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EDITORIAL

History has many forms. Gazing at the two thousand-year-old Puriri tree in Brooklands Park, New Plymouth, one has the feeling of looking at History itself — the tree which was a sapling when Christ walked this earth, a mature piece of timber when William the Conqueror conquered England, may in this space age be regarded as a living monument representing History. The Puriri is one continuous life and, as such, is more fallible and liable to death, than for example, a family, made up of generations of many different lives, but each linked to the other and the whole continuing indefinitely. A family may die out, but because of its particular characteristics a school may not. The most important characteristic of a school from this point of view is its constant change, and it is this very change which ensures a school's continued existence.

We who have been associated with the Wanganui High School in its second year—both staff and pupils—are proud to be connected with the beginning of something which may perhaps be described as history-in-action. Change is a necessity for the continued existence of a school, but it is imperative that while the physical attributes of a school—its pupils, staff and buildings—change, the spirit of the school should not. It is this that makes the first few years of a school so important: in these years the school spirit is formed. Through all changes, this will decide the influence which the school will have on those who pass through it. It is this influence of a school on thousands of pupils which will decide the future of a country, perhaps even of the world.

Perhaps in the future, we shall be able to name many famous men and women among our past pupils, but the importance of any school is not so much in the number of famous people it produces as in how it trains those who will not be famous—the pupils who will become the teachers, joiners, plumbers, office workers, nurses and housewives of the country. It is on these people that the welfare of the country depends, and if our school can, because of its traditions and spirit (even now being created) help these people to live their lives to the full, so that this country will be a happier and more prosperous place as a result, we can ask no more.

As this second number of "The Record" goes to press we may hope that as the years pass the building of our school spirit and traditions will flourish, and result in that ultimate aim of all educationists, and particularly of the Wanganui High School—
"that we might have life."

DIARY OF EVENTS, 1959.

- 3rd February, 1959.—School opened with a roll of 339.
4th-9th February.—Barracks, and special programme for the girls.
13th February.—Visit of Mr. J. F. Colquhoun, representative of the World Chief Scout. Mr. Colquhoun addressed Assembly.
3rd March.—Swimming sports held at Gonville Baths—a win for Vogel House.
4th March.—S.C.M. branch established under the supervision of Miss Bassett. A visit by Miss Bell, travelling organiser, enjoyed by members.
10th March.—Summer sports fixture v. Rangitikei College, here.
12th March.—Inter-school life-saving competitions. 4 girls' teams competed.

- 13th March.—An abortive effort to hold the Athletic Sports. Rain interfered at mid-day.
- 16th March.—First parents' meeting of the year.
- 18th March.—Athletic Sports completed at Cook's Gardens in beautiful weather. A victory to Ballance House.
- 23rd March.—Visits by Mr. Coe of the Traffic Department and Mademoiselle Lambert, French model, who spoke to pupils taking French.
- 25th March.—Inter-school Athletic Sports, boys at the Collegiate School, girls at Cook's Gardens. A share of successes were recorded at each.
- 2nd April.—Visit of Mr. Alan Mister, who spoke to Assembly on the work of Corso.
- 20th-22nd April.—Visit of Department Inspectors.
- 27th April.—Annual meeting of the Home and School Association.
- 6th May.—A school party attended and enjoyed the performance of "The Pirates of Penzance" by the Technical College.
- 7th May.—First Term social in the Assembly Hall. Excellent music provided by Mr. and Mrs. Barber and Mr. Samuel.
- 8th-26th May.—First Term holidays. Miss Burbush completed probational assistantship.
- 28th May.—Visit of Dr. T. Z. Kee, Chinese Scholar and christian. A thrilling address to the S.C.M.
- 17th June.—Winter sports fixtures v. Rangitikei College at Marton.
- 24th-26th June.—Mid-year examinations.
- 27th June.—Soccer and hockey fixtures v. Hawera Technical High School at Hawera.
- 23rd July.—Home and School Association meeting, attendance 206. Swimming Baths campaigns launched on unanimous decision of parents.
- 29th and 30th July.—Winter sports fixtures v Taita College, here. End of term social on the Wednesday night.
- 29th July.—Mr. L. M. Fairbrother resigned. His place taken by Mr. G. U. Whitehead.
- 3rd August.—Visit of Mr. Butterfield and Mr. Williams, members of the British Isles Rugby team. Both spoke to the Assembly and were very much appreciated.
- 5th August.—The School attended the British Isles-Wanganui match at Spriggins Park. An excellent performance by Wanganui who had been coached by N. J. G. Bowden.
- 6th August.—Visit of Leo Murray, American field scholar at present attending the Collegiate School. He spoke pleasantly and amusingly to the Assembly.
- 12th-13th August.—School winter sports fixtures v. Colenso High School at Napier. Teams, comprising third formers, supervised by Mrs. Mahoney and Mr. Bowden, travelled to Napier by bus for an enjoyable visit.
- 21st August-15th September.—2nd Term Vacation.
- 15th October.—The Secondary School's Choral Festival at the Opera House, the School Choir participating.
- End of the year events still to be completed at the time of going to press.
- 1.—Display Day.
 - 2.—Summer sport fixtures v. Taita College (at Taita) and Colenso High School, here.
 - 3.—End of year Social.
 - 4.—School prize-giving ceremony, guest-speaker Rev. A. Pyatt of St. Peter's, Wellington.

REFLECTIONS AND ANTICIPATIONS

The second year has passed and a further stage of our development completed. We are not yet as other schools are, as large, as intimately acquainted with external examinations and senior study, as conscious of a past and a heritage. But there are beginnings of these things. We now have a past, one that is brief, but important, and one that can be built upon, for those who were the School of its first year, pupils, staff, parents and board, did their work well. We have a school spirit, and consciousness of belonging to a good School. We have a pride in our membership, not perhaps shared by everyone (as any company of mortals must contain a few misfits), but a pride that is real, and a strength in the dominant body of pupils capable of carrying on the task of establishing a school.

Our sights next year are set on three targets:—

1—Consolidation of school unity. Fifth-formers are seniors, and although our percentage of seniors will still not be that of the usual secondary school, we shall have an older section to give pupil leadership.

2—A specific academic goal—School Certificate for the first time.

3—Certain material needs which have to be supplied by our own efforts.

The first of these is THE SWIMMING BATHS.

A start, a most effective start, has already been made. A well attended meeting of Parents in July voted unanimously to embark upon a Swimming Baths Fund campaign and, during the evening, promises of over £500 were made. Since then there has been intense activity, divided into three compartments.

There is firstly the pupils' campaign. The Home and School Association have offered a prize picnic to the Form contributing most per pupil, and a target has been set of thirty shillings each. Already £150 has come in, much of it the personal earnings of pupils, but, additionally, there has been a spate of class activity. Lunch hour canteens, special teas, hamburgers, toffee-apples, shoe shines, mid-day socials, record and film sessions, are among the devices employed. Mr. and Mrs. Cutelli have offered to provide a series of film evenings, and already one has been held (to the benefit of 4P, 4G funds). There is a determination on the part of the pupils to provide a substantial part of the baths themselves, and it appears that the £400 goal will be realised. One pupil, by her own efforts made £6 for her class funds, and this spirit is common.

Secondly, there is the parents' campaign. There have been a series of efforts planned for the third term—a shop-day stall, motor cycle sports, a parent-pupil social and a concert. The principal effort, however, is for a grand carnival to be held on the School Grounds on 5th March next year. Committees are already engaged in planning for this and a big attendance is expected.

Thirdly, there is the subscription list, with a target of £2,300. Generous donations have already been subscribed, a number in the £25 to £100 category, and many promises have been received. The Executive are confident that this will be liberally supported.

It is pleasant to think of a gleaming new swimming pool, situated oasis-like just beyond D Block. It becomes an even more pleasant vision, when the heat and dust of February also obtrude into the

picture. But pleasant visions are not enough, and we are engaged in the task of giving substance to the idea and working for something real. Beyond, stretch development schemes for gymnasiums, sports pavilions and other amenities, but the first requirement is Baths.

A. T. G.

STAFF NOTES, 1959

The New Year opened with an influx of new staff members. Four permanent full-time teachers joined the ranks of the ten stalwarts of last year. At morning and after school tea breaks the staff room took on a more replete look. The cosy, colourful chairs of last year gained more companions. The buzz of conversation swelled quite noticeably.

From Avondale College came Mr. N. Bowden, B.A., to take charge of the Physical Education for boys. As an ex-All Black he is most enthusiastic about Rugby in the school. Not only has he coached the School XV, but also the Wanganui Representative XV with marked success. All will long remember the sterling game of Wanganui against the Lions. Other interests of his are tennis, cricket and athletics, all of which he coaches.

We welcomed Miss E. Brown as another commercial teacher, joining our staff after a successful career in Beauchamp & Co.'s office.

Proving a most useful member of the Staff, Miss M. Bassett, M.A., joined us from Auckland Training College. Already she is enthusiastically looking after a Student Christian Movement group, a Drama Group and is Assistant Librarian to Miss Sutherland. She is also editing "The Record".

To take up his first teaching appointment has come Mr. P. Godfrey, M.A., from Christchurch Training College. He also has taken under his wing a drama group and has already shown that he will prove a most useful member of the staff.

Wanganui Technical College has provided us with another assistant, Mrs. E. Mahoney, in charge of the Girls' Physical Training. A keen basketball player herself, she has played no small part in training the "A" Basketball Team, one which has gone through the season with an almost unbeaten record.

The Art Department is under the watchful eye of Mr. P. Hartnett, who is now planning specialist training for more senior students in this branch of learning. The walls of the Art Room are already gaily decorated with the art creations of his more promising pupils.

Mrs Hamling, who so kindly helped us in the manual training of some of the primary school girls, was replaced by Mrs. Richdale, who has cheerfully continued the work she was doing.

Our music teacher, Mr. R. Francis, has given us more of his time this year and we in "A" Block quite frequently work to the pleasant accompaniment of lilting music. We again enjoyed the singing of the School Choir at the Musical Festival.

An excellent stand-by, Mr. Fairbrother, ex-Headmaster, Waverley District High School, believes in the good watch-word of the Boy Scouts "Be Prepared", because he has helped us on two occasions this year. He can occasionally be seen disappearing into the "tractor" shed with screen and projector and we know another of his many

excellent films is to be displayed for 3P's Bath Appeal. A keen rosarian, he has stimulated our standard roses into vigorous growth by his expert pruning.

Mr. G. U. Whitehead, an M.A., of Cambridge, England, joined us from St. Joseph's College, West Hartford, Connecticut, U.S.A. He had a short but nonetheless pleasant two months with us, then took up a permanent appointment at Palmerston North Boys' High School.

Miss Burbush, who assisted us last year, for the first term this year was in the Home Science Department, until she was appointed to the Education Board as a travelling teacher in Home Science. We wish her well in this new appointment.

We were paid a brief visit by Miss M. Greaves attending a course for commercial teachers at the Wellington Technical College; Miss D. Bell, taking a home science course at Auckland. One of these days they may see fit to join our Staff.

With great pleasure we learn that our headmaster, Mr. Gibson, and our groundsman, Mr. Davies, are fully recovered in health.

May we take this opportunity of welcoming Mrs. Douglas, who has been in charge of our Office from the beginning of this year. Her cheerful personality, and her willingness to carry out all kinds of routine tasks have already endeared her to all members of the staff.

We do not feel that we can conclude these notes without making passing reference to the splendid work that teachers are doing in spurring on pupils in their efforts to raise funds for the baths. Concerts and cakes, lollies and films, ice-cream and soft drinks; pasties and bread rolls are a few of the good things offering by zealous classes striving to top the Baths Barometer.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

At the first Annual General Meeting of the Wanganui High School Home and School Association held on 27th April, 1959, the following officers were elected: Mr. A. S. Anderson (President), Mr. C. E. Goldstone (Vice-President), Mr. J. N. Caradus (Secretary-Treasurer), Mrs. M. Smiley, Mrs. J. A. Spurdle, Mr. G. H. Britton, Mr. J. E. Dean, Mr. L. R. Syme, Mr. D. P. Wansborough. In addition, Mrs. G. B. Lockett acts on the Executive as the Board of Governors' Representative and Mr. A. T. Gibson (ex officio). This Executive has met on six occasions during the year and has been responsible for arranging the general meetings of the Association. Addresses at these have been given on various aspects of school life by Miss Sutherland, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Kinder and Mr. Bowden.

The highlight of the year was the July 23rd meeting when an address was given by Mr. Gibson on "The Development of the School" to an attendance of 190. Following Mr. Gibson's address it was moved that a campaign to raise funds for swimming baths be introduced, a subscription list be opened and a big effort held early in 1960 to raise funds. This was carried unanimously on a show of hands. The subscription list was then opened and promises of £540 were received at the meeting. Since this meeting, the activities of the Association have been largely concerned with raising funds for the baths. The Executive organised a stall at J.C. Market Day, has made some of the arrangements for the Motor Cycle Sports to be held on November 21st, and has set up twelve sub-committees to

assist in running a Gala Day scheduled for 5th March 1960. On Saturday, 31st October, a very successful parent-pupil social was staged and this was voted a great success by all who attended.

It is hoped that during 1960 still greater support will be given to the activities of the Association by parents—more regular attendance at meetings, generous support to the Gala Day, donations to the subscription list for the baths—and that as a result the baths will be a reality at the end of the year.

THE LIBRARY

This has been an important year in the Library, for we have been laying foundations! With the arrival of the tables and chairs at the beginning of February, the Library came into full use. Each class has had a weekly library period—for instruction in library techniques, changing books, and especially for individual reading. The Library is also open in the lunch hour for reading, and after school for changing books.

Our thanks go to the Art and Woodwork Departments for providing coloured and lettered blocks to distinguish the various shelves of fiction and the different topics in the non-fiction section. We have a table for weekly displays and a bulletin board. The Woodwork Department has also built a stand for the catalogue cabinet.

