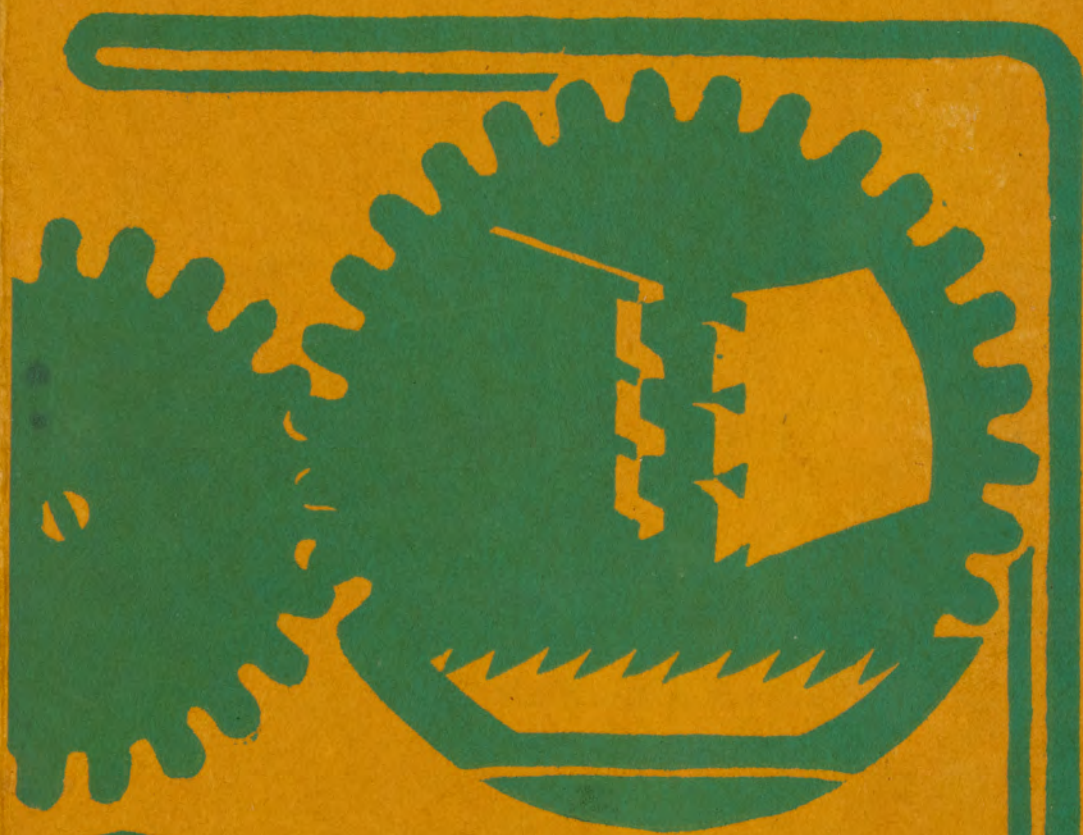


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Principal's Message

All through history man has been seeking the secret of a full and happy life. In no other age perhaps have so many difficulties and perplexities confronted him. Rapid developments in science and in technology demand increased knowledge and understanding. Pupils leaving school today are in greater need than ever before of education and training to enable them to enter upon their work and leisure undaunted by the pressures and problems of the times.

Until a few years ago Technical Schools were not being greatly concerned with public examinations. While the schools were growing rapidly this was an important advantage since it gave them opportunity to develop without the restrictive influence which external examinations invariably bring. Secondary schools complained of the shackles of the University Entrance examination and these complaints were very largely responsible for the revision in the curriculum of post-primary schools and for the introduction of accrediting for University Entrance. Today external examinations have a much greater influence on Technical Schools. The School certificate examination is taken by an increasing number of our day pupils. The apprentice now has to face during his apprenticeship three exami-

nations of the Trades Certification Board. Many girls in a commercial course will take at day or evening classes courses for the examinations of the Public Service Commissioner for shorthand-typists or for the Chamber of Commerce examinations.

The Trades Certification Board has recently sent out to schools a lengthy bulletin of ten foolscap pages giving extracts from examiners' reports for the 1953 Examinations. Day pupils should consider carefully the implications of some of the examiners' comments. These are examples:

Carpentry and Joinery Trade Certificate. "Diction not crisp or descriptive, with lack of technical language. Spelling, setting out and planning of answers was weak. The mathematical calculations were poorly done by most. Unreasonable answers were given, also impossible answers."

Plumbing Second Qualifying. "For those who attempted this compulsory question it showed that geometrical drawing is a neglected art."

Electrical Trade Certificate. "There is room for improvement in such matters as diagram drawing, neatness in setting out answers, accuracy in calculation."

The subjects of the technical high school curriculum have been carefully

selected after much thought and study. The school has to keep in mind that as a potential citizen the pupil must learn to communicate with his fellows by means of the spoken and the written word. He has to know something of his country and of the world at large so that he can take an intelligent part as an elector. He needs some mathematics at least so that he can carry out accurately simple computations. Music, art and crafts prepare him to use well his leisure time, while physical education and games promote his physical health. In workshop and in other practical activities he is given an opportunity to find the vocation which will best suit his aptitudes.

It may be difficult for boys or girls at school to appreciate these reasons for the inclusion of the core subjects in a school course. Many work far below their capacity in English, in mathematics, and in drawing. The comments of the examiners make it clear that technical school pupils may find that they suffer seriously if they do not give reasonable attention to these basic subjects.

VALEDICTORY

As usual the end of the school year saw the departure of a number of the staff to other schools. Among these was Mr. L. M. McKillop, who joined the S.M.T.C. staff in 1929. He, together with Mr. A. E. Dowding, left for the newly-opened Kelston High School. Another serious loss was that of Mr. K. S. Turtill, for several years coach of the First XV., who became Liaison Officer for the Secondary Schools at the Auckland University College. Of the relieving staff, Miss P. B. Sweet, Mr. J. E. Watson, and Mr. C. A. Pasco departed at the end of the year.

Miss M. P. Adams resigned from the staff to go to England, while Miss

C. A. Davies and Miss C. D. Gini left for the same destination on leave. At the end of the second term this year Mr. J. V. Buckton resigned from the staff, while the beginning of the third term saw the return of Mr. A. J. Cook after a trip of 18 months overseas.

THE PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

The Association continues to hold the attention and the interest of an increasing number of parents and so it may be claimed that it is progressing. The membership numbers just over 100 which, in a school of our size, still leaves much to be achieved.

The executive comprise the following: President, Mr Eric L. M. James; Deputy chairman, Mrs M. Oliver; Secretary, Mr N. R. Page; Treasurer, Mrs Lowen; Mrs E. Campbell; Mrs F. I. McBride M.B.E., Mrs E. Simpson, Mrs O. I. Tuck, Mrs M. G. Thompson, Mr F. C. Mullions and Mr W. M. Smyth.

The executive decided to follow along the lines of the display presented last year by the Commercial Dept. under Mr W. M. Smyth. They clearly demonstrated that parents are interested in what the children do at the School, and how they do it. As a consequence the Head of the Engineering Department, Mr C. L. Maloy, was invited to present a programme moulded on similar lines. This he did on the evening of Tuesday, 22nd June, and the success of his efforts can best be judged by the number who attended and the hearty vote of thanks, by acclamation, which was accorded to Mr Maloy and those members of the staff who assisted him. First Mr Maloy spoke on the various avenues of advancement offered to students attending our college then, in turn, interesting displays showing facets of

our activities were presented by Mr C. W. Hicks, Mechanics Laboratory, Mr F. Schlup, Science laboratory, Mr T. Austin, Strength of Materials and, finally, Mr R. Collings from the Motor Engineering Apprentice Classes. Each in turn answered questions and when the guests were invited to inspect the various portions of the display, the interest was such that a proposed visit to the workshops was simply cancelled. As usual, a nice hot cup of tea and refreshments were provided by the girl prefects.

For our afternoon function we were fortunate to get Miss E. M. Wray, Assistant inspector of shorthand-typing for the Public Service Commission in Auckland, to speak. Her subject "Commercial Careers for Girls" was very ably presented and much appreciated. Following her Mr. H. M. Scott, our Principal, spoke on a subject of timely interest to all those present. Both speakers consented to answer questions at the conclusion of their talks and each was accorded a stirring vote of thanks. At the afternoon tea part of the function, served in the library, opportunity was afforded for parents to meet the teachers and discuss with them the progress of the children; 197 present was an encouraging reward for our efforts and a clear indication of what interests the parents.

Mr J. Sinton's unswerving loyalty has contributed to keep alive the informal and very enjoyable card evenings held each Wednesday night. Anybody who prefers a not-too-formal game of progressive five hundred, and the sociability which goes with it, would be well recommended to come along, or if they so prefer, to contact Mr Sinton. As a further result of these evenings a little is added to the College War Memorial Fund.

SEDDON MEMORIAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE PAST STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

All ex-students of the full-time Day School and present and past members of the full-time Staff are eligible for membership of the Past Students' Association. The purpose of this Association is two-fold:

- 1 To help to continue friendships established at school.
- 2 To give ex-students the opportunity of keeping in touch with the college and of furthering its interests.

These two aims are worthy of a strong membership of young men and women, who gained something worthwhile from their school days at this college, one of the oldest post-primary schools in Auckland.

Several functions have been held this year at the time of writing (August)—an Annual Reunion on Saturday afternoon, 7th May, in the College Hall, followed by a Reunion dinner in the evening. It was concluded by a service in the College Hall on Sunday afternoon, 8th May. About 100 members attended one or more of these functions.

On Saturday 19th June, a very pleasant dance was held in the College Hall. A pleasing feature of this occasion was the presence of quite a number of members who had left the school within the last two or three years.

A new and attractive badge has been produced and sold for five shillings.

Annual Subscriptions

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

Pupils who are leaving the Day School this year are urged to join the Association without delay and may ob-

tain further information about enrolling 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 Post Students' Sports Club:—

Girls:

Technical Old Girls' Hockey Club—
Secretary, Miss D. Halliday, 56
Woodlands Rd., Glen Eden.

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

Boys:

Technical Old Boys' Athletic Club—
Write to Mr D. Thomas, 2 Aumoe
Avenue, Kohimarama.

Cornwall Rugby Football Club (in-
corporated with Technical Old
Boys'). Write to Mr. Griffiths, c/o
P. and J. Robinson, 75 Lorne Street
C.1.

Boys and Girls:

Seddon Badminton Club—Write to
Mr. J. J. O'Hara, 11 Maungawhau
Rd. Epsom, S.E.3.

S.M.T.C. Past Students' Association:

President: Mr. Alwyn Moon,
Vice President: Mrs. A. L. Gooder

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. Durbin, 53
Anderson Rd., Panmure.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. R. G. Mc-
Gregor, Box 902, Auckland, C. 1.

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ton.

ARAHI BASKETBALL CLUB

This season the Club had five teams playing in the competitions controlled by the Auckland Basketball Association.

After twice winning the Senior Championship, the Senior team commenced the season well, but suffered several defeats throughout the first round—which deprived them of the championship. Several changes were necessary during the season, but the Club still gained representation in the Auckland senior team which competed at the N.Z. Championships at Hastings in August. Joan Lett and June Waititi were included in the team and Mary Carlill was among the "Possibles-Probables." Joan added further honour to her basketball career by winning a place in the North Island team which is selected at the Championships.

The Senior Reserve team, although not successful in its grade, managed to have two representatives in its grade rep. team. Evelyn Hunt (now Mrs. Budden) and Regine Fletcher were the lucky ones.

The Senior B team was unfortunate in not winning the championship in its grade. They finished second in a large grade. This team, we feel, has prospects and containing as it does 90 per cent. Tech. Old Girls we hope that its players will remain with us and in a year or two graduate to Senior grade. Yvonne Hunter, from this team, gained representative honours. The Second Grade and Sixth Grade teams played well during the season, but were not outstanding in their grades.

We were pleased to welcome many new players — who had just left school — and would ask that any girls leaving school this year, who are desirous of continuing with basketball, contact Mrs. J. Durbin, 53 Anderson Road, Panmure, E.2., and they will receive notices of Club practices in due course.

The season has not been without its ups and downs, but Dan Cupid has been busy with the members of the Senior team, claiming no less than four of its members. Joan Lett, who played for the club for many years now, and who has captained the Senior team for at least four years, became Mrs. Merv Steel on 18th September. Joan hopes to be with us again next year. Of the others, Ann Worthy now lives at Whangarei, Nola Ledger will live in the Bay of Plenty, and Lesley Jerred, an old



PREFECTS, 1954.

Back Row: B. Gibson, G. Register, N. Jarvis, B. Corbett, M. Nissen, J. Goodieir, B. Norton, R. Myles.
Third Row: B. Crookes, B. Dale, E. McLaren, S. Maclean, V. Orger, T. Grammer, F. Boldea, B. Darroch.
Second Row: H. Kipa, R. Poutara, I. Barry, F. Ormsell, G. Hill, L. Morris, J. Anderson, J. McLintock, K. Such.
Front Row: R. Myer, S. Macaskill (Deputy Head Boy), A. Hunt, G. Sinton (Deputy Head Girl), R. Alder (Head Prefect), L. Thornmaly (Head Girl), L. Thornton, G. Sinton, G. Ross.

stalwart of the Club, will live in Hamilton following her marriage in January next.

A hearty welcome is assured to all "Tech. Old Girls" who wish to join our ranks.

TECHNICAL OLD GIRLS' HOCKEY CLUB

This Club has been in existence for over 25 years and during that time we have been well to the fore.

Our aim is to help and encourage Junior players and for that reason we would like to point out these facts to the young up-and-coming school player.

Remember Laura Armstrong and Sadie Johnson from the school team last year? These two girls showed promise at trials early in the season and went straight into the Club's Senior team. Laura was selected to play for the Auckland "B" Rep. team. Both these young girls are playing very good hockey.

The Club is on a sound financial footing and one of the few who are able to assist rep. players with their fares to tournament.

We have a very good name in the Association and the Club is in very capable hands. Our Club Captain and Vice-President is Mrs. A. L. Gooder, who is well known in sporting circles. Mrs. Gooder is also Deputy-Chairman and Vice-President of the Technical Past Pupils' Association.

In addition, the Tech. O.G. Club supplies seven full time umpires each week as well as three player umpires. Also, over the years Tech. members have held prominent positions on the A.L.H.A. Executive and for the last few years Mrs. M. G. O'Sullivan has been Secretary, her sister, Mrs. Pearson, Treasurer, and Mrs. Gooder Chairman of the Executive, a very good record, indeed.

So, girls, remember, we want to help you and we want you to help us to maintain our good name both on and off the field. In playing the hardest team we can always hold our own!

When you leave school and wish to carry on this grand game, write to the Hon. Secretary, who will be very pleased to welcome you into the Club.

Miss D. Halliday,
56 Woodlands Road,
Glen Eden.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This year the Editor has received a number of letters from boys and girls of the College on topics which should prove of interest to all students. As only a limited space is available in this section, a portion of each letter will be published, without any comment from the Editor.

Girls' Hats: "Why couldn't we do something about 'these hats'? There are not two hats in this school which are the same. The suggestion is that the girls wear berets. These would look much nicer and the girls would take more pride in their headwear."

Face-lift for the School: "I think that it is about time that the school was given a face-lift. At present the grey concrete puts everybody in mind of Mt. Eden Gaol . . . A coat of whitewash would make the place a lot more cheerful. The school could even be painted myrtle green with gold facings."

School Sports Trips: "I am very disappointed at the way school sports are managed . . . Why should Senior teams only get the trips?"

School Caps: "Why should we wear caps when we wear blazers? The caps have no real value or use except to hide uncombed hair and, of course, they make very good shoe polishers."

School Socials and Dances: "I think that S.M.T.C. should run a ball once a year with a series of social events at least twice a term, organised entirely by different groups within the school."

Cafeteria: "Instead of girls having to go to different rooms after purchasing their lunches, they should be able to sit at tables in one large room. This would not only be more convenient for supervision, but also stop fragments of food from being left in the Sewing Room to mark work."

Open Day: "At the last school I attended there was a Hobby Section in the display and it caused a good deal of interest. The examples shown were things like aeroplane models, stamps and art work."

Espionage in the College: "There was a rumour that the boys in the labs, above the 'Caves' were making an H-bomb. Luckily they were caught RED-handed and deported to E.4A."

Girls' Drinking Taps: "I think that the girls should have better drinking taps in a more hygienic position than over a drain which is always full of stale water. Also there should be more than three taps."

BOYS' SPORTS NOTES

1st. XI Cricket Notes, 1954

With a young and inexperienced, but keen team, our prospects of winning many games did not seem outstanding, but we hoped to develop into a strong combination. Our first game against King's College could not be anything other than a practice for us as, without a trial on a grass wicket, the team was at a great disadvantage. However, the match gave promise of better things to come with solid batting performances by Naea 24, Constable 22 in the first innings and a sound 42 by Crookes in the second. Although King's won outright the game had not been too great a disappointment.

The next game against Auckland Grammar could be called nothing but a disappointment. Starting off well we had Grammar two for 30, but a bad lapse enabled them to knock up a big score. Even the taking of a further 6 cheap wickets was no consolation. Our batting especially in the first innings was very weak but special credit must be given to our bowling attack, especially Naea, who kept the Grammar batsmen pinned down by consistent bowling for two and a-half hours.

As a contrast our next game against Avondale was as close as anyone could wish. Seddon with a good batting performance, scored 136, of which Anderton 32, Clinton 29, Constable 24, were the main contributors. A last wicket partnership between Myles 15, not out, and Oliver 14, was also a great help. It was refreshing in this game to see the Seddon opening batsmen especially Brown, attack the bowling with such fearlessness. Although Avondale won, it was not until the last over that the winning run was hit, and so ended what was for us in one way a successful game.

Our game against Otahuhu was lost on the first innings, but could have been won with a higher standard of fielding. The scores were:

Seddon: 116 (Brown 32, Crookes 20).
Otahuhu: 130.

