in the Junior Hockey team; they are Shona Watson (Captain), Ann Tippett and Margaret Martin. In basketball, we have Barbara Eade, Pat Kennerley (Vice-captain), Eva Viman, Marilyn Schultz and Yvonne Beasley in the Third Form Team; Flora Botica (Vice-captain) and Lynette Morris in the "B" team, and Romola Cooper (Vice-captain), in the "A" team.

With such a list of representatives we feel that Seddon House indeed is doing its part in the school's sport. We feel that we couldn't do this, however, without the help so willingly given by our House Mistress Miss Galloway and her assistants. We thank them for the encouragement and aid they have given us during the year. Also sin-

"A" Basketball Team

Back Row (Left to Right):
C. Sinton, D. Andrew, E. Capener, D. Cope, M. Nissen, A. Hunter.

Front Row (Left to Right):
J. Paynter, R. Cooper (Vice-Capt.), T. Bristow (Capt.), L. Thornalley, Miss Gini.



"B" Basketball Team

Back Row (Left to Right):
M. Richards, F. Devrich, B. Genn, M. Tallentire, R. Waerea.

Front Row (Left to Right):
V. Organ, L. Morris, F. Bodica (Vice-Capt.), E. Tettira (Capt.), J. Bradley, Miss Gini.



1st Hockey XI

Back Row (Left to Right):

Y. Brown, J. Rudolph, B. Barry,
A. McFadden, F. Marshall, H.
Jordan.

Front Row (Left to Right):

D. Nacey, E. Gibbons, S. Johnson
(Vice-Capt.), L. Armstrong
(Capt.), F. Cauty, P. Martin, Miss
Gini.



Third Form Basketball Team

Back Row (Left to Right):

M. Illingsworth, B. Eade. O.
Schaumkel, M. Price, E. Veimann,
N. Phillips.

Front Row (Left to Right):

R. Nodder, M. Schultz, P. Ken-
nerley (Vice-Capt.), F. Cleaver
(Capt.), W. Saunders, Y. Beasley,
Miss Gini.



cere thanks to Miss Gini our Drill and Sports Mistress for the interest she has taken in all sport both Inter-House, and Representative. It is our hope that next year's Seddon House will continue to show a good sports record and that they will co-operate with their Captain and House Mistress in the same way, as this year's House has done. Thanks Girls!

WELLESLEY HOUSE NOTES—1953
House Mistress.—Miss Campbell.
Assistant Mistresses.—Miss Wilson, Miss Miss Van der Ende.
House Captain.—Leslie Thornalley.
Vice-Captain.—Carolyn Sinton.
House Committee.—Ann Hunter, Joan Batchelor, Barbara Corbett.

Wellesley this year won the swimming cup again for the second year in succession. We wish to congratulate Joan Batchelor on winning the Senior Cup, Noeline Tait on gaining third and Pamela Martin 4th place. In the Junior Championship we were ably represented by Heather Baillie and Merlene Cleave who gained 3rd and 5th places. Other place winners were Judy Wright, 1st Open Freestyle; Maureen Jordan, 1st Potato Race; Doris Cope, 2nd Open Dive and Barbara Genn, 1st Dressing Race.

This year as last year Wellesley did not shine in Athletics, but we would like to congratulate Pamela Martin on being runner-up in the Senior Champs., and Jeanette Dunn on winning 3rd place in the Junior Champs. Noeline Tait, Carolyn Sinton and Joan Batchelor were all place winners in age races and two Wellesley pairs, Ann Hunter and Carolyn Sinton, Dorothy Saunders and Noeline Tait were 1st and 2nd in the three-legged race. Credit also goes to our smallest entrant, Beverley Freeman for a brilliant 1st in the sack race. The senior relay team came in third and all our teams in the inter-house games won places.

In the inter-house Basketball, Wellesley has some keen girls. If our results have not been favourable this year it is because so many of our best players are in school teams.

We have a very good representation in Saturday teams.

Tennis.—
 Intermediate: B. Corbett, D. Cope.
 Senior: M. Coughlan, M. Jordan.
Cricket.—Carolyn Sinton (an Auckland Intermediate Representative).
Basketball.—"A" Team: C. Sinton, A. Hunter, D. Cope, E. Capener, L. Thornalley.

"B" Team: B. Genn, J. Bradley.

Third Form: M. Price, F. Cleaver, N. Phillips, M. Schultz.

Hockey.—M. Coughlan, M. Shepherd, K. Guillard, P. Martin.

We would now like to take this opportunity to thank the House Mistress, Miss Campbell, and the Assistant Mistresses for the work they have done for our house and also to all the members of the staff. Our special thanks go to Mr. Scott for allowing us time off school for all our sports.

HINDLEY HOUSE NOTES—1953

Senior Mistress.—Mrs. Lowen.
Assistant Mistress.—Miss Worrall.
House Captain.—Rose Quensell.
House Committee.—June West, Adeline Redwood, Yvonne Brown.

This year the members of Hindley House are making every effort to gain points for the house. So far this year our luck has held in both Athletics and Basketball.

At the Athletic Sports held at Carlaw Park in which we gained second place, Sally Yeo came third in the Junior Championships, and although Yvonne Brown ran well and in fine style, Dorothy Nacey of Binns House was too much for her in the Intermediate Championships. In the novelty races our house was well represented. The girls competed keenly and we hope we shall do as well in the ball games next year.

We strongly challenged other houses in the Swimming Sports and were placed 3rd in the finals. We give below the names of Hindley girls who have represented the school in the following sports both in Saturday Teams and College Sports:—

Cricket.—R. Quensell.
Swimming.—B. Finlayson, H. Howard, J. Hill, G. Brokenshire, B. Barry, Y. Brown, J. Ness.

Hockey.—S. Johnson, Y. Brown.
Basketball.—F. Botica, F. Deverick, M. Tallentire, D. Andrews.

We have high hopes of winning the Basketball cup again as we have the highest number of points to date in the school Basketball House Competitions.

On behalf of the Hindley girls I would like to thank our House Mistresses for their interest and encouragement throughout the year. We trust that those who remain in Hindley House next year will uphold its reputation both in the school room and on the sports field.

GIRLS' FORM NOTES

SENIOR BUSINESS FORM NOTES

A is for Adams, so noisy and loud,
 B is for Barbara, so haughty and proud,
 C is for Colleen, whose fortune's mislaid,
 D is for Dot, with beauty displayed,
 E is for Elaine, all covered in mud,
 F is for Faye, at work she's no dud,
 G is for Gabrielle, a patronised saint,
 H is for Hannah, she's really quite quaint,
 I is a space no one can fill,
 J is for Johnson, so quiet and still,
 K is for knucklebobbins, at which we all shine,
 L is for Laura, as Head Prefect she's fine,
 M is for Martin, also Maree, one is quiet,
 the other carefree,
 N is for Newing, from St. Mary's came she,
 O for the offices, where we all hope to be,
 P is for two Pams, also Penny—of P's we've too many and of
 Q's not any,
 R is for Romola, and Redwood, who we never see—and also for Rita, who makes up the three,
 S is for Shirley, in book-keeping she's keen,
 T is for Tui, with a bright smile she's seen,
 U is for "Eunice" so slim and so tall,
 V is for Virtue, envied by all,
 W is for Worral, Form Mistress with zest—she's certainly one of the finest and best,
 X is for Excellence, we have yet to attain,
 Y is for Yearsley, sweet tempered, but vain,
 Z we all finish, with zest and with zeal,
 we've all tried our best, and that's how we feel.

FORM NOTES—COMMERCIAL 6

It is the pleasure of all you lucky (!) people who are reading this magazine, to have before you a contribution from the elite form of the school. When asked to write this we felt that our time was much too valuable even to consider sitting down for half an hour to bring to the fore the highlights of our hard-working life, e.g., playing table tennis. At this stage I should like to present to you the lengthy list of members of this form, which are a source of delight to every person who comes into contact with them. You may have guessed

by this time that is Com. 6 to which we are referring, and the following are its members: Romola Cooper and Adeline Redwood. The ambition of the former is to reach one of the higher professions—that of school-teaching (poor kids). Her recent exam results show little, if any, promise in this line. The latter's aim is to become a librarian. Her recent library manners will have to be revised if this aim is to be achieved, i.e., she talks too much.

We have been told that in these notes we must tell you something of the work we do. That is unfortunate, because we rarely do any. We attend the classes—occasionally—in other words, we arrive about three quarters of the way through each lesson. The reason for this (?). The subjects which we are supposed to be studying are English, Geography, History and Book-keeping.

English we attend in company with 18 others, namely Engineering 6B, and Woodwork 6B. We feel that it is a disgrace that two fine young ladies should be compelled to be taught in the company of this group, but with Mr. T. (who is almost always on our side!) in command, we suffer more or less in silence. In Geography we find ourselves in a more select group of 7, W. 6B and us. Mr. W. is always anxious to make us feel at home, and guides us with superior skill through those periods. History. Now here is the subject elite. We attend this subject with only one member of W.6.B. We are told we should be honoured to have his company for these periods—but we feel it to be the other way round. Mr. B. despairs over our history, and we agree that if our lives depended on this subject, we'd all have rather short lives. Book-keeping is a subject which we attend alone, with Mr. S. in command. Without much competition we find our marks are very similar—it's not that we compare our work—but you know how things are.

With all this work you can see we don't have much time to ourselves, especially when we have to read books and do homework. We were both in the Music Concert—contributing our voices with zest, and we both take an active interest in College sports activities—one's interest most decidedly tends towards swimming and the first Rugby XV, while the other prefers

cricket, and for some obscure reason, the first Soccer XI. No names mentioned for safety's sake.

Just in case you think we are only ornaments in the school, we would like to say that we are here for a reason. You may say that we are harbouring only wishful hopes, but we are striving to achieve that goal known as University Entrance.

We wished to have our photographs taken to enter with these notes, but the authorities would not consider it. You don't know what you are missing, and perhaps that is just as well. Now we must end this essay on us, as duty and work call, and have been for the last six months. If all goes well we won't be here next year and the school will have deteriorated. If from this account we have given you the impression that we don't enjoy Sixth Form life, we are sorry, for it is really quite passable. We only hope that next year's Com. Sixth will uphold our fine reputation and do just as much as we have. (On second thoughts they'd better do more, or they might get thrown out).

C.5. FORM NOTES

The C.5. Library, cared for by the Librarian, Miss Stanners, started off at the beginning of the year containing 43 volumes in all. It is now half way through the year and there are nine books missing, bringing the total down to 34.

It is divided into various sections, the largest one being the Music Section. It is too large to mention the different books but it is safe to say there is about two-thirds of the library in it.

A sub-division of the Music Section is the Orchestral and there are found two very interesting accounts. One, "The Piano," by M. Kelley and the other "The Violin," by A. McKearney.

The next is the Sports Section. This can also be sub-divided into such subjects as:—Basketball.—With books by L. Morris, C. Sinton and A. Hunter.

Hockey.—With books by S. Watson (Capt.) A. Tippett, M. Martin, and J. Whittle.
 Swimming.—J. Batchelor wrote an outstanding feature on "How to become a Senior Champion," with N. Tait giving helpful hints on the subject also. J. Tonks and L. Bricklebank touched on the subject of "Tandem Racing," and E. Kapa gave an interesting account on "Diving." J. Batchelor and N. Tait combined together to write "Bronze

Medallions" which is an unusual record of the work needed to gain this honour.