Many new books have been bought this year and we are again very grateful to the School Librarians, who have worked most faithfully at the task of processing them. They have worked in groups, each with its own particular task and its own special shelf in the workroom. They have given generously of their own time, in lunch hours and after school, and occasionally on a Saturday morning.

We wish also to thank Miss Bassett for work in cataloguing the non-fiction section, and Miss Bowler for typing the book-cards.

Among the new reference books pride of place must be given to our set of Chambers' Encyclopaediae. New equipment has included a binding machine for covers, and an electric stylus.

Again we wish to thank the School Library Service for help and co-operation as well as for the long-term loans of both fiction and non-fiction which supplement our own collections.

Librarians.—Miss Sutherland, Miss Bassett, Miss Bowler, H. Anderson, J. Gibson, J. Good, M. Pull, P. Ross, J. Shepherd, P. Snape, D. Benfell, B. Mason, M. Robins, P. Thompson, R. Ward.

S.C.M. NOTES

Early in March a visit from Miss Nancy Bell, travelling secretary of the Schools' Branch of the Student Christian Movement, was made the occasion of the formation of the Wanganui High School branch of this world-wide movement. Shortly after this our fifty members were divided into four Study Groups which met every Thursday during the lunch-hour to study and discuss "In Order to Live," a Study Booklet designed for third and fourth formers.

During the year after-school social gatherings were held, one taking the form of Bible quiz was most popular, as was an afternoon featuring a panel which answered questions on topics put by members. A games afternoon later in the year was also much enjoyed, and at

the end of the year was marked by an interesting film display kindly given by Mr. Fairbrother, followed by a service, then a fish-and-chip tea and games.

In July, World Student Christian Federation Day was observed by a Sunday afternoon service in St. Paul's Presbyterian church, when we joined with the Wanganui Girls' College branch of the S.C.M. Later in the second term we worked individually to make contributions to a Funds for Federation Week appeal, and this was well supported by our members.

Visiting speakers have included Dr. Kee who spoke of his experiences as an S.C.M.er both in his homeland of China and abroad, and also gave us a delightful solo on his flute. We welcomed also Miss Jones, the Australian secretary at the Bombay Mission in India who told us of anti-Christian customs in India, and the work being done at mission stations to combat these.

Early in the year a committee was elected from among the pupils, and this committee has done very good work in the running of the school branch of the S.C.M. The members are: Fourth formers: Lynette Almond, Sandra Hempstalk, Ralph Jones, Kerry McGee. Third formers: Lynette Hall, Tony Hawkins.

Our thanks are due particularly to Mrs. Whitlock who has come every Thursday to lead one of our Study Groups, and to the Rev. Mr. Chrystall who has also led a Study Group and has kindly agreed to become the Chaplain to our branch. We thank also Mr. Gibson for his work as a Study Group leader, and particularly for his help and encouragement in all our undertakings, and Miss Bassett for her leadership of our branch of the S.C.M.

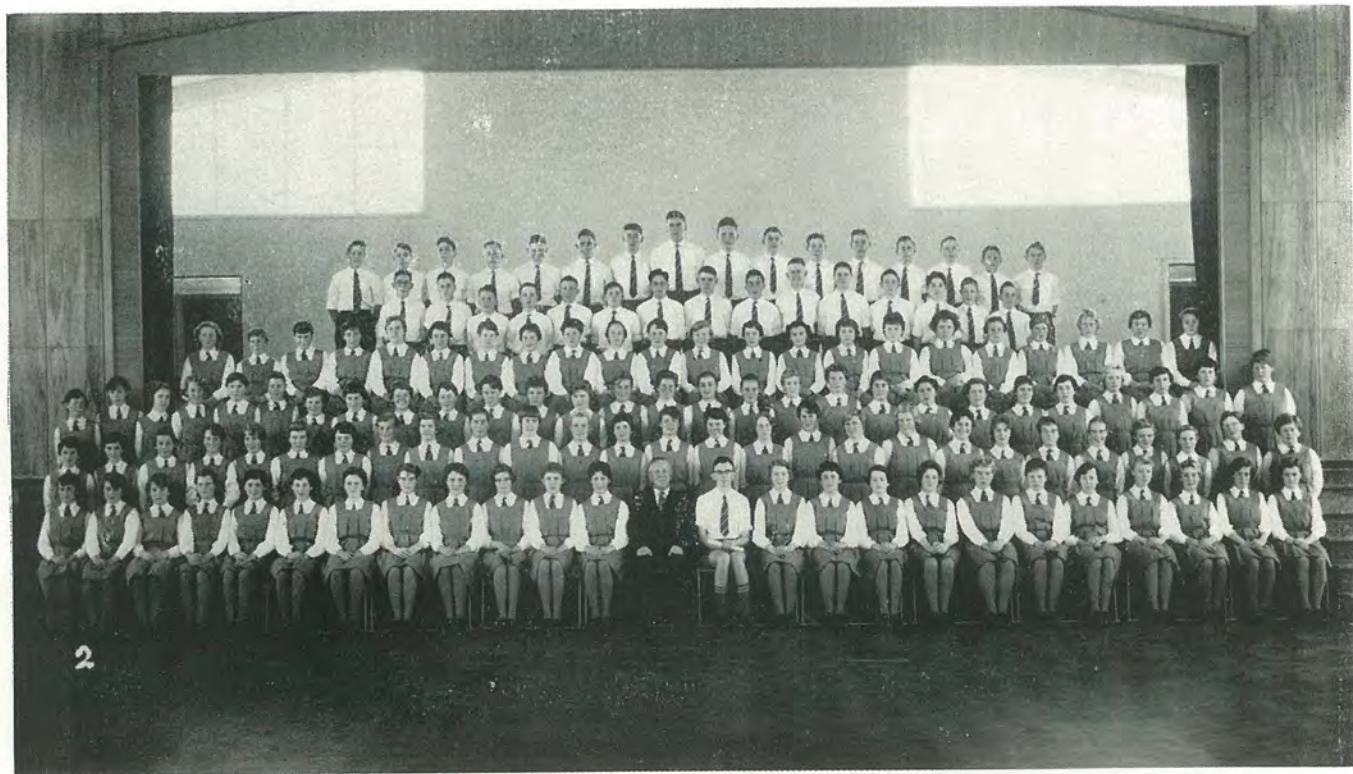
DRAMA NOTES

Four groups began play production at the beginning of the year under the leadership of Miss Sutherland, Miss Bowler, Miss Bassett and Mr. Godfrey. Considerable enthusiasm has been shown in this undertaking, and Wednesday afternoons after school have been devoted to play practices.

During August a drama school was held under the auspices of the British Drama League, the lecturer being the well-known English producer and adjudicator, Mrs. Nora Ratcliff. A number of our drama group and producers attended parts or all of the Drama School, which provided much helpful information and proved most valuable. Before leaving Wanganui Mrs. Ratcliff came to School, where she watched a rehearsal of one of our plays and was most helpful and generous in the advice offered to us.

To date three plays have been produced before the rest of the School. "A Schoolroom Farce," written and produced by Miss Bassett, "The Grand Cham's Diamond," written and produced by Miss Bowler, and the Trial Scene from "The Merchant of Venice" produced by Miss Sutherland. "The Crimson Cocomat" and "The Stranger Gal" are at present in rehearsal, and a third group meets each week to discuss and do exercises in production and acting techniques.

This is a club which has flourished during the year and is doing good work. We hope that it will do even better next year, particularly as our pupils become more senior. Our thanks are due to our four producers for the enthusiasm and encouragement they have brought to this year's Drama Club.



THE CHOIR



CRICKET—1st XI

Back Row: Mr. M. Kinder (coach), M. J. Farrell, B. Q. Sweeney, C. J. Waterson, C. A. Luff, R. J. Fleming,
Mr. J. N. Caradus.

Front Row: R. F. Morgan, M. R. Hogg, M. D. Robins, B. A. Spurdle, V. M. Gray (capt.), E. F. Head, N. R. Robinson,
(vice-capt.), G. C. B. Lockett.

TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT NOTES

With the second year upon us, we in the Technical Department can now look about and see the results of the first year's work. The machines are now all unpacked, located in their positions and working.

Although it is always possible to go on making several improvements, the main task of "setting up" is finished and we are in a position to be of assistance beyond our own domain.

The more we come to realise how well we have been equipped, the more certain we are that we can offer a Technical Education of a very high order. Coupled with the rapid population increase in New Zealand is the demand for the goods that only industry can provide. Industry is very much in need of trained men, and sound technical education will provide them. This fact is very encouraging and no doubt we will find our fine technical facilities being used to their utmost in the future.

WANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL CADETS

This year, as last year, opened with Barracks lasting from Wednesday, February 4th, to Monday, February 9th. During this period basic training was given to both Companies. All cadets fired a Musketry Course on Putiki Range, the juniors from the .22 rifles, the senior from .30 rifles, the Bren and Vickers guns.

Regularly once a fortnight Cadet parades have been held. Instructors Staff-Sgt. B. Jamieson and Sgt. A. Wright of the Sub-Area 6A have given the Cadets thorough instruction.

Weekly, on Monday mornings, from 8.15 to 8.45 a.m., a group of N.C.O.'s have received specialist training. In addition during the August holidays Cadets attended two courses at Linton; one for N.C.O.'s the other for prospective N.C.O.'s. At one of these Corporal B. Sweeney of this Unit acted as an Instructor. The reports on these Cadets were most gratifying. Twenty-two cadets offered themselves for nine vacancies in the Pre-N.C.O. Course.

Both during Barracks week and on Monday, October 19th, Brigadier C. L. Pleasants, O.C. Central Command visited the Unit. He appeared to be quite satisfied with what he saw.

On ANZAC Day, the School, both boys and girls paraded. Headed by the Wellington West Coast Regimental Pipe Band, the School attended the service at the Cenotaph and then marched back to be dismissed at the Drill Hall. Many favourable comments were passed on the marching steadiness and smartness of the School whilst on parade.

On Saturday the 27th September, a mock battle was staged at Battery Point between units of the A.T.C. and Cadets from the Collegiate School, St. Augustine's College and the Wanganui High School.

There is a possibility that in the future a rifle range will be constructed on the School Grounds. This will prove a great service in the Cadet training of the boys. It is also possible that a Signal's Unit will be formed next year for the training of selected senior Cadets.

In concluding these notes the Officers and Cadets of the Unit would like to thank sincerely Major E. M. Sweeney, S/Sgts. A. W. Noble and B. Jamieson and Sgt. A. Wright for their untiring efforts on the School's behalf throughout the year.

Cadet Personnel.—O.C. M. Kinder, S/L; 2 I/C Capt. N. J. G. Bowden; Officers: Capt. W. J. Forrest; L/t's. J. N. Caradus, G. C. Fringle, G. Wakely; C.S.M.; Sgt. R. L. D. Jones; Cpls.: B. A. Spurdle, R. H. Goldstone, R. Ward, K. McGee, B. Q. Sweeney, V. M. Gray, R. E. Smiley, M. D. W. Robins; L/C.: C. A. Luff.

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SPORTS SECTION

CRICKET

During the season we have improvised with practice wickets at school as well as again making use of Victoria Park. A combined team of third and fourth formers played each Saturday morning in friendly games against the other town schools, and this proved most beneficial to all the players, but it was obvious that with more match play the team could improve still further.

There was one inter-school match in the first term against Rangitikei College, and two more matches are planned for the third term but will not have been played until after publication. They are against Taita College and a third form XI against Colenso.

The results of games played to date are:—

High School v. Technical College B:

1st innings: High School 47 (B. Q. Sweeney 13, B. S. Spurdle 11).
Technical College 23 (E. F. Head, 5 for 5).

High School v. Technical College A:

1st innings: Technical College 36.—High School 50 for 8 (N. R. Robinson 18).

High School v. St. Augustine's:

1st innings: High School 68 (E. F. Head 20, B. Q. Sweeney 19).—
St. Augustine's 23. (E. F. Head 5 for 6).

v. Rangitikei College:

HIGH SCHOOL

First Innings		Second Innings	
Robinson b. Ames	2	Waterson c. Ames	16
Waterson c. Hare	2	Morgan c. Calkin	11
Gray b. Calkin	1	Lockett b. Calkin	1
Sweeney b. Hare	3	Head c. Ames	0
Head b. Calkin	1	Gray, not out	16
Lockett b. Ames	10	Sweeney c. Hare	2
Farrell b. Hare	0	Farrell b. Calkin	1
Jordan b. Ames	0	Spurdle b. Calkin	6
Hogg b. Ames	1	Hogg, run out	2
Morgan, run out	6	Jordan c. Ames	2
Spurdle, not out	0	Robinson, not out	0
Extras	5	Extras	4
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	31	Total for 9 wickets	61

RANGITIKEI COLLEGE

First Innings

Odlin b. Head	2	Waugh, run out	2
Barrell b. Head	4	Mullany b. Head	1
Ames b. Head	10	Stantiall b. Spurdle	3
Calkin b. Head	34	Russell, not out	0
Hare b. Gray	5	Extras	5
Lumsden lbw. Spurdle	8		
McCarthy lbw. Head	5		
			79

TENNIS

Early this year, we were still making our way over to the Gonville tennis club on Tuesday afternoons, but we watched with great interest the progress of the school courts. What a thrill it was when we finally played on our own new tennis court! Girls could get more out of school play, and we certainly noticed a great improvement in the enthusiasts.

Saturday morning competitions were started, and proved very popular. The results were as follows:—

February 21st:—High School v. Technical College—High School won, 5-3.

February 28th.—High School v. Girls' College—we lost, 2-6.

March 7th:—High School v. Sacred Heart Convent—we lost, 0-9.

We also had a visit from Rangitikei College and played a very closely contested match. The games were long and very even. We lost, 4-5.

We hope this season, to see more girls using the courts in their own time. Coaching will be given by Miss Bowler, Mrs. Jones and Mrs Mahoney, but only lots of practice will make good tennis players.

RUGBY

This season we entered teams in the 6th and 7th grade competitions. The 6th grade had more players to choose from than the 7th grade but both teams had a mixture of success and failure.