The trip to Te Puke was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole team with the possible exception of Oliver who found that hotels are expensive and that there are much quicker ways of getting to Te Puke than walking. The game against Te Puke

was won by Tech who played good cricket against an inexperienced team.

The score was:

Technical: First innings, 216 (Naea 56, Anderton 38, Crookes 33, Service 22).

Te Puke: First innings, 48 (Brown 2 for 0).

Te Puke: Second innings, 62, (Brown 3 for 5, Crookes 3 for 8).

We wish to thank Mr. Page for the help and encouragement he has given throughout the season. The team looks forward to a successful third term and enjoyable Saturday afternoon games.

2nd. XI, 1954.

The usual team was: Nicholson (Capt.), Thornton (vice Capt.), Mihaljevich, Bowerman, Ranchodd, Mitchell, Cooke, McLachlan, Dobrec, Hollis, Leys, Clinton.

The first game was played against Dilworth and we lost on the first innings.

Seddon 1st innings 64 (Cooke 18 not out Clinton 3) Dilworth 1st. innings 107 for 4 (Hollis 2 for 25).

The next game against Mount Albert ended in a first innings win for Mount Albert.

Mount Albert first innings 163 for 5 declared. 2nd. innings 39 for 6 (Nicholson 2 for 16).

Seddon first innings 62. 2nd. innings 165 (Nicholson 58, Cooke 36).

In the innings Bowerman stumped three men.

Our third game against Otahuhu was won by us, by 45 runs.

Seddon first innings 87 (Mihaljevich 32, Nicholson 15). Otahuhu 42 (Nicholson 5 for 16).

Our last game of the season ended in a draw against Auckland Grammar.

Seddon first innings 126 for 7 declared (Mitchell 42). A.G.S. first innings 108 for 4.

The team wishes to thank Mr. Riddolls for his excellent coaching throughout the season.

Coach's Comment: This team was keen and tried hard. They improved considerably during the season, particularly in fielding and batting.

4th. Grade Cricket Team

The team had a very poor season this year. The weather has been pretty bad for most of our games. The team, I think, was a fairly good one considering there was no coach.

The first match we played was against Mount Albert Grammar School. They beat us by an innings and twenty seven runs. Evans made four runs in the first innings and six in the second. Evans took three wickets for sixteen runs. Tunncliffe took three for fifty four. In the second innings Bruce made sixteen runs and was then bowled. When our team played Otahuhu College we defeated them. Evans made nineteen, being caught, Bannif bowled made seventeen. We won by an innings and eighty runs. The team for the season was, W. Evans (Capt.), Tunncliffe, Bruce, Harris (vice Capt.), Mullenger, Blood, Webster, Stevens, Patterson, Ua, Braniff, Raynes and Nicholson.

V Grade Cricket Team

The fifth grade team had a very successful season playing five games including three wins and two losses.

These favourable results would not have been possible but for the time and very able coaching given by the coach, Mr. Smart. The batsmen who excelled were Tuck (40), White (33 n.o.), Patterson (28 n.o.), McGregor (25 n.o.), Grace (20), Mitchell (18 n.o. 18 n.o.); while among a team of potential bowlers Munns, White, Parry, Mc Gregor and Mayes were prominent. Invaluable aid was given by Peter Rae behind the wickets.

Results:

The first match v St. Peters resulted in a first innings win for us. A good start. (Tuck 40, Garret 14) in a score of 95. St. Peters 54 (Munns 4/6).

The second match v T.G.S. This was our first loss. Mitchell gallantly paddled around on a very wet wicket to score 18 n.o. in both innings.

The third match v Kings College. This was our second loss. S.M.T.C. 47. (Grace 20) against 102 scored by Kings College. (Mc Gregor 5/36).

The fourth match v A.G.S. This also, as in the first, resulted in a first innings win for us. S.M.T.C. scored 50 for two wickets and declared. A.G.S. replied with only 35 (Mayes 3/5 and Parry 2/1).

The fifth and final match of the season, v De la Salle, resulted in a glorious win for us. We scored 109 for 3 wickets declared (White 33 n.o.; Patterson 28 n.o.).

First innings: De la Salle 58 (White 3/8, Munns 2/13).

Second innings: De la Salle 68 (McGregor 4/5).

The regular team was; R. Tuck (Capt.), White (vice-capt.), Munns, Rae, Mitchell, Mc Gregor, Parry, Abercrombie, Cammell, Mayes and Vujnovick.

SOFTBALL — FIRST NINE

Although fielding a young team again this year, the team seemed to have good possibilities. The team's first game was against last year's competition winners and they were beaten by a substantial score (24-6). In the following two matches the team showed a marked improvement, firstly against St. Peter's Maori boys, won 33-15, and secondly against Avondale, 20-11. The last competition match in the term was played against Mt. Albert Grammar School at their school on Parents' Day.

A team from Whangarei visited us this year and during their stay the boys were conducted around the Tasman Empire Airways terminal and also the Devonport dockyards. Also during their short stay a match was played which was won by our visitors 19-11.

This year's team consisted of:—

R. T. Potatau (Capt.), left field; D. Wright, pitcher; J. G. McLintock, catcher; G. Hill, L. Miller, first base; P. Friis, second base; T. B. Norton, M. Trenerman, third base; J. W. Goodsir, H. H. Kipa, centre field; T. Hughes, F. Kaa, right field.

The batting averages were:—J. G. McLintock 2.6, L. Miller 2.6, D. Wright 2.4, G. Hill, 2.0, J. W. Goodsir 1.7, P. Friis 1.6.

BOYS' SENIOR TENNIS NOTES

This season the team which comprised Moss, Dormer, Steven, Clayton, Orrell and Kennedy did not start the season very well owing to the fact that the competition has been very keen and the team has come up against the hardest of the secondary schools so far. The team is an exceptionally young one, only two members actually being seniors. This may account for some of the losses. But although the team has

not had many wins, I feel we have enjoyed the term's tennis.

Much of the credit must go to our coach Mr Powell who has been exceedingly good to the team and we thank him heartily. It is to be hoped that in the next term the team will have a little more success, but if not I am sure they will enjoy the tennis. v. King's College (A), lost 7 games to 2 v. King's College (B), won 5 games to 4 v. Sacred Heart College, lost 6 games to 3 v. St. Peter's Maori Boys, lost 5 games to 4 v. Takapuna Grammar, lost 6 games to 3 v. Auckland Grammar, lost 7 games to 2 As yet the College championships have not been staged. They are to be played in the third term.

BOYS' JUNIOR TENNIS TEAM

The Junior tennis team for 1954 did not have a very successful year, owing, perhaps, to the lack of material available, but not owing to the quality of the material. The other teams have facilities which are unavailable to S.M.T.C. and, therefore, we were unable to get up any sort of co-ordination in the team as could other schools.

The team consisted of Castle, No. 1, Vice-Capt.; White, No. 2, Captain; Ling, No. 3; Mikaljevich, No. 4; Rankin, No. 5; Rowe, No. 6; Swift, emergency.

Although the team lost more matches than it won, all the games were closely contested and proved most enjoyable.

Our thanks to Mr. Wakefield for his coaching and interest.

BOYS' SWIMMING SPORTS

Although February the 23rd began rather overcast for the swimming sports, the enthusiasm of the competitors more than made up for the deficiencies of the weather. By the afternoon, with the entire school present, the sun came out and a light breeze fanned the faces of the officials and spectators.

The outstanding swimmer was the Hindley representative, J. G. Jacobsen, E4B who broke four records (three of which had stood for three years) and won both the junior and intermediate diving championships. His 33 1/3 yards junior breast-stroke record, set in a heat, was broken in the final by M. L. Wakeley, T4.

I. Goffin was prominent in the intermediate championship which he won with 14 points. B. Phillips, E4A also swam well

in this section as he broke Harker's 1953 record for 55 yds freestyle.

J. McAlpine, E5B won the senior championship with 21 points to his credit, a long way ahead of his class-mate Myles with 7 points.

The house relays were swum off amidst great enthusiasm and Hindley House which had a great day of successes, won the junior and intermediate races while the senior relay fell to Seddon House.

Senior Championship.—J. D. McAlpine (S) 21 pts., 1st; R. Myles (W) 7 pts., 2nd; I. Goffin (S), T. N. Hughes (B), I. G. Mc. Lintock (B), 5 pts., equal 3rd.

Intermediate Championship.—I. Goffin (S) 14 pts., 1st; B. A. Phillips (H) 11 pts., 2nd; W. Harris (H) 6 pts., 3rd.

Junior Championship.—J. G. E. Jacobsen (H) 21 pts., 1st; M. L. Wakeley (B) 13 pts., 2nd; P. B. Nelson (H) 4 pts., 3rd.

Records 1954

55yd. Int. Freestyle.—B. A. Phillips (H), time 32.6 seconds (R. Harker 1953 33.7)

33 1-3 yd. Jun. Freestyle.—G. J. Jacobsen (H) time 19.4 seconds (L. Kelly 1951 19.7).

55 yd. Jun. Freestyle.—G. J. Jacobsen (H) time 34.6 seconds (R. Perks 1951 35.5).

33 1-3 yd. Jun. Backstroke.—G. J. Jacobsen (H) time 24.9 seconds (F. Neale 1951 25.1).

33 1-3 yd. Jun. Breast Stroke.—(Morning) G. J. Jacobsen (H). Time, 26.8 secs.

33 1-3 yd. Jun. Breast Stroke.—(Afternoon) M. Wakeley (B) time 26 seconds (W. J. Harris 1953 28.7).

House Points

Hindley	-	-	-	135
Seddon	-	-	-	95
Binns	-	-	-	46
Wellesley	-	-	-	34

Senior Championship

55 yds. Freestyle.—McAlpine (S) 1st, Mullions (H) 2nd, Helg (B) 3rd. 35.4 secs.

110 yds. Freestyle.—McAlpine (S) 1st, Myles (W) 2nd, no place 3rd. Time, 3 1min. 21.8 secs.

220 yds. Freestyle.—McAlpine (S) 1st, Myles (W) 2nd, no place 3rd. time, 3 min. 26.2 secs.



Senior Tennis Team

C. Kennedy, C. Steven, K. Orrell, G. Moss, Mr. J. E. Powell (Coach), D. Dormer.

Absent: C. Clayton.



Junior Tennis Team

G. Vesty, B. Castle, R. Rankin, T. Mihaljevich, Mr. K. L. Wakefield (Coach), J. Rowe, E. Leng, G. Swift.

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55 yds. Backstroke.—McLintock (B) 1st, McAlpine (S) 2nd, Myles (W) 3rd. Time, 47.5 secs.

55 yds. Breaststroke.—Hughes (B) 1st, McAlpine (S) 2nd, no 3rd place. Time, 53.5 secs.

Senior Dive.—I. Goffin (S) 1st, Potatau (S) 2nd, Nicholson (B) 3rd.

Intermediate Championships

55 yds. Int. Freestyle.—Phillips (H) 1st, I. Goffin (S) 2nd, Hollows (W) 3rd. Time, 34 secs., 32.6 in heat (record).

110 yds. Int. Freestyle.—I. Goffin (S) 1st, Phillips (H) 2nd, Roberts (H) 3rd. Time, 1 min. 19.7 secs.

220 yds. Int. Freestyle.—I. Goffin (S) 1st, Phillips (H) 2nd, Donaldson (H) 3rd. Time, 3 min. 1.9 secs.

55 yds. Int. Backstroke.—Donn (H) 1st, Williams (S) 2nd, I. Goffin (S) 3rd. Time, 43.4 secs.

55 yds. Int. Breaststroke.—Dingle (H) 1st, Harris (H) 2nd, D. Goffin (S) 3rd. Time, 48.4 secs.

Intermediate Championship Dive.—Jacobson (H) 1st, Harris (H) 2nd, Donaldson (H) 3rd.

Junior Championships

33 1-3 yds. Freestyle.—Jacobsen (H) 1st, Nelson (H) 2nd, Peden (H) 3rd. Time 19.6 secs.

55 yds. Freestyle.—Jacobson (H) 1st, Wakely (B) 2nd, Nelson (H) 3rd. Time, 35.8 secs.

33 1-3 yds. Backstroke.—Wakeley (B) 1st, Jacobsen (H) 2nd, Peden (H) 3rd. Time, 25.9 secs.

33 1-3 yds. Breaststroke.—Wakely (B) 1st, Jacobsen (H) 2nd, Rowe (S) 3rd. Time, 26 secs. (record).

Plunge Dive

Under 16 years.—P. Dingle (H) 1st, B. Phillips (H)

Junior Championship Dive.—Jacobson (H) 1st, Whitaker (S) 2nd, Hayter (H) 3rd.

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

Int. House Relay.—Hindly 1st, Wellesley 2nd, Seddon 3rd.

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

Junior Feet First.—T a n t a u (W) 1st, Spragg (B) 2nd, Elsdon (B) 3rd.

Int. Feet First.—Dingle (H) 1st, D. Dormer (H) 2nd, Rowe (S) 3rd.

Senior Feet First.—Goodsir (S) 1st, Anderson (S) 2nd, Potatau (S) 3rd.

Scratch Races

Under 13 years.—Norris (H) 1st.

Under 13½ years.—E. Beasley (B) 1st.

Under 14½ years.—Bakalich (B) 1st.

Under 15 years.—R. Roberts (H) 1st.

Under 15½ years.—A. Anderson (S) 1st

BOYS' LIFE SAVING—WINTER AND SUMMER

We have now completed the first two years of winter and summer life saving. The group has shown itself to be a most worthwhile enterprise and at least 25 boys were presented with awards at the last prize-giving.

This year many more boys have been successful and this fully warrants the time and patience of Messrs. H. Beale and M. K. Venables, the groups trainers.

Tuesday afternoons we spend at the Tepid Baths (winter) and Olympic Pool (summer). Thursday afternoons (winter) are occupied with life saving drill.

Among the successful trainees last year John Munro gained distinction in passing the Scholar Instructor's test. The following received awards:

Bronze Medallions: G. Fitzgerald, R. Waterman, P. Veanderwerff, R. Partridge, J. McAlpine, J. Dunne, I. Donaldson, P. Dingle, I. Perry, V. Veitch, G. Peterson, R. Yeats, R. Airey, A. Anderson, B. Edwards, D. Marrett, B. Sharp, K. Basset, J. Ellis, R. Brown, D. Mullions.

Inter Certificate: L. Southern.

Elementary Certificate: Wahu Ua, P. Drollert.

ROWING NOTES, 1954

This year the college entered an "eight" in the "Head of Harbour" and Maadi Cup races, and a "four" in a secondary schools' race held at St. Georges Rowing Club Regatta. Our crews were placed in each event. There were five boys in the crew who had rowed before. The "four" was made from half of the "eight". Our crews trained at Okahu Bay, using the Waitemata Rowing Club boats and were trained by Messrs. C. Fearon and N. Meltzer. The crews probably would not have been placed if it had not been for the coaches constant efforts and the hard and frequent training of the crews. Our "eight" trained

every morning until about a week before the "Head of the Harbour" race when it trained morning and night until they left Auckland to compete in the Maadi Cup race at Wanganui. Most of the boys slept at the Club house during this three weeks. This enabled them to start training at five-thirty instead of seven a.m., which it would normally have been.

The "fours" race was held on the twenty seventh of February on the Tamaki River. The eight starters included two from Hamilton. The water was slightly choppy. We had a good start and fought for first place with Hamilton Technical College and High School for the first half mile, then Hamilton Tech. gained a slight lead. The three crews drew away from the rest of the field. The race finished with Hamilton Tech. first, Hamilton High second and Seddon third. There was one length between first and second, and also one length between second and third. The fourth boat finished a considerable distance behind the first three.

The next event, which was the "Head of the Harbour" race for secondary schools, was held at Seaside Park on the tenth of April. There were six starters, namely, Mt. Albert Grammar, Kings College, Whangarei High School, Sacred Heart College, Auckland Grammar and Seddon. The race was held under difficult conditions. Mt. Albert led after the start, but were followed closely by Kings, Sacred Heart and Seddon. Seddon caught Mt. Albert after about a quarter-of-a-mile, but did not hold the lead for long since they reached a bad patch of water and nearly swamped. We were the lightest crew and found it hard to handle the rough water. We reached the calm water after about three quarters of a mile, but this was too late to catch Mt. Albert who won. Kings and Seddon tied for second place.

The Maadi Cup, the most important race was held at Wanganui. There were seven starters, namely, Wanganui Technical College, Wanganui Collegiate, King Edward Technical College from Dunedin, Kings College, Sacred Heart College, Mt. Albert Grammar and Seddon. We were unfortunate to strike bad weather conditions again. This time there was a strong wind blowing up the course. All crews, except Mt. Albert had a good start, but they soon caught up and fought with Collegiate for a half a mile, then took the lead. Seddon held second place most of the way until

the last quarter mile when they were overtaken by Kings. The finish was, Mt. Albert first, Kings second and Seddon third. There were four lengths between first and second with three quarters of a length between second and third. The trip to Wanganui was enjoyed by all.

The crews would like to thank the following people and clubs for helping them compete in these races. Mr. Waddell for his time and organisation; Messrs. Fearon and Meltzer for their time and efforts spent in coaching them; Mr. Scott for allowing them to go to Wanganui; Mr. McAlpine for paying all fares to and from Wanganui; the Waitemata Rowing Club for lending boats and club rooms for their use; the West End and Aramoho Rowing Clubs for lending their "eights" to race in.

The "four" was I. Batty (bow), J. McAlpine (2), B. Gibson (3), B. Darroch (stroke), W. Beck (cox).

The "eight" was P. Chevis (bow), M. Watkinson (2), I. Batty (3), B. McLaren (4), J. McAlpine (5), B. Darroch (capt. 6), B. Gibson (7), K. Such (stroke), W. Beck (cox), R. Hall (emergency).