Tennis.—This is a small section but the most popular seem to be by B. Corbett (Capt.) and D. Gibson.

Cricket.—The most thumbed book in this section is by C. Sinton (Vice-capt.), which contains hints on "How to make a Century," and also a magazine on "A Trip to Wellington with the Auckland Representative Team." Other books are those by L. Morris, J. Davidson, P. Goodwill, E. Kapa and D. Jackson.

The next popular section is the Commercial Section. The D. Martin series of "Junior Government Examinations" and "Typing Notes" by V. Taylor are both of a high standard. A book by M. Kelly written in a slightly different manner to the others, contains many points about the various commercial subjects.

The Scientific Section has not proved to be as popular as the other sections but it has one outstanding experiment by L. Bricklebank.

Some people think that the books in the Geographical Section tend to be rather boring, while others find these to be very interesting. The best books here (which contain much valuable information) are those written by E. Smith and J. West.

Those who find the Geographical books uninteresting seem to turn to the Clothing Section. Here there is an excellently illustrated book by J. Prentice on "Clothes and How to Make Them," and also a magazine by J. Salter on the same subject.

All books in the Literature Section are of high standard, but there is one author, N. Gracie, who is more prominent than the others.

The Myths and Legends Section is very small, but one book has been brought to the notice of the Librarian, this being "Maori Action Songs and Games," by E. Kapa.

The Dramatic Section comprised three plays at the beginning of the year, but one by V. Gunn was taken out and not returned. The other two are by N. Gracie and P. Goodwill.

The Law Division contains books that are written by people who have had experience in keeping "law and order." The team is K. Curtis (Serjeant) and D. Saunders (Deputy). Two other well-known books are "Prefects" by C. Sinton and A. Hunter and

the other "Sub-Prefects," by J. West and N. Gracie.

The last section in the C.5. Library is the **General Section** which contains books on various subjects such as "Dancing" by G. Craike, and "How to Enjoy Yourself" by M. Shing and S. Katavich. A similar book is one written by M. Strange and D. Watson. K. Curtis and L. McFarlane have written a tale on "Thrift," which was taken from their own experience on this subject.

The Librarian and her assistants try their hardest to keep the volumes tidy and in good order, but even though a few become ill-treated through over-work, they usually manage to keep the C.5. Library in a respectable condition.

FORM NOTES—N.H.5.

A is for Ann, a good swimmer is she,
B is for Beverley who sews merrily,
C is for Cundall who left us this year,
D stands for Dorothy who runs like a hare.
E is for Ellemore who also is working.
F is for failure resulting from shirking,
G stands for Gloria who made a long coat,
H is for Heather who is really a goat,
I stands for Ivy who left us also,
J is for Jordan who would not have a go,
K is a Blank where we are concerned,
L is for Leslie, a badge she has earned,
M is for Mullins who came from below us,
N is for Ngairie, it took her to show us,
O is for Ormby whose 1st name we've used,
P is for practice we have often abused,
Q is for Quensell who beat us all hollow,
R is for Ruth who always will borrow,
S is for Small whose jokes we enjoy,
T is for Tercel who often is coy,
U, V, W, X, Y, Z,

These are all letters we will have to forget.

C.4.A. FORM NOTES

The H.M.S. Room 35

At the beginning of this year the H.M.S. Room 35 left Port Auckland carrying a crew of thirty-nine, her captain being Miss F. M. Miles, M.B.E. First mate was Valerie Organ, and second mate, Fay Maiden. They left on the first stage of their 195 day cruise on 4th February.

Their first port of call was Shorthand. It was a big manufacturing town, but some of the crew were anxious to be on their way. After a day here, the ship steamed out of the harbour, bound for Typing Village. The crew enjoyed this village more than any other. They spent a day here, looking around the keys. That night the

Captain announced that Admiral Ohloon had notified her that the H.M.S. Room 35 had to be at Port Science before daybreak the next morning.

On arriving at Port Science, the crew had an inspection and were then allowed the rest of the day free to do what they wished. Pulling out of Port Science, they discovered that one of the crew was missing. On enquiring, they discovered that their chum, Maureen Osborne, had been transferred to the H.M.S. Northcote.

After three days out at sea, the ship sprang a leak and made as quickly as possible for Port Maths. Here the crew had three weeks' leave, while their trusty old ship was being repaired. During the week most of the crew went to see the Mission Exhibition. They were shown a film about lepers and then went around the stalls admiring the ornaments.

On leaving Port Maths, they received orders to alter course and make for Social Studies Canal. It took them three weeks to go through. They then called at Music Point for more supplies and water.

The next two weeks were uneventful and then the Captain gave orders to change course and proceed ten knots to Commercial Practice Island.

Here they were allowed three days' leave. One of the days was spent listening to the National Orchestra of New Zealand, which put on a very interesting programme for all ships in port.

The next day they pulled out of English Harbour laden with gifts from the friendly Islanders. For the next few days they rejoiced in the delicacies sent up from the cook, made with the fruits and vegetables from the Island. They also had for Sunday dinner chicken with roast vegetables, a rare treat.

The next few weeks were spent at sea, though called in at a few small islands for an hour or two.

Calling in at Port Drill, they went to see the Coronation picture, "A Queen is Crowned." This was enjoyed very much, and was talked about for weeks. At last they were making for the last Port and end of their journey, Bookkeeping.

On arriving, they were met by their moters, fathers, families and friends. The journey was thoroughly enjoyed by all and many distinguished honours and positions were earned by some members of the crew.

Thus ends another stage of C.4.A.'s education.

FORM NOTES—C.4.B.

In a well known Technical College in Auckland, there is a certain group of rare animals. This group consists of 22 animals altogether and they are **under the Lock and Key of Mrs. L!** Amongst this group, there is a great variety of activity going on.

In a tank in a corner of the room is one very special fish whom we call J.N. She is a good swimmer and spends 75% of her life swimming.

Then right around the outside of the room is a running track on which our favourite hare, Y.B. is always training. She is also the comedian of the collection.

We also have some musicians in the group. Mary T., our lyre bird, is an excellent pianist and is very good at jazz. In the other hand, H.H., our pet cat, is the violinist of the group, and is in the College orchestra.

Leader of the group, our lioness, B.K.M., and our deputy leader is J.P., who is a very good watch dog.

We are said to be a very noisy group, but we do not let that worry us, for we all have very high spirits.

The cleverest girls you ever did see,
Are the sweet little girls of C.4.B.

We have runners and swimmers and pianists, too,

And some girls you'd think had escaped from a zoo.

We like doing typing and Phys. Ed., too,
But when we're at shorthand, we haven't a clue.

The teachers don't give us a very good name,

But we aren't such a bad form all the same.

C.4.C. FORM NOTES

Our form, 4.C., is a happy class and though we may be very great swatters, perhaps we have more fun than those higher up. That we are backward in sport is shown that Dawn is in the first basketball team and Judy in the second. Swimming, our Class Sergeant leads the way, while two of our girls are busy training themselves in the dancing lessons, in the gentle art of attraction. We have had our share of scrapes this year, but now and then we succeed in turning the tables. Though we are told often enough to whisper, we rarely always finish by shouting.

For that's the way in C.4.C. you see.

N.H.4.B. FORM NOTES

Expt.—To show N.H.4.B.'s knowledge.

Aim.—To improve N.H.4.B.'s conduct.

App.—A strict teacher, books, noisy children, brains (if any).

Materials.—Bunsen burner, alkali, alcohol, tannic acid.

Method: (1) Quieten the children if possible, if not, put them over a Bunsen burner, then put them in alcohol. If they blow up, that is all for the best. (2) When all is quiet again, start the lesson. (3) Put the books in tannic acid to take out the blots of ink. (4) When the books are taken up to the teacher, the teacher is very angry. Put the teacher in alkali to make her quiet and to soften her.

Result: Several explosions, followed at intervals by short silences.

N.H.3.A. FORM NOTES

Although we are frequently being told that the B and C classes are better than we are, we really think we are fairly decent types. We get lots of fun out of our school-days, anyway, our favourite subjects at the moment being Eating and Knuckle-bones, both of which can be conducted under the desk in odd moments. Carol is the chief exponent of the former—in fact, she will have to watch her figure if she continues to indulge in her frequent snacks.

We have some famous people among us: Fay C. is an Auckland 4th Grade Rep. in Basketball; Marion T. is in the School Junior Hockey Team; Marion C. adorns the Dramatic Club; Lorraine is a life-saving expert; Jackie is a poet of sorts; Valerie managed, with apparent ease, to come top of the class in the half-yearly exams.

There are some among us who have added our small contributions to the sum of human knowledge—like the prodigy who declared that: "The people who live in the Pacific Islands live mostly on wild pigs, dogs, human beings, birds, etc." and "Samuel Marsden was a chaplain in the Sydney Convent" and "Today nearly all the Pacific Islanders are missionaries."

We all love Phys. Ed. (which is short for P.T. in case you are wondering) and had the honour of being chosen to give a demonstration lesson at a Parent-Teachers' evening function. How the poor hall floor did creak and groan! Even if one of our tiniest members did have difficulty in get-

ting over the gym-horse, we did all right and our fond mummies and daddies thought we were wonderful.

We would like to thank all our teachers who do their best to teach us how to procure edible scones, useable sewing bags, readable essays, artistic samplers, musical sounds, etc.; and special thanks to our very "sweet" form mistress.

N.H.3.C. FORM NOTES

They say . . .

That certain girls greatly appreciate the view from Room 50—in the direction of the Woodwork room.

That a good time was had by all one morning when Miss A. took N.H.3.C. up to the Museum where they played at being old-time Maoris.

That flour fights, skating on split rice and other high-jinks occasionally occur in the Cookery Room.

That the N.H.3.C. form captain, Barbara, can swim like a fish and has won her Bronze Medalion for Life Saving.

That N.H.3.C. has two of its members in the third form Saturday Basketball Team, namely Marion P. and Margaret I. and one, Terry, in the Junior Hockey Team.

That one of these days N.H.3.C. is going to try to cook something instead of burning it.

That a certain girl left this school wearing a stiffly starched collar adorned with many signatures.

That a dusky maiden called Margaret from N.H.3.C. sings in the Maori Choir.

That some of the teachers apparently enjoyed some scones made by N.H.3.C. although, in their doughy form, they had been used as cricket balls, and had to be rescued from the floor once or twice—a case of "What the eye doesn't see, the stomach can digest."

That there is quite an element of surprise in practical cookery as when caramel sauce to be used to pour over a rice mould turns out to be hard toffee.

That Hazel's only claim to fame in her school career so far is that she has invented a new way of admitting fresh air in to Room 31—by putting her hand through the pane instead of opening the window in the usual way.

That it would be possible to write a completely new play based on N.H.3.C.'s answers to the "As You Like It" question in the half-year exam.—in which Orlando wins a wrestling match against the "siney Rosalind" and Haylena and Organdie run away to the forest and find Orlando hanging on the trees.

C.3.C. FORM NOTES

Wouldn't it be Strange if:

Arithmetic was as much fun as Drill.

Beverley Hoole weren't such a model pupil.