We had matches with five other schools and in the matches against Taita, Rangitikei and Technical College we fielded composite teams from the third and fourth forms. We played two teams against Waverley in their respective grades and for our first annual fixture against Colenso we sent a third form team.

The annual fixture against Technical College was played on our school ground in good conditions and we were defeated by a better team by 19 points to 5. The Technical team was superior to ours in both forwards and backs but the game was enjoyed by the large number of pupils from both schools who watched it.

v. Rangitikei College, June 17th.

The game was played at Marton Park on a very heavy ground, but under glorious winter's sun with scarcely a breath of wind.

Shortly after play commenced Wanganui were penalised from a scrum and Rangitikei kicked an easy goal, to make the score 3 to nil. Play see-sawed up and down the ground for the rest of the half. The

second half was similar to the first and the only try of the match was scored and converted by Rangitikei in this half. The final score was Rangitikei eight, Wanganui nil.

No player was particularly outstanding although all worked hard. Wanganui excelled in the set scrums but had no cohesion in the loose. The tackling at times was poor.

Team: E. F. Head, M. F. Jordan, D. C. Benfell, D. C. Gilbertson, B. Hood, G. C. B. Lockett, F. N. Chamberlain, K. M. McGee, E. S. Davies, S. R. Dawson, A. W. Hawkins, B. A. Spurdle, D. A. Kiff, R. L. D. Jones, R. L. Bullock (capt.).

v. Waverley.

6th Grade.—In this game we were well outplayed in the first half, being down 17 to nil at half time. However, in the second half our team was on the attack for most of the time but did not manage to score, although going close on a number of occasions and the score at the finish was Waverley 17, School nil.

7th Grade.—A number of regular players were on the injured list for this game so some players found themselves in unfamiliar positions. Waverley scored an unconverted try from a forward rush after ten minutes. Both teams had a number of attempts to score from penalties but were unsuccessful and the half time score remained 3 to nil. Play in the second half was inclined to be scrappy with many dropped passes. There was no further score until 8 minutes from time when Waverley again scored. The final score was Waverley 6, School nil.

Both these matches were played at Waverley.

v. Taita College, July 30th.

This match, which took place on our ground, was won by School 14-11, and was a most enjoyable game. The school team played probably its best game of the season and deserved its win by a narrow margin. The forwards in particular did well in the second spell and much of the credit for a good performance must go to them.

Team:—E. F. Head, M. J. Farrell, C. N. Jordan, D. C. Gilbertson, B. Hood, G. C. B. Lockett, F. N. Chamberlain, R. L. D. Jones, B. A. Spurdle, K. M. McGee, E. S. Davies, B. Q. Sweeney, J. Britton, R. L. Bullock (capt.), C. R. Dawson.

v Colenso High School.

This was our first fixture against Colenso and the team travelled to Napier on Wednesday, August 13th by bus. We were entertained at a most enjoyable social on the evening of our arrival; the team also attended Thursday morning assembly at the school. The match was played in perfect conditions on the Thursday morning.

We were defeated 8-0 in a very good game, that was interesting throughout. There was no score at half time, and the Colenso team may have been a little fitter than we were on the day. We extend our congratulations to them on their win in this first match.

Team:—E. F. Head, G. H. Purvis, J. M. Murdoch, C. J. Waterson, M. J. Farrell, G. C. B. Lockett (capt.), G. D. Gemmell, E. S. Davies, F. N. Chamberlain, R. A. Lett, C. N. Jordan, J. Britton, G. W. Ramsay, M. R. Hogg, T. B. Douglas.

BASKETBALL

We entered eight teams in the local Saturday competitions. This was a very good effort, considering that the international seven-aside game was introduced, which was new to us all, and the very junior school we have.

The A team playing in the Junior Grade, displayed themselves creditably winning all fourteen games, which made them the Junior Champions. They also reached the Semi-finals in the Glover Cup handicap tourney, being defeated by Technical Old Girls Seniors. Four of the seven were Junior Representatives, and the remaining players were trialists.

1959 Representative Players: Lynette M. Almond, Pamela J. McKinlay, Patricia Trow, Pamela G. H. Penn.

The team's successes was due, mainly to their outstanding tolerance and patience at their weekly practices. Together with the B Team, these girls faithfully reported three times a week to their place of correction and training (Home Courts). An unbeatable record is a fitting reward for their co-operation during the season, for their ability as a team, and their fine example on and off the court.

The lower teams enjoyed their competition, but lacked the necessary finish which comes from constant practice. We say thank you to the coaches for their foundation work, and we hope that in the future, through this year's experience, success will be with us.

We congratulate Ruth Sewell on making the Third Grade Reps.; Heather Groves, Margaret Edwards, and Diane Gordon, the Third Grade trialists; also the E Team on their last-minute loss in the Final of the opening Tournament. This eventuated after a 3-3 draw when full-time was called. An extra two minutes was played to take the score to 3-5 to Girls' College.

School Matches

17th June, Marton:—A Team v. Rangitikei College won 32-4.

A pleasant day was experienced, resulting in success. After lunching in Marton Park, enjoying glorious weather, we were well entertained by our hosts—good conditions, grand afternoon tea and very good behaviour. Thank you Rangitikei!

In this game Patricia Trow played a very good game considering she was suffering from 'flu! However, after half-time Lois Lawrence replaced Patricia and filled the position with credit. Unfortunately, Lois's height handicaps her, but her shooting is first class. Joy Trow substituted for Carol Wallace, another victim of 'flu! Joy, together with the remaining defenders played well. Pam McKinlay and Lynette Almond combined well together and fed their forwards well. A good high bias pass was demonstrated by all, but the players were inclined to play "up and down" the court, instead of varying direction.

14th July: Waverley.—A Team v. Waverley District High School, won 29-17.

The team did not feature as well as on other occasions. They lacked the necessary sting, especially on their throw off. Nevertheless, the second half saw a change, and we were more settled. The throwing and catching was poor, but this was due mainly to very cold and windy conditions. One or two good moves from centre were initiated, especially as a result of Pam McKinlay's deceptiveness. Waverley provided strong opposition, their goal shooter, S. Sullivan, being really on form. Thank you, Waverley for the good game and afternoon tea.

23rd July: A team v. Wanganui Technical College, lost 18-35.

This was by way of an experiment—playing against the winners of the Wanganui Senior Reserve grade and senior players of the Technical College. It was a grand display, the team playing an identical type of game (we cannot think why!) to that of the Technical College. All girls played particularly well, with Lynette Almond, Pam McKinlay and Pat Trow, combining very well in the goal mouth, and

showing great confidence in one another. Shirley Packer also played a good defensive game as did Pam Penn, against a strong forward third. We were inclined to be held for holding the ball and our throwing was wild at times. Thank you Technical College for our only loss of the season, but a very enjoyable, hard game was witnessed.

30th July: A Team v. Taita College, won 28-10.

Although the weather conditions were poor when Taita teams arrived, on the day of the matches it was quite fine and shooting conditions good.

Our positional play in this game was first-class, particularly Patricia Trow's and Carol Wallace's. Forwards were inclined to get behind their partners and, as a result, balls went astray. Another weak point in evidence was the throwing to a girl, instead of throwing to the position she was aiming for. This is a factor which must be eradicated in this new game.

Taita played a hard and vigorous game, but their shooting was not quite as reliable as expected. Thank you Taita for a good enjoyable game.

Our B team played two inter-school matches—one with Taita College, winning 18-12, another with Waverley District High School which they won 22-16. These were two very good games, Elizabeth Stoneman and Lois Lawrence crediting themselves with fine performances. Lynette Hall distinguished herself in the Taita game, but was inclined to mar this performance with erratic passing. Marie Weatherall attacked well and intercepted with vigour and good timing. All played well against strong opposition and a very good goal keeper in Taita's defence third. To Mrs. Skelsey (N.Z. Referee) and Mrs. Keats we say thank you for refereeing our inter-school games.

A team consisting of third formers only, ventured forth to Napier where they played Colenso High School on the 12th August. It was a great trip, hospitality grand, and the conditions fine. A very even game was played, with very little between the two teams up until half time, after which our team counteracted its earlier mistakes and went on to win 15-9. Mrs. Burns, a New Zealand Referee, controlled the game. All played well, despite the lack of experience and confidence together. Diane Gordon, as centre, proved that a strong player can play out of position, and this Diane (normally a defender) did at centre. Marie Weatherall worked hard in the field, Barbara Casey shot well, the remaining players worked hard and deserved their victory. Colenso's goal attack, Lorna Miller, was very quick in the field, and shot with great accuracy. Thank you Colenso for our game, your hospitality and the enjoyable social.

Personnel: Shirley R. Packer, Beverley A. Hunt, Margaret H. Edwards, Diane M Gordon, Lynette M. J. Hall, Marie L. Weatherall, Barbara Casey, Ruth A. Sewell.

We ended our Basketball for this season with a House Tournament (both Saturday and non-Saturday players). Three teams per House were entered.

A Section: Ballance defeated Seddon, 12-1 in the final.

B Section: Seddon defeated Ballance, 8-4 in the final.

C Section: Ballance defeated Seddon, 9-8 in the final.

Points: Ballance 10; Seddon 8; Reeves 4; Vogel 2.

Mrs. Mahoney's comments on the A Team:

Janice C. James (Captain): A reliable goal shooter, but could use her height to better advantage. Could anticipate play in the field better. A worker.

Patricia Trow (vice-captain): A very reliable shot—phenomenal at times. A tireless worker, initiating fine moves. Could develop a quicker action while in possession of the ball and travelling through the air. Very good positional player.

Pamela J. McKinlay: A good combining wing attack. Elusive. Passing erratic at times. Feeds her forwards well. Good positional player.

Lynette M. Almond: A first-class centre. Handling excellent, throwing a little erratic at times. Reliable, exceptionally fit and always "on the ball". Inclined to wander out of position. Feeds her wing and goal. Attacks well. Anticipates and intercepts play creditably.

Carol A. Wallace: An unpredictable player. Defends and attacks with ability. At times a real "saver". Could "follow through" with her play more.

Pamela G. H. Penn: A very persistent defender. Inclined to take her eyes off the ball—consequently loses interceptions—occasional bursts of excellent interceptions. A tireless worker, marred by too frequent contact.

Shirley R. Packer: Goalkeeper. A solid player, inclined to watch her partner and not the ball. Defends and attacks with credit. Inclined to contact.

B TEAM

Personnel: Joan A. Shepherd (captain), Joy D. Trow (vice-captain), Lois R. Lawrence, Marie I. Weatherall, Lynette M. J. Hall, Jillian M. Gibson, Elizabeth H. Stoneman, L. Anne Tremaine (goalkeeper, left during the year).

A very successful season—for which much of the credit must go to Mrs. Mahoney for her tireless coaching and encouragement. Our grateful thanks to her for the time and energy she devoted to us.

SOCCKER NOTES

A very successful football season has drawn to a close. It is pleasing to be able to record that the boys in all the teams acquitted themselves well, both on and off the field.

The School was able to field two sixth grade teams and one fifth grade team.

Sixth "A"

This team played excellent games throughout the season, losing only one match. They scored 85 goals and had only 10 scored against them. They won both the Smith Bros. trophy for winning their competition, and the W.F.A. Cup for winning the knockout tournament.

It is hard to single out any one player who did not play a good game throughout the season. T. W. Coley, T. H. Alderton, N. A. Foster, T. D. Hooper, and D. C. Wheeler just overshadowing the rest a bit.

Sixth "B"

By now the members of this team should realise the necessity of turning up to training sessions regularly and taking heed of what the coach has to say. Added to this is the need for every player to come to the support of his team mates on a Saturday. J. B. Richdale, P. G. Thompson, M. J. Thomson and M. J. Springer were transferred to the "A" later in the season for their eagerness.

Fifth Grade

This could have been a good team, but was spoiled at times by indifferent play. However, they did play some excellent games and came very close to winning their competitions. R. W. Linder, T. McKnight, R. J. Fleming, W. E. McDowell, and M. D. W. Robins are five boys who come to mind as playing consistently good football throughout the season, also G. B. Judd, who brought off some spectacular saves in goal and played equally as well the few times that he did play in the field.

In June a School team travelled to Hawera to play a Hawera Technical High School team. After a good game we ran out the winners by 3 goals to 0.

This year saw the first school games played between our School and the Wanganui Technical College. This game was the highlight of the season with both sides playing good attacking football. At half-time School were leading Technical College by 2 goals to 0. After half-time Technical College came back with a rush and netted two splendid goals to equalise. From then on it was all Technical College. Our defence managed to hold, but only just, and a very exciting game finished with the score drawn 2-all.

Again this year Mr. John Smith gave freely of his time to come and coach the teams. It is difficult to imagine what we would have done without him. He did a really splendid job. Thank you, Jack.

Thanks are also due to Mr Bob Stewart who gave the 6th "A" team their "pep" talk before and during the game each Saturday.

The two masters concerned with football were Mr. Wakely and Mr. Godfrey, and we thank them for all the time and energy devoted to the cause of this sport.

HOCKEY

GIRLS

This year we had over thirty girls playing hockey and we entered two teams in the Saturday competitions. The A team, chosen from second year players—L.W. Susan P. Flegg, L.I. Margaret J. Morgan, C.F. Marcia L. Gould (vice-captain), R.I. Sandra M. Hempstalk, R.W. Yvonne M. Ellwood, L.H. Diane M. Swann, C.H. Erena B. Lockett (captain), R.H. Marion R. Pull, L.B. Sherryl Gray, R.B. Lynette Scott, G. Rosemary E. M. Calman — improved enough to score several draws in the competition round of the junior Saturday games and two good wins in the second round, coming fourth equal with five points.

Inter-school games.—A Team: Hawera Technical High School (away) won 2-1, Taita College (away) won 1-0, Wanganui Technical College (winners of the junior grade competition) lost 3-0.

L. Joan Good, Jennifer A. Gray, Betty M. Healey filled in against Hawera, with Pamela S. Ross as reserve. Madeline J. Russell was reserve for the other games. Once again Erena B. Lockett has proved a reliable captain and organiser.

