

THE RECORD

WANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL



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Editorial . . .

THE SECOND TEN

Certain numbers have for us significance. We come of age at 21; we celebrate centenaries and functions thereof; we die at three score years and ten. And so it is with a decade. To parody the song, ten whole years is not a long time. Nevertheless, as it represents the length of time that our school has been in existence, it is a time for thought, a time for taking stock.

There are few people who are still with us who have been associated with the school throughout the decade. We have asked the one man of those few whose influence has been the most marked to write his thoughts on the first ten years, the man who is to retire this year as the school's first head, Mr. Gibson. For it is indeed true that whatever hallmark the school now has, it is very likely that that mark will be clearly imprinted with the Gibson 'coat-of-arms.'

As Mr. Gibson looks back on the last ten years it is interesting to look forward to the next ten and the years thereafter. What will they be like?

We, as a nation expect to become larger and no doubt, if present trends are indicative, a great deal more centralised, more bureaucratic. Head Office, the Union, the hierarchy will loom larger in everyone's lives. This means that the individual in his role of holder of ideas, a person with some stake in the community will become less potent, less important. The image of the ruggedly independent New Zealander will have vanished, and in its place is likely to be the State-welfare, tax-paying, Union-minded, promotion conscious, 'bit of land for me retirement,' team-game watching sheep.

And where does the school fit in? To attempt to counteract the worst of these tendencies. To make each pupil realise that he must hold views — provided those views are validly and thoughtfully held. To make him realise that the views of the expert might need testing (and N.Z. is the supreme country for the Instant Expert). This attitude must be started from school level. (With this in mind it is very interesting to note the views of at least one member of our society in the text of the prize-winning senior speech quoted later in this magazine — this is encouraging).

We live in a democracy and it is true that the trends indicated above offer a serious challenge to this. If by democracy we mean a traditional or classical view of the term, then of course we do not live under those conditions, nor have

we ever, nor for that matter did the Athenians. If we apply the term more broadly, and mean the right of the individual to act as an individual, within the restrictions of reasonable law and order; then indeed we should aim to live in this kind of society. We as a school should foster this. The pupil who does not really accept his surrounds but says or does nothing about it — but 'goes along' — is indeed a cynic.

This is the challenge of the next ten years and the years beyond.

D.R.G.

Roses are red
Violets are blue
It's my generation with the new explanation
That's saving the world for you.

F.L.T.

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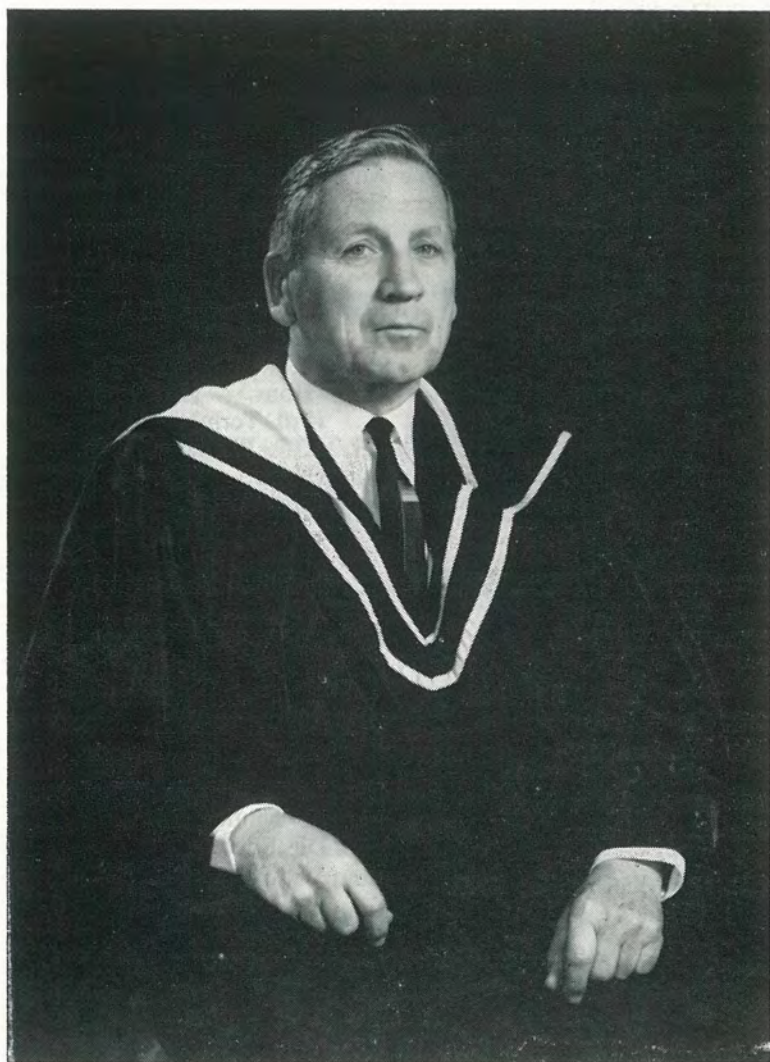
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THE FIRST TEN YEARS

(Contributed by A.T.G.)