C.3.C. learnt their C. Practice rules.

Dear Mrs. Lowen read us "Superman" instead of Shakespeare.

Examinations were abolished.

Fay Rose to the top of the class.

Girls didn't giggle.

Homework was illegal.

Inspired by Miss Rowe, we were writing Shorthand at 80 words a minute by the end of the year.

Jeanette received an offer from Hollywood after playing in "Third Time Lucky."

Knuckle-bones were one of our Winter Sports.

Louise and Ofa couldn't dance the "Hula" and had a name we could not pronounce.

Merlene lost her voice.

Nita was bottom and Suzanne top of the class.

Ofa played Hockey instead of being our star B/R player.

Pigtails were not worn by Shirley.

Quietness was observed in the corridors. Room 43 saw the sun.

Shakespeare knew that we have to write out his lines for detention.

Thelma and Margaret hadn't been such a success at the Prefects' Concert.

Uniforms weren't compulsory.

Vera knew her "L" rules in Shorthand as she knows the names of her Cactus Plants.

We had lunch in Albert Park with the boys.

"Xcellent" was Miss Miles' remarks on our Arithmetic efforts rather than "Extraordinary."

Yvonne couldn't sprint.

Zeal in starting work equalled keenness in racing out of the door at the end of a lesson.

BOYS' FORM NOTES

WOODWORK 6 FORM NOTES

As the year 1953 draws to a close the Industrial Department and the College is to lose five of its most distinguished and reliable students. The two oldest of these agreeable companions are Campbell and Dennerly.

The least said of what these two long termers have seen during their five year sojourn here the better for all concerned including the more aged and learned inhabitants within these walls. Our numbers are led on our escapades throughout the corridors by the insignificant young chap with the peculiar coloured hair who enjoys making public appearances thrice weekly.

Dennerly is a rather subdued person who keeps his private life very much to himself and is quite a dark horse regarding "files" Russell, generally a quiet retired type, periodically bursts out with stupid remarks and more noise than even his size entitles him. Batty and Jowitz, are two lesser known members because they are rarely seen publicly, their common object being to solve some perplexing problem, with little or no success. Teachers will be pleased to note that no remarks about their character have been made because we consider their tempers in no state for further aggravation.

E.6.A. FORM NOTES

In a year of conquests, Everest among them, one thing remains undefeated, the honourable form of E.6.A. Respected by fellow students and feared by masters, this form has defied all attempts to harness either their sporting or scholastic (???) ability.

This form, because of its size, has caused concern as to accommodation. Although officially accommodated elsewhere, the ingenuity of the form has resulted in most students being able to direct you to their hive of industry (P.R.).

The form, ably directed by Mr. A.G.A., consists of five noble youths, all eligible for residence in the P.R.

Bosson.—Lacks interest in chemistry, but has a few virtues, but these are better left unmentioned in these columns.

Bowmar.—Produced numerous good excuses for spending Monday morning in P.R. Woman-hater (???)

Charlton.—To make this report, we were forced to retrieve Charlton from the wreckage of all forms of motored conveyance. Seldom seen in P.R.

McElrea.—Bright light of the form, mostly red (danger). Sleepy in class, but enjoys pulverising one and all in P.R.

Nairn.—(L.B.N.L.*). Can usually be found wielding some form of wooden instrument of the sports world, e.g., hockey stick, cricket bat. Thus it has been found necessary to confine his activities to the open spaces, not the P.R.

* For those interested, "L.B.N.L." stands for "last but not least."

E.6.B. FORM NOTES

This year consists of the usual run of bright boys, not-so-bright boys and prefects. With Mr. Turill as our form master, the form has tried to make this a happy year for both pupils and our masters as well. These bright lads mentioned above, consist of Fred Tattam, Blondie Norton and Terry Steven who was misguided enough to acquire a badge. For a bright (?) boy, we expected better of him than this, but it is a well-known fact that he can talk himself out of or into almost anything. The other prefects in this remarkable crew consist of Stu', Don and the fourth a very quiet sub. Some more notables in this form are Nev Jarvis, the salt-encrusted yachting, and Smyth, the tennis boy. Under the eagle eye of Mr. K.S.T., this form and W.6 have English and Geography with C.6.B., and this proves to be a spark in an otherwise dull day for a certain well-known figure often seen in the hallowed portals of the main corridor when on duty. These notes are of necessity rather short and any member of the form who feels he should be mentioned can console himself that if the author had fewer worries about helping to keep docile third formers in a reasonably civilised condition, he would have included everyone including himself.

TYPO 5 FORM NOTES

How! After many moons, Typography have great honours. G. Moss and G. Donnell have, as prefects, brought distinction to our humble wigwam. Brave warriors both, ugh! May they soon join their forefathers.

Another mighty brave, H. Pollock, who took important part in annual celebration, "Third Time Lucky." May he take part in many such war dances. Pollock also sergeant of "A" company of our mighty and numerous tribe.

Fighting warriors, R. Wells and G. Moss have, although the former has departed to the happy hunting grounds, heaped distinction on our tribe by waging war with the first tennis team. The latter was vice chief.

Other braves, A. Hewitt and G. Donnell, soon to run like deer in Inter-Secondary Schools' Cross-country run. I have asked witch doctor to send many luck charms with them. G. Donnell, very fine warrior, first fifteen Rugby brave, also 3rd grade cricket chief and sergeant in "C" Company of tribe's military force; heap brave brave, ugh!

From the first fighting soccer eleven comes such warriors as G. Moss and P. Nicoll—may they fight for many moons.

Innumerable thanks go to most esteemed chief, Mr. G. We hope he will rule wisely and well for several decades to come.

The Typography tribe wish everybody good luck and prosperity for this summer and many to come, wagh!

W.5.B. FORM NOTES

B B C C D H H P R R T Played to music—
Form Song

At present, our form consists of eleven studious pupils, all of which hope to gain School Certificates. At the beginning of the year the total roll number was about 20, but as the months have passed the class register has decreased to 11 pupils. Our Form Teacher, Mr. "S"? is admired by the entire class for his helpful advice and most lenient manners.

Of our eleven pupils there are nine of which play sport for the College throughout the year, representing the class in all major sports except cricket. This year has been our most successful season for school trips, class pupils travelling as far north as Dargaville and as far south as Christchurch.

In the winter sports, we had four boys playing in first teams. Potatau 1st Rugby, D. Brown and Huston 1st Hockey, and Rutherford 1st Soccer. D. Brown and Huston enjoyed a most interesting trip down to Christchurch during the August holidays, spending eight days away from home. Clarke and Cooper were also privileged to visit Te Puke with the 3rd Rugby XV for three days, while Rutherford and Potatau travelled to Hamilton with the 1st Soccer and 1st XV respectively. Cooper and Brown also had an enjoyable trip to Dargaville, travelling with the 2nd Rugby XV and 1st Hockey.

A day before the 2nd Term ended, several Rugby teams visited Thames, in which N. Brown, Clarke, Cooper and Rushen represented the form on the day. In the summer sports, Rutherford and Potatau play for the 1st Softball team, the latter being the captain.

Potatau holds the office of sub-Prefect and the rank of Sergeant Major in "B" Company, while Rutherford, Clarke and Cooper are sergeants in A, B and C Companies respectively. Drake and Rushen being corporals in B Company under the command of Captain Leves. Our form teacher Mr. Schulp is also in the Cadet Corps, being Captain of A Company.

In summing up, we have experienced a most enjoyable year, the total mileage covered by members of our form on school trips during the second term totalling 5,062 miles, an average of approximately 562½ miles per boy.

We would like to wish the entire College staff and pupils a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

E.4.A. FORM NOTES

There were 32 budding geniuses in E.4.A. last term, but several of the boys had to say farewell amid tears and groans from their especial friends; but replacements were at hand—six boys from E.4.B. came and filled their places. They say madness is the next step after a genius and it now seems very true, from what we see and hear of our replacements.

We had a very able lab, boy in J. Beggs, but due to some misunderstanding with an experiment, he had to leave us for a while. His place was taken by C. Kennedy and his assistant I. Luke (I for Idiot)



"LADY WITH SHAWL"

Lino cut by G. PHILLIPS, T.4.

There was close competition in the mid-year exams, with the Rt. Hon. Constable coming first in Maths., and B. Weaver who, by much bribery and corruption, succeeded in coming top in Drawing. But the place of honour was taken by that very (dis)abled genius, A. Steggle, with P. Thrift a close second, while R. Tuck came third.

There is a wide range of sporting ability in E.4.A. and everyone, with the exception of 2 or 3 persons plays Rugby, Soccer or Hockey. The Soccer XI has F. Ullness as a goalkeeper and he is also in the first Softball team. D. Dormer plays for the Senior Tennis team, was runner-up in the Intermediate Singles and Doubles. Gatland and Barrie are in the first Hockey XI and both earned a trip down to Christchurch during the August holidays. In the E.4.A. v. E.4. B. Rugby match, E.4.A. emerged the victor by 9 points to 3.

In our Drawing period, Mr. A. tries to teach us how to project cylinders and cones from various views, but the results generally look like modern art. Mr. H.W.J. tried to teach us S. Studies and Geography, but the strain proved too much for him and he had to leave for Otahuhu College.

The Form has settled down well, and is working furiously for this term's exams, and next year hopes for a 100% pass in School Certificate.

E.4.B. FORM NOTES

E.4.B. now consists of twenty-eight stalwarts who maintain a strong class spirit and an attitude of robust independence.

On many occasions they are heard in the College and on the playing fields, giving vent to their claims of superiority over contemporary forms. These claims are hotly contested.

Nearly one-half of the boys play for school teams on Saturday mornings and two of them are in school first teams. Several have had trips away with school teams, playing in country centres such as Te Puke and Thames.

During the year some left their friendly form mates to earn a living in the cold, hard world, while a few of the clever chaps moved to E.4.A. Form opinion is that only the best remain.

ART NOTES

Perhaps the most inspiring part of our art year was Open Day. Unfortunately, not all the work could be displayed, but those who were fortunate had something mounted or pinned up. Many parents, friends and ex-pupils passed through Room 16—some stayed long enough to buy Christmas cards which Typo, 4 boys had printed. These cards were so popular that all were sold. Puppets by Fourth Form girls proved a centre of attraction.

Among the art displays in the College Hall were some paintings by the prison class which is taken by a member of the staff. This is the first time their paintings have been on display at S.M.T.C. and the quality of the work is indicative of the interest aroused through an art medium.

There are some 12 different evening classes in art, craft and commercial art. Most of these were represented.

A few trips to the Art Gallery during the year were both enjoyable and instructive. The Commercial Art display proved immensely popular. In the Secondary Schools Show the lino cuts by G. Donnell and B. Rodger brought credit to the College, while a brisk painting of B. Crooks, W.4.C., was also displayed.

Prizes in the Animal Poster Competition were not as numerous this year. However, the following were successful:

Elaine Richardson, C.4.A., 2nd.
Peter Hume, W.4.D., E. Baillie,
W.4.D., and R. S. Tilton, T.4.,
were commended.

Mention must also be made of some fine attempts by H. N. Chic, W.4.B., and B. Rodger, T.4. The former had designed the "Seddonian" cover this year.