YACHTING, 1954. SECONDARY SCHOOLS' FROSTBITE CONTEST

This year's contest was unique in that two girls crews from Auckland Girls' Grammar School and Epsom Girls' Grammar School had entered to test the skill of us mere males. What was still more strange was the fact that these ladies succeeded in showing a vast majority of the 20 starters the way. Perhaps their Bikini swimsuits had something to do with it, judging by the erratic courses sailed by some contestants.

The Seddon crew, which was selected by the manager, Mr. Parrish, after a number of trials, was Neville Jarvis and Dick Alder, of E6A, Alan Brown of W4D being emergency on the day.

The two races were sailed in a moderate northerly wind and heavy seas. After close finishes in both races we were placed third on points. Auckland Grammar, who seem to have a stranglehold on most of the secondary school trophies, triumphed for the second time in succession. Seddon, however, after four contests, still comes second to Auckland Grammar in the prize list, having had a first, a second and a third to Grammar's two first, a second and a third. Perhaps next year we may again come out on top.

BOYS ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1954

The track at the Auckland Domain was in excellent condition for the 1954 Athletic Sports which were held on the 9th and 11th of March. On both days the weather was overcast with no wind. Outstanding performances were put up by D. Goffin, W5B, who broke the discus record by hurling it 109ft 9in and by J. A. Taylor, E3C, who obtained a new Javelin record by throwing it 113ft 3in. The senior sprint cup was won by G. Hill, E6A, the middle distance cup by L. Thornton, E6A, and the field events cup went to R. Potatau W5A.

The tally-up of the house points showed that Seddon (378 points) was easily first, followed by Hindley (167 points) with Binns a very close third (164 points) Wellesley scored 121 points.

Championship Results

Senior

100 yards.—Hill (S) 1st, Babich (S) 2nd, Halverson (S) 3rd. Time: 11.1secs.

220 yards.—Hill (S) 1st, Babich (S) 2nd, Thornton (S) 3rd. Time: 24.9s.

440 yards.—Babich (S) 1st, Hill (S) 2nd, Thornton (S) 3rd. Time: 58.3s.

880 yards.—Thornton (S) 1st, Clayton (B) 2nd, McLintock (B) 3rd. Time: 2m. 13.5s.

1 Mile.—Thornton (S) 1st, McLintock (B) 2nd, Kingdon (S) 3rd. Time 4m. 56s.

120 yards Hurdles.—Halverson (S) 1st, Ryan (S) 2nd, Potatau (S) 3rd. Time 18.1secs.

Putting Shot.—Babich (S) 1st, Potatau (S) 2nd, Myles (W) 3rd. Distance: 32ft. 4in.

Throwing Discus.—Myles (W) 1st, Ryan (S) 2nd, McAlpine (S) 3rd. Distance: 96ft. 9in.

Throwing Javelin.—Naera (S) 1st, Clarke (H) 2nd, Hill (S) 3rd. Distance 107ft. 1in.

High Jump.—Halverson (S) 1st, McAlpine (S) 2nd. Height 4ft. 11in.

Long Jump.—Potatau (S) 1st, Thornton (S) 2nd, Babich (S) 3rd. Distance: 17ft. 9in.

Throwing Cricket Ball.—Ikotogia (B) 1st, Potatau (S) 2nd, Bagstrom (B) 3rd. Distance: 249ft. 9in.

Intermediate

100 yards.—Ryan (S) 1st, Trenerman (S) 2nd, Hoggard (S) 3rd. Time: 11.7secs.

220 yards.—Ryan (S) 1st, Goffin (S) 2nd, Trenerman (S) 3rd. Time: 26.0s.

440 yards.—Goffin (S) 1st, Rogers (S) 2nd, Ryan (S) 3rd. Time: 58.0s.

880 yards.—Goffin (S) 1st, Wyberg (W) 2nd, Tilton (H) 3rd. Time: 2m. 17s.

120 yards Hurdles.—Phillips (H) 1st, Thrift (B) 2nd, Rogers (S) 3rd. Time: 19.5secs.

Putting Shot.—Goffin (S) 1st, Ryan (S) 2nd, Donovan (S) 3rd. Distance: 40ft. 10ins.

Throwing Discus.—Goffin (S) 1st, Emmerton (S) 2nd, Davidson (W) 3rd. Distance: 109ft. 9in.

Throwing Javelin.—Goffin (S) 1st, Phillips (H) 2nd, Pearson (H) 3rd. Distance: 112ft 6in.

High Jump.—Goffin (S) 1st, Ryan (S) 2nd, Gardner (S) 3rd. Height: 4ft 6in.

Long Jump.—Cook (S) 1st, Phillips (H) 2nd, Pearson (H) 3rd. Distance: 16ft 8in.

Junior

100 yards.—Taylor (S) 1st, Mincham (H) 2nd, Hodgson (W) 3rd. Time: 12s.

220 yards.—Taylor (S) 1st, Mincham (H) 2nd, Munns (B) 3rd. Time: 27.3secs.

440 yards.—Munns (B) 1st, Bowden (S) 2nd, Fagan (S) 3rd. Time 1m. 4.1s.

880 yards.—Hounslow (S) 1st, Bakalich (B) 2nd, Walters (W) 3rd. Time: 2m. 32.2s.

100 yards Hurdles.—Taylor (S) 1st, Mincham (H) 2nd, Fagan (S) 3rd. Time: 15.1secs.

Putting Shot.—Mincham (H) 1st, Peden (H) 2nd, Bowden (H) 3rd. Distance: 32ft. 4in.

Throwing Discus.—Mincham (H) 1st, Snowden (H) 2nd, Peden (H) 3rd. Distance: 84 ft.

Throwing Javelin.—Taylor (S) 1st, Distance: 113ft. 3in.

High Jump.—Snowden (H) 1st, Hodgson (H) 2nd, Jacobsen (H) 3rd. Height 4ft 4in.

Long Jump.—Hodgson (W) 1st, Norris (H) 2nd, Bakalich (B) 3rd. Distance: 14ft. 11in.

Handicap Events

Hop Step and Jump.—Williams (S) 1st, Babich (S) 2nd, Halverson (S) 3rd.

Mile Open Handicap.—Dawson (B) 1st, Brown (W) 2nd, Scott (S) 3rd.

1 Mile Cycling Handicap.—Mitchell (S) 1st, Yats (B) 2nd, Lee Emmery (H) 3rd.

1/2 Mile Cycling Handicap.—Tanner (S) 1st, Jacobsen (H) 2nd, Freeman (W) 3rd.

Relays

Junior (440).—Seddon 1st, Hindley 2nd, Binns 3rd, Wellesley 4th.

Int. (880).—Seddon 1st, Wellesley 2nd, Hindley 3rd, Binns 4th. Time 1m. 54.5s.

Sen. (Medley).—Seddon 1st, Binns 2nd, Time: 4m. 5.4s.

INTERSECONDARY SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC MEETING, 1954.

The preliminaries were held on Wednesday, March 31st at Eden Park. Although the competition was keen and of a high standard, a good number of our runners qualified for the finals.

Seniors:

100 yards.—Hill

220 yards.—Hill

1 mile.—Thornton.

120 yards Hurdles.—Halverson

Intermediates:

100 yards.—Cook

120 yards Hurdles.—Phillips

Juniors:

100 yards.—Taylor

220 yards.—Taylor, Mincham

440 yards.—Bowden, Munns

100 yards Hurdles.—Taylor

The finals were held on Saturday, April 3rd, before a large crowd and most of Seddon's runners filled the middle placings. The most encouraging thing for Seddon, was Taylor's run in the semifinal of the Junior 100 yards Hurdles where he equalled the record of 13.8 seconds. In the final, however, he fell, and the record was broken by the winner, Burgess of King's College. Standard Certificates were awarded to the following:

Senior:

1 mile.—Thornton

120 yards Hurdles.—Halverson

Junior:

100 yards.—Taylor

220 yards.—Mincham

100 yards Hurdles.—Taylor

A major weakness throughout the three teams is the lack of middle distance runners and field event competitors.

INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOLS RELAY MEETING

The 1954 meeting was at Avondale College on Saturday, 9th October and for the first time, owing to the number of schools entered, the meeting was run in two grades. S.M.T.C. was placed in the

B grade in all three sections and the teams selected covered themselves with glory for the Senior team gained a good third place while the Intermediate and Junior sections came out in first positions and thus gained promotion to the A grade for next year.

Senior team.

Hill, Thornton, Anderton, Babich, Clayton, Halverson, McLintock, Myles, Petricevic, Potatau, Trenerman.

The best effort was the 4 x 440yds. which Babich, Hill, Anderton and Thornton won in 3 min. 55.2 sec.

Intermediate team.

Atkinson, Bowden, Cook, Hodder, Mitchell, Munns, Ryan, Taylor, Williams, Wyberg.

Events won in this section were: 4 x 440 (Ryan, Taylor, Atkinson, Cook), 4 x 220 by the same team, and the Broad Jump (Cook, Taylor and Ryan.)

Junior team.

Biddick, Bone, Dawson, Fagan, Hounslow, Lancaster, Mincham, Modrick, Patterson.

This team took part in five events, winning three and being placed second in the other two. This was an excellent performance since most of these boys were newcomers to Inter-Secondary Schools Athletics.

Congratulations are due to the coaches, Messrs McDonald and Wooller on the success of their teams.

CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year the College cross-country championships were held on the new Inter-Secondary Schools' course at the Domain. The weather was ideal for the running of the races and the marking flags made by Leslie Thornally and her gallant band of helpers from N.H.6 and C.6 looked very smart. In the Junior and Intermediate events groups of about 80 boys started, while in the Seniors there were about 30 starters, which was very satisfactory.

Results:—

Senior Race (about 3½ miles): L. Thornton 1, R. Kingdon 2, C. Hill 3, R. Tuck 4, S. Hunt 5, R. Tilton 6. Time, 19m. 58.9s.

Intermediate Race (about 2½ miles): W. Rogers 1, N. Smith 2, G. Mitchell 3, A. Nicholson 4, P. Williams 5, R. Patrick 6. Time, 15m. 24.2s.

Junior Race (about 2½ miles): K. Hounslow 1, J. Dawson 2, R. Patterson 3, J. Taylor 4, B. Rogers 5, G. Carpenter 6. Time, 16m. 17.4s.

1st XI—1954

Back Row:

D. Magee, J. Ikitogia, R. Myles, E. Clinton, K. Naea, W. Oliver.

Front Row:

R. Constable, M. Service, B. Crookes, J. Anderton (Capt.), R. Brown, B. French, Mr. N. R. Page.



1st Softball IX

Back Row:

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Both wings, Rikihana and Small, showed determination and resource, though their opportunities were limited. Ryan, Phillips and Norton were loyal members of the team who always gave of their best.

Summary of the Games:

v. Avondale College, lost 11—6.

This was a very even game. Although Seddon held the advantage in the first half, leading 3—0 in the early part, lack of fitness cost us the game — the final score being 11—6. Our score was made up of two fine forward tries by Donovan and Mullions. Donovan had the honour of scoring the first try of the 1954 season.

v. Sacred Heart College, lost 16—0.

The continuous fast support of the Sacred Heart forwards soon ran our boys off their legs and, although our loose forwards hampered the S.H.C. inside backs, who were generally too deep to be caught in possession. During this game our tack-

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The following morning at 10 o'clock the game was played. We attacked quickly and scored in the first few minutes. However, there was a lull in our attack after this and the half-time score was 3—1 to Whangarei. Again we scored a quick goal in the second half and again there was a lull in our attack. Whangarei had a particularly thrustful centre-forward and their forward line led by him ran our younger players into the ground. Final score: 9—3.

At two o'clock in the afternoon we attended tea at the High School and I had the opportunity to thank Mr. Whitehead, Principal of Whangarei Boy's High School,

Mr. Coldham and also the billetes for making the trip possible. We travelled back on the three o'clock goods train from Whangarei, which ran an hour late.

The Dargaville Visit: Members of the Dargaville High School First Hockey Eleven arrived at 3.30 p.m. on the 12th of July for their annual match with us. They were introduced to their billetes and issued with pamphlets containing information on Auckland.

The game was played the following morning amid brilliant sunshine and a light breeze. We did not play exceptionally well although we won 6—1, the half-time score being only one nil in our favour. However, we settled down better in the second half and looked the better team. After the game the visitors were given morning tea in the Hobson Park cafeteria.

A visit to the Naval Base was arranged for our visitors in the afternoon and a film evening at the Majestic Theatre that night. Our Dargaville visitors left on the Wednesday afternoon after watching a football match at Eden Park. The team was very pleased that Mr Scott could find time to attend the game.

The Taumarānui Trip: This was the perfect trip. The arrangements made for us were superb and each one of us was really looking forward to it. As it happened this trip turned out to be quite fantastic and certainly very enjoyable.

We left Auckland aboard the 3.30 p.m. express for Wellington on Monday the ninth of August, after being farewelled by parents and friends. We arrived in Taumarānui at 9.30 p.m. and were taken straight to our billets. On the Tuesday morning amid 16 deg. of frost, we were taken in two forestry trucks into the Moe-rangi Bush to see the operations inside a logging camp. On the way to the camp we stopped at a trig station called Waituhi Lookout. The weather was brilliantly clear and the view was absolutely superb. We could see the snow covered Kaimanawa Ranges as well as the mountains Tongariro, Ngaurahoe, Ruapehu, and Egmont which we viewed through a surveyor's theodolite. We could also see where Lake Taupo was.

At the logging camp a matai and a rimu was felled for us by power saws. Nearly all of us had cameras and were afforded some good shots of hauling and loading the logs by bulldozers, and other opera-

tions carried out in the camp. The watching of felling and hauling logs was very exciting and we all scrambled for souvenirs off the tree as soon as it had come to rest.

The game was played in the afternoon and Taumararui proved themselves to be the better team on the day by winning 3-1. We lacked combination and confidence and the forwards tried to be individual. After the game we attended afternoon tea at the school and I had an opportunity to thank Mr. Holmes, the Principal of Taumararui High School for the invitation to Taumararui, Mr. Moyle for his enjoyable and efficient arrangements, and the billsters for the excellent hospitality they gave us.

On Wednesday we visited the Chateau and spent a very enjoyable day skiing on Mt Ruapehu. We got a glimpse of Ngaurahoe and saw the lava flow on its slopes. It also gave a few rumbles for us. On the way to the Chateau we stopped at and climbed the Raurimu Spiral. From the top of it we saw the complete layout.

After collecting our skis from the hut and trying our skills at skiing, all of us tried the chair. This is an experience most schoolboys will not ever have. On the way back from the Chateau we stopped to have a look at the Tawhai Falls. They were most impressive and the water was very cold.

And so a most memorable trip was concluded when we said good-bye and thanked to Mr. and Mrs. Moyle and the Taumararui captain on the railway station at ten past one on Thursday morning and boarded the train for Auckland.

The New Zealand Secondary Schools' Tournament.

This year's New Zealand Tournament was held in Auckland. There were 24 teams competing, making it the largest of its kind ever to be held in New Zealand. Fourteen of the 24 teams were from secondary schools from all parts of New Zealand. All these teams were billeted in private homes and the tournament lasted from the Monday to the Friday of the first week of the August holidays. Most of the teams arrived on the Sunday and each member of each team was issued with a souvenir programme and information pamphlets about Auckland. The souvenir programme had the draw for the whole tournament and a list of all the names of players of all the schools participating.

The Tech. team was: L. J. B. Thornton (Capt.), M. Ranchod (Vice-Capt.), G. J. A. Anderson, J. W. Goodsir, R. C. Constable, G. C. Mitchell, T. A. Harris, B. P. Vezich, K. L. Hounslow, T. M. G. Purdy, A. D. Cleur. Emergencies: A. M. Gatland, N. W. Tanner.

The draw was made so that all teams had two games on the Monday, one game on the Tuesday and two games on the Wednesday. On Thursday the semi-finals and final was played and on the Friday the rep. game between the N.Z. Secondary School Reps. and the Auckland Colts was to have been played, but, owing to bad weather, this was cancelled. A dance was held at Avondale College on Thursday night and pennants were presented by Mr. Barclay, of Christchurch Boys' High School, to each member of the Tournament winning team and also to each member of the rep. team.

The Tournament teams were divided into four sections, A, B, C and D, each of six teams. By this arrangement each team had five games assured and the section winner played off in the semi-finals to decide who was to play in the final. Auckland Grammar won the tournament, with Gisborne High School runner-up.

Of the five games we played we won two and lost three.

Summary of games played:—

- v. Christchurch Boys' High School, lost 4-1.
- v. Stratford Technical High School, lost 6-4.
- v. Wanganui Tech., lost 1-0.
- v. Auckland Combined, won 5-1.
- v. Otahuhu College, won 3-1.

As can be seen, the biggest score we were beaten by was 4-1. In doing this I think we played fairly well throughout the Tournament and, with a bit of luck, we might have won more matches.

My team and I would like to thank Mr. Scott and all the other masters who came to watch us during the Tournament and we appreciated it very much.

Thus, with only the seven-a-side tournament left, the season is almost completed. May I take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Carnachan most sincerely for his unflinching co-operation with us and the amount of time he has given us. Our appreciation also goes to Mr. Scott for allowing us the trips and privileges he did.

SECOND HOCKEY ELEVEN

This year we did not receive much assistance by way of intake of players from outside clubs among our new Third Form boys. There were, however, a number of boys who expressed a desire to take up the game of hockey, in fact, enough to form a team with three emergencies over. It was rather fortunate we had these spares as, with the advent of sickness, we were always able to field a full team.

Among those who were new to the game we found several who showed distinct possibilities and one in particular who, accepting the position of goalkeeper to help out, developed into quite a good custodian, so much so, that he was selected for that position in the second representative team at the Secondary Schools' Tournament held in the August vacation. We look forward to even better things for Donnell, our goalie.

We surprised ourselves by inflicting a 4-1 defeat on one other team, considered quite a good one, too. We beat them at their own game and on the day our circle work was better. Besides this we had one draw, several losses, a good many wet and muddy games, but a lot of fun.