In writing about the School it is difficult to be impersonal. The New Testament paradox keeps coming to mind, that "the first shall be last and the last first", and it reminds me of two things. The first is that the first ten years of the school are my last ten years; and the second that when we review history we usually do it anti-chronologically. We think first of the most recent year and then retrospectively track back to the beginning.

What a decade this has been. May I say that had I at the outset been able to request the shape of my own career I could not have devised anything better than that the last ten years should have been spent this way.

Let us look back, and at the last first. What do we find? A grown school with, we admit, imperfections. It is a school of humans, built by humans. But we see also a consummate achievement and many things of which we as members of the School and as citizens of this city and country may be proud.

What our eyes see literally is a beautiful school. A city set on a hill cannot be hid, and conversely buildings set below the level of the street do not show to best advantage, but when people come into the grounds and peer into courtyards and along vistas of terrace and lawn they see that the School setting is both beautiful and pleasant. This did not happen by accident nor in a moment of time at the waving of a wand.

There was drama in the growth. Those who participated at the opening with the hectic days of unpacking and furnishing and the war against sun, sand and tar will not forget it. And then the sand was gradually subdued, and the swamp changed into playing fields. Lawns and shrubs appeared and through the years blocks of buildings crept over the terrace. A swimming pool was installed, and more tennis courts and willows on the terrace. In step with this the Assembly Hall filled and then packed tight. Only the ingenuity of Mr. Smellie prevented its bursting at the seams. Sixth formers were suddenly with us, and prefects, and a staff of over forty (numbers, not age). More important the staff comprised a teaching strength which any New Zealand school could envy.

This is the perceptible, visible growth we have seen. But looking past the tangible at the real School we find that something else has grown: that which we call scholarship and that which we call character. University scholars and graduates have been produced, and an overseas scholarship has been won. A good 6th form has been established, a potential both for

leadership within the School and for the supply of academic and administrative leaders for the country.

And then the more important intangibles still: If there is in the main satisfaction in contemplating the growth of the physical school, its scholarship and athletic successes, is there similar satisfaction from considering the moral qualities? Have the first ten years built a sense of honesty among pupils and a confidence that this gives to a community? Have they built up good manners and an atmosphere which is pleasant to all who enter? Is there concern for others, a sensitive awareness when one of our own is suffering, or when there is hunger for a child of Asia or misery for a Negro of United States or Africa? Is there an unselfishness which causes most of the School to give, in such cases, money or time or convenience?

This year's guest speaker at the Break-up, Mr. Justice Hardie-Boys, was also the guest speaker at the first prize-giving and he asked a question then: What will the future have to say about the personnel of the School in its formative years? Would the comments be, "They did a good job," or "That place got off to a bad start"? We have traversed only ten of what will be many years. 2,893 have so far been enrolled. At this rate by the 50th anniversary the School will probably have had 15 to 20 thousand pass through it. It is a not inconsiderable fraction of New Zealand and if we heed the question asked by our first guest speaker the School will have had an influence for good on this country.

Those who have belonged for these ten years, or for part of them, will have many things to hold in memory. For years there were frequently "firsts" to commemorate — first fixtures, first appointments of prefects, or use of blocks. It was a thrill to staff, if not to pupils, when we presented our first School Certificate candidates, and a thrill also to read those first results. Less long ago we congratulated our first university scholarship winner and first university graduates, and although we have been running out of firsts there is the thought that our old pupils are just commencing on their string of "firsts", and their triumphs and successes will be ours.

Dramatic moments in history come from other things than examination results. There were sports achievements, with some glorious culminations this year. (My thanks to the 1st XV and 1st XI of 1967 for doing what they did before I left). There were dramatic moments at the completion of co-operative efforts, the various galas, especially the first, and the opening of a swimming pool and a mountain hut. The moments came on certain evenings after performances by choirs and casts of plays and operas and to some of us they came more subtly as over a time period we realized that influences in the School had re-

sulted in some person becoming better as a scholar, a sportsman or simply as a person.