Colour prints in fresh, natural wood frames are continually appearing in various rooms and corridors of the

College. These are causing interest and it is, of course, a beautifying project.

A welcome is extended to Mr. K. Sands who has been appointed to the Art Section of the College.

DRAMA NOTES

We Drama Club members certainly live at a very fast pace during our season. We commence with extensive dramatic exercises: walk like this, talk like that, this is a chair, here is the proper way to sit on it. There is a flat, a spot, a foot, tap, border, curtain, groundrow, cut-out or eye. Walk diagonally, not straight across nor up and down the stage, bow, curtsey, smile, laugh, cry. Gee, don't we slave! Your voice Alan, is like a baby's squeaker, use the lower register. Your face Glen, could be considerably improved, present it in three quarter profile or better still not at all! Hilton try to be sophisticated, Sally you must be fast, give us speed. Haydon remember to dominate the scene.

Well, the S.M.T.C. fought through the Junior Drama Festival preliminaries and reached the finals at the Concert Chamber where it finished up only one point behind the winners. Congratulations Epsom Girls, on a splendid performance with "Women at War." Congratulations too, Seddon prefects on your play "The Dear Departed" we—and the audience—were delighted with your work.

Our young cast (only two had been on a stage before) in "Third Time Lucky," the annual College production, was amazed to find things going "according to plan," and some things not according! Oh we "could a tale unfold. . . ." a story that would make your blood freeze your hair stand stiff on your cranium. What happened when a motor car noise—off came on

the air instead of church bells, when two records were broken, when a character never came on the stage at all, just disappeared. . . ! Their grave lies lovely out in no-man's land!

But all was well in the end and love's labour was not lost. Congratulations to Mrs Adams and her team for the parent-teachers' evening. "The Queen's Progress"—a good effort indeed. Thank you Mrs Grant for all your help. You've been a tower of strength even if we ducked sometimes! Best of all we remember the drama party on second term break-up night. What a show! Just a few questions please?

Who played postman's knock best of all, a real surprise? Who was a wov in forfeits? Who nearly lost his life in desperate conflict? Who. . . but that is where we drop the curtain and wish you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year for 1954.

GIRLS' CRUSADER UNION

Each Wednesday at lunch time, 40 to 60 Crusaders meet in room 36 for a happy half-hour of singing and a talk. Our two leaders Miss Worrall and Miss Davies are both on the school staff. On Mondays, the keener girls meet at lunch time for a meeting which is usually taken by one of our girls who gives a short talk. The talk is followed by a discussion in which all the girls take part.

We have had two visitors this year, Miss M. Lamb the travelling secretary for the Crusaders and Miss H. Drew a missionary home from India.

Both of the socials which we have had have been very successful and our guests at the last one were members of the Boys' Crusader Union.

We are very glad to be able to report such a very happy and successful year for our Union.

LITERARY SECTION

THE HAUNTED ROOM

Although there are not many ghost stories about N.Z. here is my account of one.

It is customary for a friend and myself to go for cycling tours during the school holidays. During the period of Christmas 1952 we had decided to go to Matamata and back. For the first two days the weather was glorious with a fairly stiff tail wind which helped a great deal. As it was growing dusk on the third day the sky clouded ominously over, and before long, large drops of rain were beginning to fall. We stopped to shelter thinking it was only a shower. Half an hour later the rain was still soaking us so we decided to find a farmhouse where we could spend the night. Matangi (about 25 miles south of Hamilton) was about five miles behind us, so, rather than retrace our steps we rode, on until we came to an old farmhouse about a mile or so further on.

It was quite a neatly kept place from what we could see in the rain and poor light.

There was a single light burning in a back room. We took all our gear from our saddle bags, and parked our bikes under a large Oak tree which grew in the centre of the lawn. Mounting the short flight of steps to the long verandah I used the old-fashioned knocker to warn the occupant of our presence. We stood shivering until slow footsteps brought us to our senses. The door was opened a few inches and a woman's thin voice said "Yes?" My friend explained our situation and asked if there was anywhere we could spend the night. "Come inside please," was

the reply. Once inside, from the light of the kitchen, we could see for the first time our benefactor was a small, frail old woman with a very lined face. Looks harmless, I thought. She spoke again. "I think I can fix you young gentlemen up for the night. Come this way." She led us up a passage to a closed door. Taking a key from the numerous folds in her old-style dress, she unlocked the door.

"This room hasn't been opened since my Henry died nearly two years ago in here."

"Ugh," I thought. She went on. "Sometimes I still hear his walking stick tapping in here. I hope it doesn't disturb you." So saying, she took her leave before we could even thank her. We quickly bedded down and were both soon asleep. I do not know what awoke me—it must have been a premonition—for I suddenly sat upright, listening hard. Then I heard a gentle tapping sounding hollow in the room. It seemed as if icy fingers were running up and down my vertebrae for I suddenly shivered. Grabbing my friend by his shoulder I said, "Barry, Barry, quick, wake up and listen." Then it came again, scarcely discernible above the howl of the wind from outside sounding as if someone was using a walking stick to walk on a bare floor. "What is it!" he ejaculated. I didn't answer, because I tried to and couldn't. I lay down and covered my head with the blankets. Quaking with fear I stayed in that position for about an hour until it began to grow light, during which time I heard the tapping four or five times. My friend suggested going so we hurriedly dressed and made a hasty exit through the window. As we were mounting

our bikes I heard the tapping again—looking up I saw the explanation of our night of terror! A pine tree growing adjacent to the house with one branch overhanging the old slate roof. Every time a gust of wind came the branch moved and gently tapped its cones against the roof.

R. Berriman.

LIVING IN THE BACK-BLOCKS.

High tea-tree surrounded out bush-bungalow which was made of hand strewn boards, well bound to keep out the weather. A narrow, winding track led from the bungalow to Lake Whangape, which lay set in a landscape of native bush and scrub. We had been clearing this scrub for six months, digging, burning and sowing so that this uncultivated land would some day be profitable paddocks of green grass.

A muddy clay road had been worn from our home, 13 miles of winding, sticky mud, to the small township of Huntly. Over this road trudged horses and carts, taking us those long miles to the town.

To make our living we kept six jersey cows and the same number of horses. Meat was handy, as wild pig were constantly roaming the country. Dad was working down by the Lake when he heard a scream from Mum. A wild boar had rushed past her pursued by Fly our dog. By the time Dad arrived on the scene, the dog had the pig bayed. He pulled his knife from his pocket and killed it instantly. We still have those tusks hanging in the cowshed.

It was very interesting living miles away from people, and I had plenty of time to myself. Riding, cutting scrub, digging, milking and many other jobs filled the day. From Monday to Thursday, school was held in a little building four miles away. We

rode horses, leaving at 7.45 and beginning school at 9.30 finishing at 3 o'clock. We would join our friends at the crossroads which would resound with our chatter and laughter.

Thousands of birds frequented the bushes and it was lovely to sit and listen to their music in the early morning and late at night. The chopping of wood could be heard echoing and re-echoing through the bush clad hills.

In the evening as the sun was sinking you could see thin spirals of smoke winding up through the bush as the families cooked their evening meal. Birds sang their last songs, while crickets took up their creaking and chirping. At last everything was quiet, resting for a new day.

Rhyl Mankelov

GERMANY

My penfriend Klaus Kampe, lives in the British Zone of Western Germany. In his letters, Klaus has told me many different interesting things about Germany, and the way the Germans differ from New Zealanders.

Germany is divided into four zones, British, American, French and Russian. The only zone that food is rationed in is the Russian Zone. Prices vary considerably from ours, milk is the same but butter is five shillings a pound, sugar one and two a pound, tea two guineas a pound. As tea is too costly the German National drink is coffee, but they do not always drink proper coffee. Sometimes a substitute made from barley is used. The original coffee costs seven shillings a quarter of a pound. Eggs are sold at four pence each.

Germany too has square dancing as well as ballroom. The German schools do not have uniforms. The schools finish at one o'clock, leaving the rest of the time for homework. School is

also open Saturday morning. They have Autumn holidays from the 28th September till the 8th of October. The Christmas holidays from the 23rd of December till the 8th of January. Most German school children learn English and French. Here is a German College Timetable for a week. Four hours English, five hours French, four hours German, two hours History, one hour Geography, three hours Physics, two hours Gym, three hours Mathematics, two hours Art.

The Germans do not call the Baltic Sea the Baltic Sea, they call it the "Ost-See" (East Sea).

These are only a few interesting things about Germany.

FROM AUCKLAND TO HAMILTON

After we had passed the "traffic-lighted" city the country opened up. No longer were the buildings cramped close together, but spread out over a large acreage of land.

Occupying this land were the meat factories, glass works, plywood factories, soap and pipe manufacturers that mark the gateway from Auckland. Beside the meat works were mud flats, dirty smelling flats in which all the offal and waste of the meat works is dumped.

It was in August that we made this journey and still the signs of the flooding existed.

Soon we came to the flooded Waikato. The rain had certainly spoiled the countryside; the once green grass was now a dirty yellow and here and there was slushy mud where the grass had been completely uprooted by the fast-flowing waters.

On either side of the river the bare weeping willows had hanging from them debris which had been swept from its source and come to rest in the

lower reaches of the trees. When the flood had dropped, the green thick slush stayed and hung on the low bare branches of the willows too. This gave the river the most dirty appearance. Where the flood had over-ridden the road, stopping all road traffic, the water had uplifted the bitumen, leaving loose gravel on the side of the road.

From the higher country we could see over the flooded fields with few or no fence posts showing. Some of the flooded fields were like lakes — lakes large enough to race boats on. But the poor cattle had little or no land to live on. They too, looked as withered as the surrounding countryside.

On the face of the hills on either side of the road soil erosion had occurred. The erosion had brought to the foot of the hills the fine layer of moss and covering this moss was dirty, slushy yellow clay.

Landslides had occurred, scarring the hills and bringing down with them trees which once made the country look so beautiful. Houses in the lowlands now have "plimsoll" lines on them as a result of this flooding.

The damage has really been extensive, the work of years destroyed in just one week. It may seem incredible but it has happened.

RULES FOR CAMPING

The average New Zealand boy should at least be a bit practical with some of the fundamentals of camping. Camping is interesting and good healthy fun. I should imagine it hard to find a New Zealand boy who has not been to at least one camp whether it is with scouts, boys brigade, etc or just camping by himself or with a mate. To go camping and really enjoy it you need to "rough out" or organize the expedition at least a month before

its actual departure. This early organization is necessary because of the purchase of foodstuffs, etc. It is also usually desirable to let your parents know where and when and for how long you will be gone, in fact to ask their permission.

The main idea I think for a really good camp and a better holiday would be for you to go where you have not been before, a plunge into the unknown so to speak. This I think is an ideal suggestion because it gives your expedition more tenseness, more feeling of adventure and brings out the exploring element in you. The next thing to understand is that if you are going camping, say, for a week, your camp has to be your home. At the beginning of the camp work hard and make your camp as close to the ideal as possible. The harder you work the more you get out of it. "Make your camp perfect" is a good motto.

If you can't get it perfect have a good go at getting it so. You won't succeed but you might as well try. Remember, too, that danger lurks around every corner so be careful and don't do things you may be sorry for.