The B Team suffered from playing competition games before they had the necessary experience and had far less coaching time than the third formers last year, because of greater numbers and the need to play several Saturday games on Tuesdays. However, they have several potentially fine players, especially in the forwards, who are already developing a useful combination. The following third formers were fortunate in having a game arranged against Colenso College, where they played well, to lose 4-nil to a more experienced



HOCKEY—1st XI

Back Row: Mr. M. Kinder (coach), B. D. Lawrence, J. R. Scott, C. C. Doughty, R. W. Clouston, S. J. Prescott,
G. H. Anderson.

Front Row: M. R. Windleburn, T. D. Ferry, R. F. Morgan (vice-capt.), E. J. Kendall (capt.), D. B. Hawkins, J. J. Barber,
P. O. Bertie.



"A" HOCKEY—1959

Back Row: Mrs T. N. Worthington (coach), Sandra M. Hampstalk, Diane M. Swan, Sherryl Gray, Susan P. Flegg, Madeline J. Russell, Rosemary E. Calman.

Front Row: Margaret I. Morgan, Lynette Scott, Erena B. Lockett (captain), Marcia L. Gould (vice-capt.), Marion R. Pull, Yvonne M. Ellwood.

team: LW Pamela A. Lucas, L.I. Lucille M. Coker (captain), C.F. Jennifer A. Gray, R.I. Olive E. Gray (fourth former), R.W. June A. Grinstead, L.H. J. Ann Butler, C.H. Rawayne M. Kjoss, R.H. Christine M. Hall, L.B. Marilynne R. Garner (fourth former), R.B. Christine A. Feeney, G. Betty M. Healey. Res.: Evelyn M. Studholme (fourth former). Olive E. Gray has captained the Saturday team, with Madeline J. Russell as vice-captain.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Worthington, who has given so generously of her time and energy to us; to all our umpires; to the association for the use of the Gonville Domain, and to Miss Sutherland for time and patience spent in organisation.

BOYS

This year has seen the first Boys' Hockey Teams from the School enter the local competition. The two teams have been composed mainly of Third Form boys.

In the outside competitions they have competed quite gamely with more senior boys, some being in the sixth forms of their respective schools. What particularly has pleased me has been the game-ness of the High School boys. In most cases well out-sized although not always out-played they have stuck manfully to the task till the game has been finished.

In three Inter-School fixtures the High School representatives performed creditably. Against Hawera the High School won 5-3. Versus Wanganui Technical College, High School lost 1-4 after quite an even game. Against a Third Form team at Colenso High School, Napier, although we were leading at half-time, we ultimately lost 4-5.

Next season full attendances at practices will be essential if the teams are to develop into strong combinations worthy of meeting all opponents.

Members of the teams were.—

"A" Team: E. J. Kendall (capt.), R. F. Morgan (vice-capt.), R. W. Clouston, D. B. Hawkins, B. D. Lawrence, S. J. Prescott, J. R. Scott, M. R. Windleburn, C. C. Doughty, T. D. Ferry, P. O. Bertie, J. J. Barber.

"B" Team: G. H. Anderson (capt.), S. J. Peddie (vice-capt.), L. A. Burt-Tippett, R. N. Glenny, K. S. Rosoman, G. D. Purvis, J. B. Brotherston, B. O. Meller, B. W. F. Payne, J. A. Milne, T. D. Gilberd, M. B. Pitkethley, R. T. McKee.

SOFTBALL

BOYS

Each Saturday morning during the softball season the members of the High School 5th grade team assembled at the Gonville Domain. The games were played at either 9.30 or 10.30 a.m. against one of the following clubs: Giants, Braves, Rebels or Aces. The dress and decorum of our team was of the same high standard as people have come to expect from our school.

The High School won the competition, losing only two games throughout. Perhaps we should not claim too much glory from this win, because all the other teams in the competition were junior to us. This state of affairs would be remedied if the Technical College were to enter teams.

Five of our players, N. A. Foster, R. W. Linder, W. E. McDowell, R. L. D. Jones and K. M. McGee were selected to play in the representative team.

In the middle of the first term a keenly contested game was played against the Technical College. The Technical College won 23-20. Our thanks are due to Mr. Pringle for his interest and coaching during the season.

GIRLS

In March the girls played against Rangitikei College, and won 31-7. The team playing was: Beverley A. Hunt, Leonie A. Greener, L. Anne Tremaine, Maureen A. Laird, Lynette M. Ritchfield, Yvonne J. Tasker, Mabel N. Henere, Piki-ora Hartley, Kiwi Rokena.

This season two teams are playing on Saturdays in the fourth and fifth grade. We are very grateful to Mr. Forrest for his coaching and encouragement.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

The sports were set down for March 13th but the weather did not treat us very well and at lunch-time we decided to hold the remaining events over until March 19th as the rain was too heavy for us to continue in comfort. March 19th was a very pleasant day and we completed the programme of events at Cook's Gardens.

The sports were run on a house basis and this gave added interest to all those competing as well as the spectators. Entries were very good in all events and the large numbers in the field events gave the judges of these a busy day.

We extend our thanks to the Wanganui Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club for the use of their facilities and equipment.

Results of the events were as follows:—

BOYS

Under 14:—

100yds.:—1, R. B. Titter (S); 2, G. C. B. Lockett (B); 3, M. J. Farrell (B). Time, 11.1sec.

220yds.:—1, N. A. Foster (R); 2, R. B. Titter (S); 3, T. G. Wagstaff (R). Time, 29sec.

440yds.:—1, N. A. Foster (R); 2, T. G. Wagstaff (R); 3, P. G. Thompson (V). Time, 66sec.

880yds.:—1, T. G. Wagstaff (R); 2, M. R. Hogg (S); 3, P. G. Thompson (V). Time, 2min. 35sec.

One Mile.:—1, N. A. Foster (R); 2, G. C. B. Lockett (B); 3, R. Glennie (S). Time, 5min. 32sec.

Hurdles.:—1, R. F. Morgan (R); 2, R. B. Titter (S); 3, J. Culver (S). Time, 14.4sec.

Cricket Ball Throw.:—1, N. A. Foster (R); 2, J. Britton (R); 3, B. J. Williamson (B). Distance, 190ft. 7in.

High Jump:—1, G. R. House (V); 2, G. C. B. Lockett (B); 3, R. F. Morgan (R). Height, 4ft. 6in.

Broad Jump:—1, D. H. Jones (V); 2, G. C. B. Lockett (B); 3, N. A. Foster (R). Distance, 13ft. 5in.

Under 15:—

100yds.:—1, V. M. Gray (S); 2, K. M. McGee (B); 3, R. L. D. Jones (S). Time, 10.3sec.

220yds.:—1, V. M. Gray (S); 2, G. H. Purvis (B); 3, R. L. D. Jones (S). Time, 25.2sec.

440yds.:—1, G. H. Purvis (B); 2, B. Spurdle (R); 3, C. McIvor (V). Time, 64.4sec.

880yds.:—1, C. McIvor (V); 2, B. Q. Sweeney (S); 3, B. A. Spurdle (R). Time, 2min. 33.2sec.

One Mile:—1, G. H. Purvis (B); 2, H. T. Bowley (V); 3, D. Kiff (R). Time, 5min. 25.3sec.

Hurdles: 1, V. M. Gray (S); 2, C. McIvor (V); 3, G. H. Purvis (B). Time, 14sec.

Cricket Ball Throw:—1, V. M. Gray (S); 2, B. Hood; 3, J. Tairoa (S). Distance, 255ft. 5in.

High Jump:—1, R. L. D. Jones (S); 2, R. L. Bullock (B); 3, G. H. Purvis (B). Height, 4ft. 2in.

Broad Jump:—1, R. L. D. Jones (S); 2, D. Kiff (R); 3, J. Tairoa (S). Distance, 15ft. 1in.

Under 16:—

100yds.:—1, D. C. Gilbertson (V); 2, W. E. McDowell (S); 3, R. W. Linder (R). Time, 10.5sec.

880yds.:—1, D. C. Gilbertson (V); 2, W. E. McDowell (S); 3, R. W. Linder (R). Time, 2min. 35.9sec.

Boys' Course Relay:— (Third Forms), 1, 3P; 2, 3T; 3, 3G.

Boys' Course Relay:—(Fourth Forms), 1, 4T; 2, 4P; 3, 4G.

Boys' House Relay:—1, Seddon; 2, Vogel; 3, Reeves. Time 54.7sec.

GIRLS

Under 14:—

50yds.:—1, J. A. Gray (B); 2, D. M. Gordon (V); 3, P. M. Rountree (B). Time, 7sec.

75yds.:—1, J. A. Gray (B); 2, C. L. Foster (R); 3, A. J. Andresen (S). Time, 10sec.

100yds.:—1, J. A. Gray (B); 2, A. J. Andresen (S); 3, D. A. Smith (B). Time, 11.8sec.

Hurdles:—1, P. M. Rountree (B); 2, P. A. Wallace (B); 3, C. A. Short (V). Time 16.6sec.

Cricket Ball Throw:—1, B. A. Hunt (V); 2, C. S. O'Connor (S); 3, C. A. Chesswass (S). Distance, 114ft. 6in.

High Jump:—1, B. Casey (B); 2, D. M. Gordon (V); 3, J. J. Campbell (B). Height, 3ft. 10in.

Broad Jump:—1, C. L. Foster (R); 2, J. Harrison (B); 3, D. M. Gordon (V). Distance, 13ft. 5in.

Under 15:—

75yds.:—1, R. Broadhead (R); 2, C. Wallace (B); 3, P. G. Penn (B). Time, 9.9sec.

100yds.:—1, R. Broadhead (R); 2, L. R. Lawrence (B); 3, Y. M. Ellwood (S). Time, 11.4sec.

Hurdles:—1, R. Broadhead (R); 2, L. R. Lawrence (B); 3, R. Oldfield (B). Time, 16sec.

Cricket Ball Throw:—1, J. A. Prince (V); 2, K. Rokena (V); 3, M. Whakarau (V). Distance, 145ft. 6in.

High Jump:—1, J. C. James (V); 2, J. A. Prince (V); 3, L. R. Lawrence (B). Height, 4ft. 2in.

Broad Jump:—1, P. J. McKinlay (V); 2 equal, P. G. Penn (B) and E. B. Lockett (S). Distance, 13ft. 1in.

Skipping Race:—1, P. G. Penn (B); 2, D. A. Smith (B); 3, R. M. Kjoss (S). Time, 13.4sec.

Three-legged Race:—1, P. G. Penn and L. M. Almond (B); 2, J. M. Gibson and P. S. Ross (V); 3, P. M. Rountree and P. A. Wallace (B).

Girls' Course Relay (Third Forms):—1, 3C; 2, 3G; 3, 3P.

Girls' Course Relay (Fourth Forms):—1, 4C; 2, 4G; 3, 4P.

Girls' 30-a-side Relay:—1, Ballance; 2, Vogel; 3, Seddon.

Girls' House Relay:—1, Ballance; 2, Seddon; 3, Reeves. Time, 61.2sec.

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS (BOYS)

MEMBERS of our team took the following places in the inter-school athletics competition:—

Under 14:—

220yds.:—R. B. Titter, 3rd.
440yds.:— N. A. Foster, 3rd.
880yds.:—T. G. Wagstaff, 3rd.
One mile:—N. A. Foster, 1st.
Hurdles:—R. E. Morgan, 2nd.
Cricket Ball Throw:—J. Britton, 2nd.
High Jump:—G. C. B. Lockett, 2nd.
Broad Jump:— D. H. Jones, 3rd.
Relay:—Second.

Under 15:—

100yds.:—V. M. Gray, 1st.
220yds.:—V. M. Gray, 1st.
440yds.:—G. H. Purvis, 3rd.
One mile:—G. H. Purvis, 2nd.
Hurdles:—C. McIvor, 3rd.
High Jump:—R. L. D. Jones, 2nd.
Relay.—Second.

INTER-COLLEGE ATHLETIC MEETING (GIRLS)

Our school, acting as host, organised this year's athletic meeting, held at Cook's Gardens on March 25th. Four schools, Girls' College, Sacred Heart Convent, Technical College and High School participated. The Technical College was able to enter only the Intermediate and Senior Sections, Sacred Heart only the Junior Section. We were able to enter in all three grades, but representation in the Senior Section was somewhat weak in numbers and ability, but not in spirit.

The Staff and pupils thank the willing helpers from the other schools. It was a very pleasant day, enjoyed by all, especially the "cuppa" provided by Mrs. Jones.

Our congratulations to the grand performance of the Girls' College, having won all three grades. Also we take this opportunity of welcoming Sacred Heart Convent, congratulating them on their display in the Junior Section, and we hope that next year they will be in a position to enter in all grades.

We would like to record our appreciation of the Council's placing Cook's Gardens at our disposal, and thank the Athletic Clubs for the use of their equipment, also Mr Kempton for his help in marking out the grounds.

Pupils representing the School:

JUNIOR SECTION

Jennifer A. Gray	Pamela M. Rountree	Jennifer J. Campbell
Diane A. Smith	Pamela A. Wallace	Lynette C. Foster
Annette J. Andersen	Barbara Casey	Beverley A. Hunt
Diane M. Gordon	Glenys I. Harrison	Sherryn C. O'Connor

INTERMEDIATE

Roberta L. Broadhead	Carol A. Wallace	Pamela J. McKinlay
Lois R. Lawrence	Pamela G. Penn	Erena B. Lockett
Yvonne M. Ellwood	Rosalind R. Oldfield	Kiwi Rokena
	Janice C. James	

SENIOR

Carla M. Benefield

Mabel H. Henere
Joy D. Trow

Merle Whakarau

RESULTS:

Abbreviations: W.G.C., Girls' College; S.H.C., Sacred Heart
Convent; W.T.C., Technical College; W.H.S., High School.