King was our captain and generally played a good game, being very sound on defence.

SECONDARY SCHOOL FOURTH GRADE

Team: D. F. Gabb (Capt.), N. W. Tanner (Vice-Capt.), J. A. Green, G. B. Cox, D. J. Quinlan, M. Chan, T. M. G. Purdie, R. C. Leoni, R. D. Hays, L. J. Wells, G. D. Creuther, W. Oliver, S. R. Mainland, R. J. Ronayne.

- v. A.G.S. "B": won 8-0.
- v. A.G.S. "A": won 3-2.
- v. Papakura: won 4-0.
- v. Otahuhu: lost 5-2.
- v. A.G.S. "B": won 9-0.
- v. M.A.G.S.: lost 6-1.
- v. St. Kentigern's: won 6-0.
- v. A.G.S. "A": lost 9-1.
- v. Otahuhu: won 3-2.
- v. M.A.G.S.: drew 1-1.
- v. Avondale: lost 7-1.

FIRST SOCCER XI.

This year's team comprised Moss (Captain), Clayton (Vice-Captain), Orrell, Rae, Gibson, French, Davidson, Nicholson, Anderson, Branif, Emmerton, Jackson and Van Strieland. Only three of these boys were actually of senior age, these being Moss, Gibson and Van Strieland.

Although a very young team, they were surprisingly able and held their own against boys much older and bigger than themselves. Congratulations must go to Clayton and Orrell, who played for Auckland in the North Island under 16 competition. This team won the competition. French was selected to play for the Open Grade team which travelled to Wellington and Moss played for the Junior National Cup team which won the New Zealand competition.

The team finished third in the Secondary Schools' competition and reached the semi-final of the knock-out.

The team played two unofficial games, one against Hamilton, whom they defeated 9-0, and against Whangarei, whom they beat 4-1. Both games were enjoyed by all the boys and I am sure they are grateful to Messrs. Riddolls and Carnachan for arranging these games. Finally, I am sure that all the boys are grateful to our very good coach, Mr. Riddolls, who did a grand job of coaching the boys and paved the way to all our victories.

Games Played:—

- v. Mt. Albert, lost 3-2, drew 1-1, lost 5-1.
- v. Avondale College, lost 3-2, lost 5-2, lost 3-1.
- v. Otahuhu College, won 7-0, won 7-0, won 4-2.
- v. Auckland Grammar, won 4-2, lost 6-1.
- v. Takapuna Grammar, drew 2-2, won 3-1, won 4-1.

Coach's Comments:—

These boys, who elected to play for the school instead of for their clubs, made a young, keen and well-behaved team who seemed to enjoy their football. They helped to make the Secondary Schools' Soccer Division's first venture into a Saturday afternoon game a distinct success.

THE SECOND XI.

The Second XI this year shared a few of the players with the First XI, and almost everyone was on beck and call to the Firsts, but even with all this, the team put up a good account of themselves. We did not finish up at the top of the competition as we would have liked and as we might have done, but we did not disgrace ourselves.

After the goalie disappeared to the hallooed ranks (!!!) the team tended to fall apart, but rallied fairly well towards the end of the season. Macenskill was captain,

with Register as vice-captain. Trenerman played ably, backed up by Yew, Hughes and Lee Emery. We would like to thank Mr. Riddolls for his able help as coach during the season.

Coach's Comment:

This group of boys faced many difficulties, stuck to their task ably and effectively. They were a keen and reliable group.

INTERMEDIATE A.

The Intermediate A had a reasonably successful year in obtaining third equal position in the championship, and in giving Mt. Albert (the championship knock-out winners) their hardest game of the season, especially when playing in the semi-final of the knock-out, where we were beaten 1—0 after 30 minutes' extra time had been played. The team was well managed and coached by Mr. Schlup, who arranged a trip to Huntly with the Junior A. The trip was taken by Mr. Maguire. The usual Saturday players were Hodge, Mullinger (Vice-Capt.), Scott, Sokolich, Wright, Chaulkin, Dobiec, Garrick, Donaldson, Martin, Camelleiri. Legan, who left school near the end of the season, gave great strength to the wing, and Camelleiri, who kept the goal excellently.

The Saturday scores were as follows:—

- v. Avondale College, lost 2—0.
- v. Mt. Albert, drew 1—1.
- v. Otahuhu, won 7—0.
- v. Takapuna Grammar, drew 0—0.
- v. Auckland Grammar, lost 0—1.
- v. Mt. Albert, drew 0—0.
- v. Mt. Albert (knock-out), won 1—0.
- v. Otahuhu, won 3—2.

INTERMEDIATE B SOCCER XI.

The team members were: C. Stevenson, G. Jackson, R. Middleton, W. J. Middleton, A. Hart, D. Ploughman (Vice-Capt.), B. Kelly, J. Stapleton, S. Hollis (Capt.), I. Lennard, A. Steggles and Mr. Mannings (coach).

The team gained third place in the competition after playing 10 games, winning four, drawing one and losing five. All the team members enjoyed themselves during the season and, on behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr. Mannings for the keen interest he has shown in the team.

INTERMEDIATE C

The team did not have such a very good season this year. We were unlucky to lose all of our games except two, and we had one draw. The team consisted of W. Evans

(Capt.), B. King (Vice-Capt.), G. Coombes, R. Pont, R. Cammeil, B. Whittle, J. Beggs, P. Smith, B. Nash, J. Harrison, D. Norman and, finally, W. Basin. On the whole, the team was a very sound one. Everyone turned up to most of the games, wet or fine. Our thanks go to Mr. George, our coach, who spent all of his Saturdays at our matches. He trained us on Tuesdays and Thursdays to get ready for our week-end match. We wish to thank Brian King, our goalie, for supporting us the way he did.

JUNIOR A SOCCER TEAM

The regular team was Hunter, Morris, Smith, Christensen (Captain), Floyd, Ambrose, Simpson, Brook, Lancaster, Wright, McQuoid, Cook and Wong.

Games played in championship, 8; won, 4; lost, 3; drew, 1. Came fourth in championship.

Knock-Out Competition:

In the first round against Takapuaa we won 1—0. The second round against the championship winners, A.G.S., proved to be an exceptionally good and exciting game. S.M.T.C. were leading 1—0 at half-time; the second half, after exciting play, resulted in a draw, extra time being necessary. Unfortunately, A.G.S. managed to score during this period, which resulted in a win for their team. This was the best match of the season, spectators and coaches being more than pleased with such excellent cup tie play and good sportsmanship.

Trip to Huntly:

We beat Huntly after a good clean fast game. We visited Kimibia open cast mine and we stopped at Mercer coming back for refreshments.

Congratulations to the whole team for regular attendance and for the manner in which they turned out every Saturday.

Our Coach:

We all sincerely thank Mr. Maguire for all his help and assistance during the season.

JUNIOR B TEAM

The regular team was Seng, Malpas, Main, Down, Beggs (Capt.), Shirtcliffe, Webster, Grundy, Emsley, Collings and Chandler.

In the championships we played seven games, winning four, drawing one and losing two. Came fourth in the championship.

In the knock-out competition we were unfortunate in drawing M.A.G.S. in the first round and losing 1—0 to them.

Inter Secondary Schools Athletic Team

Back Row:

J. I. Munns, W. D. Fagan, G. R. Hoggard, J. A. Halverson, M. Trenerman, G. Bowden, K. L. Hounslow, D. H. Wyberg.

Middle Row:

Mr E. C. Wooller, R. Mincham, W. Rogers, T. Babich, T. Ryan, D. Goffin, J. N. Cook, Mr. A. C. A. MacDonald.

Front Row:

R. T. Potatau, J. Taylor, G. Hill, (Captain), L. Thornton (vice captain), J. G. McLintock, R. Myles. Absent: C. D. Clayton, I. Snowden.



Senior Representative Swimmers 1954

Back Row:

G. J. Jacobson, R. Myles, D. G. Mullions, J. G. McLintock.

Front:

I. Goffin, T. W. Hughes, J. D. Mc Alpine, Mr. F. Schlup.



1st XI Soccer

B. French, B. Anderson, B. Gibson, E. Emerton, P. Bramif, R. van Strieland, P. Jackson, A. Nicholson, C. Clayton (V. Capt.), G. Moss (Capt.), K. Orrell, P. Rae, Mr. R. W. Riddolls.
Absent J. Davidson.



3rd. Grade Cricket XI

Back Row:

A. Ettles, R. Sissons, B. Anderson, R. Saddington, B. McGlynn, T. Paterson.

Front Row:

L. Dale, K. Hounslow, T. Penrata, D. Donald (Capt.), K. Martin, G. Bowden, Mr. L. Grant.



GIRLS' SPORTS NOTES

GIRLS' ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

Thursday, March 18th, was a beautiful clear, sunny day for our Annual Athletic Sports at Sarawia Park. From the concrete terraces, the spectators watched some good contests and excitedly barracked for their Houses. The House competition was very interesting this year as, with only one event to go, it was still uncertain whether Binns or Hindley would be the victor. In the end Binns came out on top by 2 points, and there were only 4 points between the other two Houses for third and fourth places. Here are the results in detail:-

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

100 Yards Senior Championship—

1. Paynter, Joyce (B)
2. Brown, Yvonne (H)
3. Mashlan, Susanne (S)

Time 12 secs.

220 Yards Senior Championship—

1. Paynter, Joyce (B)
2. Brown, Yvonne (H)
3. Mashlan, Susanne (S)

Time 29 secs.

80 Metres Hurdles Senior Championship—

1. Brown, Yvonne (H)
2. Paynter, Joyce (B)
3. Mashlan, Susanne (S)

Time 13.7 secs.

Discus Throw Senior Championship—

1. Brown, Yvonne (H)
2. Mankelow, Rhyll (H)
3. Bell, Colleen (H)

Distance 70 ft. 3 ins.

Broad Jump Senior Championship—

1. Paynter, Joyce (B)
2. Brown, Yvonne (H)
3. Mashlan, Susanne (S)

Distance 14 ft. 3 ins.

High Jump Senior Championship—

1. Brown, Yvonne (H)
2. Paynter, Joyce (B)
3. Bell, Colleen (H)

75 Yards Inter. Championship—

1. Allen, Patricia (B)
2. Yeo, Sally (H)
3. Houston, Hillary (S)

Time 9.5 secs.

100 Yards Inter. Championship—

1. Allen, Patricia (B)
2. Yeo, Sally (H)
3. Houston, Hillary (S)

Time 12.5 secs.

Under 13 50 Yards—

1. Maiden, W. (W)
2. Hing, M. (S)
3. Freeman, G. (S)

Novelty Races

Sack Race. Open 50 Yards—

1. Freeman, Beverley (W)
2. Fletcher, Beverley (B)
3. Whitchurch, Kenya (W)

Three-legged Race—

1. Johnson, F. & Wright, C. (W)
2. Rennie, J. & Harvey, J. (W)
3. Trainer, A. & Price, M. (W)

Team Events

Senior House Relay. 4 x 110 Yards—

1. Hindley and Binns equal
3. Wellesley

Junior House Relay. 4 x 110 Yards—

1. Hindley
2. Binns
3. Seddon

Senior Shuttle Ball—

1. Hindley
2. Binns
3. Wellesley

Junior Shuttle Ball—

1. Hindley
2. Seddon
3. Wellesley

Senior Circle In and Out.—

1. Binns
2. Hindley
3. Seddon

Junior Circle In and Out.—

1. Hindley
2. Binns
3. Seddon

Senior Corner Spry—

1. Binns
2. Hindley
3. Seddon

Junior Corner Spry—

1. Binns
2. Seddon
3. Wellesley

Total House Points

1. Binns.	- - - - -	77
2. Hindley.	- - - - -	75
3. Wellesley.	- - - - -	40
4. Seddon.	- - - - -	36

Senior Championship—

- Yvonne Brown (H) 15 points
- Joyce Paynter (B) 13 points
- Susanne Mashlan (S) 4 points

Intermediate Championship—

- Patricia Allen (B) 12 points
- Sally Yeo (H) 8 points
- Beverly Barry (H) 6 points

Junior Championship—

- J. Harvey (W) 6 points
- S. Renata (B) 5½ points
- V. Hardman (H) 4 points

80 Metres Hurdles Inter. Championship—

1. Yeo, Sally (H)
 2. Genn, Barbara (W)
 3. Barry, Beverley (H)
- Time 15.1s.

Discus Throw Inter. Championship—

1. Barry, Beverley (H)
 2. Castle, Velma (B)
 3. Maiden, Fay (W)
- Distance 56 ft. 11 ins.

Broad Jump Inter. Championship—

1. Allen, Patricia (B)
 2. Barry, Beverley (H)
 3. Campbell, Heather (S)
- Distance 13 ft. 8 ins.

High Jump Inter. Championship—

1. Allen, Patricia (B)
2. Genn, Barbara (W)
3. Yeo, Sally (H)

50 Yards Junior Championship—

1. Harvey, J. (W)
 2. Hardman, V. (H)
 3. Vear, L. and Renata, S. (S) and (B)
- Time 6.8s.

75 yards Junior Championship—

1. Harvey, J. (W)
 2. Hardman, V. (H)
 3. Carter, G. (B)
- Time: 9.8s.

Junior Championship Broad Jump—

1. Renata, S. (B)
 2. Dunn, J. (W)
 3. Vear, L. (S)
- Distance: 13ft. 1in.

Junior Championship High Jump—

1. Cobb, J. (S)
2. Renata, S. (B)
3. Tippet, J. (H)

Age Races

Under 16, 100 Yards—

1. Mashlan, Susanne (S)
 2. Castle, Velma (B)
 3. Organ, V. (B) and Botica, F. (S)
- Time 13.5 secs.

Under 15, 75 Yards—

1. Dunn, J. (W)
 2. Thompson, P. (B)
 3. Hayes, C. (B)
- Time 10.4s.

Under 14, 75 Yards—

1. Harvey, J. (W)
 2. Cobb, J. (S)
 3. Carter, G. (B) and Genn, H (B)
- Time 10 secs.

GIRLS' CRICKET, 1953-54

Seniors

After the successful season of last year, the Girls' First Cricket XI was promoted to the Senior reserve Grade. This promoted to be far more difficult to everyone in the team.

The season started with only a few "old hands" and a large group of promising new players. In spite of the usual difficulties of the team, I think most of the members had a most enjoyable season. We played some excellent teams and had many enjoyable games (some in our favour but the majority won by the opposing teams) but these games, together with the practice we had on Tuesdays helped considerably to improve our standard of play. Our coach, Miss Gini, who was always ready and willing to give us help at all times, was chiefly responsible for the consistent play of our senior players, while on the other hand she worked hard to improve our new players, who were mostly beginners to the game of Cricket.

Our team was most unfortunate early in the season, in losing Tui Bristow, who was a consistent batsman and wicket-keeper. However we still had two senior players, Carolyn Sinton and Romola Cooper, who could always be relied upon to make a score for our team. These two girls were picked to represent Auckland at Nelson and both did well while they were away.

Although we did not have many good batsmen, we were lucky to have a good number of bowlers. Even though practically every girl could bowl, Mary Richards, Romola Cooper, Carolyn Sinton and a new comer to the team, Dorothy Saddington could be relied upon to dismiss the batsmen of the other teams.

However, on the whole we had a most enjoyable season and gained much experience and confidence.

The team would like to thank Miss Gini for her valuable coaching and the interest both she and Mrs. Scott (better known as Miss Galoway) showed in the team throughout the season.

JUNIOR CRICKET (GIRLS)

Although we did not experience a very successful season, our players gained a lot of valuable experience which will be a big asset to those fortunate enough to gain selection in the First Eleven in the coming season.

The girls deserve a lot of praise for the way they turned up at every game, although lacking the support of a senior representative. In all we played only twice without a full team.

Yvonne Beasley was a tower of strength as a batsman and bowler. Her top score was over 50 on one occasion and we feel she is up to First Eleven standard.

The girls, as a team, stuck together so well for the sake of the game, that we hope that most of them will be able to play in the same team again.

GIRLS' TENNIS NOTES

Every Tuesday afternoon, in the summer terms, about a hundred girls go to tennis at Windmill Road Courts. Two teams, Intermediate and Junior, are gaining valuable experience in inter-secondary matches held on Saturday mornings.

The results at the School Championships last year were:—

Senior Championship: Dianne Adams.
Senior Doubles: D. Adams and P. Martin.
Junior Championship: Velma Castle.
Junior Doubles: B. Fletcher and B. Kipling.
Mixed Doubles: D. Adams and D. Dormer.

In the third term, this year's School Championships and the Yankee Tournament will be held. We are also hoping to play return matches with Pukekohe and Mt. Roskill Grammar School.

GIRLS' SWIMMING SPORTS

The girls' swimming sports were held on Tuesday 23rd, February 1954 at the Shelly Beach Baths. There was very keen competition between the four houses throughout the day. The final results ended in a win for Wellesley for the third year in succession with Hindley second and Binns third.

The following are the final results:

Senior Championship

33 1/3 yds. Freestyle.—R. Middleton (W) 1st, H. Baillie (W) 2nd, H. Houston (S) 3rd.

100 yds Freestyle.—R. Middleton (W) 1st, B. Finlayson (H) 2nd, C. Hawkins (S) 3rd.

33 1/3 yds. Breaststroke.—B. Finlayson (H) 1st, S. Batchelor (W) 2nd, R. Middleton (W) 3rd.

33 1/3 yds. Backstroke.—B. Finlayson (H) 1st, H. Baillie (W) 2nd, S. Batchelor (W) 3rd.

Dive.—B. Finlayson (H) 1st, H. Baillie (W) 2nd, R. Middleton (W) S. Batchelor (W) 3rd, equal

Final Result.—B. Finlayson (H) 1st, 11 points. R. Middleton (W) 2nd, 7½ points. H. Baillie (W) 3rd, 6 points.

Tandem.—Fussell and Benson (H) 1st, Organ and Lucas (B) 2nd, Mahoney and Cook (H) 3rd.