A good idea when you arrive in camp is to map out your day's activities. On one day apply a sort of timetable to yourself, the next day have no timetable and lounge around and take it easy, doing what you like. A timetable for a more or less rigid day's activities might work out something like this:

Monday:

- Six a.m., out of bed.
- Seven a.m., prepare breakfast.
- Eight a.m., clear up camp in general.
- Nine a.m., go for a swim if you are near a lake or beach and if the weather permits.
- Midday, have lunch and clean up.
- One p.m., go exploring etc.

Five p.m., have tea and clean up.
Seven p.m., make beds, etc.

Eight p.m., retire if you are tired.

If not you can please yourself what you do, talk, make gadgets, etc., until it suits you to go to sleep.

This is just a rough sketch of what a day's activities could be like. The idea is to vary your entertainments and enjoy yourself.

After a week of camping out like this you should feel fit and well to start the next week back at your permanent home. On packing up your camp make it a rule to leave your camp site as near as possible to nature, at any rate as much like it as it was when you found it.

R. Atwell

MORNING AT OTAMAI

The eastern sky was fantastically streaked with red, gold and purple. Silhouetted against it was the graceful form of a white stilt gliding slowly in the brisk air, feeling the first warmth from the morning sun enveloping its body. Slowly the sun crept up over the tree-tops, making the leaves stand clear cut. A flock of gulls flew high above screeching their plaintive cries. The flowers of the kowhai that had been opening so discreetly, now threw wide their petals like arms welcoming the delicious warmth of the sun. Triumphantly the song of a locust burst forth as a sunbeam penetrated its hiding place—yet the sound held a note of despair as if the creature were burdened with a problem. Life in the bush was awake. A caterpillar reared itself on a spear of grass and thrust forward its black head as if spying out the land for an expedition.

Now the sun was still, way up in the sky. Its steadfast beams stretched down to the earth, penetrating everything. The morning was over.

Ellen Kapa

LARGEST MINERAL POOL

"Crystal Hot Springs," New Zealand's largest mineral baths are situated within a mile of the Kaimai Range and 4 miles from the Matamata township. These baths are surrounded by native shrubs and trees. The main pool is actually N.Z.'s largest hot mineral bath and has a temperature of 96 deg. Two smaller baths complete the group, one having a slightly higher temperature, while the smaller one is at a lower degree.

The bottom of the pool consists of crystal-like pebbles mixed with sand which forms the natural bed and it is through these pebbles that the name, "Crystal Hot Springs", has originated. The bath is not dependent on one spring to fill it as there are numerous small bubbling springs through the crystals and sand, over the complete bed which fills it to its capacity. At one end of the pool there is an overflow which helps to fill the children's pool, then finally empties into the Waihu River.

Along the riverside there is a glow-worm track and one may visit this quiet and interesting place at night. This track also leads into one of the four camping grounds which are listed A B C and D. There is a loud speaking system throughout the camping ground which is of great service to the campers. In one corner of A, ground there is a small place provided with swings and a sand pit for infants and small children. Besides the 10 acres of camping space there are eight very well equipped 2-roomed cottages for rent. These cabins are self-contained, but the campers can take advantage of the community cooking, washing and ironing houses, where there is an unlimited supply of hot water available.

The most important feature of the

baths is the benefit that one can derive from the mineral water, which is procurable from a special drinking fountain. Because of the curative properties in this water it has proved to be a great help to people in a poorer state of health as well as to the healthy ones.

MY DEFINITION OF A LADY

A "lady" is a woman who is refined, gentle, and thoughtful towards others. She must be tactful and able to cope with many difficult situations. She must have a good general education, so that she may converse, even if only a little, on many topics. Not necessarily beautiful, she must be attractive and well-groomed, and carry herself well. Her voice must be well modulated and her manner pleasant. A true lady will never refuse any person help, even if they have a bad reputation or character, and are not "well off. To be condescending is not lady like. One need not be rich to be a lady. The main attributes are refinement, kindness, thoughtfulness towards others, good nature and a sense of humour.

Noeline Gracie

A NEW AND THRILLING EXPERIENCE

Sunday morning dawned at last. I had felt excited all week. We were going to Panmure Basin for a day's speedboating and aquaplaning. There two car loads of us. One of the cars was towing the runabout. After arriving at the basin, we decided upon a swim first, then lunch. When lunch was finished, we went for a long ride in the speedboat. Coming back, we found that many more picnickers had arrived.

The next thing was to begin the aquaplaning. Uncle Harry drove the boat while Dad held the tow rope. Pamela and Tom, having tried this

sport many times before, were first. Watching them, we thought it looked simple. It was my turn next and having never tried before, I felt a little bit nervous. I am not a very good swimmer either so that worried me, too. Amid these scaring thoughts, I could imagine myself gliding easily over the water at a great speed. Little did I know I was going to find myself in a very different position.

I was kneeling on the board and the motor was starting. With a firm grip on the rope, I began to stand up. Woops! A bit wobbly at first but, ah, I was up half standing, half crouching. They went slowly at first, turning the corners gently until I got the feel of it. Then suddenly I became a little too confident and thought I'd try standing perfectly straight. Splash! Into the water I fell, going right under. It was all so sudden and I felt as if I was never going to reach the top. When at last I did, I began to swim frantically towards the boat which was now coming to pick me up.

What a laugh everybody had, and what teasing I got when we came into the beach! But I can truly say I have never tried anything quite like that before, and found it so thrilling. I am only hoping we will come again next Sunday so I may have another try.

Joan Davidson

FUN ON THE FARM

My favourite spot for a holiday is at my Uncle's farm, which is moulded into pleasant little hills and valleys at a small mining town of Huntly's called Waikokawai. From this small town, roads radiate to various coal mines, all of which are accessible from Uncle's farm. These coal mines and their skip tracks provide days and days of continuous fun, from jumping off low bridges into skip trucks to being shown

the working parts of a mine.

But best of all is the fun we can have at the farm. During summer months, when it is haymaking season, I like it best. I can still remember standing on top of a towering haystack, half naked, with the hot sun and the pleasant smell of hay mingled with the fresh air surrounding me, while I helped to build the haystack higher. I remember, too, being rewarded with hot scones, home-made biscuits, and hot tea, for my morning's work. But hay has a better use for young boys other than being stacked-up winter food for cows. When no one is looking, it provides a wonderful play-pen. On reasonably warm mornings I go along to watch operations at the cowshed. Uncle says it is interesting to watch but boring to do the same things over and over again, countless times. I didn't believe him until I had a shot at it for a week. I was soon convinced he was right. Now I content myself with watching.

Besides working on the farm, I often go down to the swimming hole which is in a slow river on my uncle's property. I spend many happy hours there on hot days.

There are an infinite number of pleasures which a farm offers and even though I have been chased by a bull while in the act of raiding a fruit tree, I think a farm is the best place to spend a holiday.

J. Banks, W.5.A.

A JUNGLE RIVER

Through the deep jungle's murk flowed the river; now swiftly over rapids, now slowly and gently where it is wide, and now gracefully and cool where the jungle foliage from opposite banks encloses it from the sun.

All types of animals adorn the banks from dawn to dusk, crocodiles sunning



1953 ANNUAL DRAMATIC PRODUCTION — "THIRD TIME LUCKY"
By Arnold Ridley Producer: Mr. Lewis Grant

Cast:
Back Row (from left): Haydn Pollock, Bill Rogers, Reg Saddington, Alan Young, Ralph Metcalfe, Hilton Cook.
Front Row (from left): Marion Grewe, Glennis Carter, Jeanette Nottingham, Pat Ormsby, Valerie Gunn, Sally Yeo.



ACTION SHOT FROM ACT II

Meggitt (a burglar), Crowther (a blacksmith), Rev. Arthur Fear (a vicar), Jennifer (his ward), Gregg (Crowther's servant).

themselves on the banks where it is muddy, "river horses" enjoying their daily swim in its shallows, and various species of the jungle animals coming down to taste the purity of its waters. Another living thing which inhabits it too, is the fish; at all times dozens of different kinds of fish can be seen, and they make up the fish meal for the animals around.

The outline of the land through which this jungle river flows, changes in height as well as in foliage. In places where the banks keep on growing in height until they are tall mountains, the jungle growth grows as high as it can stand the cold and then dwindles out to rocky peaks, ice and snow, and in places where the river evaporates into swamp land, there is no foliage except a few barren trees and swamp grass; and while the former help to beautify the jungle, the latter totally spoils it. And so the river winds on through the jungle, probably through different landscapes and lands, but none could be so beautiful, more frightening, stranger or more treacherous than where it flows through the jungle.

J. Banks, W.5.A.

HOW TO KEEP A DRAGON

Most people associate the word pets with the cat, puppy, horse and calves, but has anyone ever told you about keeping a dragon for a pet? No? Then let me give you a brief outline of how to look after a dragon, as I am sure you are dying to have one for your next pet.

First of all you must find a dragon. There are several places where they may be found, the most common being old haunted houses, caves and graveyards. I have heard it rumoured there are two or three dragons lurking around in the S.M.T.C. area, disguised as Maths. teachers, English masters

and football coaches, but that is only a rumour. If you are considering having the best of pedigree stock, you must charter a special dragon-carrying plane and go to Tesmia, the great land-mass lying north of New Zealand.

Deep in the heart of this massive continent which covers 12 thousand square leagues, is the dragon-infested town of Draginasty, ruled by the High Priest Ezra Meohlsmiethurtleevcamasloop.

Here he specialises in breeding dragons of all sizes, shapes, colours, natures and stomach capacities. He sells on no deposit and easy credit terms.

Now a dragon, like all domestic pets, must be properly housed. This presents a major problem for most dragon owners. I suggest a concrete or fibrolite dwelling with a tiled floor, covering an area of 200 square feet.

The next problem is to find food for the new pet. A lot of people seem to think the dragon has a large appetite. Well it has. For the first ten years it should be fed on a delicate diet of chopped bacteria legs fried in a cement batter, together with a few old "Blue Gillette" razor blades. This necessitates the buying of a special Bacteria-chopping machine (they used to supply it with each dragon before the war). Unfortunately, there is only one in the whole of New Zealand which is owned by a little scientist who buries himself in a dingy old science lab, at S.M.T.C., its chief use being to scare little Tec. boys who have a mania for forgetting homework. However, when one is determined to keep a dragon, one will stop at nothing to obtain such necessities (even if it means burgling Room 76).

After the first ten years on such a delicate diet, the dragon will now have matured to dragonhood, and the diet

for the following three years should be of a coarser nature. I would suggest three dozen broken beer bottles, six kerosene tins, three medium size chunks of concrete (preferably with a mixture of Portland cement), and one sponge cake, six times a week and twice on Sunday. This is just to toughen his stomach lining for much coarser meals the rest of his life.

Of course you must not forget to give him his daily exercise. This is in the form of a swim in one of Rotorua's hottest thermal springs, which is followed an hour later by a nice five-mile run at a steady sixty-five m.p.h. trot. Do not over-run him, otherwise you will be draggin' your dragon the rest of the way home. After each exercise, wrap him carefully in a warm electric blanket with a variable temperature ranging from 200 to 2,000 volts. This is just a precaution lest he contract a chill.