Under 14 Section:

50 yards: 1, W.G.C.; 2, W.H.S.; 3, S.H.C. Time: 6.5sec.
100 yards: 1, W.G.C.; 2, S.H.C.; 3, W.H.S. Time, 12.1sec.
Hurdles: 1, S.H.C.; 2, W.H.S.; 3, W.G.C. Time: 15sec.
Cricket Ball: 1, W.G.C.; 2, W.H.S.; 3, S.H.C. 150 feet (Record).
Broad jump: 1, S.H.C.; 2, W.G.C.; 3 equal, S.H.C. and W.H.S.
13ft. 10in.
High jump: 1, W.G.C.; 2, S.H.C.; 3, S.H.C. 4ft. 3in.
Relay: 1, W.G.C.; 2, W.H.S.; 3, S.H.C. Time: 56.8sec.

Under 15 Section:

75 yards: 1, W.G.C.; 2, W.G.C.; 3, W.H.S. Time: 9.5sec.
100 yards: 1, W.G.C.; 2, W.H.S.; 3, W.H.S. Time: 12.5sec.
Hurdles: 1, W.G.C.; 2, W.T.C.; 3, W.H.S. Time: 13.5sec.
Cricket ball: 1, W.H.S.; 2, W.G.C.; 3, W.T.C. 128ft. 4in.
High jump: 1, W.G.C.; 2, W.T.C.; 3, W.H.S. 4ft. 2in.
Broad jump: 1, W.G.C.; 2, W.G.C.; 3, W.H.S. 14ft. 7in. (Record).
Relay: 1, W.G.C.; 2, W.H.S.; 3, W.T.C. Time: 55.4sec. (Record).

Over 15 Section:

100 yards: 1, W.G.C.; 2, W.G.C.; 3, W.T.C. Time: 12.6sec.
220 yards: 1, W.G.C.; 2, W.G.C.; 3, W.T.C. Time: 28.6 (Record).
Hurdles: 1, W.G.C.; 2, W.T.C.; 3, W.H.S. Time: 12.7sec.
Broad jump: 1, W.G.C.; 2, W.G.C.; 3, W.T.C. 14ft. 10½in.
High jump: 1, W.G.C.; 2, W.T.C.; 3, W.G.C. 4ft. 5 7-8in. (Record).
Cricket ball: 1, W.G.C.; 2, W.T.C.; 3, W.H.S. 158ft. 6in.
Relay: 1, W.G.C.; 2, W.T.C.; 3, W.H.S. 54.6 (Record).

SWIMMING

TABLOID SWIMMING SPORTS:

The Tabloid Swimming Sports for 1959 were held in Wickham House Baths on Tuesday the 10th. February, the girls' events being held in the morning and the boys' in the afternoon. Events in the programme were 25 yards freestyle, 50 yards freestyle, 100 yards freestyle, 25 yards backstroke, 25 yards breaststroke, learners' width and plunge. The big disappointment was the poor entries—in the 25 yards freestyle event only 169 pupils participated, less than half the school. Every person should be able to swim and it is surprising that the majority of our pupils are unable to do so. Competition was very keen throughout and was organised on a House basis. The final House points were as follows:—

	Ballance	Reeves	Seddon	Vogel
Girls	173½	96½	193	116
Boys	152	168½	104	123
Total	325½	265	297	239
Place	1	3	2	4

CHAMPIONSHIP SWIMMING SPORTS:

The 1959 Championship Swimming Sports were held on Tuesday morning the 3rd. March at the Gonville Baths. Competition was organised on a House basis, place-getters in finals receiving in championship events 6, 4, 2 points respectively, and in open events 3, 2, 1 points. Competition between the Houses was exceedingly close, the Flying Squadron Relay (the final race on the programme) deciding the House placings. Results were as follows:—

(Abbreviations used for Houses are as follows:—Ballance (B), Reeves (R), Seddon (S), Vogel (V).)

Junior Girls' Championship

33 1-3yds. Freestyle.—1, Judith A. Boniface (S); 2, C. Lynette Foster (R); 3, Diane A. Smith (B). Time: 23.7sec.

66 2-3yds. Freestyle.—1, Judith A. Boniface (S); 2, Diane A. Smith (B); 3, Margaret H. Edwards (V). Time: 54.2sec.

100 yds. Freestyle.—1, Judith A. Boniface (S); 2, Margaret H. Edwards (V); 3, Diane A. Smith (B). Time: 94.2sec.

33 1-3yds. Breaststroke.—1 (equal) Diane A. Smith (B) and Marilyn I. Regan (R). No third placing. Time: 35sec.

33 1-3yds. Backstroke.—1, Margaret H. Edwards (V); 2, C. Lynette Foster (R); 3, Irene E. Thomson (B). Time: 30.8sec.

Intermediate Girls' Championship

33 1-3yds. Freestyle.—1, Janice C. James (V); 2, Lynette M. Almond (B); 3, Lorraine J. Dundon (S). Time: 18.5sec.

66 2-3yds. Freestyle.—1, Janice C. James (V); 2, Lynette M. Almond (B); 3, Lorraine J. Dundon (S). Time: 42.0sec.

100yds. Freestyle.—1, Janice C. James (V); 2, Lynette M. Almond (B); 3, Lorraine J. Dundon (S). Time: 72.3sec.

33 1-3yds. Breaststroke.—1, Lynette M. Almond (B); 2, Lorraine J. Dundon (S); 3, Joy D. Trow (S). Time: 25.3sec.

33 1-3yds. Backstroke.—1, Janice C. James (V); 2, Helen K. Anderson (R); 3, Marcia L. Gould (B). Time: 22.9sec.

Junior Boys' Championship

33 1-3yds. Freestyle.—1, T. G. Wagstaff (R); 2, N. A. Foster (R); 3, E. S. Davies (R). Time 10.7sec.

66 2-3yds. Freestyle.—1, T. G. Wagstaff (R); 2, N. A. Foster (R); 3, E. S. Davies (R). Time: 43.2sec.

100yds. Freestyle.—1, T. G. Wagstaff (R); 2, E. S. Davies (R); 3, N. A. Foster (R). Time: 70.0sec.

33 1-3yds. Breaststroke.—1, J. Britton (R); 2, T. D. Hooper (S); 3, R. A. Lett (V). Time: 28.0sec.

33 1-3yds. Backstroke.—1, T. G. Wagstaff (R); 2, E. S. Davies (R); 3, J. Britton (R). Time: 24.2sec.

Intermediate Boys' Championship

33 1-3yds. Freestyle.—1, M. L. Daley (V); 2, W. E. McDowell (S); 3, G. H. Purvis (B). Time: 19.6sec.

66 2-3yds. Freestyle.—1, M. L. Daley (V); 2, W. E. McDowell (S); 3, G. H. Purvis (B). Time: 44.2sec.

100yds. Freestyle.—1, M. L. Daley (V); 2, G. Purvis (B); 3, W. E. McDowell (S). Time: 77.0sec.

33 1-3yds. Breaststroke.—1, V. M. Gray (S); 2, R. L. Bullock (B); 3, N. R. Robinson (V). Time: 27.0sec.

33 1-3yds. Backstroke.—1, M. L. Daley (V); 2, W. E. McDowell (S); 3, V. M. Gray (S). Time: 25.5sec.

Junior Girls' Open Events

33 1-3yds. Freestyle:—1, Diane M. Gordon (V); 2, Pamela M. Rountree (B); 3, Glenys I. Harrison (B).

66 2-3yds. Freestyle:—1, Glenys I. Harrison (B); 2, Barbara A. Steele (S); Raewyn M. Kjoss (S).

33 1-3yds. Breaststroke:—1, Yvette A. Falconer (B); 2, Barbara A. Steele (S); 3, Pamela A. Wallace (B).

33 1-3yds. Backstroke:—1, Glenys I. Harrison (B); 2, Janice A. Bennett (B); 3, Heather G. Sewell (S).

Intermediate Girls' Open Events

33 1-3yds. Freestyle:—1, Madeline J. Russell (B); 2, Margaret I. Morgan (V); 3, Pamela S. Ross (V).

66 2-3yds. Freestyle:—1, Madeline J. Russell (B); 2, Heather A. Wooller (R); 3, Lynette Scott (S).

33 1-3yds. Breaststroke:—1, Pamela S. Ross (V); 2, Margaret I. Morgan (V); 3, Gael L. Vincent (S).

33 1-3yds. Backstroke:—1, Madeline J. Russell (B); 2, Margaret I. Morgan (V); 3, Lynette Scott (S).

Junior Boys' Open Events

33 1-3yds. Freestyle:—1, D. B. Hawkins (R); F. N. Chamberlain (S); 3, M. J. Farrell (B).

66 2-3yds. Freestyle:—1, D. B. Hawkins (R); 2, M. J. Farrell (B); 3, T. B. Douglas (V).

33 1-3yds. Breaststroke:—1, M. J. Springer (R). The only competitor.

33 1-3yds. Backstroke:—1, T. D. Ferry (B); N. A. Foster (R). No third placing.

Intermediate Boys' Open Events

33 1-3yds. Freestyle:—1, R. L. Bullock (B); 2, C. J. McIvor (V); 3, H. V. Brooks (R).

66 2-3yds. Freestyle:—1, R. L. Bullock (B); 2, C. J. McIvor (V); 3, C. J. Waterson (B).

33 1-3yds. Breaststroke:—1, C. J. McIvor (V); 2, D. C. Benfell (V); 3, C. R. Dawson (V).

33 1-3yds. Backstroke:—1, D. C. Benfell (V); 2, A. W. Hawkins (B); 3, G. E. K. Scott (B).

Relay Results:—

Girls:—1, Ballance; 2, Seddon; 3, Vogel.

Boys:—1, Reeves; 2, Vogel; 3, Seddon.

Flying Squadron:—1, Vogel; 2, Seddon; 3, Reeves.

Championship Results:—

Junior Girls:—1, Judith A. Boniface (S); 2, Diane A. Smith (B); 3, Margaret H. Edwards (V).

Intermediate Girls:—1, Janice C. James (V); 2, Lynette M. Almond (B); 3, Lorraine J. Dundon (S).

Junior Boys:—1, T. G. Wagstaff (R); 2, E. S. Davies (R); 3, N. A. Foster (R).

Intermediate Boys:—1, M. L. Daley (V); 2, W. E. McDowell (S); 3 equal, G. Purvis (B) and V. M. Gray (S).

House Championship:—

- 1 Vogel, 112 points
- 2 Reeves, 98 points
- 3 Ballance, 96 points
- 4 Seddon, 84 points.

LIFE-SAVING

This year, although we did not have a Life-saving Club in our sports period, girls interested in life-saving formed as a group to take instruction on such, from Mrs Mahoney. These girls were very fortunate in having the use of the Technical College Baths, and appreciated the gesture. The varying methods of release and rescue and the Holger Neilson method of resuscitation were taken.

We entered three teams for participation in the annual Patterson and Turnbull Cup for Wanganui District Secondary Schools. Lynette Almond won the Turnbull Cup for individual effort and our Team I. gained second place to Nga Tawa in the Patterson Cup for team work.

Members of the team:—

Lynette M. Almond, Madeline J. Russell, Janice C. James, Joy D. Trow.

Members of the two other teams:—

Team 2: Marion R. Pull, Marcia L. Gould, Lorraine J. Dundon, Margaret H. Edwards.

Team 3: Erina B. Lockett, Patricia Trow, Gail L. Vincent, Margaret I. Morgan.

We hope in the future to have life-saving in our sports period, together with the use of our own baths.

NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS' SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

March 14th saw seven of our pupils entered in events for the Championships. This number has increased from the two of last year's performance. This indicates our growth, and we hope in the very near future to be able to send an even larger and stronger contingent. We obtained eight certificates and four titles.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Technical College for their offer of sharing a bus with us, thus enabling our numbers to travel. It was an enjoyable, long and tiring day, departing here at 7.45 a.m. and arriving back at approximately 12 p.m. in the evening. Our thanks also to Mrs Mahoney and Mr Pringle for their help and guidance.

RESULTS.—Marcia R. Gould: Performed with credit. Janice C. James: 1st 100 yards Backstroke. Record 80.9sec.

Under 15 years: 1st 220 yards Backstroke. Record 3m. 8.2sec. 2nd 100 yards Freestyle. (Broke the record 69sec). 2nd Medley. (Broke the record 1m. 53.9sec.).

Lynette M. Almond: 1st 100 yards Breaststroke. Record.

Under 15 years: 2nd 220 yards Breaststroke.

Madeline J. Russell: 3rd Heat 100 yards Freestyle.

Under 14 years:

Lorraine J. Dundon: 4th 220 yards Freestyle.

Under 15 years:

M. L. Daley: 3rd Heat 100 yards Freestyle.

Under 15 years:

T. T. Wagstaff: 3rd 220 yards Backstroke.

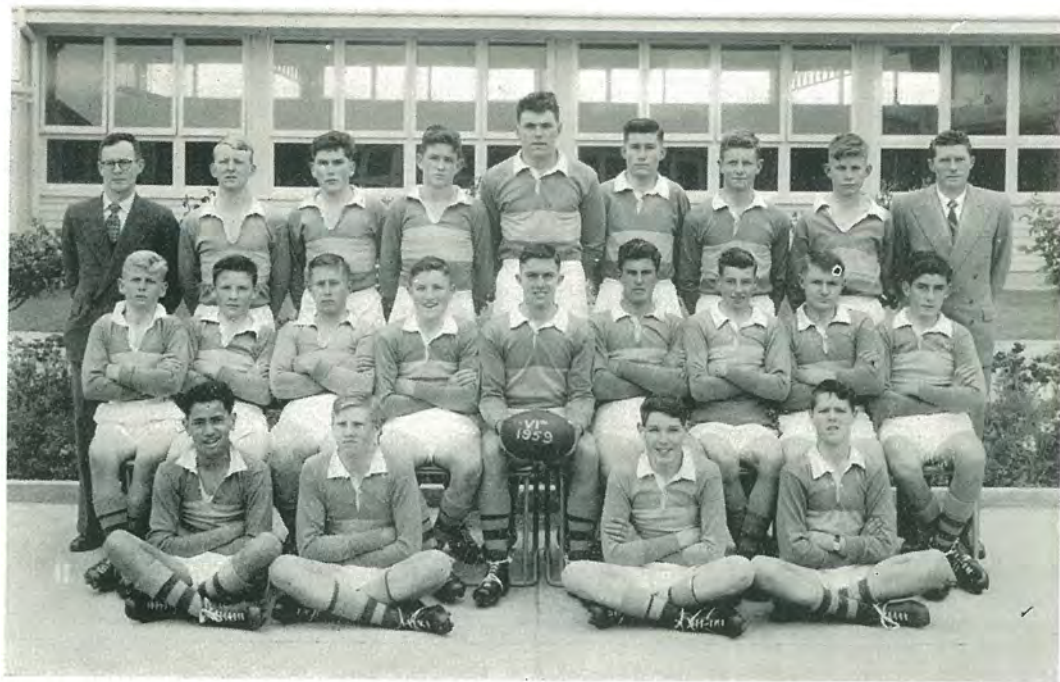
Under 14 years: 4th 100 yards Backstroke.