Open Dive.—F. Espie (S) 1st, F. Cleaver (W) 2nd, V. Organ (B) 3rd.

Neat jump.—J. Anderson (H) 1st, V. Organ (B) 2nd, B. Genn (W) 3rd.

Age Races

Under 14 years.—H. Kawera (W) 1st, P. Pogson (W) 2nd, J. Power (B) 3rd.

Under 15 years.—M. Schultz (W) 1st, D. Cook (S) 2nd, D. Atkins (S) 3rd.

Over 15 years.—B. Smith (H) 1st, C. Sinton (W) 2nd, V. Organ (B) 3rd.

Relay Races

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

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

Final House Points.—Wellesley, 1st, 53 points Hindley 2nd, 42 points Binns 3rd, 41 points Seddon 4th, 14 points.

INTERMEDIATE RESERVE HOCKEY NOTES

Our Saturday games have been an equal number of successes and losses. The visit of Pukekohe High School resulted in a win 3—2 to us, in spite of the mud.

Hamilton Tech. defeated us by a narrow margin, 2—1, owing to the tropical conditions to which we were not accustomed.

The seven-a-side tournament was held on Queen's Birthday weekend. Our team won the relay and the grade race.



Junior Girls' Tennis Team

Back Row:

M. McKenzie, R. Wilkins, B. Eade.

Front Row:

M. Foubister, H. Genn, D. Olesen.



Junior Cricket Team

Back Row:

N. Whitford, R. Nodder, E. Grey, J. Barr, L. Williams, Y. Beasley (Vice Capt.), F. Cleaver.

Front Row:

B. Cook, J. Lye, K. Arnold (Capt.), S. Steele, N. Phillips.

We are grateful to Mrs. Gooder for her encouragement and training.

Team Comments

Our captain is Beverly—out on the wing, We have to play well, or our necks she will ring.

Vice is our Yvonne, track-star of the team. She runs down the field, and the other side scream.

Merle is our goalie, with both stick and pad,

She stops them from scoring, which makes them so mad.

Our Dorry's the one, when water's around, She slipped on the rocks and nearly got drowned.

Rhyl's our philosopher, with pithy remarks, She keeps us all laughing and up to such larks.

Fay Maiden's a forward and helps get the goals,

She's marvellous at tripping—gets bruises in shoals.

Faye Cauty's a girl with a hit like a hammer,

If she can't reach the ball, at least she will slam'er.

Our Andy's the girl to have on defence, Though christened Judy, her name's changed from hence.

Our Deslie's a girl who attracts all the males,

When she hits the ball, their whistle never fails.

Judy Turner's the back—to goal she doth yearn,

But whenever we score, it's never her turn. Elaine's the full-back, who has to defend, The times she obstructs seem without end. Of emergencies we've two—absentees are a pest,

But when it comes to playing, Marion and June stand the test.

Mrs. Gooder, our coach, is secretary of the association,

Umpire on Saturdays and rep. of our nation.

As a team, you should know, we're a wonderful bunch,

And if we lose, well—we just played a hunch.

GIRLS' JUNIOR TEAM

After a poor start the Junior Hockey XI. pulled up considerably and won most of their games in the second round.

The team started with players who had never seen, or played a game before, but they were very eager to learn how.

The team has a fairly good combination and the left wing, Sylvia Renata, is the one person who seems to get the goals. I am very pleased to hear from our coach, Mrs. Gooder, that Sylvia has been chosen for the Junior Representative trials. The whole team is wishing her the very best of luck.

Some of the teams we have played have been very good indeed.

Here is a brief survey of the main games.

v. Roskill Club, won 3—2.

v. Avondale B, won 3—1.

v. Westmere B, lost 0—1; won 3—1.

v. Mt. Roskill Grammar, lost 1—3; 0—1

The team members are as follows:—Margaret Sinfield (Capt.), Leslie Williams (Vice-Capt.), Sylvia Renata, Mary Shepherd, Kathrine Gillard, Ann Pomeroy, Noeline Whitford, Joan Phillips, Raewyn Nodder, Joan Barr, Julia Watt, and the reserves, Colleen Murray, Margery Harrison and Merline Cleave.

FROM NORTH HEAD TO THE CITY

Over the white-crested waves, the shimmering grey hull of a flying boat dwarfed all other craft in the vicinity. Small trim fishing vessels, swaying gently at moorings, large ocean-going liners, humming with activity, could be seen, while, on the opposite shore, a formidable frigate bedecked with flags, was being eased slowly into the dock. The museum stood out like a rainbow in leaden skies. The lush green set off the white stonework to advantage. Towering church spires pierced the skyline. Prominent among the eminences was the majestic clock tower of the University. The heavily populated city was a hive of industry. On our port side, at the foot of tall, white cliffs, stretched pohutukawa-fringed beaches, with enticing golden sand, which I vowed I would rest my travel-bored bones on after my long sea voyage. So this was the queen city — Auckland.

B. Anderson, E.4A.

GIRLS' HOUSE NOTES

WELLESLEY HOUSE NOTES — 1954

House Mistress: Miss Campbell.
Assistant Mistresses: Miss Goad, Miss Van der Ende, Miss Davidson.
House Captain: Carolyn Sinton.
Vice-Captain: Lesley Thornalley.
House Committee: Fifth and Sixth Form Representative, Ann Hunter; Fourth Form Representative, Fay Cleaver; Third Form Representative, Despina Stavrianos.

Wellesley this year won the swimming cup again for the third year in succession. Numerous Wellesley competitors are to be congratulated on their success and we wish to congratulate three of our swimmers who took part in the Senior Championship. These were Rosemary Middleton, Heather Baillie and Sally Batchelor, who were placed second, third and fourth respectively.

Although we failed to be represented in the Junior Championship, we gained many points in our open events. These were mainly due to Merelyn Schultz, who gained first in three races, Potato Race, Age Race and 66 1-3 yards Freestyle; Carolyn Sinton, first 33 1-3 yards Freestyle, 2nd 66 1-3 yards Freestyle and second in Age Race. Other race winners were Hine Hawera, Paquita Pogson and Glennis Piree, while Barbara Genn won the dressing race and came third in the neat jump, and Fay Cleaver gained second in the Open Dive. Our congratulations go to these girls for doing so well in these events.

This year, as last year, Wellesley did not shine in Athletics, but we would like to congratulate June Harvey and Jill Cobb on winning first and fourth places in the Junior Championships, while Barbara Genn came fourth in the Intermediate Section. Wilma Maiden, Kenya Whitechurch, Fay Maiden were all place winners in age races and three Wellesley pairs, Fay Johnston and Colleen Hunt, Jean Rennie and June Harvey, Adele Trainer and Marion Price were first, second and third in the three-legged race. Credit once again goes to our smallest entrant, Beverley Freeman, for a brilliant first in the sack race.

Wellesley have a very good representation in Saturday teams.

Basketball:

A Team: Carolyn Sinton (Capt.), Barbara Genn and Ann Hunter.
B. Team: Fay Cleaver (Capt.), and Marion Price.
Junior A Team: Fay Johnston, Kenya Whitechurch, Jill Cobb and Janice Day.
Junior B Team: Wilma Maiden (Capt.) and Glennis Piree.

Hockey:

Senior Team: Fay Maiden, Merle Couglan and Marion Thompson.
Junior Team: Mary Shepherd, Katherine Gillard, Noeline Whitford, Merleen Cleave.

Tennis:

Intermediate Team: Barbara Corbett.
Junior Team: Rosalyn Wilkins.

Cricket:

Senior Team: Carolyn Sinton (Capt.), Ann Hunter.
Junior Team: Kay Arnold (Capt.), Noeline Whitford, Fay Cleaver.

On behalf of the Wellesley girls, I would like to thank our House Mistress, Miss Campbell, and the Assistant Mistresses for their work, interest and encouragement they have shown towards our House throughout the year and our special thanks go to Mr. Scott, our Principal, and Miss Ryburn, our Headmistress, for allowing us time off school for all our sports.

BINNS HOUSE NOTES 1954

House Mistress—Miss Rowe.
Assistant Mistresses—Miss Miles, Mrs. Montgomery.
House Captain—Valerie Organ.
Deputy Captain—Joyce Paynter.
Committee—Barbara Kipling, Olwyn Hooker, Andrea Ross.

The first exciting sporting event of the year was the swimming sports at Shelly Beach Baths on February 23. The first two girls to finish in the Junior Championship Freestyle were Colleen Rodgers and Jeannie McLaren, both of Binns House. Other place-getters in various events were Hillary Genn and Valerie Organ. We were very proud of Colleen Rodgers who won the Junior Swimming Championship and of Jeannie McLaren who was the runner-up. In the end we gained only third place, although we managed to win the Junior

Relay. Our congratulations go to Wellesley House for winning the Swimming Championship.

The Athletic Sports at Sarawia Park on March 18 proved to be tremendously exciting from the point of view of Binns contestants and supporters. We had a great number of entries and it was probably this which made our final happy result possible.

Hindley was our closest rival and indeed we were "neck and neck" with the final result in doubt until the very last event was run. We were helped along by having a well-practised Senior Ball-game team which won all three games. Binns House is also proud of claiming the Intermediate, Champion, Pat Allen; and the runners-up in both the Senior and the Junior Championships, Joyce Paynter and Sylvia Renata respectively. In the final count, we won the Athletic Contest two points ahead of Hindley.

On the tennis courts, Binns House is well represented. We have four championship players in Valerie Organ, Velma Castle, Barbara Kipling and Beverley Fletcher.

Merle Nissen plays in the First Cricket XI while in the Second Team are Joan Barr, Dorothy Saddington and Ele Grey. In Hockey, Binns girls, Judith Turner, Deslie Lucas and Dorothy Saddington are in the First Team.

"A" Basketball Team members from our House are Merle Nissen, Joyce Paynter, Valerie Organ and Beverley Fletcher. As these notes go to press, we are still continuing the House Basketball Competitions in our weekly games at Windmill Road. At present we are well in the lead and so we are hoping to be able to carry off the Basketball Cup this year.

Our very best wishes go to our House Mistresses with our thanks to them for the interest they have taken in us during the year.

HINDLEY HOUSE NOTES

Mistresses—Miss Worrall, Mrs Lowen.
House Captain—Rose Quensell.
Vice Captain—Yvonne Brown.
Committee—Robyn Hunt.

This year Hindley House has competed well in regard to every sports function held at and within the college.

After having a narrow loss for the first place in the Swimming Sports, our house was again very disappointed to be beaten by one point for the Athletic Cup which

was won this year by Binns House. All thanks can go to our Senior Athletic Champion, Yvonne Brown, whose outstanding performances in the discus, high jump and 100 metre hurdles increased our points to such a high degree. Credit must also be given to our Junior and Senior Ball handling teams who won every ball game, except for the last two events where we were placed second, after a hard race between our two top runners of the College, T. Brown of Hindley House, and J. Painter of Binns House, for the first place.

We were very pleased to have a Life Saving representative who was able to help the younger members of the College, and who was awarded her Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross. Robyn will now undertake the Silver Award of Merit examination at the end of this year. We all wish her the best of luck.

The following Hindley girls have gained their representative colours:

Basketball:

Rose Quensell, Colleen Bell, N. Gildard.

Hockey:

T. Brown, F. Couty, B. Barry.

Cricket:

R. Quensell, C. Bell.

Swimming:

R. Quensell, C. Bell.

Swimming:

R. Hunt, J. Ness, T. Brown, B. Finlayson, B. Barry.

I personally would like to thank the girls of Hindley House for their co-operation in attending practices, meetings, and other functions held throughout the year. There has always been a good "team spirit" among all members and it has been a pleasure and a privilege to have been Captain of the House for the past two years. I appeal to those girls returning next year to keep up the good standard and reputation of the House.

—Rose Quensell.

SEDDON HOUSE NOTES

House Mistresses—Miss Stanners, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Townson.
House Captain—Flora Botica.
Vice Captain—Rosa May.
Committee—Junene Prentice, Ofa Schumpkel.

We were not very successful in the Swimming Sports but several of the junior girls swam well upholding the name of Seddon House. We hope to make up for

this in other fields. Our congratulations go to Wellesley, the winning house.

The Annual Athletic Sports proved to be very exciting. Seddon House did extremely well in some of the races, Susane Marshall winning the over 16 years race and finishing third in the Senior Championship. All of our Juniors too, did their utmost in bringing up our points.

At the moment we are trying very hard to win honour in the inter-basketball matches, and are second to Binns, although we are not many points behind. We are represented in basketball by: Lynette Morris (Vice Captain of Senior Team) Ofa Schumpkel, Faye Espie (Vice Captain of Junior Team) Melba Stewart, Gail Adams.

GIRLS' FORM NOTES

SENIOR BUSINESS FORM NOTES

This year has brought for Seddon Tech., The biggest school upheaval yet, For ne'er before through ages past Has so much been crammed into one class: For beauties, mermaids, actresses, And brilliant brains and songstresses Adorn the desks around the school, And gossip, sing and play the fool. In sport we're noted for our zeal— We won the basketball form shield. In work we're famous for our vim, And even keep the teachers in To get their lessons up to date— (We work at such a gruelling rate!)

We're sure the school for our health cares, And thus provides so many stairs For us to leap six times a day, Though they still take our breaths away. 'Twould be so easy if the stairs At Tech. had decent bannisters, But what would make a perfect gift For our old ladies, is a lift.

Another of our form's complaints, Is that typewriters can make mistakes. For this we can find no excuse, Except, perhaps, Third Form mis-use. We will not mention prefects here, One look from us — they run in fear !!

We've liked our stay here all the same And think it is a dreadful shame, That you'll not have us here next year. We know you'll give a tear (or cheer); But when we've from this College gone, Our noble Spirit will live on, Embedded in our passionate song — "Why was we born so beautiful, Why was we born at all?"

Hockey.

Elaine Richardson, Marion Thompson, Margreta Sinfield, Colleen Murray, Raywyn Nodder, Julie Watt, Anne Pomory Tennis.

Flora Botica, Elaine Richardson, Marlene Foubister, Barbara Eade, Lynly Vear.

Seddon House is taking a keen interest in the College's sport, but this could not be achieved however, without the full support given us by our House Mistress, Miss Stanners and her assistants. We thank them for their help and encouragement during the year. Sincere thanks to Mrs. Mac Intosh for the interest she has taken in all our sports.

Flora Botica.

NURSING AND HOME CRAFT, SIXTH FORM

This year our form is the third largest in the school. It is most honoured to consist of a Head Prefect, Prefect and a Class Sergeant.

We study most of the week (except for about four periods a day which are spent in the Prefects' Room. This is much more pleasant than any classroom).

Our four vital subjects are (so the teachers say) Clothing, English, Home-craft and Embroidery. Our inferior subject is CHEMISTRY.

We will now try and tell you what we have done during this year and the way in which we have to suffer, being in Upper School.

No. 1 subject is Clothing, in which the class is coming on very slowly. Two-thirds hope to have their suits finished (what a laugh) by next winter. Being made of wool material the suits can be preserved with a small amount of moth-ball solution. If by chance you are travelling in a public conveyance and your nostrils sense a strange odour, you will know for sure that the suits have been finished. The other third of the class is still trying to fit a frock which won't!

No. 2 subject is Homecraft; here we are learning to paint. It is for certain that we shall live to a ripe old age (owing to the paint on ourselves). We have also learnt to hang curtains (and ourselves). Our beautifully covered chairs have now fallen apart (with the gentle treatment they receive). In the next half-yearly exam we

A BASKETBALL TEAM

Back Row:

Flora Botica, Susanne Mashlen, Barbara Genn, Merle Nissen, Colleen Bell, Joyce Paynter

Front Row:

Lois Brown, Beverley Fletcher, Lynnette Morris (Vice-Capt.), Carolyn Sinton (Capt.), Anne Hunter, Valerie Organ, Mrs. McIntosh.



B BASKETBALL

Back Row:

Margaret Ellingsworth, Barbara Eade, Marion Price, Eva Vieman, Pat Kennerley, Wilma Saunders.

Front Row:

Betty Cook, Ofa Schaumkel (Vice-Capt.), Faye Cleaver (Capt.), Yvonne Beasley, Mrs. B. MacIntosh.

Absent: Rose Quensell.



hope our great effort will please the examiners and gain us higher marks.

No. 3 subject is Embroidery; here we have started a supper cloth each. These we can say (without a doubt) will be finished in roughly 25 years.

No. 4 subject is Chemistry, which we have had mainly by ourselves and consequently we have learnt only the basic knowledge of atoms. Mr. S. — saw fit to send us to a chemistry class consisting of "mad-scientists."

We also have our fifth subject with these (words in the English language could not describe) boys. Here we are under the guidance of Mr. W. — who tries to keep E.6B. in order (succeeding only by strict conditions of punishment). Combined with C.6 we have beaten these "giggling little boys" in the examinations. This feat allows us to walk with dignity into the boys' class.

These notes just about complete the year's work and activities, as none of us shine on the sports ground or in the music world.

We leave you now for ever, as this is our final year at College. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all teachers who have taught us through the years. We will try our utmost to keep the College name on high in our future careers of School Teaching and Dental Nursing.

So, farewell Seddon Memorial Technical College, and may the future pupils gather as much knowledge as we have from within these high grey walls!

M.O.T. and T.O.M.

C.3A.'s POEM

We are the only C.3A.,
The best class in the school,
We never do make a noise,
At least, not as a rule.

We are quiet little lasses,
Though we come in great masses.
Our work is always good and true,
And we always help the teachers, too.

I know if you could see us,
In school or in the bus,
You, too, would say, what a lovely class,
A remark that many others pass.

So, come along to C.3A.,
And we will make your visit pay,
For you will see what a sweet class,
Is the class of C.3A.