Dragons are not immune from sickness, you know. They are very allergic to such ailments as lumbago, sciatica, rheumatism and a dangerous one, draginomolytis, which is spread by the dragon-fly. I am not very familiar with dragon diseases, so it is impossible for me to describe accurately the symptoms, but there is a "Dragon Manual" edited by the medical adviser (S.M.T. C. Room 90), and printed by the Back-room Boys of 67.

So runs this brief outline, but I hope you will not take it as final authority. Dragons are not all the same, you know. These are just from my personal experience and useful hints from other intelligent people who have agreed there is no finer pet to keep than a dragon. I always take great pride in showing off my Dragon, Bertie, to visitors, who in return break all marathon records at the sight of him. He is a lovely placid monster of 15 feet with

the loveliest red eyes and soft scaly body. He looks so adorable when he is pleased with somebody. His pleasure is displayed in the mildest form of lashing of tail, gnashing of teeth and breathing of fire.

J. Collier, W.5.A.

THE PULLED-IN PUBLICAN

Claude Nicholson once liked deep-sea fishing. In fact he was once very keen.

Once, about two years ago, Claude and his wife, Maude, were invited out on a deep-sea fishing trip by their friends, Charlie and Mabel Knight, in their boat the "Blom." Boris Day, an astronomer, was going along too.

Claude set out at five past six on Saturday night and met the party down by the wharf. All was ready so Boris started the engine and the "Blom" sailed out into the open sea. It took about six hours to get far enough out and by that time everybody was very tired, so Claude set a few lines and the party went to bed. Claude had tied one line around his waist so that if a fish did bite, he would waken.

All was quiet through the night. About seven in the morning Claude was wakened by a sharp tug on his waist, a very sharp tug. He was one minute asleep and the next flying through the air on to the deck with the ease of a moth.

"Help!" he yelled, "I'm being got at!"

The rest jumped up and ran out to see what was the matter. There was Claude, flattened against the stern with the line around his waist going over the side and disappearing out into the sea.

"Just a minute, Claude," said Charley. "We'll have you out of this," and he proceeded to lift Claude on to his feet.

"That's better," said Claude, rubbing his hands.

But that was all he said. The next second he was over the side, heading out to sea like a speedboat. Then Boris said it might be wise to rescue him. So they started the boat and chased after Claude who, surprisingly, seemed to be going farther away though the launch engine was going full speed.

Then Maude said, "Do we need that chain going over the back or is it an ornament. So Boris pulled up the anchor and they started again. This time they caught Claude easily. Charley leaned over the side and cut the fishing line. Claude disappeared.

"Oh, where's he gone?" enquired Maude.

"It's all right," said Mabel, "he'll come up."

Some time later he did. They brought Claude over the side and spent the next half-hour pumping him out. Then the next half-hour pumping the boat out. In the meantime Claude had found an old barrel-loading musket and was taking careful aim at his enemy swimming viciously round the boat. He pulled the trigger. With a tremendous bang, the gun disintegrated. He leaned over the side and pulled up the subject of his "utt", the fiend that had frocefully dragged him from his bed into the icy water. A ten-foot shark, killed by shrapnel.

Even now Claude has that fish hung up on the wall in his hotel, but you won't get him deep-sea fishing now at any price.

W. Mincham, E.5.A.

WHAT A LIFE

"What a life," I murmured to myself.

"What's the matter, Yvonne?" asked my father.

"It's the name of an essay for the teacher," I replied. "I don't know what to write about."

"Well," said my father, "here is a story of a trip I took to Christchurch with your mother about two years ago.

"Mum started off in a bad mood. She picked on the driver of the car on the way to the station, until finally he stopped the car, and said, "If you don't like my driving, have a go yourself."

"O.K.," said Mum, and she got into the driver's seat. The driver said he would rather walk, and would we leave the car at the station if we got there! Mum didn't reply. She put the car into top gear, let out the clutch and we were off. What a ride! Anyhow, it wasn't so bad. We killed only four dogs, and hit two trams, and the station.

The real fun started on the station. Mum was flushed with excitement and when the driver made a bad start, Mum said, "Come on, Dad, we'll tell this engine crew a thing or two." When Mum had finished telling the driver and fireman, they were headed back for Auckland as fast as they could run. I didn't blame them. Indeed I tried to follow them, but Mum grabbed me by the seat of my pants and brought me back. Now we were in a jam—a train full of passengers and no one to drive them. Did this worry Mum? Not at all! She hopped into the cab of the engine—dragging me with her—and said, "Put some coal on the fire. I'll show them."

I grabbed the shovel. Mum grabbed the levers—all of them at once, so she would be sure to get the right one—and we were off, the whistle blowing, the funnel belching black smoke, the steam hissing. We did not stop until we reached Wellington, and weren't some of the passengers annoyed! They

wanted to get off at stations before Wellington, but we didn't, and who was driving, anyway?

We got off as soon as the train stopped, and ran as fast as we could, with 200 people running furiously after us. It was not until we dashed into the Income Tax Department that we got rid of them.

When we got to the Wellington-Lyttleton ferry, the captain was waiting on the gangway. Mum strode up as if she owned the ship. The captain saluted and said, "Madam, have I the honour of addressing Mrs. Martin?"

"You have," said Mum in a severe voice.

"Well," said the captain, "I have heard all about you. Here's the ship. You can drive it to Christchurch."

"Right," said Mum. She sent me to the engine-room and she went to the bridge. In a second or two, the engine-room telegraph rang "full speed ahead" twice and off we went. There were a couple of snaps, and I realised Mum hadn't even bothered to cast off the ropes that held us to the wharf.

Nine times during the night the ship heeled hard over as if she had been turned suddenly. Each time it sent us poor chaps in the engine-room flying from one side to the other.

Early in the morning, I went up on deck and there we were just entering the harbour. I said to Mum, "Good work, old lady. We just made it on time."

"Fiddlesticks!" said Mum, "We've been right round the South Island twice during the night. Didn't you feel me turn the corners?"

"And that's the end of that story," said Dad.

And I heard him mutter under his breath, "What a life!"

Y. Martin, C.4.A.

"ODE TO A FOOTBALLER"
Or "The Mudlarks"

The rain it raineth every day,
Especially on the morrow,
When fifteen boys must take the field,
Much to their great sorrow.

The team it moveth on the eld,
As fast as it is possible,
Their stride is at a snail's pace,
Because the ground is squashable.

The whistle bloweth, the ball it goes,
The half-back yells, "It's mine,"
The leather travels quite five yards,
Then disappears in slime.

The ball they chaseth up and down,
The game it is so sluggish,
The ground is getting very thick,
And the chaps are getting muddish.

The game it endeth very soon,
And the boys are in a hurry,
At last the final whistle goes,
And ends the squelching scurry.

G. Renwick, E.5.B.

WILLY

Whilst looking through the paper,
One day I chanced to see,
A little piece of news,
Of interest to me.

It was about a big sperm whale, sixty
feet from head to tail;
I hastened to the Manukau, his lodg-
ing place to seek,
For a souvenir of "Willy" I was very
keen to keep.

But at a distance, I declare, his odour
simply filled the air,
So on reaching home I told my Pa,
I'll get my photo from the Star.

(Original) Adele Fleming, C.4.C.

THE STOCKMAN

Rainwater dripped freely off his felt hat. As he stood, framed in the doorway, one could see that his clothes were wringing wet. When he walked inside, his boots squelched with the water inside them. A powerful, tall and square-shouldered man he was, but his face was one which showed strain. Sure enough this was true. He had been driving sheep to the freezing works that day and throughout the night. It was now past midnight. When he took off his battered hat, his profile could be seen.

Thinning hair was swept straight back. Some of the hair in the front had been lost and made his forehead appear rather high. Small twinkling blue eyes showed prominently and relieved the tension on the otherwise wearied face. Three deep lines as though made with a trident ran from temple to temple. Below a straight pointed nose was a thin-lipped mouth and on either side were sunken cheeks. His hands were blue with cold, as was his face. Foul-smelling manure clung to the khaki trousers and leather jerkin. Mud was caked on the soles and sides of his boots.

Being a cartage contractor and carrier was not a job for a "softie," especially in the country. The work is strenuous. He had hoped that it would be wet next morning so he could rest, but the dawn came and not a sign of rain was visible. Perhaps he knew his hope was in vain, because he was fully dressed at five-thirty the next morning.

Throughout breakfast he did not converse unless he was spoken to first. Gone was the haggard look of the night before after his sleep and good breakfast. It would sustain him until his mid-day meal. Afterwards I accompanied him to the sheep yards.

As the sheep were being put through the chute which led on to the truck, some tried to turn around and back out. He gently coaxed these back around and they went on, whereas most of the other truck drivers "put the boot in." When he had finished loading, I knew he was of a gentle nature. Among the country cockies it was not a very common thing to be rather soft in the heart and words, as the language was very strong among them. During the day he made more trips to the freezing works. Later, when it was becoming dark I said I would be going. He nodded and then drove away with his load. I had hoped to get a ride home, but it was a bit out of his way. Anyway, I had legs and so I used them.

R. Keymer, W.5.A.

A DAY IN THE JUNGLE

This experience actually took place in India on 13th April, 1952 in the Hulki Jungle, about 40 miles from the town of Jubbulore.

While returning from a shoot around our home, Ken, my brother-in-law, and I met his friend, Sammy Jacob, who asked him to go shooting with him that afternoon. I was very anxious to go and after getting a "no" from my mother, went to leave Ken at Sammy's place and bring the bike back. I left Ken, but it broke my heart not to go with him, so I returned and went with him in the truck.

We made good time until we reached the Nelbudda River bridge, where the truck was held up for taking over five people. After a lot of arguing by Sammy, we proceeded across. It was about seven o'clock when we reached the Hulki Jungle. The road was a mere track with a few villages near the entrance. The spotlights were set up. About five miles from the heart of the

jungle, Sammy told the beaters to focus the lights in the jungle next to him, as he had seen green eyes. The order was promptly obeyed, but the eyes belonged to a cat.

We turned off along a rough road and came to a bit of clear patch, where we saw a Sambha. This animal was at least fifty yards from the truck, and on a slight slope moving slowly away. Sammy was told to shoot from the truck, but he stepped down and advanced a bit to get a better shot and scared the animal away. The lights did not show much till a four-horned deer was seen eating near a tree about twenty yards from the truck. Ken was taking sight with the twelve bore when Sammy snatched it away and shot the deer. The animal stood about 3½ feet high and looked very pretty. The beaters were Moslems, whose custom it was to slit an animal's throat before death and allow blood to flow, so as to be able to partake of the flesh. They proceeded to do so.

We went further, when the engine failed. While it was being repaired, Ken and the rest of us sat down and ate some "purce tack" (an Indian food). It was about 11.30 p.m. when we set out again, our destination a Sadhis' place. He very kindly gave us some tea and told us to make ourselves comfortable, which we promptly did by laying our things next to us, and going to sleep.

In the morning, the beaters began loading the timber on to the truck, while we lit a fire with sticks and cooked some meat from the deer, more smoked, which went down with some tea and a boiled egg. We were told there was a leopard near by, but we were not lucky enough to see it. We had a rest under a high Banyan tree in the afternoon. (A tree with hanging

vines from its branches.)