SOCCER TEAM—6th GRADE

Back Row: Mr. G. Wakely, A. Neiper, P. Thompson, B. Richdale, D. Wheeler, D. Hooper, M. Robertshawe,
M. Thomson, T. Wagstafl.

Front Row: L. Russell, G. Stewart, T. Coley, T. Alderton (capt.), G. Scott, N. Foster, M. Springer.



RUGBY—6th GRADE

Back Row: Mr. J. Forrest, R. H. Goldstone, C. R. Dawson, T. A. O'Brien, K. M. McGee, R. L. D. Jones, D. C. Benfell,
B. Q. Sweeney, Mr. N. Bowden.
Middle Row: F. N. Chamberlain, L. J. Dyer, B. Hood, E. F. Head, V. M. Gray (capt.), R. L. Bullock (vice-capt.),
D. C. Gilbertson, A. W. Hawkins, B. A. Spurdle.
Front Row: M. Waretini, C. N. Jordan, C. A. Luff, C. J. Waterson.

CROSS-COUNTRY

On Tuesday October 6th all the boys started from school in two groups under 15 years and under 16 years for the annual run. The boys had been training for several weeks both out of school hours and during Physical Education periods.

There were several humorous incidents while crossing the stream into Granny Dalton's Lane and even the reluctant starters appeared to enjoy themselves. The tuck shop which is being run in conjunction with the swimming baths campaign did a roaring trade after the runners completed the course.

The first thirty boys in each event scored points in the house competition.

RESULTS:—

Under 15 years:—1, N. A. Foster (R); 2, B. Sweeney (S); 3, J. Culver (S).

Under 16 years:—1, H. J. Bowley (V); 2, D. Kiff (R); 3, V. Gray (S)

House Points:

	Ballance	Reeves	Seddon	Vogel
Under 15	103	116	158	88
Under 16	132	104	138	91
	<hr/> 235	<hr/> 220	<hr/> 296	<hr/> 179

VISITING SPEAKERS

MR. COLQUHOUN.

On Friday, 13th February, we were privileged to have Mr. Colquhoun address us at Assembly. Mr. Colquhoun was the representative of Lord Rowallan, the Chief Scout, at the Jamboree in Auckland in January, 1959.

He said the Auckland Jamboree had been a very happy one, with plenty of interesting things to do and plenty to eat (the two essentials of any successful youth gathering). Its outstanding characteristic was the spirit of friendliness which prevailed. This Jamboree had not representatives of as many nations as the organisers had hoped (because of the World Jamboree this same year in the Philippines), but at the last International Scout Jamboree in Britain sixty nations were represented.

All at the Jamboree could not communicate with one another freely, because of language barriers; yet through smiles, goodwill and picking up a few essential words of other languages, friendship still prevailed among all nations, thus demonstrating the fourth Scout (and Girl Guide) law: to show friendship to all other Scouts, whatever their class, colour, race and creed.

Mr. Colquhoun had met with much friendliness in New Zealand. He hoped that we would be able to travel freely abroad and that we would take our friendliness with us. New Zealanders, he said, are very welcome visitors to Britain.

M.R., 4P.

MR. MISTER.

On 2nd April, Mr. Mister, an organizer for CORSO, addressed us at Assembly. He stated that although it is now over fourteen years since World War 11 ended, there are still over 32,000 refugees living

in camps and barracks throughout Europe. The 100,000 who have already left these appalling camps have encountered worse circumstances in cramped and mean dwellings.

He spoke of the hopeless future of hundreds of thousands of these homeless people in Europe, the Middle East and Hong Kong, of how they live in disused barracks and warehouses, caves, insanitary shacks and tents, ill-fed and ill-clothed. There are people in New Zealand who take the attitude that they do not have to worry about these people—they are just foreigners. The fact is that these same people are flesh and blood and it is imperative that something be done to better their conditions.

The urgent task is to help them leave their camps and poor dwellings, to teach them crafts and trades, to cure their illnesses and help them in other ways. So the United Nations promoted the idea of setting aside the year June 1959 to June 1960 as "World Refugee Year". It is our privilege, said Mr. Mister, to be able to share in this great humanitarian endeavour.

R.A., 4P.

LEO MURRAY.

On the 6th August, Leo Murray, an American Field Scholar studying at Wanganui Collegiate School, addressed our morning Assembly. Leo was one of the twenty-three scholars who were chosen to travel to our country to attend a New Zealand school for two terms, each pupil going to a different town.

Leo and his family live in Schenectady, a town in the State of New York, 200 miles from New York City. Leo said that people talk of two seasons, winter and summer, here, but he has seen only one, and that is summer. In Schenectady you might get 100 degrees in the summer, but it is sometimes 30 degrees below zero, with snow and ice thick on the ground. So the popular winter sports there are skiing and ice-skating. In summer the main game is baseball, which is played much faster than the New Zealand game.

Leo said that the first time he had ever worn a school uniform was here in New Zealand. In America schoolboys usually wear "stoves", a T shirt, and a sweater, and the girls a skirt, a blouse, and a sweater. He said that he thinks the uniform is a good idea, because you are judged by your ability, not your dress. At his home school assembly, the boys do not sit on one side of the hall and girls on the other as they do here; they all mix together.

Many American pupils have only vague ideas about New Zealand. Before Leo left America one of the boys said to him, "Leo, I hear you are going to New Zealand; just where in Australia is New Zealand?" He also said that some boys from his school think that the "All Blacks" are all black. American expressions are often different from ours; for example, they call a torch a 'flashlight', and braces are 'suspenders'. Leo has learned many New Zealand sayings and he said that he will take them back with him and say them over and over until everyone is saying them. He closed by saying that he loves New Zealand and will always count it as his second home.

S.G., 4C.

THE LIONS

On Monday morning, the 23rd August, the Wanganui High School was honoured to have at Assembly two members of the British Isles Rugby Union team, the famous Lions. They were Mr Rhys Williams, a Welsh forward, and Mr Geoff Butterfield, an English back who plays for a Southampton club.

Mr. Butterfield, a physical education teacher, gave a very interesting and amusing account of Rugby in England. He told us that in England people play Rugby to get fit, where in New Zealand they get fit to play Rugby. If a New Zealand team went to England, comparatively few of the population would know anything about them, as soccer is easily the main winter sport over there. He said that the Welsh are enthusiastic about Rugby, but not as much as New Zealanders, to whom it is a "second religion." He lightly commented on his experience in the 1954 Test at Twickenham when he managed to secure the ball twice, and each time had half a dozen All Blacks down on him.

Mr. Butterfield explained the monogram on the blazer, and the colours of their playing uniform: the rose for England, the shamrock for Ireland, the thistle for Scotland and the "fleur-de-lys" (he meant the leek) for Wales. The blue socks are for Scotland, with green tops for Ireland, the red jerseys for Wales and the white shorts for England.

Mr. Williams then answered questions, the first: What did he think was the main fault of the All Blacks? He thought that it was the overworking of the forwards. When asked what he thought of New Zealand's star kicker, Don Clarke, he answered that he is not a swearing man — but he did think that Clarke was a master of the boot. Asked why the positions of the players are named differently in England, he replied that the New Zealand ones are worked out according to mathematics.

R.F., 4P.

MRS. DASSARI

On the 13th October we were pleased to welcome to Assembly Mrs. Dassari, an inhabitant of India who has been brought to New Zealand by CORSO to study the technique of nursing in New Zealand hospitals. She is a nurse in a Lutheran mission hospital and is married with four children.

She told us that she lives 250 miles inland from Madras in a town called Guntur. In Madras there are four universities: the State University, the Protestant University, the Roman Catholic University and the Medical School. This city also has amongst its buildings fourteen picture theatres, eighteen tobacco factories, and a number of huge jute mills. She humbled us by saying that, in India, to be a city the population must be at least one million. To her, Wanganui must be just a village.

Their staple food is rice. Milk and eggs are very expensive in India but beef and pork are cheap. As the people eat with their fingers, finger-bowls replace our cutlery on their tables.

Hindu girls and boys dress alike in pantaloons until they are twelve. Girls then wear a sari and grow their hair.

Mrs. Dassari spoke of the many languages in India, her own language being telegu.

She considers us very fortunate to be living in a land of plenty — with no wild animals or snakes, and an equable climate (their summer temperature is 110-117 degrees). She also said how very much she has appreciated the hospitality and kindness shown her during her pleasant stay in New Zealand.

P.W., 3P.

COMMANDER WERE

On the 21st October, Trafalgar Day, Commander Were of the Royal New Zealand Navy addressed us at Assembly. He told us of the first Trafalgar Day in 1805, 154 years ago.

Napoleon, planning an invasion of Britain, needed to have command of the English Channel to get his army across from Boulogne where it was waiting to cross. But the French fleet was bottled up in four Atlantic and Mediterranean ports which were blockaded by the British fleet. The section of the fleet commanded by Villeneuve escaped and joined up with the Spanish fleet. The combined fleet eventually entered Cadiz Harbour and was blockaded by the British. When at last it came out, it was attacked by Nelson off Cape Trafalgar.

Preparations for the battle started after the first sighting of the enemy. Wet sand was sprinkled on the deck to prevent fire, and below decks partitions between cabins were knocked out; lead shot was brought up and piled beside the guns. Nelson then commanded his chief signalman, Mr Pascoe, to send to his ships the most memorable message in British Naval history: "England expects that every man will do his duty." During the battle, Nelson, pacing the deck of his flagship "Victory" in full dress uniform, wearing his decorations and medals, was an easy target, but he lived long enough to hear of Britain's victory. The invasion of Britain was now impossible.

Commander Were described Lord Nelson as a small, frail man without his right arm and the use of one eye. We were told how he had won the Battle of Copenhagen in 1801, after putting his telescope to his blind eye, so that he could not see the Admiral's signal to retreat. His courage, loyalty and devotion to duty made him a great leader.

B.S., 4P.

PUPILS' CONTRIBUTIONS

BALLROOM DANCING LESSONS

The ballroom dancing lessons, held every Monday, have taught us much about dancing and etiquette. As soon as our instructress had been introduced to the class, she told us about the dances we would learn. The first was the modern waltz which Miss X demonstrated, but some people, who had never seen it previously, looked aghast and were more concerned about Miss X's sheath frock, which looked as if it would split any moment, than about the steps. We thought she looked very graceful, sweeping down the hall with long gliding strides, but when we were informed that we had to do it, too, we were of a different opinion. After having been shown the elementary steps, we rather timidly began, keeping one firm eye on our instructress, the other transfixed to the ground.

Finally the dreaded moment came; we had to dance with partners. The boys were too shy to ask; the girls sat biting their finger nails, worried in case they should be wallflowers, because there were two girls to every boy. When the boys did not choose partners, Miss X paired us off in height order, but she forgot about Kerry, whose poor unfortunate partner just reached his waist. After much shuffling we were off, hands on partners' shoulders standing erect. For the onlooker it was really a sight, with the dancers' bottoms stuck out and heads almost touching as they gazed at their feet in case they went wrong. Those without partners were in hysterics at the sight and were determined not to look like that, but they did. Miss X, realizing this too, taught us the correct way to stand while dancing: the boy's left hand near his ear, his right under the girl's left

shoulder blade. Some girls' shoulder blades were woefully out of position, as were the boys' ears because, when their arms became tired, their hands slipped. We were also taught how to turn, keeping one hand raised to remind us to turn to the right.

The lessons were very enjoyable, the boys soon overcame their shyness and there was a general stampede for partners. The boys showed old-world courtesy in asking a girl to dance: "Pssst!" "You're mine!", or "You'll do!" but the commonest way was to poke her in the ribs. As these methods were not received kindly, the boys improved their technique.

There were about twenty-five in the class and, by the time our tenth lesson came, we wanted to start all over again and master more steps, so as to vary our dancing. On the night of our school social we were on tenterhooks in case we should be asked to give a demonstration, but we need not have worried. We were all sorry to end our lessons but were well pleased that we had joined the classes.

L.A., 4P.

ON THE CONTRARY NATURE OF WINDS

Winds, I consider, are the most contrary, unobliging, and totally maddening things which have been caused to exist. You will be cycling along against what seems to be a sixty-mile-an-hour gale, when suddenly a thought strikes you. Won't you be able to make grand time going home tonight? Cheerred by this idea, you push away with renewed vigour and reach school feeling (and looking, probably — although in most cases it's at least an improvement) like Stephenson's Rocket after it had made the London-Scotland mail run in three hours.

The day drags on while constantly before you are visions of going home at night. The long-awaited bell rings to signify that it's time to go and you rush out from class, collect your bike and dash to the gate. You get astride your conveyance and prepare to lift your feet from the ground and fly, when suddenly, blow me down, if you don't discover that the wind has changed direction. You therefore disgustedly pedal off home and reach your destination feeling, sounding, and looking so like Stephenson's Rocket after it had made the London-Scotland mail run in two hours and fifty-nine minutes that only an expert could distinguish between you.