N.H. 4B. FORM NOTES

A is for Annette whose nickname is Nettie,
B is for Barbara, a second Aunt Daisy.
C is for Carol, who squirms like a fish,
D is for drawing, but we can't draw a dish.
E is for Elsie, our doctor to be,
F is for Finlayson, we now no more see.
G is for Gretta that always will please,
H is for Heather whom we never tense.
I is for Ignorance, which we all show,
J is for Judith, our sergeant so true, and
her friend June, they're together those
two.
K is for kitchen, where we're learning to
cook.
L is for Longshaw, who is fond of a book.
M is for Margaret, our basketball rep.
N is for Ngaric, who fell down the step.
O is for obedience, which we always give,
P is for Pat and Pamela, who at dressmak-
ing strive.
Q is for quiet, at which we're all stars,
R is for Room 50, where they've put up
the bars.
S is for Science and Gretta came top,
T is for Talking, some girls never stop.
U is for University, to which some will go,
V is for Valma, at tennis not slow
W is for Woodwork, which we'd all like to
learn,
X is for Excellent we all try to earn.
Y is for yarns we all of us write,
Z is for zest as we go home at night.

N.H.3A.

A is for Adria, who always gives cheek,
B is for Barbara, so gentle and meek.
C is for Cobb, the best one at sport,
D is for Delwyn, who's quite a good sort.
E is for Ellen with dark curly hair.
F is for fun we all like to share.
G is for girls who are found everywhere.
H is for Hing who is a bit queer.
I is for ink that gets everywhere,
J is for Jackie who has lovely hair.
K is for Kathleen, who in our form's new,
L is for Lorraine, of whom we have two.
M is for Marion, we'd rather not say,
N is for Noeline who cackles all day.
O is a gap we cannot fulfill,
P is for Pam who's a bit of a dill.
Q is for Queenie, of which we have none,
R is for Raywyn, who is a bit dumb.
S is for Swift, from England she came,
T is for teachers who all see the same.
U is for nothing, there's a blank here too,
V is for Vague, who's head of the crew.
W is for White, who filled first place,
The rest we have none, so closes the case.

N.H.3.B.

N stands for N.H.3.B., a bright form are we,
 U stands for untidy, we try not to be.
 R stands for Rennie, our captain is she,
 S stands for science, we all have to do.
 I stands for ink, that we spill on the floor.
 N stands for nurses, we all hope to be.
 G stands for good girls, not many have we.

A stands for Abercrombie, the first on our roll.
 N stands for needles, that are useful at times.
 D stands for dunces, we hope not to be.

H stands for homework, we never seem to do.

O stands for oranges, which we all eat in school.

M stands for mothers, we all hope to be.
 E stands for English, very boring at times.

C stands for cooking, we all love to do.
 R stands for rudeness, of this we have none.

A stands for Adele, the last on the roll.
 F stands for form teacher whom we all like well,

T stands for tigers, we all like to be.

N.H.5

Room 31,
 First Floor,
 Girls' Block,
 S.M.T.C.

The Editor,
 "Seddonian,"

Dear Sir,

I feel that it is my duty to let you know about a small group of young ladies (N.H.5) in the College, who have a unique background and who fully deserve mention in your magazine. To support my point of view I will write a little about them. I feel sure that afterwards you will agree that they are refined young women of genteel breeding. Their interest in many spheres both inside and outside of the College makes them worthy to be called a select group.

One of their greatest talents is cooking — I am sure that the ladies of the Staff would have no hesitation in awarding the whole six of them a Diploma for Good Cookery, especially Beverley (Sub), who is renowned for her delicious spice and sul-

tana scones (an experiment tried out on the staff with overwhelming success).

The young ladies are extremely interested in the "Arts." Apart from all being great painters (they Duluxed all the cooking room tables), Robyn (Bobby) practises the art of love (in the finer sense of the word), Annie, the class comedian, is an expert in the Yugoslav national dance—the Kolo. Beverley is a budding young pianist (she practices on the locks of her suitcase) and Ngaire (Pee Wee) is always engrossed in the art of study (she'd study while Rome burned).

Sylvia and Rose are the great sporting enthusiasts. Sylvia plays hockey on Saturday for the College team. (She forgets she is off the hockey field at times). Rose plays basketball (you can tell that by the way she bounces about).

Between the six girls there are six nationalities. Rose is Tongan, Sylvia is Maori, Beverley is Polish (distant of course), Robyn is Scotch (or she thinks she is), Annie is a Yugoslav (definitely), and Ngaire is just a Pig Islander (or hopes she is). Annie and Rose are the only two who can speak anything but English (so there is not such a muddle of dialect as may have been imagined).

All of the young ladies have good personal qualifications. Rose is a prefect, Robyn is class Sergeant (and she's forever forgetting the register), Ngaire never has any energy (and Iron Tonic doesn't help), Sylvia is always asking silly questions, Beverley persistently gives answers which are even more silly, and Annie always goes about singing.

The young ladies will appreciate this publicity and I think that they may send an autographed copy of this article to their friends.

Yours faithfully,

One of the Six.

N.H.3C. FORM NOTES

This year, 1954, we have had a happy and lively band of girls. We have all enjoyed going to sport on Tuesdays, not only for the games, but for the bus rides, too. We have a very good form Basketball team. Many of our girls play for their House team when they are not playing for their Form team. On Fridays we have cooking, where we make delicious cakes and salads. We also have learnt some new recipes. Our favourite dish is apple charlotte. We are

COMMERCIAL 5

S is for Seddon, of which we are proud,
 E is for Elaine, one of our crowd.
 D stands for Deslie, nearly everyone's friend,
 D also is drill which we all hate to end.
 O is for order that's impossible to keep,
 N is for Nancy—makes teachers weep.

M is for Miles, our mother and queen,
 E is for Yvonne, an athletics so keen.
 M is for Marjorie who's jolly and gay,
 O is for Organ, she chatters all day.
 R is for Rhyll, the wit of the class,
 I is for intelligence at which we all pass.
 A is for Arnold, we could call her Kay
 Lis for Leviek or June we might say.

T is for Turner, or Judy for short,
 E is for energy, we all keep for sport.
 C is for Corbett, though Barbara's her name,
 H is for Heather, a swimmer of fame.
 N is for naughty, which we all are,
 I is for ideals to hang on a star.
 C is for class sergeant, by no means a pet,
 A is for angry, which all our teachers get.
 L is for Lois, one of the quiet set.

C is for our Colleen's one's with us no more
 O is for Ohlson, whom we adore,
 L is for lessons, which are a bore.
 L could be labour, but we wouldn't know,
 E can't be errors, we keep them so low.
 G is for genius, which keeps us alive,
 E is for everyone now in C.5.

C.4A. FORM NOTES

Our Form, C.4A., is well represented in School sports teams. However, we are not so much to the fore in brainpower and behaviour. This being so, Room 40 is a well-known haunt of ours. Room 39 also is no unknown territory.

In the summer sports we are lucky enough to have form-mates taking part in the Saturday competitions. Tennis holds the interest of several of the form members. We are also honoured in having some girls in the junior cricket team. This team, however, has had few successes in the past season, but looks forward hopefully to the coming summer with the determination of bettering its previous results.

During the winter months basketball and hockey undoubtedly provide the main topics of conversation and absorb much of our spare time. Many of the girls of C.4A.

all very keen on sewing and we have some very good sewers, who hope to become dressmakers. Miss Anderson, who takes us for art, has shown us some beautiful and fancy stitches to do on our samplers.

COMMERCIAL VI. FORM NOTES

Each year there is one Form in the school that stands out above all others. It is the elite and superior form of Commercial VI.

This year it is the same size as last year, containing two people, namely, Ann Hunter and Eileen Smith. But what we lack in numbers we make up in quality (???). This work that we throw ourselves into, we hope, will lead us on to better things. The former wants to become one of those nasty schoolteachers who plague the lives out of their lovely little pupils. The latter is going to concentrate mainly on figures (now, then, boys, not the kind you are thinking of), accountancy being her goal.

Each week we have classes in History, Geography, English and Book-keeping. In English we are accompanied by E.6B. But under the gentle guidance of Mr. W—— we learn about everything from sports to ancient times. E.6B. are very bright in our English class, especially one who knows the exact times for different athletic events, how cars run, the history of astronomy, etc., and, believe it or not, he knows a bit about English, too.

Our English teacher also takes us for Geography and the only active boy in E.6B. and the one and only pupil of W.6A. have enough energy to do it with us. Twice a week we have the pleasure of being accompanied by Typo. 5 and 6.

In History our teacher is Mr. B—— who tells us about the U.S. Constitution and Napoleon, but, strange to relate, it seems to go in one ear and out the other. Luckily for us E.6B. does not escort us to this subject (what a blow).

Book-keeping is the only subject where work(?) is done. Mr. S—— drives us on like slaves and he gets good results too!! Three girls from Senior Business accompany us. Mr. S—— thinks we are brilliant at this subject, but he only thinks; we know.

Our Form Teacher, Miss W——, we only see occasionally, the same with the rest of Senior Business. Maybe this is just as well for them.

As we are both trying to get University Entrance it might be better if we close now and go back to studying. How we love it!

grace these teams. We have several enthusiastic basketballers in the B basketball team.

In the First Hockey XI we have only one representative, but in the Second Hockey XI there are some very strong and reliable C.4A. players.

In fact, our form is a sporting sports form. Miss Stanners, our Form mistress, gives us much encouragement.

We're the wags of S.M.T.C.,
For we're bold as bold can be.
Our troubles come — seem ne'er to go,
You'll find that this is so.
We're a noisy crowd, we're told,
But heaven-to-goodness, we've hearts of gold.

C.4C FORM NOTES

C.4C., the despair of the staff, battles on in spite of depleted ranks and constant attacks from all quarters. Not the least of these was a wholesale attack of appendicitis which necessitated a trip to hospital for four of us. Jeanette made a remarkable recovery and had a wonderful time. The hospital staff were so pleased with her efficient tea distribution that they wanted to keep her there for good.

Yvonne, our class leader, top of the class and an example to us all, has branched out into drama and will be playing Martha in "A Bonnet for Priscilla." Margaret and Thelma were so popular in their renderings of Maori songs and dances that we hear they are to be invited to do a repeat performance at a function later in the year. Mary supports the school on Saturday in the "B" Hockey team, which has had some brilliant victories this season. (Does anyone know how she manages without Rae?). Finally, at the moment, we are looking forward to hearing Thelma and Shirley at the Music Festival in the Town Hall.

We would dearly like to include the names of other girls in our notes, but their achievements, though many and varied, are hardly suitable for publication.

C.3B FORM NOTES

Commercial 3B. is now on the air once again with a delightful half-hour for recitals (musical and verse), our regular Aunt Jones' session and, of course, to end with, another of those delightful recipes which I have tried and found very satisfactory.

Miss Veer, Espie, Harvey and orchestra (what's left of it) will now give one of their delightful recitals. Er, very nice, and now Maureen and choir is here to sing "The Squeaking Violin." Marvellous! marvellous! you are improving, my dears, and now Aunt Jones herself will continue her session on how to beautify yourself at 50. (I think it's impossible myself, but you never can tell). Aunt Jones gets her information from an American beauty book, "Dixie Designs in Face Manicure," so you can expect exceptionally good advice in this line.

Twenty minutes later — Remember for that beauty treatment use your mud packs and cream every two hours. Slap face briskly — Oh, I really must finish now, I'm already over time, so tune in tomorrow for more instructions.

Good By-y-y-y!

And now for the recipe. This is used for a restless class.

1. Sift all ingredients in classroom.
2. Pour quart of milk in and mix to a smooth paste.
3. Add teacher and boil for ten minutes.
4. Remove class to detention room and commence work.
5. Keep for half an hour and watch closely for uprisings, then scatter ingredients homeward before leaving school empty.

COMMERCIAL 3A.

C is for Colleen, a figure so queer,
O is for Olson, the one who will stare.
M is for Margaret, from over the sea.
M is for Marilyn, as nice as can be.
E is for Lizzie, as sweet as a bird,
R is for Rosalind, who's ALWAYS heard.
C is for Curly, so named for her hair.
I is for Irene, with extraordinary care.
A is for Andrea, who reaches the mark,
L is the laughter which comes from a lark.

3 are the pupils who could not stay.
A boring and bad class drove them away.
Leaving us 33 Commercial 3A's.

We, Commercial 3A., are about to announce our presence. We are good (when we want to be), intelligent (are we?) and obedient (we all agree). There were 41 in our jolly group, but since three have left, Elizabeth Veitch, Gloria Lewis and Kathleen Ward. After this we had two girls coming from C.3.B., and they are: Helen

Girls' Cricket—1st. XI

Back Row:
B. Hincho, M. Richards, D. Saddington, R. Quensell, A. Hunter.

Front Row:
S. Mashlan, M. Nissen, C. Sinton (Capt.), L. Morris (Vice-Capt.), C. Bell.



Intermediate Girls' Tennis Team

Back Row:
B. Kipling, V. Castle, E. Richardson.

Front Row:
F. Botica, B. Corbett, B. Fletcher (Emergency).
Absent: B. Findlay.



and Glenda. Although they have come from a lower class, they have scored highly in examinations.

In our midst are Wilma (our class sergeant) and Daphne Grace, who are in the second Third Form Basketball team. Besides there is Dorothy Saddington, who is the only Third Former in the First Hockey and Cricket teams playing for the School.

Lately in the inter-Form Basketball games we were defeated by C.3A., the score being 6-3. It was a good game and we were hopeful at the beginning, then we slackened.

Now that the exams have passed and Avis McConnell has topped the class, we (that is, most of us) are taking a rest. Sometimes a few of us take the motto, "fun before work," so now we must close before we say too much.

C.3.C. FORM NOTES

When Squadron C.3.C. was first formed in February last, it was very noisy and undisciplined, having got used to roaring and screaming over the countryside during the holidays. However, after some months of hard training under the kindly eye of our various Officers, aided by Sergeant Gwen, we are getting into better formation now.

Our hangar is No. 39, but we have seven sorties each day to various other airfields, the favourites being No. 34, where we undergo Typewriting exercises, and the Tarmac where, under Instructor McIntosh, we loop the loop with great gusto. Several times a week we practise Plain Sailing with our Squadron-Leader Rowe.

Unfortunately the Squadron has suffered several casualties during the year. During a drill period, Eleanor went into a dive, crash-landed and broke her left wing; and Matilda and Pat have both had some time in the hangar undergoing repairs to their fuselages.

We have one excellent amphibious model in Hillary, who, in the Dressing Race almost, but not quite, beat an older model from the same factory. Also very efficient performers in the water sports were Colleen and Maureen C., one towing the other, in the Tandem Race; and Maureen zooming solo to victory in the Potato Race.

In the land manoeuvres on the basketball airstrip, the best aircraft are Melva, Carol, Noels and Hillary. Jet-propelled Hillary has also many flying hours to her credit on

the tennis court and has put up some good performances there.

Well, there's the okay from the Control Tower; and so now we are all taking off for our eight weeks' leave.

Happy landings!

GIRLS CRUSADER NOTES

Every Wednesday, at lunch time about 45 girls meet in room 36, for Crusaders, Singing, Library and Scripture Unions are only some of the functions which take place.

A short interesting talk is given each week by Miss Worrall or Miss Johnstone. The roll this year has 50 members and the average attendance has been 45.

In the first term a picnic was held at Stanley Bay, with the Takapuna Grammar and Northcote College Unions, and in the second term, a social with Auckland Grammar and Seddion Memorial Technical College Unions.

The yearly Crusader rally in the Tabernacle was a great event, the Church was packed out, and the speaker, Dr. John Laird, from England, interested all of us very much. Some of our girls took part in a choral speaking choir, led by Miss Johnstone.

We would like to thank Miss Worrall, Miss Johnstone and our Junior Leader, Elaine Richardson, for their leadership and guidance during this year.

Altogether, our season has been a very happy one. Our Union now has eleven badgeholders and a keen group of young Christian girls whose ideal is to bring the girls of this school into the Kingdom of Christ.

BOYS' FORM NOTES

E.6B. FORM NOTES

It has become my responsibility to review the year's activity of that bunch of human derelicts that call themselves E.6B. From amongst our number I feel sure there will come the future top men in all shady and underhand activities in this fair country of ours. These boys intend to leave this college with a thorough training for their future professions. We of E.6B. certainly owe a lot to this old school of ours. When I look back on all this school has done for us and all it means to us I wonder why anybody has stayed this long. I don't want anyone to think I'm running the place down unduly. That would be a very ungrateful attitude. There are plenty of worse places than S.M.T.C. Those high grey walls with windows to match that frown down upon that small patch of asphalt they call a playground are really very dear to us.

I suppose you would like to know some of the things that go on in the course of a day's work, but I'm afraid by the time I take into consideration what they will allow to be printed and what it is safe to reveal, there isn't a great deal to tell.

Although they don't give that impression, E.6B. are devoted to their work. They get a great kick out of their maths, periods, for instance. They sit goggle-eyed and open-mouthed while Mr. B— decorates the blackboard with all sorts of geometrical figures to keep them amused.

Electricity and Magnetism are studied in Room 4. This room is a home for retired electrical apparatus. It is here that the glorious past is preserved. Mr. H— evidently believes there is a future in the past and he lovingly preserves these delicate instruments for the benefit of coming generations so that they can see what they have missed.

Our introduction into the field of chemistry has proved very fruitful. Our results don't appear very extraordinary by ordinary standards for the worthwhile results are not attained by text book instruction. We are pioneers and investigate new fields as a sideline to our normal experiments. After much careful investigation we have found the correct method of emptying a pipette of water down a person's neck, the proper place to stand and how to hold a flask when it gets blown to pieces (by

accident, of course) and many other items of information that are still on the secret list.

I could not close these form notes without mentioning our English periods. With the aid of our Form teacher, Mr. W—, we travel "the realms of gold," but very often take a sideroad and wander off into many strange and interesting places. And as the treasures of English literature are pointed out to me and I learn about great authors and playwrights, I find that they help me understand my comic books far better.

I must now conclude this report for it is becoming a bit long. I would like to say, though, before I finish, that E.6B is a form that will leave its mark on this school. It will leave marks on the walls, the furniture and the floors.