At four o'clock that afternoon, when the truck was completely loaded with timber, we set out for home, having spent a whole day and night in the jungle. We arrived home at about 7 p.m. After a belting and a bath, I fell asleep on the couch, too tired to even walk to bed.

Anthony Crewe, E.5.A.

MY FAVOURITE OUTDOOR GAME

During the winter months, Rugby is being played by hundreds of people including myself. Each team battles all the season trying to beat their opposition, and if they win all of these matches, they win the championship in their grade. But this does not come about until they have been trained for weeks. In a Rugby match it is as they say, the survival of the fittest. Practice in passing the ball, catching, running, tackling and working as a team is essential. The coach himself is the man behind the team, as he coaches and gives up his own time so that the players will get sufficient training.

A team does not get its good reputation merely by winning all the games, but by its appearance and play. A team with all the same coloured clothing and clean clothing at the beginning of a game, gives spectators a good impression and so does clean play on the field. Some schools and clubs give a prize to the team which has kept the neatest during the football season. This encourages each team to look its best when going on a field.

If you are in an "A" team most likely during the season you will get a trip to a place further away than you usually go. Perhaps you may go the Whangarei or Dargaville and this is a welcome trip to anyone. When a visiting team

comes to a town, they usually put on a "feed" for the team. Afterwards, if you have travelled a long way, you are usually billeted for the night at one of the other player's homes. Next day the game is played and the team returns home.

I like Rugby as it is a very fast game and it contains a lot of rough play. In a game of Rugby all your force and vigour are put into it. They say that no forward is any good unless he gets really wild. After sitting in school all the week, on Saturday you really rough the other side up, unless they are the better, and then they rough you up, but it is all enjoyable.

In a school in England called Rugby, the boys instead of kicking the ball all the time, picked it up and began running with it. Soon this game became quite popular and hence it got its name from the name of the school. Many people say Rugby is a better game than Soccer but the games are very different and if you play one game, you have a prejudice against the other. Therefore the two games cannot be compared. In England, Soccer matches draw more of a crowd than do Rugby matches, so I think Soccer may be more popular, but I do not think it is better.

Instead of wondering what to do on a Saturday, you know that a game of Rugby will keep you occupied. It also keeps you out of mischief. While some are inside on a Saturday morning, reading a pile of comics, etc., you know that you are getting the benefits of a healthy sport. And always remember, play for your team and not for yourself.

R. Keymer, W.5.A.

LITTLE BARRIER ISLAND

During the Christmas holidays I stayed with friends on Great Barrier. They decided, one day, to take me over

to the Little Barrier, a rugged precipitous island in the Hauraki Gulf. It is by no means as small as its name suggests, being about five miles long and four miles wide and rising to well over two thousand feet above sea level, and we were glad of the chance of getting over to it.

As we approached across the deep swell, the island came out of its misty blue veil to show a dark green covering. The nearer we got, the more choppy the sea became. Surrounding the island is a rocky coastline over which the sea breaks, even on a calm day. Down the steep slope to the water's edge, thick bush grows and these slopes are cut by deep, straight-sided gorges to the sea. Anyone trying to enter the interior by one of these would be sure to find his way barred by an unclimbable waterfall and if it happened to rain while he was in the water course, he would be caught in a riverbed with banks too steep to climb.

The only place to land on Little Barrier—one must have written permission to do so—is near the caretaker's house on the south side. His job is to see that no unauthorised people land on the island and to keep his eye on the bird life. It is an ideal job for a wild-life enthusiast as there are so many unusual birds to study.

Little Barrier Island is an ideal bird sanctuary because of its complete remoteness. No other part of New Zealand is so favourable to bird life. A dense blanket of native bush, deep, straight-walled watercourses and extremely irregular rocky land formations make the greater part of the island completely inaccessible to man or beast.

Some species, such as the stitch bird, are extinct elsewhere, while many others which are very rare, thrive in

the bush. They are not wiped out as in other districts by stoats, weasels or human beings and so can breed and multiply in safety.

As we pulled away from the shore into the steady swell, I could not help thinking that here was one place that was not spoiled by man; that this place, though inhospitable to man, is a perfect haven for birds of all kinds. Man has done his best to leave it as it has been for thousands of years, peacefully remote.

B. Roberts, W.5.A.

CATS

A cat is an aloof, proud creature, holding itself apart from humans and other animals. Where a dog may be commanded, a cat must be enticed.

The feline is literally the goddess of cleanliness. Never will a healthy cat allow itself to become dirty and, if by some misfortune, it becomes so, it will settle down and, with deliberate precision, wash itself systematically from head to tail. If a dog's path were barred by any muddy expanse of water, he would rarely hesitate to run, barking gleefully through it with no consideration for how wet and dirty he may get. But, not so with a cat. She would scorn such undignified conduct and even under the most pressing circumstances would avoid a dirty puddle.

Kitty hates dirt, bad smell, poor food, loud noises and unexpected visitors. She gets upset when you come home late and when you go away on a holiday. But when she decides to stray away from home on some mysterious escapade, and eventually returns very hungry and dishevelled, it's none of your business where she's been or what she's been doing.

Legend and most popular belief credits the cat with having nine lives.

Authorities who have had occasion to assess the felines physical stamina and recuperative powers, are inclined to regard this as an understatement. An example of the punishment kitty can take was cited in a newspaper recently. The cat in question was sealed accidentally in a brick kiln on a Friday night. The temperature in the oven reached 900 deg. F. and in no place became lower than 400 deg. When, a day and a half later, the kiln was opened, workmen gaped in astonishment as the indestructible feline tottered out under her own power. Its footpads were burnt off and its body was as dry as a cracker, but after careful attention it recovered.

Another interesting and unusual trait in many cats is their love of liquor. Reputedly these delinquent felines aren't content unless their saucer of milk is spiked with a dollop of gin, whisky or what have you. There are also corrupted denizens of the cat world who are supposed to delight in burying their whiskers in a foamy saucer of beer. To what extent these reports are valid, I am not prepared to state, but scientific study suggests strongly that such tipping tabbies are confirmed neurotics.

Ever since the beginning of the history of cats they have held a position of honour in the homes of humans. In ancient Rome, cats were even worshipped and when they died were often placed in the tomb of their master.

For 3,000 years the cat has patronised our homes and yet today his existence is as detached and self-contained as it was in the jungle days. But if you have never succeeded in winning the affection of a cat it is because you don't deserve it.

T. Cunningham, E.6.B.



"LADY IN RED, 1903"

W.V.Robertson, T.4.

THE CESSPIT

The Rain fell . . .

It fell in torrents and sheets and
Gurgled along the gutters in the
streets,
Where only stubs and matchsticks
dare reside,
Before the rushing tide had caught
them

In its flow and not to be denied had
whirled them
Twirled them, hurled them into the
dark abyss of the cesspit.

The Rain fell . . .

And still the well of writhing water
surged

And coursed its way along the twist-
ing drain where not a ray of light
dared break upon the blackened
solitude of everlasting night.

The Rain fell . . .

And tumbled through the grate as if
intent to make

In depths unknown a lake of some
unfathomed hell.

That through the years may break
my life and dash my hopes pell-
mell.

While still outside the rain fell.

G. J. Bosson, E.6.A.

HOPE AND DESPAIR

When life grows dull and all seems lost
And the shades of gloom sink low.

Do not give up, no matter what the
cost.

That which has set the heart aglow.
For in the time when the sad winds
blow.

The mind recalls the happy yester-
day.

But who can say, no one can know.

The things that were thought to
have flown away,

May yet return to make the sad hearts
gay.

D. Bain, E.6.B.

RELICS OF THE PAST IN MY
OWN DISTRICT

On a small plain surrounding a bay
on the Hawke's Bay coast is Waimara-
ma. Thirty years ago, the only build-
ings were a huge woolshed, a bake-
house, a large implement shed and a
homestead set in beautiful surround-
ings.

Today it is a prosperous farming dis-
trict and a popular seaside resort. The
old woolshed still stands and is used
every year to relieve about 5,000 sheep
of their fleece. It could be called a
museum. The massive steam engine is
still as good as it was 30 years ago. But
now it powers shearing machines as
well as the press. In a shed at one end
of the woolshed itself is a horse-drawn
coach, Cobb & Co. style. This coach is
in an almost new condition and was
used to carry bread, mail and passen-
gers over the hills to Hastings. The
arrival of the coach always coincided
with that of the wool barges of that
period. These barges were towed from
Napier, round Cape Kidnappers to the
woolshed. The journey was always
long in the cumbersome barges. One
is still sunk in the sand on the beach
because it is too big to remove. As the
trip took about three days to go per-
haps 30 miles, the barges were in com-
mission all the year, transporting the
wool shorn in a month.

Perhaps the most interesting relics
are the Maori Pas. Although most of
the wooden pickets and posts have
fallen, the outline and trenches on three
hills can be clearly seen. I have ex-
plored these trenches and found numer-
ous instruments of war and pieces of
greenstone, some of which I still have.

Then there are the burial caves.
(Their whereabouts are not advertised
for obvious reasons.) These caves are
in a huge bushcovered hill, not far from
the beach. (They are something a

museum could not imitate.) The only remaining entrance is a small hole high in the face of a cliff. One could easily pass within a few feet of it and not notice it. Through this hole is a honeycomb of caves. All but one lead to a common point, a chasm, two feet across and of unknown depth. I have shone a torch into the murky depths, but have not seen the bottom. I don't think I would like to, because anyone unfamiliar with the caves would most likely end there.

The other cave leads down some steps well cut into the rock. At the base of these steps is an awe-inspiring sight. The cavern could only be likened to St Paul's in London. An eerie glow is cast from the roof by thousands of glowworms. The floor is dead smooth as though worked by hand. Around the sides are little alcoves built by the formation of stalactites and stalagmites of gleaming colours. Inside the alcove lies a chief or warrior with all his personal belongings. His body lies on a kind of pedestal while his instruments of war stand in one corner and his ornaments in a bowl in the other. The bodies were once covered with a feather cloak, but these have now deteriorated greatly.

Once out in the main "Hall" again, other objects can be distinguished. A pool of water near one end with a clear water spring bubbling in the centre. The walls are mostly covered with a small green moss plant. It seems quite dry to touch and would make a velvet-covered wall in a rich man's house look insignificant. Fair in the centre of the roof is a gleam of sunlight from some externally obscured fanlight. This is quite amazing because the sunlight cannot be seen to make a shadow or bright patch on the floor or walls of the cave. One just has to shout or clap his hands and "hey, presto" out goes

the light. The glowworms in their thousands retire and the cave is left in darkness.

Once outside some force seems to make one run away from the location of the cave. The mysterious force wins. Wright, E.V.A.

EDUCATION for the EDUCATED

Aye but to labour and to learn we know not what,
To work in cold obstruction and to rot.
This sense of learning, and become a needed clot.

And the spirit sunk to the depths of public servanism.

Despondent beyond repair.

To be imprisoned in these "high grey walls"

And blasted with a restless violence round about

Those ever-moving spheres of planes and lines.

Solid Geometry, flat and even round or even worse than worst,

Those lawless and uncertain thoughts of pulleys, weights and strings.

Aye, tis too horrible,

This wearied and ungodly life.

Despair without hope.

Life without a goal.

Paralysed brain and gesture without meaning.