Another abominable habit of the wind is the one which it reserves for the special benefit of berets. Owing to the rule forbidding the use of numerous hairpins to secure your beret, you will have left the school with that article precariously perched on your head, remaining in that position only by a slender thread of hope and the good-naturedness of gravity. You cycle off, with one hand used as an anchor to your beret and the other employed to steer your bike. Suddenly it occurs to you that there is no wind, so you boldly remove the hand which was used as a stabilizer. No sooner is this done than a playful breeze springs up and the last you see of your beret is a piece of green as it zips along the road and out of sight around a corner. After pursuing it for half a mile you eventually recapture your property and proceed—at the risk of detention—to clip three or four of those forbidden things onto it.

It's things like these which make you wonder if trying is worth the effort, and if it wouldn't be better to get off your bike, walk to school and be late every morning.

C.H., 3.P.

OUR PLAYING FIELD

I remember that what is now our playing field was once the boggiest, wettest and muddiest piece of ground in this section of Wanganui. Indeed, it used to be part of the Harrier Club's championship course.

Nowadays, every lunch-time, I "hoof it" gently onto the field with three others and there we proceed to "scrag" one another.

How pleasant it is to find one's legs projecting at right-angles from the body at the thighs, and then bending at the knees to form a figure eight cross-hitch with the arms, with a couple of cross-hitches and reef knots thrown in for good measure. Of course, it is going a bit far when there is a "stacks on the mill" formation, while the person underneath is flat on his back, with his ears so close to his buttocks as to make no difference.

A grand moment is when you're sitting on top of someone underneath, who is on top of someone underneath who has a comb, pocketknife and other junk stuck into his ribs for about half an inch. Of course, this is when the field has just been mowed. Then the game is to stuff your aggressor's pants, shirt, mouth, ears and hair full of the grass cuttings—just for a start. The next operation is known as "a dry shave". Holding down your victim, you place your knuckles on the side of his head and rub as hard as you can. The four-way stretch never fails to cripple the mug who is stretched. This needs four people and one victim. Taking a limb each, the stretchers run in four diverging paths till the victim is starting to "come to pieces"; then all let go at the same time.

I do not know why some people are scared of being scragged. It doesn't hurt—much. The teachers are always spoiling our fun but, one day, we are going to give them the treatment, too. Naturally the muddier the field the better.

J.C., 4T.

OUR FIRST CADET DAY

Having received our military uniforms the previous day, we proudly, but rather self-consciously, commenced our first drill period. Our tunics were almost throttling us; our trousers were down to our knees, and our socks came up to meet them; to cap the lot we had a glengary perched uncertainly on our heads. If anything, on this mid-summer day, could resemble a Turkish bath, it would be these uniforms.

There was a bark from a man in uniform and we were herded like sheep into three ranks. We were then barked to attention and we stood rigid, with "pleasant" little sandflies crawling over our faces and between the small space between the bottom of our trousers and the tops of our socks.

"Left! right! left! right!": That sound was drumming in my head, along with the tramp of feet and the occasional, "Halt!" or "Be quiet!" For what seemed like an age we marched, turned, saluted and marched again.

Was I pleased when I could clamber out of that Turkish bath at the end of the day!

D.H., 3P.

LOOKING FORWARD

"Hurry up, Pete, we'll have lost our favourite dressing cubicle if you don't come now."

The two schoolboys of the Wanganui High School race towards the tree-surrounded area of the grounds, swim-suits flung over their arms, and towels around their necks. As they near the path leading through an archway of evergreens, shouts of rapturous glee and splashing are heard. When they have paid their entrance fee at the tolling machine, the glass door swings open before them and they are inside.

Towering above them is a huge dome-shaped ceiling, studded with hundreds of coloured lights which flicker on and off, like stars on a misty night. Around the circular pond flowering bushes are set into the tiled floor. Behind these are rows of doors leading to dressing cubicles. From these the occupants enter the bath by a continuous belt, which conveys them to the edge of the pool and swishes them neatly into the deep, blue waters.

In the far corner of the building, there is a smaller, oblong pool, branching off from the main one. This pool, warmed to a comfortable temperature, is entered by tiled steps and is deeper than the other. Along its terraced sides are tiled seats, on which the occupant sits with only head above water level. At various intervals the lights of that section are turned off, and, on a raised platform directly in front, films are shown.

To the left of this theatre is a class-room—a pastel-coloured enclosure with rows of padded seats, with sloping desks in front and a large channel of hot water running in front of each desk, where one can most comfortably dangle one's feet, while trying to solve an equation in maths!

"I say, Pete, I wonder what it was like way back in the early days of the School. Do you reckon the baths were like ours now?"

They weren't able to answer, but you can. For it depends on you whether we have them or not!

J.A., 3G1.

OUR SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY RUN

The scene opens on a cold, blustery day, not at all what one would call inviting. It is 2.25 p.m. on a Tuesday and the boys are turning out for their regular cross-country training run. Many moans and groans are voiced as to the state of the weather in relation to their apparel for the dreaded exercise. A rather well-endowed chap flops out of the dressing-room warmly wrapped, and raises a laugh from the assembled boys. A much embarrassed boy takes up his position in front of his platoon!

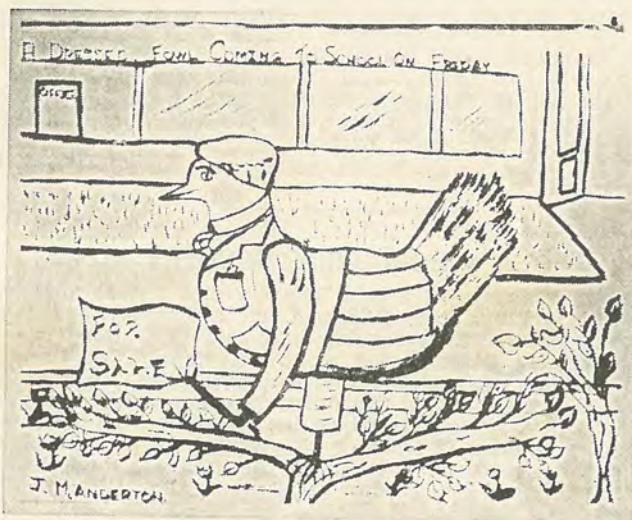
The P.T. Instructor then gives the route to be taken, amid many startled and extraneous gasps from the listeners. On the command, the 120-odd boys all make for the school gate. ("Farewell, dear School, Thou wilt be a welcome sight next time round"). There is a mad scramble as the leading positions are sought by the keener boys. The pace, at first, is fast, but slowly drags as runners separate into groups. Down a gravel road, round a corner, up a long straight stretch, up a steep hill, across a park, down a track, along a gravel road, and onwards, still the puffing, battling hunks of straining humanity run on (or, as some do, struggle to walk!)

Today's course contains a water jump, not very deep but, all the same, extremely wetting for careless leapers! The first boy comes up: "Not far across," he thinks; he jumps, but what he aims for is not the bank, just floating weeds. Consequently one boy falls amid the swirling torrent. The next few hit the right spot and streak away, well pleased, but two boys slip on the dreaded, still warm, pancakes, neatly deposited by the wandering cows nearby. They

jump into the creek to wash it off. ("Boy! am I glad water was nearby!"). Another boy finds a board crossing the creek, skips over it and decides, rather ungallantly, that no one else shall enjoy this pleasure. Quickly he turns to dismantle the arrangement, but a small boy with one slippery foot on it is upset by this strategy and ends up straddling the plank until finally he slips right off into a watery doom. More boys jump and miss, some make it and continue safely home. Our friend, the fat boy, does not even try to jump across; anyway the force of gravity would not let him sail through the air for very long; he floats majestically downstream.

The run continues, through some pipes and over a sandy patch which closely adheres to the already wet bodies, at times presenting humorous spectacles. In at the school gate they run, all looking a little worse for wear. The girls, who have come from the tennis courts to cheer the first home, gasp at the weird and wonderful sights that come through the School gate. Excited discussions are held in the changing rooms until, amid a great roar of laughter, our friend, who has recovered from his swim downstream, enters; then all disperse to go their separate ways.

R.J., 4P.



Result of instructions given by Mr Gibson in Assembly shortly before the Jaycee Market Day.

MONEY FOR A WORTHY CAUSE

In between our friendly little games of punch-you-last, we listened intently to what our worthy Principal had to say about the Great Cause of Money for the Baths. It appeared that some extremely industrious types had slaved away their hard-won (ahem!) holidays to procure money for the Great, the Glorious Cause. What was more, to heap salt on the wound (as the persons mentioned

TENNIS TEAM



Back Row: L. M. Almond, P. A. Wallace, H. K. Anderson,
Mrs. J. M. Jones.

Front Row: P. Trow, E. B. Lockett, R. A. Sewell.

"A" BASKETBALL



Back Row: Mrs. N. K. Mahoney (coach), Carol A. Wallace,
Lynette M. Almond, Pamela G. Penn.

Front Row: Pamela J. McKinlay, Janice C. James (captain),
Patricia Trow (vice-captain). Absent: Shirley R. Packer.

were not in our form, and therefore the money would not go to our form-fund) the Principal exhorted us to 'Go ye and do thou likewise', or whatever it is. We were, each of us, to think up our own genius-inspired fund-raising idea and forward it to our form teacher; many, weird and wonderful were the results.

There were the girls who formed a shoe-shining squad, and wasted the best part of a morning before school for, to say the least of it, meagre profits. Then there were the bright young things who started a sweet stall, with what results I do not know, but it cannot have met with half as much success as 4G's tuck shop, which sells four kinds of ice-cream and iced coca-cola.

Someone's brilliant idea of a bank robbery was frowned upon by the authorities, while the refusal to let us pull down 'A' block and sell the resultant scrap, along with our venerable Headmaster's automobile, to the rag and bone merchants, fairly makes one boil (with enthusiasm).

Another idea, the inventor of which must have lain awake all night working it out, is that we pawn all the School's text books, along with those bloodstained instruments of torture called canes. However, I am afraid this would not work. No-one but a certified idiot would accept the moth-eaten and ink-spattered things the teachers are pleased to call text-books, and I am afraid the masters would not give up their diabolical weapons.

However, a cup of coffee half-way through my homework at eleven o'clock has aroused me from my stupor enough to hatch this brilliant notion: what about a donkey race for all teachers, from one end of the paddock to the other, the results of which could be bet upon by enthusiastic student race-goers. I have no doubt that this would be most popular, and would raise considerable money (and laughs). But alas! there is one small drawback: how to procure enough asinine mounts (unless it were left to the teachers to procure them from the class-rooms). So woe is me: my last brain-wave has spent itself on the cruel rocks of reality.

R.W., 4G.

THE BATHS FUND CAMPAIGN

Why are children born with lungs?
And I'm sure it would be quieter if they didn't have tongues.
Oh, for the sorrows of the baby-sitter,
Bending down picking up litter,
Picking up toys, food scraps and skates,
Patching the child who fell off the gate.
But oh, the joy when the last of it's done,
And you and your money go home to Mum.
The next day finds you with glee on your features;
You have just handed a pound to your form-teacher,
To be placed in the cash-box with other donations
Earned by all manner of queer creations.
There's films and a tuckshop mixed up with the tools,
And also a social in aid of the pool.
There's a shoe-shine service and a hot-pie stall,
There's sweets and drinks sold to one and all.
Everyone's working with one thought in his head:
"If we don't get those baths, I'd sooner be dead."

P.R., 4P.

A PHYSICAL EDUCATION LESSON

In the sixth period on Monday and the eighth on Friday, 4P and 4G girls have a 'phys. ed.' lesson with our instructress, Mrs. M.

Usually there are two or three people without sand-shoes, so Mrs. M. starts the lesson by jumping on their toes to get herself warm. Then it is our turn; we go for a run down to the end of the tennis court, along to the soccer post, over the fence, down to the corner of the playing-field, back across the fence, over to the football post and back up the tennis court.

By this time we are breathless, but a rest? Oh no! Mrs. M. works us to a standstill—this time making us touch the ground with fingers, knuckles, palms. This seems to last for ever but when we have just about reached the limit of endurance, she finally says we can do box work. This, generally, is quite fun but, if it is a hot sticky day, we do not do this properly either.

More roars from Mrs. M. Then, at last, observing that we are not very well, she takes a deep breath, counts ten, and suggests in a fairly pleasant voice that we have some relays. This meets with only faint approval; very half-heartedly and lazily we form ourselves into teams. The heat is simply wrapping us round, every minute seems like a year. We finish our relay and, surprising as it may seem, my team is first. Then—oh super! there is the bell, and we saunter across the playground to the welcome shelter of the changing rooms.

J.G., 4P

SHOE-SHINE

3C2 girls were out to make money, no matter what they did. One of their brilliant ideas was a shoe-shine. They were charging threepence to clean and polish shoes, but as it was their first day and still early in the morning, they had not yet purchased any tan nugget. Alas, one of their first customers was wearing tan shoes; so 3C2 decided to polish his shoes with a white shoe cleaner. As the wearer did not mind, the girls started cleaning. They began by taking a bottle marked "Nugget—White Cleaner" and as the wearer was so busy paying double the price and saying how generous he was, he didn't notice the mistake his cleaners were making.

When he looked down to see how well the girls were polishing his shoes, he received the shock of his life. Instead of using white shoe cream, they were cleaning his best tan shoes with white tennis-shoe cleaner!

Brrrrrr! The bell rang and the girls scurried off, leaving the "generous" Mr. Bowden, who had paid sixpence to have his shoes cleaned, thinking that the extra threepence he paid must have been for the honour of removing the white nugget himself.

P.W., 3P.

A SOCIAL STUDIES PERIOD

It had been a typical Tuesday social studies period; that is, being the period directly before lunch, everyone was inclined to think more of nutrition than Roman history, and, every now and then, someone had to be reprimanded for attempting to make his pencil or fingernails a substitute for the lunch which so occupied his mind. The period dragged on and, when the long-awaited bell

finally went, despite the fact that the teacher was still lecturing, everyone hastily started packing, and the luckless Prescott started talking. This piece of impertinence enraged the already ruffled teacher, so that he shouted angrily: "Prescott, if you're going to start talking, I'm going to stop talking till you've stopped talking, and when you've stopped talking, I'll start talking." This outburst had its effect, although undoubtedly it was an undesirable one from the point of view of our irate lecturer: everyone burst into laughter, for which act we extended our detention by five minutes.