E.5.A. Form Notes

So far this year our form of geni has frightened two teachers into disowning us. Our ex-arithmetic teacher, Mr. B., who spent the first term valiantly struggling to teach us various applications of logarithms, found the strain too much and went back to teaching apprentices. Mr. P., our ex-form teacher apparently grew tired of complaints about his form and disposed of us to Mr. C.T.B., who now rules us with a rod of iron which is rusted through with many years of application.

Wednesday morning finds us with Mr. S., conducting experiments in heat, light and sound that never seem to turn out right, (probably due to sabotage such as the introduction of spare pieces of ice into calorimeters.)

On Tuesday morning the class divides; half go to technical drawing where with much gentle encouragement from Mr. J., we draw potato-like objects supposed to be ellipses and other rare creations, the results looking like some of this modern art. The other half of the class goes to room five where they are harangued for a torrid ninety minutes on various subjects which include geography.

There is a wide range of sporting talent in E.5.A. All but one or two play some form of sport and several are members of first teams. Cleur, Gatland and Constable are in the much-travelled first Hockey XI and Emmerton and van Strie-

E.5B. FORM NOTES

There have been many great poems written about great people and here we hope the greatest effort to illustrate Engineering 5B.:-

Thirty dirty Tech. boys sitting on a wall,
First one Barraclough, buck teeth and all.
Little Chocky Bowerman, darkest of the bunch,
Then comes Bowler, in class he eats his lunch.

Second verse to Clapcott, we think he's just a clot,
Second line to Gordon who talks a lot of rot
Second half to Dorling (Scottish, ah declare),
Second time for Forster, next we'll cut his hair.

Harrier Halverson, harrying his homework,
Hopalong Hartnell, harrier and jerk.
Howe the Indian, Ugh, Ugh, Ugh!
Hughes the gasping Mug, Mug, Mug.

Clueless Kingdon, always wrong,
You guess the next, he wrote this song.
Kipa's the name if you guess wrong,
Leitch-Heggie follows hopeless, but strong.

Midget Mainland infuriates teachers,
Merrick, custard, sermons and preachers.
The Creep, oil, maybe grease,
Metcalfe, dry up for the sake of peace.

Mouldy Moon makes mongooses moan,
Mullions, his face makes buses groan.
Orrell's a fan for little girls,
Better than Peebles and little pearls.

Pettit, petite, dainty and slick,
Give Purdy a candle, we'll light the wick.
Rae and his statements astound none but himself,
Magon Ranchhod and his untold wealth.

Hooray for Sharp, sling him a harp,
What about Souter, he sits with Sharp.
Twice-mentioned someone — can't forget
Tanner,
Last but not least finis with Weaver.

Must take a powder, nearly missed Wall,
He was in hospital, nurses and Wall.
Three cheerers for 5B, Teachers and all.

land play for the first Soccer XI. For summer sports Oliver and Constable play cricket for the first XI and Dormer and Kennedy play for the tennis team.

Everyone is working hard(?) and hoping for a 100 per cent School Certificate pass, but if the half year exams are anything to go on—Oh well, they say nothing's impossible.

E.4.A. Form Notes

This 'bright bunch' are lead by comrade Mr. H., who is justifiably proud of his tentative *?#*† herd.

Many sporty types abound in this form, namely: Anderson a First Soccer XI type, Phillips of First XV fame and Vezich an adherent of the Carnachan Clan. Apart from these, White and Menzies are Second Rugby enthusiasts. Other rugby colleagues are, Olliff, Tuck, Heather, Middleton, Boulton, Donn, Archer, Nelson, Mc Laughlin, Puckett, Kennedy, Rowe and Nairn. Further soccer players are Mullenger and Crockett. From this lengthy list it can be seen that many college "loyalists" thrive in this class.

Although there are 34 "brain boxes" in this crew, the most outstanding "Profs" are Anderson, Mullenger and Kennedy.

A. M. L. A. (Associate Member of Laboratory Assistants) are the noble letters after the names of: Hall, Rowland, Rankin, Archer, Middleton, Mullenger and Kennedy. Oakley and Tuck have been piped out of this "peculiar institution."

Members who don't play for the school are considered rarities or hoboes. Such types are fortunately in the minority.

Menzies, Nicolson, M??A and Glavish provide amusement to break the strain of constant slavery. The music period gives scope for excess mirth, especially when the Gramophone mysteriously stops—"Hu dun it," as do B. Scareoff's periods.

E.4.A., as a whole, have condemned that weird, wicked weapon which Olliff fetches at frequent intervals. The melancholy and monotonous words: "Class sergeant, get the strap" are often shouted at us, and are a source of speculation.

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

All mentioned in the above document are, in the words of Billy Shakespeare, "Honourable men—so are they all, all honourable men."

E.3F. FORM NOTES

E stands for Engineering,
3 stands for Third Forms,
F stands for the Foundation on which the
whole College stands.

So it is quite plain that E.3F. is the most important part, the prop, so to speak, of the whole school. As Jack Leonard writes: "Though we may not star as scholars, lads, Or top the lists with credits gained, We'll face the world with quiet assurance And pride in diligence maintained."

We started the year off with Mr. Brook- ing, as our Form Master, but now we have Mr. Hart, who hails from the wilds of Tai- hape, to keep us on the straight and narrow. We fear he often finds it a pretty hard job, but, as Des Temoni says, "he sure can sling that right arm."

When we had our old friend B—
We thought we knew just what was cook- ing;

But now we've got this fellow H—
It seems as though we're in the cart.

Class Personalities:

Owen Fong, our Class Sergeant — pretty good at leading us astray.
Graham Tattersall, the best boy in the class — never been known to misbe- have ! ! ?
Joseph Sipou, our best boxer and foot- baller.

Also congratulations to the boys who came top in the half-yearly exam — Coburn, Shallcross, Davis, McGregor.

ENGINEERING 5C.

Although the roll number of E.5C. shows only 22 pupils, 90 per cent. of them sup- port the college in some form of sport or recreation.

Two boys, F. Kaa and R. Myles, are both prominent members of the First XV. Be- sides this, R. Myles, who is a sub-prefect, is an active member of the Senior swim- ming team, and the First Cricket XI, while F. Kaa is a member of the First Softball IX. This year, the Soccer teams are well supported by E.5C., and every Saturday morning eight boys, namely, W. Evans, A. Nicholson, P. Jackson, D. Plowman, D. Glen, K. Leahy, P. Friis and D. Wright, go out and match their skill against those of other secondary schools.

In the summer time A. Nicholson is the captain of the Second Cricket XI, while P. Friis, F. Kaa, D. Wright and L. Miller are members of the First Softball IX.

Other prominent sportsmen of the class

are: R. King (Hockey), L. Miller and L. Freeman (Harriers), I. Goffin (Rowing, Rugby, Swimming), G. Mackay (Band), Edwards (Orchestra), D. Linden (Drama), and J. Shields (Boxing). The latter has recently been successful in obtaining the Cup for the most scientific boxer of the year.

All in all, Mr. Lewis, our Form Master, has every reason to be proud of his "louts."

W.4A.

Expectation: To show W.4A.'s knowledge.

Aim: To improve W.4A.'s conduct.

Apphase: Brains (if any).

Materials and Machinery: a lathe, sand- paper, French polish.

Method:

- (1) First turn worst cases on the lathe.
- (2) Then apply glasspaper to smooth their rough edges.
- (3) For finishing touches to make them shine (in lessons) apply numerous coats of French polish.

This does not apply to a certain member in our Form whose name gives him close connection with the W.W. trade.

Result: Thirty-four notes to our Form Teacher asking why their son has turned into a little angel.

T.3

These notes will give a brief description of T.3. This year's class is the biggest yet. A is for Allbon, which in French mean "All Good."

B is for Beasley, whose head is made of wood.

C is for Carr, who passes by.

D is for Daley as big as a fly.

E is for Edmonds whose standard is high.

F is for Forsythe who gets there with a try.

G is for Given who always gives in.

H is for Hawkin, the boy without sin.

L is for Lusty who forgets everything.

M is for Mansell who knows everything.

N is for Nightingale whose punches are hard.

P is for Pettit who's really a card.

R is for Redwood, the knave of the class.

S is for Skilton with plenty of fat.

W is for Wells, as sly as a cat.

According to our English teacher, Mr.

J.F.E.,—

One of his best classes is T.3.

Our conduct is good,

As well it should,

At sport some excel, about three or four,

But we are better than Typo. 4.

FIRST HOCKEY ELEVEN

Back Row:

June Levick, Rhyl Mankelow, Judith Turner, Merle Coughlan, Dorothy Saddington, Elaine Richardson.

Front Row:

Marion Thompson, Leslie Lucas, Yvonne Brown (Vice-Capt.), Beverley Barry (Capt.), Faye Cauty, Mrs. Lowen (Supervisor)



JUNIOR HOCKEY TEAM

Back Row:

Mary Shepherd, Raewyn Nod- der, Joan Barr, Merleen Cleave, Julia Watt, Sylvia Renata, Joan Phillips.

Front Row:

Margery Harrison, Noeline Whitford, Lesley Williams (V.- Capt.), Margaret Sinfield (Cap- tain), Ann Pomeroy, Colleen Murray, Mrs. Lowen.



LITERARY SECTION

THE MOUNTAIN STREAM

First Prize for Serious Verse

Far, high up the mountain,
 Where clouds brush the snow,
 Where mist chokes and wraps the
 Void realm spread below;
 Water trickles,
 Dropping, dripping,
 Over stones, and rock-shelves slipping,
 In the sunshine,
 Trickling, sparkling,
 Till at last it finds the gorges,
 Till it meets with icy waters;
 Torrents seething over boulders,
 Racing, tracing on the shoulders
 Of the gorges, scoured-out patterns,
 Surging, echoing, black and booming
 Into caverns dank and gloomy;
 Hurling down through ice-cut chasms,
 Over sudden steep drops
 Falling
 Down through narrow ravines swirling,
 Into rapids tearing, whirling,
 Faintly losing icy cold
 Gradually moving slower, slow,
 Widening out, and calmer now in tone,
 Exuberance gone — a stately river
 grown.
 Now winding through the scrub and
 bush serene,
 Past forest life still undisturbed —
 unseen;
 Now gently lazing, languid, free from
 tides,
 Now whispering, lapping, against its
 bush-clad sides;
 While sporting stream-trout sparkling,
 shimmering swim,
 Or shatter the silvery surface with a
 skim.
 The stream flows on through Nature's
 greens and browns,

Through farming country, desert waste
 and towns,
 Until its peaceful waters reach the sea,
 And merge—an atom in Eternity.
 Rosemary Middleton,
 Senior Business.

PAPERING A WALL

First Prize for Humorous Prose

"Papering a wall, my dear sir, is an exact science, requiring great skill and delicacy of touch," expostulated Mr. Mullions from his precarious position on top of the ladder. "Rumford, that roll of paper, please. Now, my dear Bull," he continued, "there is a correct and incorrect way of setting to work."

"Careful, Mullions!" interposed Mr. Bull. "watch out for the brush, don't you think I had better give you a hand?"

"Not at all, Bull, not at all," returned Mr. Mullions. "Quite easy, quite easy. As I was saying, the paper must be spread evenly, and all wrinkles erased."

The paper, however, far from spreading itself smoothly on the wall, had a curious knack of winding itself round his neck. From within its sticky embrace he doggedly continued his more and more muffled lecture.

A warning call from Rumford interrupted him.

"Don't interrupt me now, Rumford," he snapped irritably. "Can't you see this requires concentration?"

"Yes, sir, but . . ."

"Quiet!" roared Mr. Mullions.

"But . . ."

"I said 'quiet!'" snarled Mr. Mullions ominously. As he turned round the ladder rocked in an alarming way, then began to topple slowly away from the wall. Amidst a welter of paper,

paste and brushes his body described a perfect arc, and he connected heavily, head first, with the floor. The ladder, as much to say "what's all the fuss about?" teetered for a moment, and came to rest in its former position against the wall.

"Luckily, sir," exclaimed Rumford to Mr. Bull a few days later, in answer to a kindly enquiry as to the extent of the patient's injuries, "it was only his face."

B. Hanfling, W.5A.

IT TAKES A LOT TO CATCH A THIEF

First Prize for Humorous Verse

'Twas on a dark and stormy night,
With lightning coming from a height
That round the school so grey and bleak,
A master crept on silent feet.

A robber he was looking for,
A thief who crept through open door
A crook who didn't seem quite sane.
Though hard he looked, 'twas all in vain.

In the staff room darkness he found,
Then through the door he heard a sound

And crouched down low a shape he spied,
"What are you doing here?" he cried.

Marching in, he switched on the light,
Giving the man a nasty fright.
"Needed is an excuse," he said.
Ideas flitted through the thief's head.

"Looking am I for a Maths. book,
"From 35 I've come," said the crook.
Wrong the master knew this to be
For 35 was locked previously.

"I think you should come down with me,"

Replied the master warily.

"Right," said the crook, while all the time

How to escape passed through his mind.

With the crook in front, down they went

And reached the office, where he sent
A person to tell the headmaster, that
The thief was caught, at the drop of a hat.

The crook then made a sudden dash,
And all around was heard the crash,
As the mops of the cleaner fell
And "Help! Help!" he started to yell.

From every room people came pouring
To see who was doing all the roaring.
Meanwhile, the crook was off down the street,

Followed by master and cleaner a treat.

The caretaker did loudly shout,
Gaining notice from all about.
"Stop! Thief!" was the general cry
And people round gave it a try.

Two young men by the iron fence
Stopped at once—and grew very tense.
In the path of the crook they stayed
And flat against the fence he was laid.

The master then came hurrying down
And dragged the crook up with a frown.

Next to be told were the Police —
A thief was caught and was not nice.

Off to the station the thief was taken
Protesting violently that all were mistaken;

But, no, a mistake had not been made,
At last we breathed, the thief was laid.
Ann Hunter, C.VI.

THE OPERATING ROOM

First prize for serious prose

It had a long white corridor through the middle of it, and on each side were rows and rows of long gleaming steel knives. I started to walk along the corridor, but my feet did not seem to be touching the floor and when I looked down I found I was walking on my toes. Suddenly I turned a corner and there before my eyes were thousands of small doors opening off the corridor. While starting towards them the first one flew open and a white ghost tip-toed out and, on seeing me, started to whisper and beckon me onwards. Another door opened and I passed into one of the strangest rooms I have ever seen.

Everything was white and shiny and in each corner there was a long roller table. A strange, nauseating smell drifted in the air. The whole room seemed very bare, yet at the same time filled with so many strange things. All the wall space was taken up by rows of small, labelled drawers, and on the floor were piles of white linen. Overhead hung a bright glaring light, which looked like a huge ball of orange flame. Spread out over the four tables were steel trays, gleaming and sparkling, with the light shining on the sharp and murderous looking instruments they contained. Beside each tray stood a large enamel bowl and a glass of liquid in which a blue tablet was dissolving.

Directly under the light was a huge leather and steel swingabout chair. On the top was a place for a head to lie while at the bottom was a platform for resting the feet. The smell seemed to be gradually drifting away and a white ghost suddenly appeared, and as I looked up I saw the light above and felt the edges of the chair under my arms. The ghost, who had at first

seemed to be whispering, was now shouting to another ghost, "I wonder what these children think about when they are coming out of the anaesthetic?" I then realised that I had had my tonsils removed, but had not felt a thing.

Nancye Healey, C.5

AN EFALUMP

An Efalump is a peculiar bird,
It lives in holes in bricks.
Its food is mainly cigarette butts,
But occasionally it eats sticks.
Its eyes are green, its ears are red,
Its teeth are Chinese toothpicks.
Its scales are tin, its fur is dead,
It hums and yells and kicks.

It murders baby porcupines,
Its habits they are gruesome.
It loves all baby butterflies,
And feeds them on stale bread-crumbs.

So ends the tale of the Efalump,
Whose manners are atrocious.
Whatever happens to this bird,
It will always be ferocious.

R. C. Crockett, E.4A.

A PIGEON AS A PET

Many enthusiastic racers have a great number of lockers full of pigeons, but very few people have ever tried to keep just one. However, being a school boy and eager to try anything new, my brother clamoured to be allowed to accept a pigeon one of his friends had offered him. At the first word of consent, away he went, and very soon was back, triumphantly clutching a tiny fluffy ball, just beginning to show signs of growing feathers. A cage was hastily erected and the bird was placed in it. Here, under strict orders from my brother, he was to stay for three weeks. This was to give him time to get used

to his new surroundings. But after seeing the poor thing locked up for only a week, my mother cautiously opened the cage door and let him out. It seemed that a week had been sufficient, for she strutted about, coming inside after us, as though she were one of the family already.

Peta, as she was called, grew quickly. Strange as it may seem, she had, as many humans do, definite food tastes. She would not eat the same hard black peas that other pigeons eat—oh, no, not her. She must have the choicest brand of budgie food! Another peculiarity of Peta's was the great fascination music had for her. She would come inside and dance on the radio when lively music was playing. Peta had many funny little antics which amused us all, but she was always our friend, following us where ever we went.

It was with great sorrow that we heard of her death. We stood over her tiny grave sadly. She had gone from this uncertain world; she had gone to some other skies.

—Ngairé Calkin, N.H.5.

OUR RUGBY FIFTEEN

First is the hooker, a big burly man,
Who gets the ball back from the scrum
(if he can.)

Then come the props, this essential
pair.

Who grab what they can, whether
jerseys or hair!

The locks are the next, two poor
simple men,

Who are pushed and shoved like sheep
in a pen.

The speed of the pack lies in men on
the flank,

The breakaways two, both cunning
and lank.

The last of the bunch is the eighth to
go down,

And for binding the scrum he wins
fame and renown.

Of the fleet line of backs, the first is
the half,

A brave little fellow at whom none can
laugh.

Of five-eighths, the first, an evasive
young lad,

Just dodges and ducks and drives our
coach mad.