Those who have crossed with profound knowledge to life's other kingdom, Remember us—if at all—as poor lost souls unto whom is inflicted knowledge—never they say,

To be used, past the hallowed portals of the kingdom of learning,

Where many strive to go but very few attain.

People we dare not meet in dreams,
Of life's other kingdoms.

These occasionally do appear

To mock and scorn we few, we unhappy few, we band of scholars.

R. Alder, E.6.B.

COLLEGE JUBILEE

Official Opening.

Programme Proposed: Thursday, 21st May 1953 at 7.30 p.m. in the College Hall to be followed by an informal reunion.

Jubilee Ball: Friday 22nd May at 8 p.m. Peter Pan Cabaret.

Sports Fixtures: Saturday, 23rd May 10 a.m.

Conversazione: Saturday, 23rd May at 2 p.m.—College.

Jubilee Dinner: Saturday, 23rd May at 7.30 p.m. Farmers' Trading Co.

Closing Service: Sunday, 24th May at 3 p.m. in College Hall to be conducted preferably by an Old Boy of the College.

As its meeting in May, 1952, the College Board of Managers ruled that 1903 was to be regarded as the year in which the Seddon Memorial Technical College (initially known as the Auckland Technical School) was established as a separate entity with its own Principal. Accordingly, the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment was due to fall officially in 1953.

The present Principal, Mr. H. M. Scott, called a preliminary meeting of past students on 19th June, 1952, at 7.30 p.m. at the College, at which only six people were present. A further meeting was called on 31st July, when about thirty attended. As a result of these preliminary meetings a general meeting of past students was advertised in the press and held in the College Hall on Thursday, 18th September, 1952. About twenty five attended under the chairmanship of Mr. Alwyn Moon.

This meeting discussed suggestions for a programme for the Celebrations and a committee consisting of a chairman and ten members was officially elected to organise the Celebrations.

The S.M.T.C. Jubilee Committee elected was:

Deputy-Chairman: Mrs. A. Gooder.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. R. G. McGregor.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. C. L. Maloy.

Committee Members: Misses E. Booth, B. Brooke, Mesdames J. Durbin, J. Speed and Messrs. E. James, J. O'Hara, I. Day.

The first meeting of the above Committee was held on 25th September at 7.30 p.m. in the College library.

Its first duties were to (i) decide upon a programme of functions and (ii) elect the necessary sub-committees to organise details of the separate functions.



Mr. H. M. SCOTT
The Present Principal

Later at the request of members of the College staff a staff Reunion was included to take place on Saturday 23rd May at 10 a.m. at the College. It was decided to drop the morning Sports fixture as it was considered that in view of the afternoon and even-

ing programme, this might not prove popular and that a basketball game could be played in the afternoon.

Later also, the Committee accepted an invitation from the Bishop of Auckland, to hold the service in St. Mary's Cathedral, Parnell, instead of at the College.

It was also decided to publish a Jubilee brochure outlining the history of the College and notes of interest such as of Past Students' sports clubs etc. Altogether the main Committee met fourteen times.

Subcommittee Elected: Brochure: Mr. G. D. Moon (convenor), Mr. F. K. Scott, Mrs. F. K. Scott, Miss B. Brooke.

Ball: Mrs. A. Gooder (convenor), Mrs. J. McGregor, Mrs. J. Durbin, Mrs. J. Speed, Mr. F. A. Fry.

Dinner: Mr. J. O'Hara (convenor)

Conversazione: Pre 1914 War Day Student's Committee.

Registration: Mr. C. Maloy (convenor) Mr. McGregor, Miss B. Brooke.

Publicity: Mr. R. McGregor (convenor), Mr. C. Maloy, Mrs. A. Gooder, Mrs. J. Speed.

THE OFFICIAL OPENING

This commenced at 7.40 p.m. and the attendance by 8 p.m. had risen from 700 to 800. The chairman, Mr. Alwyn Moon, in his address of welcome, established a spirit of good humour from the start, which was well combined by the other speakers and the more formal subject matter of their addresses. The choir and vocal items were well received.

His Worship the Mayor, Sir John Allum, referred to the establishment of the College as an important institution in the civic life of Auckland, the associations of the City Council with it and his personal associations in the past as member and chairman of the Board of Managers. His Worship then formally declared the Jubilee Celebrations officially opened.

The Minister for Education referred to the College in its relation to the Education Department and considerably added to the happy nature of the Jubilee by bringing official tidings that certain difficulties relating to ownership of the site of the College and the surrounding land extending to the Drill Hall had been satisfactorily settled between the Government and the City Council and that the way was now open for planning of buildings for the future development of the College as a technological institute. The Minister offered it as his personal advice that the College should endeavour to establish its technology at university level. He also stated that the College Board of Managers was now directly responsible to the Education Department for its control of the College and no longer under any control of the Auckland Education Board.

Mr. S. J. Ellis, Chairman of the Board of Managers, expressed the congratulations of the Board to the College Staff and all present on the occasion for the Jubilee. He also thanked the previous speakers for the assistance of the City Council and for the good news from the Minister for Education.

Mr. H. M. Scott, the Principal, also added his thanks to those of Mr. Ellis and briefly dwelt upon the import of the Minister's message. He thanked the Committee and all who assisted in organising the Jubilee functions.

After the Official programme (about 9.30 p.m.) the Official Guests were conducted to the Library for supper, and the assembled gathering then requested to move to the various rooms specially prepared and labelled in decades 1903-12; 1913-22 etc. in order to distribute the numbers for the serving of supper and better to meet their own ex-colleagues.

Ball:

The Peter Pan had been decorated for forthcoming coronation festivities, but the College emblem was prominently displayed at the entrance.

Mr. Alwyn Moon and Mrs. A. Gooder received the guests. Approximately 250 guests attended and although this number was rather less than hoped for by the Committee, the same happy spirit was carried over from the official opening.



Mr. G. GEORGE
The First Principal

The Official Guests were His Worship the Mayor, Sir John Allum and Lady Allum, who arrived about 10 p.m. from another official function, Mr. J. S. Ellis, Chairman of the Board of Managers and Mrs. Ellis and Mr. H. M. Scott, Principal, and Mrs. Scott.

Conversazione:

The programme commenced with an assembly in the College Hall. Mr. Alwyn Moon officially welcomed those

gathered and then handed the meeting over to Mr. Rosser, President of the Pre 1914 War Students' Committee, who read out telegrams and letters of apologies and good wishes from Old Students unable to attend and others. Mr. Rosser took the opportunity to reminisce for a few minutes on the early days of Mr. George George and then called upon Mr. R. Coombes to recall early members of the Staff, particularly those not referred to in the Brochure.

The Secretary, Mr. C. Maloy, was given the opportunity to announce details of a meeting of interested past students' to be held in June, to consider the re-forming of a Past Students' Association.

After these few formalities which were dealt with in an informal manner, Mr. Rosser outlined the afternoon's programme to those assembled and emphasized that informality was the keynote.

At 2.50 p.m. the assembly moved to rooms prepared and labelled in decades 1903-12; 1913-22 etc. Tea was served in the corridors and eatables already laid out on tables in the appropriate rooms. In these rooms were photographs, Seddonians etc. relating to various years in the respective decades.

The main purpose was to give past students an opportunity to meet one another, talk and reminisce over old photographs and Seddonians.

At 3.45 p.m. the bell was rung and those who so desired moved to the girl's playground where a gymnasium display by about 70 Day School boys was given for about 15 minutes. At 4 p.m. a Past v Present Basketball match was played resulting in a win for a strong Past Students' team.

Others moved to various parts of the building to inspect workshops, lab-

oratories, cookery and dressmaking rooms etc., where present staff or senior were ready to act as guides.

It is estimated that between 750 and 800 past students attended and most were obviously enjoying the function.



Mr. G. J. PARK, Principal, 1922-46

STAFF REUNION

About 110 past and present members of the College Staff attended a morning tea prepared in the Library by a small committee of the present staff, assisted by senior girls. The principal, Mr. H. M. Scott, acted as chairman. Mr. A. Moon officially welcomed the guests on behalf of the Jubilee Committee. Speakers included the immediate past principal, Mr. G. J. Park, Dr. G. P. O'Shannassy and Mr. R. J. Thompson and all addresses were of a reminiscent and most entertaining nature.

Vocal items were given by senior girls forming a quartet.

DINNER

About 270 quests in all, gathered at the Farmers' Trading Co. banquet hall and the evening ranged from quiet joviality at some tables to a marked measure of hilarity at others.

His Worship, The Bishop of Dunedin, the Right Rev. Allan Johnston, an Old Boy of the 1926-29 period, said Grace at the commencement of dinner. Toasts and vocal items were given.

Closing Service

The Jubilee ended in a happy and inspired atmosphere with a Thanksgiving Service in St. Mary's Cathedral Parnell. Approximately 800 attended, including about 40 present day pupils seated in a block specially set aside. In addition, a choir of about 50 boys and girls in school uniform led the singing from the normal choir stalls.

The prayers were led by the Bishop of Dunedin, the Rt. Rev. A. H. Johnston, the hymns announced by the Dean of St. Mary's, the Very Revd. G. R. Monteith, the two lessons were read respectively by an Old Boy, Mr. C. L. Maloy, and an Old Girl, Mrs. J. Durbin (nee Joan Stanley); the organist was an Old Boy, Mr. Joe Isbister.

An inspiring and well constructed address was given by the Bishop, who, while stating that the record of the College during the first fifty years was one for congratulations and for thanksgiving to God, warned against the danger of developing the technological and commercial aspects of the various curricula without presenting the social and spiritual needs of man.

It was on this joyful and reverent note that the Jubilee ended, with the majority of those present making their last reunions outside the Church after the service.



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SEDDON MEMORIAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE PAST STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Pupils of the College who are leaving this year are invited to join the Past Students' Association, which has just been revived. The purpose of this Association is two-fold:

- (1) To help to maintain friendships established at the College.
- (2) To give ex-students the opportunity of keeping in touch with the School and furthering its interests.

The recent Jubilee, held in May, brought together in a series of enjoyable functions nearly a thousand Old Boys and Old Girls, who were at school at varying periods during the past 50 years.

The Past Students' Association is proposing to hold a smaller re-union in May next year and probably occasional functions such as socials and dances.

Annual Subscriptions:

18 years and under 2/6 19 years and over 5/-

The Committee is also looking into the question of a suitable badge. Further enquiries may be obtained from Mr. R. W. Riddolls or Mr. C. Maloy at the College.

In addition, pupils leaving may be interested in joining up with one or more Past Students' Sports Clubs:—

Girls.—Old Girls' Hockey Club—Write to Mrs. A. L. Gooder, 8 Lloyd Avenue, Mt. Albert, S.W.2.

Old Girls' Basketball Club (Arahi)—Write to Mrs. Joan Durbin, 53 Anderson Road, Panmure.

Boys.—Technical Old Boys' Athletic Club—C/o Mr. D. Thomas, 2 Aumoe Avenue, Kohimaramara.

Cornwall Rugby Football Club (Inc. with Technical Old Boys)—C/o Mr. Griffiths, C/o N. & J. Robinson, 75 Lorne Street, C.1.

Both.—Seddon Badminton Club—C/o Mr. J. O'Hara, 11 Maungawhau Road, Epsom, S.E.3.

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