C.H., 3P.

HOMEWORK

The thought of homework gives some a headache. They dread going home of a night and instead stop at a nearby milk-bar where they spend their time lolling about with so-called "boy friends". They arrive home just in time for tea, so that the next morning they can put forth the excuse: "I went visiting last night and was not home till late."

But do not think that this includes all the pupils. No, these are only the lazy children who cannot stand up to a little hard work. They have no enthusiasm whatsoever to get on in life. They can hardly add two and two and, as for saying their twelve-times table, well, that's the last straw.

The majority, however, are entirely different. They do their work with a will and look forward to the time of graduation. Homework is considered important and, as for visiting a milk-bar, the thought never enters their heads.

I hope you have been able to see my point, so that you realize that homework should be considered much more important than listening to the radio or reading a comic, and, most of all, that it should be done first.

Only, do not follow my example, for I do all three at once.

B.B., 3P.

A HORRIBLE MOMENT

The next period was science and I had not done my homework. What was I going to do?

As I walked towards the execution room my mind was in action, thinking up a reasonable excuse, and all the time knowing it would be a lie. I pondered for a long time and then we stood as the tall, lean teacher entered the room. The first word to leave his mouth was "Sit", and then came, "Take out your homework." I did not move until he said, "Bell, where is your homework?" The sweat trickled down my forehead as I replied, "Er . . . at home, sir."

"Well," he said, "show it to me tomorrow, or else . . ." By this time I knew what "or else" meant and I made a point of bringing it next day. When I reported to him with it, he said, "You are lucky, Bell, but you won't be so lucky next time." I remembered those words, and I stayed lucky.

C.B., 3G.

BATHS!

One of the topics being discussed at school
Is how to raise funds for the swimming pool.
We're begged to buy sweets at least once a day,
Or else being charged to see a good play.
Mr. Bowden sends Phys. Ed. boys round the block,
Just so he can sell them an ice-cream or choc.
The latest idea of one go-ahead
Is for parking meters in the bicycle shed.
We slaved in the holidays to earn one pound ten;
We laboured and strove as if we were men,
Each class trying hard to get money in quick,
That it may be the one to win the picnic.
Here's hoping our baths are worth all our work,
Here's hoping no pupils are trying to shirk.
For all we need now is money galore;
Then we'll be tossing our clothes on the dressing-room floor.
P.W., 3P.

3T's WOODWORK LESSON AT A GLANCE

As an interested passer-by I stood just inside the door of the woodwork room and gazed upon 3T engrossed in their weekly Thursday morning woodwork lesson. As I watched, a boy galloped up to the teacher, Mr. W., and excitedly proclaimed that a piece of timber, which he had got out of the rack, had borer. Mr. W. peered at it, decided they were nail-holes, and continued on his way to the gluepot which had boiled dry and was on the verge of burning.

While the master was investigating, one excited boy dashed up and said, "Please, sir, I've hacked my finger off — well, not quite, but there's plenty of blood."

The teacher rushed to the first aid cabinet and selected a large roller bandage which he wrapped around the offending finger. The boy walked off, now proudly displaying a huge bandage, and saying that he was lucky to live.

Again the teacher looked around, this time to see a small boy screwing his "job" together with a chisel. The tool was rescued, but not before several large chips had been removed from the cutting edge of the blade. After putting the chisel away, intending to sharpen it later, Mr. W. was besieged by another boy who wanted to know how to fit a drawer. Mr. W. obliged, and for the rest of the period the other boys did not know whether to pack up and go, or politely to remind Mr. W. with a mallet that they were having difficulties with their woodwork. The former course of action was adopted, but as the bell had rung, it was not illegal.

As the last "student" disappeared through the door, Mr. W. heaved a deep sigh of relief; at least he would have a week to repair the damage in time for 3T's next woodwork period.

T.A., 4T.

LA FERME

Un jour au printemps, nous sommes allés à la ferme de Monsieur Binot. Là nous avons rencontré Madame Binot, la fermière et la jolie fillette, Jeanne. Parce que M. Binot travaille tout le jour,

Mme. Binot et Jeanne nous montrent la ferme. Au coin de la cour, il y a un etang ou jouent des canards. Aussi il y a une grande vache qui boit l'eau de l'etang. Pres d'ici un petit veau bondit. Bientot nous rencontrons un petit garçon qui s'appelle Pierre. Il est moins grand que Jeanne. Puis, nous regardons les lapins dans le clapier. Jeanne leur donne de la laitue de manger. Nous allons voir les ecuries ou habitent les superbes chevaux de Monsieur Binot. Monsieur Binot vient a la cour et il porte avec lui deux seaux qui sont pleins du lait. Tout a l'heure Mme. Binot donnera les poules et les coqs quelque chose a manger.

J.G., 4P.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor,
"The Record".

Dear Madam,

I wish to raise a complaint; no, many complaints, about our school field. I want to know why they ("they" being the contractors who levelled and planted it) did not shift a few kauri trees down from Auckland to give us some shade and protection. The heat on a rainy day is terrible and the muddy field in the summer is almost beyond description. Of course, the trees would have to be of the hundred-foot variety, but then, our school should be a place of beauty and enchantment.

Most important is my complaint about the grass. I do not see why we should have it as it is, only an object upon which the groundsman can waste his time by trotting up and down on his tractor looking very industrious while he is really only enjoying his favourite sport of worm-baiting. Then he plants asparagus and trims it to size, to make it look like grass to fool our misled Board of Governors into paying him, so that he can later gather asparagus when apparently cutting off surplus cape-daisies, a supply of which, to keep up appearances, he can gather from our noxious weed nursery up at the far end of the field.

Another of the groundsman's gentle habits is to require us poor detentionists to rake up grass cuttings, put them into Mr. Pringle's trailer, and wheel them in the aforesaid trailer down Mr. Pringle's drive, where they are scattered by the "willing workers", namely the detentionists, over Mr. Pringle's garden for compost. Meanwhile, Mr. Pringle rubs his hands and says to his neighbour over the fence, "They be good boys, they be. I likes 'em."

Yours fully, faithfully and fitfully,
Not uncomplaining.

J.C., 4T.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Dear Madam,—

Listening to a programme of discussion, aptly named "Leave It To The Girls", on Saturday the 19th September, I had cause to disagree most heartily with the panel's views on one of the topics under discussion—school uniform. A mother had written in, complaining bitterly about the drabness, expense and utter unsuitability of school uniform, her chief grievance being that it suppressed the child's natural instinct for expressing itself in colour. She took the

view, and was supported by all the panel, that children should choose their own mode of attire for school wear, as well as for casual and formal occasions. She also claimed that school uniforms are most unhygienic because they are unwashable.

These views seemed to me to miss the whole point of what our school uniform should stand for. When we reach secondary school age, we are old enough to feel a great sense of pride in being a member of a community with definite aims and objects; we share a strong determination never to do anything likely to bring disgrace on the school uniform, and we have a sense of equality in dress. As for its being unhygienic, I think that is entirely up to the treatment it receives from the wearers and really could apply to anything they chanced to wear. Lastly, I think that nothing could detract so greatly from the orderly look of the school as to see the jumbled collection of jeans, sweaters, matadors, frocks, shorts, etcetera, which would undoubtedly turn up if school uniform were not enforced. I like my uniform.—Yours faithfully,

SCHOOL GIRL.
R.G., 3 P.

THE SCHOOL BATHS

Dear Madam,—

Much has been said about the School's future swimming baths. How can we raise money? This is one of the main questions. Now, putting all this aside, let's cut down the cost of the baths.

One way to do this is to get the boys, and perhaps girls, to start digging up the ground where the baths are to be built, for their detentions. Soon, though, I suppose any new arrival in the city would possibly write away to friends, telling them about the modern new Borstal there is in Wanganui. We could then charge all visitors half a crown a look at all the inmates working in the quarry. I suppose they would also remark on the "warders"—but then we would be raising money for our baths, and what a sight they would be to see!—Yours faithfully,

INMATE.

J.T., 4H.

THE TRIALS OF A REFEREE

Dear Madam,—

The recent tour of the Lions' team has left me considering the status of referees in New Zealand. His trials are many; he has to endure much, from the moment the teams come on until the final whistle.

He is the main target of the crowd's swearing vocabulary. He has to stand up to the teams' remarks before, after, and during the game. I once knew of a ref. who was unfortunate enough to make a mistake right at the beginning of a match, and after that, as he said to the doctor afterwards, "They didn't give me a moment's peace. I was more glad to hear the final whistle than the winning team."

But this is only the beginning. If he is lucky enough to survive the game, he has the public to contend with. There are the news-

paper articles which say how badly he refereed, the "smart guys" who state their views in the correspondence columns because they think they know more than he, and the supporters of the losing side who point out that so and so was offside when the winning points were scored. To be able to put up with all this a ref. must have a strong character.

May I suggest, madam, that we should concentrate on the game. and not on the referee?—Yours faithfully,

(Miss) T. A. GOAL.
D.W., 3G1.

SCOOOL ROLL 1959

4P:

Bowley H. J.	Spurdle B. A.	Hanson V. M.
Carr G. R.	Sweeney B. Q.	Lockett E. B.
Fleming R. J.	Thompson P. G.	McKinlay P. J.
Jones R. L. D.	Wansbrough B. M.	Penn P. G. H.
Luff C. A.	Allen R. S.	Robinson G. A.
McGee K. M.	Almond L. M.	Rod J. A.
McKnight T.	Benefield C. M.	Ross P. S.
Robins M. D W.	Dundon L. J.	Syme K.
Robinson N. R.	Gibson J. M.	Trow P.
Smiley R. E.		

4G:

Brooks H. V.	Judd G.	Gould M. L.
Dawson C. R.	O'Brien T. A.	Greener L.
Dickinson J. R.	Pitkethley M. R.	Guildford A.
Duxfield P. D.	Thomson M. J.	James J. C.
Foster N. A.	Ward R.	Pull M.
Gray C. M.	Williamson B. J.	Ritchfield L. M.
Goldstone R. H.	Glasgow H. M.	

4CI:

Anderson H. K.	Gray S.	Mayes L. E.
Browell F.	Hempstalk S. M.	Oldfield R. R.
Calman R. E. M.	Lobb B. J.	Studholme E. M.
Garner M. R.	McArthur K. M.	Scott L.
Gray O. E.	Mackintosh K. M.	Shepherd J. A.
		Stoneman E. H.

4C2:

Allan N. M.	Lawrence L. R.	Snape P. M.
Candish L. D.	Luff B. M.	Trow J. D.
Clark L. E.	Russell M. J.	Veale L. M.
Dixon L. R.		

4H:

Anderson J. M.	Ellwood Y. M.	Lepper J. L.
Cox J. A.	Futcher P. M.	Lethbridge A.
Croton B. A.	Good J. L.	Taylor J. R.
Cutelli C.	Harrison S. M.	Wooller H. A.
	Laird M. A.	

4T:

Alderton T. K.
 Avison G. E.
 Benfell D. C.
 Bullock R. L.
 Chapman D. J.
 Culver J. L.
 Daley M. L.

Dennis C.
 Dyer L. J.
 Gilbert A. C.
 Gilbertson D. C.
 Groves J. W.
 Head R. F.
 Hood B.

Linder R. W.
 McDowell W. E.
 Mason B. D.
 Millar C. L.
 Payne W. W.
 Smith A. F.
 Wagstaff T. T.

3P:

Bertie P. O.
 Coveny B. J.
 Dalglish J.
 Ferry T. D.
 Goldsbury E. J.
 Hinton C. R.
 Hooper D. H.
 Jones D. J.
 Lockett G. C. B.
 Lockett J. B.

Milne J. A.
 Rayner J.
 Vigil W. B.
 House G. R.
 Bell C.
 Barlow B. E.
 Cresswell H. G.
 Gilman R. J.
 Groves B. S.
 Hall C.

Hall L. M. J.
 Hannan J. J.
 James J. M.
 McBeth L. J.
 Nunn M. L.
 Osborne J. C.
 Wakeling S. A.
 Wallace P. A.
 Weatherall M. L.
 Campbell J. J.

3G1:

Anderton J. M.
 Adamson P. A.
 Benge D. Y.
 Beauchamp S. A.
 Boniface J. A.
 Bott T.
 Cantell B. I.
 Casey B.
 Cathro J. T.
 Cowan M.
 Davis G. M.

Feeney C. A.
 Harman K. M.
 Hunt B. A.
 Kirk V.
 Morgan B. J.
 Matenga L.
 Sayer C. C.
 Sewell A. R.
 Barnes D.
 Archer P. J.
 Davis E. S.

Hawkins J. D.
 Hewgill L. W.
 Melton E. O.
 Robertshawe M. B.
 Russell L. J.
 Shannon R.
 Titter R. B.
 Gerrie R. V.
 Wheeler D. C.
 McLeod D. A.

3G2:

Barber J. J.
 Brotherston J. B.
 Doughty C. C.
 Farrell M. J.
 Gemmell G. D.
 Glenny B. R.
 Green A. K. R.
 Hughes R. R.
 Murdoch J. M.

Nieper A. H.
 Payne B. W. F.
 Ramsay G. W.
 Scott J. R.
 Stack A. G.
 Stewart G. R.
 Waretine M.
 Waterson C. J.
 Chamberlain F. N.

Andresen A. J.
 Dellow P. D.
 Harrison G. I.
 Hughes L. F.
 Irimana R.
 Johnstone S. H.
 Sanson M. D.
 Wanihi M.

3C1:

Beauchamp C. S.
 Benfell L. W.
 Carey R. G.
 Carr J. E.
 Chesswas C. A.
 Christian M. R.
 Chesswas L. T.
 Coker L. M.

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