The second five-eighths is as equally
tricky,

A player who tackles with hands that
are sticky.

Our centre comes next, a hard run-
ning fellow,

Sure footed and fast, who never stands
shallow.

The speediest of all are the men on
the wing,

Who go for the corner with plenty of
sting.

There is one man left, a remarkable
chap,

Who stands at the rear, he is always a
trap.

For erring opponents who have almost
scored,

Are caught by the full-back and prop-
erly floored.

Such are the fifteen who make up our
team,

For a game known as Rugby, that
always is seen

On any old field, at any old time,
When a football is handy, on days wet

or fine. B. M. Olliff. E.4.A.

ALLOWABLE SLANDER

—or a mild debate

Whether boys and girls should ac-
company each other to school, was the
subject of E6B's first debate for 1954.

Leslie led the girls in the case for
the affirmative and Macaskill led the
boys to their victory for the negative
case. Both sides were liberally
sprinkled with deep thinkers, great



Lino cut by L. Southern, T.4.

"WILD LIFE"

minds and eloquent speakers, but mainly the boys' side. Notable was Pennell's great effort, from the time he addressed the speaker until he regained his seat. He literally smashed the case put forward by the girls all over the dusty floor of Room 107.

Many dark looks and heated remarks were hurled across the room when one side or the other hit an especially strong point. Allusions as to the way in which prefects carried out their duties, with relation to the argument, were not always accepted in that spirit in which they were given. At certain times it actually seemed that the further the girls were away from the boys the happier things in general would be.

Though by and large the boys rather overwhelming victory (possibly attributed to the fact that the audience, who had the final say, were all boys), was a little surprising since the girls did bring up a few — mind you, only a few — good points. Ann, for instance, came forward with the fact that many pupils at the College had brothers and sisters, and it would be silly if they were not allowed to associate with one another. Rosa also pointed out that co-education was the usual thing right from kindergarten, so why should it end at S.M.T.C.?

Why? or why not? was the question.
B.L.M.

JASPER

My aunt has a cat which is all black except for a white chest. On one of his paws is a long scar which he got when he decided to find out how a mousetrap worked. Jasper is his name. If you ever want to see Jasper, the best place to look is on the cushion in the armchair on the sunporch. Jasper sits on that cushion all day, and almost the only time I have ever seen him

move from it is when he is hungry. He looks so happy and contented basking there in the sun, for all the world as if he were rather amused at all the foolish humans passing by. Sometimes, when he hears a familiar voice, he stretches himself lazily, jumps down from his perch and very cheekily stalks into my aunt's shop, where he walks round and round meowing until someone makes a fuss of him. Not only is he the laziest cat I know, but also the most fussy. He will not eat anything but John Dory, and will drink only milk which has been slightly warmed. Well, here comes Jasper back to his cushion, looking very pleased with himself because he has just caught his first mouse.

Lillian Morris, N.H.4A.

A SONNET ON A PREFECT

O you keeper of the peace,
You protector of the small,
No one loves you at all,
No one except the police.
You are like a mob of geese,
You are all so big and tall,
Though your brains are very small.
Why don't you speaking cease?
Do you resent my little tale?
Do I get in your hair?
Do you think I should be in gaol?
What are you going to declare?
Why not have a drink of ale,
Or take a walk, and breathe in fresh air.

R. C. Crockett, E.4A.

SKIP

We grew up together, Skip and I. Maybe that is why I understood him so, a lovable and mischievous little pup then, but near the end he was an old black dog, greying a little, and workworn after his many years of faithful labour. His dark eyes, which then held a glint of mischief, now

looked content and tired. His large and beautifully formed head, held so high with a hint of dignity, was now bent low, a sign of ageing years. The only spark of life in him was his eyes, which still held a little of the liveliness I had learned to love when he was but a pup. He moved as if his body was of a great weight and was content to laze about instead of running and barking the whole day through. He was a different Skip from the one I had known, a settled and happy dog, not a frisky dog.

It was a beautiful day when he took leave of us. I still remember that day as I stood gazing sadly at the freshly dug earth on which rested a large bunch of white and yellow daisies, a last tribute to a faithful companion who, though he is dead, still lives in my memory.

Ann Botica, N.H.5.

CHARACTER SKETCH

My favourite character in any book is Jeeves. Jeeves the perfect manservant! Jeeves the knowledgeable! Jeeves the "gentleman's gentleman"! There could be no more perfect manservant than Jeeves. He is almost invariably lurking somewhere in the background. He, himself, makes a background. His knowledge is flawless. He knows everyone and everything. From ties to race-horses, Jeeves can advise. From the suitability of a suit, to the chances of the favourite, Jeeves knows.

One can imagine him as a dignified, middle aged man, with not a hair out of place, wearing a "quiet" suit with which shoes, socks and tie blend perfectly. He would be hovering in the background, ready to help and advise, never putting a foot wrong.

He can, however, when his judgment is not accepted, become very cold and on his dignity, and, on such occa-

sions curiously enough, his knowledge deserts him, and he knows nothing about anything. Really, one cannot describe Jeeves' character without referring to his master, Bertie Wooster's character. One would not be complete without the other. With a brainy master Jeeves' character would not show out as much. Thus the two make a perfect combination of gentleman and "gentleman's gentleman."

Jeeves can always extricate his master from any difficult situation or 'scape' into which he plunges, his judgment never failing. This in some ways provides one of the main attractions of the Jeeves books, in which Bertie sometimes hopes to show Jeeves that he can use the "grey matter" on occasions and of course, gets tangled up all the more. These bouts generally take place when Bertie decides to show Jeeves what's what by refuting his judgment (generally as to clothing) and it is left to Jeeves' brains to sort out the resulting tangle, which he always eventually does.

Although Bertie Wooster is Jeeves' master, the book gives the impression that it is Jeeves who is looking after him; in Jeeves' own words, "A very nice young man, but, if I may say so, not very intelligent."

Jeeves may be only a character in fiction, but, if there ever was, or ever will be, a real Jeeves, one can imagine him just as Wodehouse imagined him. Wodehouse has made Jeeves live in the mind of his readers.

—B. Hanfling, W.5A.

ON THE WATERFRONT

Seagulls, screeching and squawking, circled over the cranes which towered high above the warehouses and ships' funnels. In the warm, bright sun, men stood or sat in idle groups, talking and laughing. Others sat swinging their

legs on the edge of the wharf, staring vacantly at the glistening, oily waters of the harbour or feeding the seagulls and pigeons with scraps from their lunches. Tugs and ferries ploughed back and forth from wharf to wharf, now and then giving a cheerful toot as they went on their way.

The scene gradually changed. Mid-day turned to afternoon, the sun clouded over and a cold wind coming in from the open sea ruffled the water. The men went on with their jobs, stoking the ships' fires, unloading the cargoes, carrying on the work of the waterfront.

At last it was time for the men to go home. Then everything was quiet except for the lapping of the waves on the ships' sides and an occasional squawk from a sleepy bird.

Helen Martin, N.H.4A.

FOG

"The fog comes
on little cat feet.
It sits looking
over the harbour and city
on silent haunches
and then, moves on."

To different people, fog can mean different things. Carl Sandberg, author of the above poem, sees it as silently watching the city, and then moving on. Some people think of its danger for aeroplanes, others of the busy cities where it slows life to a safer pace. But what of that man walking along the embankment over there? What does he think of fog? Instead of moving as quickly as he can along the fog-enveloped street, he is gazing deeply into the waters of the harbour, as if to probe some secret. He looks thoughtful, almost melancholy, as if he remembers something of the past, tragic, and yet refusing to be forgotten. Yes, once again the picture flashes into his mind,

as clearly as if he were living it again. The old tanker rolls its way through the sea. A black pall of smoke hangs over the ship, begriming the decks. Beneath the decks, the quarters are cramped, and the air seems full of the smell of the greasy engines, and the noise of the turbines. The crew however, do not mind the discomfort. A state of war exists, and no one has time to get comfortable, anyway. The ship has a cargo of ammunition, ammunition that is vital to the Allies—that must be transported to the supply depots. So the crew work hard to bring their ship across the dangerous stretch of open ocean. A fog comes up. At first it harmlessly fluffs about, but gradually it sinks lower and, spreading like a carpet to stifle the ship. The crew move slowly along the deck. The fog seems to press down on them, and prevent their moving faster. There is a wail from the ship's foghorn which echoes from the wastes beyond, in an ominous melancholy tone. The sirens of other ships are heard, but it cannot be determined exactly where they are, because their warning is diverted by the pea-souper.

Then, without warning, it happens. There is a splintering crash that rocks the whole ship. Steel rips through steel, iron smashes wood, and the ammunition boxes in the hold slither with diabolical fury against the hatches, which can no longer contain them. The heat of the day, and the violence of the impact, cause an explosion. The ship keels over and there is nothing to be done but abandon her. The crew jump into the water — all, that is, except two men. One is about to jump when he sees that his friend is missing. He goes to look for him. He runs past the ever-spreading fire, forces his way to the cabin, where his friend lies unconscious on the floor. Dragging him on

to the deck, he staggers with his human burden through the fire to the side of the sinking ship. He jumps. He feels himself falling, falling, and still falling, yet he grasps his companion firmly.

The next part of the story, he cannot clearly recall. He remembers nothing of his rescue, nothing until the next day when he learns of the death of his friend. Then he remembers the long painful weeks spent in hospital ashore, after the survivors had finally reached port.

But all that is a thing of the past—an unpleasant memory. He is back in civilian life now, learning a new trade, trying to forget the horrors of war. He shudders, though, as the dismal hooting of a foghorn somewhere out in the harbour penetrates his thoughts. Turning his face from the water, he continues his solitary walk along the embankment. He feels the fog pressing down around him, pervading his surroundings, pushing him down and down, suffocating him in its shroud; and his mind returns to that day, many months before, the day his ship collided with another, the day he tried to save his friend's life—the day he lost his sight.

—Rosemary Middleton, Sen. Bus.

DRAMA NOTES

This year the Drama Club has been busily engaged in a number of activities: in the first part of the middle term we practised acting exercises of all kinds—voice, movement and stage craft. Then came the long preparation of "The Happiest Days of Your Life," a farce by John Dighton, and finally a graceful one-act play writtend by an Auckland lady, Mrs. Edith Armstrong, "A Bonnet for Priscilla," presented at a Parent-Teachers' evening in October. "The Happiest Days of Your Life"

proved popular with the audience, so also was it with the cast, a not unimportant matter. Much fun was occasioned by practising the "merry mix-ups" and innocent (?) parodying of the Staff. A great thrill was experienced by the team when it presented one of the acts during the Inter-Secondary Schools' Junior Drama Festival, the team being placed third, only half a point behind the second team.

We are particularly proud to announce that Alan Young (Typo. V.) won for the second year in succession one of the coveted individual acting awards at the Festival, this being a record shared by only one other person in six years.

And so the Drama Club bids good-bye to its 1954 season, saying farewell reluctantly but warmly to its various members now leaving its ranks. Sally Yeo, Joan Potts, Jane Bell, Helen Martin, Alan Young, Graham Clapcott, Ralph Metcalfe, Don Linden, Noel Newsome and Peter O'Halloran.

Good luck to you all and happy memories!

TO A SEDDON TEACHER

Among Seddon's celebrated teachers,
So ready to use the strap,
There are those budding preachers,
Whose policy it is to trap
Their victims with a volley of words,
And beat him verbally to the ground,
Until, amid confusion from what he's
heard,
taggers solemnly to his place, without
a sound.
There are those hardy lads, however,
Whose preference is the strapping
kind,
With swinging arm and flashing
leather,
After which they feel a sore beh—d.
For sometime after the punishing act,
But still maintain, it's quicker to be
whacked. —Anon.

OLD TOM

Clear are my memories of sunny childhood days, and Old Tom. Many were the times Will and I used to scurry up to his little cottage, nestled at the foot of the hills, like a young baby in its mother's arms.

Scuffling along the country road in our bare feet, sifting the dust between our toes, we would look forward to the fun of seeing him again. For poor and meagre though his life was, Old Tom always had a wealth o stories for the "young ones" and plenty of time to spare in our company.

After we had regretfully left the dust behind us, we would pad over the springy green grass to the little gate that led to Old Tom's cottage. There he would be to welcome us—we could see his crinkly grey hair, and then his cheerful face would light up as he stumped on his wooden leg to open the gate for us.

"Well, youngsters," he would say with a chuckle, "what'll it be to-day?"

And running over the stony path beside him we would cry, "Tell us a story about the sea, Tom!" Or it may have been pirates and treasure or perhaps we could not decide. But finally we would settle for one thing or another and Tom would sit down with one of us sometimes on his knee.

Often, during his story, he would pause as if he were thinking hard, and stay motionless. I will never forget the picture he made—with his bright tartan shirt making a contrast with his faded navy dungarees, his pipe in his gnarled hand and his cheerful old face lifted upwards, suddenly sober as he dreamed his dreams of the past. Wistfully, like puzzled spaniels, we would look up at him, trying to understand his thoughts, but when he noticed us

again, he would often say, "Go along with you now. It's time for you to be going." Then he would see us off and stand waving until we were once again on the dusty road. We would turn round for a last glimpse of his silhouetted figure.

This old pioneer is still living, a reminder to me of the early days of New Zealand.

—Ngaire Calkin, N.H.5.

BOOK REVIEW

"No Picnic on Mount Kenya."
by Felice Benuzzi.

This book is true. It tells of the author's years spent in a British P.O.W. camp in Africa near the foot of Mount Kenya. Benuzzi was an Italian soldier taken prisoner by the British in 1941 and his escape took place in 1943. The characters in this book are real except that their names have been changed. This book is not in the least artificial for the author, having experienced life in a P.O.W. camp, has been able to write with great feeling and vivid description. I also felt how much like us the Italians were—it was hard to realize that I was reading about our former enemies. In their sense of humour and in other small ways they were just like us.

When Benuzzi decided to make his escape he got two other prisoners to go with him—a sailor and a doctor—and these three, with a few other helpers, saved what food they could from their scant rations. Their only guide over Mount Kenya was the sketch of the Mount which they managed to procure from an Oxo tin. Immediately after break-out the Sailor took ill but they still carried on.

The lower area of Mount Kenya is jungle and forest and infested with

big game and as they had no means of protection their lives were often endangered, and their encounters with some of these animals makes the book all the more interesting and exciting. When eventually these three reach the foot of the highest peak the sailor is too ill to carry on any further so Benuzzi and the doctor carry on alone to face the climax of their adventure. Their journey back is every bit as hazardous as their ascent, and the tension inside the reader never relaxes until, after their brief experience of freedom, they eventually break into the P.O.W. camp from which they had escaped and given themselves up to the British Commandant.

Yvonne Brown.
Commercial 5.

"Cry the Beloved Country."

by Allen Paton.

"Cry, the Beloved Country," written by Alan Paton, is a stirring novel telling of the colour problem in Africa, and the dreadful housing conditions in cities like Johannesburg, under which many of the natives live.

The setting of this story is the valley of Umzimkulu, a bare, desolate valley suffering from soil erosion and drought and therefore offering very little sustenance to the small community of natives who live in the valley.

The central figure of this book is an elderly Zulu priest, Rev. Stephan Kumalo, who is the pastor of these people. Many years before, his brother and sister had left the little town where they had lived all their lives and gone to work in the big city of Johannesburg. Later his son had followed them and from these three the

priest and his wife had never heard since. This had happened in many of the households in the valley and had caused much sorrow and heartbreak. Kumalo, the priest, decides to go to Johannesburg and see if he can find his brother, sister and son and persuade them to come back to Umzimkulu. After many weeks he finds his son, who has led a very degraded life and is in serious trouble. Kumalo's brother has become a success in a worldly sense and shows very little reverence toward his elder brother. His sister was found living in a very bad part of the slums, with her small son, and was taken by the priest to live in a respectable boarding house with him.

The author goes on to tell of the cruelties and kindnesses shown to the natives by the Europeans; how many of the young people from the small towns take to crime and end in tragic circumstances; and how Kumalo returns to his home in the valley of the Umzimkulu a broken old man.

The colour bar is a very complicated and distressing situation in South Africa. The author presents many aspects of it in his story, but offers no solution to the problem. But the story is so well written and realistic that it will provoke many readers to continue to take an interest in this problem of our times. The book is so simply and beautifully written that anyone would understand and enjoy it — in fact, the simplicity of the style reminds one of the Bible and helps to make the book so moving.

—Robyn Hunt, N.H.5.

FILM REVIEW

"Julius Caesar"

In my opinion, "Julius Caesar" is one of the best pictures that Hollywood has produced.

The acting was very well done, and in some parts really superb. Although the picture dragged occasionally it was more than made up for by the excellence of the rest of the film.

Sir John Gielgud's interpretation of Cassius was outstanding and Cassius proved to be the most interesting character. Although this type of acting is new to Marlon Brando, he coped with it extremely well. When Mark Antony spoke at the funeral it was very touching and human. James Mason as Brutus, too, played his part well. Louis Calhern's portrayal of Caesar seemed to me tame and weak, but in real life Caesar may have been like that.

The direction throughout the whole of the picture struck me as being straightforward and to the point. There was nothing in the scenery to take the interest away from the actual play and the costumes were authentic.

I thought the photography was very good, especially where Brutus sees Caesar's ghost. It was a weird and electrifying apparition. One scene was rather spoiled because the storm was completely turned off when Cassius spoke to Casca in the square.

Some cuts were made in the film, but they were not very noticeable as they did not have much to do with the story itself.

The music impressed me very much. It fitted perfectly with the mood of the play and in some scenes was completely eliminated as the silence made the atmosphere more dramatic.

—Flora Botica, C.5.

S.M.T.C. CADET BATTALION, 1954.

Three members of the School were given a very honoured privilege at the beginning of the year. In January these boys went to Linton Military Camp by the kind consent of the C.O. of the Battalion to specialise in courses for R.S.M., Drill and Weapon Training. Besides their work they had a very enjoyable trip, for which they thank the C.O. very much.

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