More important than the past is the future. I know that the leadership and administration will be wise and good and I know that the School will be strongly supported. But we must not view either the past or the future in a rose tinted aura of romance and complacency. Although great things have been done, there are many things not done and perhaps some things wrongly or inadequately done. The good that has been achieved has come from the efforts of many people, through whom I believe God has worked. We have been fortunate in having men and women on the Staff and Board who have had genius (I don't think the word is too strong) which has been at the service of the School. I dare not mention names, but I am deeply grateful to them. And I think I speak for probably thousands when I say that there is a determination to make this in Newbolt's words, the best School of all. This is no narrow patriotism. There are many "best schools of all", and I hope for us that this one is. Because the School is not important just for its list of merits, scholarship record, sports victories and successful functions. These are important evidence of the real things, its character and the "life that we might have." Now the School has grown into an entity with a soul of its own, (may I say "her" own), and as our love for certain persons is not diminished by the knowledge that they have imperfections, so realistically do we look upon the School. It is a rich thing, and our own.

Diary of Events

End of Year — 1966

- 4th October—The School cross-country event (won by Seddon).
- 5th October—Visit of vocational guidance officers.
- 12th October—Inter-School cross country event. St. Augustine's hosts.
(A clean sweep by Collegiate).
Final parents' meeting for the year. (Speaker: Mr B. S. Barry, S.M.).
- 21st October—J.C. Market Day.
- 27th October—Visit of Miss Dawbin, Liaison Officer, Victoria University.
- 11th November—Accrediting announced (51).
- 21st November—School Certificate Examination.
- 23rd November—University Entrance and Scholarship.
- 25th November—Mr H. Sayers, Regional Superintendent of Education visited the School.
- 30th November—Annual Open Night.
- 2nd December—Farewell Social.
- 5th December—Final Speech contests.
- 6th December—Staff v. School games (washed out).

- 7th December—Prize-giving at the Memorial Hall. Speaker: Mr J. R. Griffin.
- 8th December—1st XI v. Mr Cave's XI.
- 9th December—End of year.
- 12th December—Sixth Form Ball—the first, and an outstanding success.

1967

- 1st February—School opened. Roll 1002. Staff members who had left were: Mr G. C. Pringle, Mr and Mrs S. J. Smith, Miss L. J. Bell, Miss P. M. Lock, Miss C. E. Duncan, Mrs C. M. Archer, Mr I. M. Guild, and part-time teachers: Mrs G. R. Prentice and Miss L. Smith. New members of staff were: Mr N. R. Watts, M.A. (H.O.D. Languages), Mr S. E. Davis (H.O.D. Technical), Mr W. A. Baine, Dip. Fine Arts, Mr E. P. Johnson, B.Sc. (on exchange from U.K.), Miss K. A. Boscow, B.A., Mrs D. M. McKenzie, Miss E. G. Carter, Mrs M. V. Svenson, Mrs B. A. Sinclair, Miss D. Unka, B.Sc., Miss R. J. Clarke, Miss C. M. Cook, probationary assistant, Rev. C. H. Bell, and part-time assistant Mr A. S. Reynolds. Examination results had been: Two University Scholarships (Mary Ruston and Graham Herd), a Girdlers' Scholarship to Corpus Christi, Cambridge (Graham Herd), six on the credit list. Five passed the University Entrance Examination making a total of 56 qualified. 97 passed School Certificate. There were 13 passes for the special University bursaries, four A passes.
- 2nd February—The year's timetable commenced.
- 9th February—Tabloid swimming.
- 14th February—Prefects announced.
- 21st February—Councillor Tolhurst representing His Worship, the Mayor, attended Assembly and presented a Duke of Edinburgh gold medal to Brian Phillips (1966 Head Boy) and a silver medal to Robert Timpany.
- 21st February—School Swimming Sports (won by Reeves).
- 28th February—Summer fixtures v. Rangitikei College (at home).
- 1st March—Mr Bert Sutcliffe visited the School and had a coaching session with the 1st XI.
- 4th March—Gala Day (this year an inter-house competition—Mr Bowden's sixth and final year as director).
- 11th March—Wellington Regatta.
- 13th March—Summer fixtures v. Colenso High School, at home.
- 14th March—At Assembly a presentation of a bat to Morrison, for the School's first century (made the preceding day).
- 16th March—Annual Athletic Sports—a fine day. (the Gray Shield to Vogel).
- 23rd March—Inter-school Athletics—we hostesses for the girls, Boys' College for the boys.
- 31st March—Maadi Cup at Karapira—our eight fourth.
- 3rd April—Visit of the Opera Quartet.
also—our Summer fixtures v. Taita College, away.
- 14th April—Mr Bowden leaves to take a senior lecturer's position at North Shore Training College.

- 18th April—Annual meeting of the Parents' Association. Mr Hodder, president since 1961, resigns and is replaced by Mr Burtt.
- 25th April—Anzac Day Observance. The School service taken by Rev. N. C. Williams. 5th and 6th forms attend the Civic Service.
- 27th April—3rd Form Social.
- 29th April—1st XV defeated Boys' College 1st XV—19-8 (the first time!).
- 9th May—Annual meeting of Past Students' Association.
- 21st May—Miss R. Clarke resigns.
- 5th June—Mr B. M. Pitkethley resigned from the position of Chairman of the Board of Governors. Other losses were Mr C. Bullock, Vice-Chairman, Mr J. A. Spurdle and Mr K. R. Smith.
- 8th June—Retiring members of the Board attend Assembly. The Head Girl expresses the School's thanks.
- 13th-16th June—Mid-year Examinations.
- 19th June—Mid-year Exeat.
- 21st June—Visit of Miss Dawbin, Victoria University liaison officer.
- 22nd June—Visit of Mr H. Sayers, Regional Superintendent, and Mr H. Brownbridge.
- 24th-27th June—"Patience" produced in the Opera House (Mr Maclean producer, Mr Francis, musical director).
- 4th-7th July—Visit of Departmental Inspectors.
- 6th July—Parents' Association meeting. Speaker, Mr Pitkethley. He spoke on "The School's History." Mr Hodder made a presentation on behalf of the Board of Governors and the Parents' Association.
- 11th July—Winter fixtures v. Rangitikei College, away.
- 18th July—Teams visit Waverley D.H.S.
- 20th July—Winter fixtures v. Wanganui Boys' College, at home. (again the 1st XV win, 19-8).
- 24th July—Winter fixtures v. Taita College, at home.
- 25th-26th July—Parents' meetings with staff (for the first time two evenings taken).
- 27th July—The Board of Governors appoint Mr M. D. Fountain, M.A., B.Sc. Dip. Educ., Head of Science, Aorere College, Headmaster as from next year.
- 1st August—Open Night for parents of 1968 entrants.
- 7th August—Winter fixtures v. Colenso High School, away.
- 10th-13th August—Production of "The Fire Raisers" in the Assembly Hall (Mr Gilbertson producing).
- 16th August—Parents' meeting to discuss issues raised in the "Guidelines" brochure.
- 18th August—Rev. C. H. Bell, B.A., and Miss D. Unka, B.Sc. leave us. Also Mrs Gardner (part-time assistant).
Tramping Club Social.
- 19th August—Past Students' Reunion.
- 11th September—Commencement of third term. We welcome from United Kingdom Mr J. B. Storey, M.A. (Oxon), Rev. M. R. Stutter, B.Sc. (Hons., London), Mr A. J. Whiteley, B.Sc. (Hons. London).



"Pine-Tree" Knofflock v WCS

There's a long long trail
a-winding.

All on my own

Blood, Sweat and Tears

White Slavers

STAFF NOTES

Big schools mean big staffs and this means that annually many new faces pass through the door labelled 'Staffroom' and an all too large number pass out of it. The almost frantic change around which starts annually around October certainly indicates activity but does nothing for performance. Perhaps the profession is quite unconsciously trying to get back to the Socratic method — instruction while perambulating — our mobility might indicate this. However this is a generalisation, and we are a little better off than most. Details of arrivals and departures are given elsewhere. We note particularly the departure of Mr. G. C. Pringle to be Director of Technical Studies at Queen Elizabeth College. In his nine years he was responsible for the establishment of a flourishing technical department and particularly for giving the necessary confidence to the boys taking this course. Early this year we farewelled another near original, Mr. N. J. G. Bowden to North Shore Teachers' College. In his nine years the General Science and Biology classes, Physical Education classes, the organisation of games, Gala Days, the tuckshop, a very fine 1st XV and many other spheres of activity received part of his time. He was a very busy person and his departure is particularly noticed by those upon whom part of his sphere of activity has fallen.

In many ways Messrs. Pringle and Bowden had created something of a legend around them. A certain activity in November has now fallen to the lot of another individual.

The end of this year sees the departure of another member of the original team. The foundation head takes his retirement at the end of the year. Mention of Mr. Gibson's departure is made elsewhere and he himself contributes an article. However we must place on record Mr. Gibson's contribution to the first ten years of the school's existence. He has devoted his attention to all aspects of the life of the school — usually in a direct and active role. He leaves the school in good heart and ready to face a number of years yet. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Gibson a long and happy retirement.

Other members of staff leaving are: Misses Salmond and Hunt (for overseas travel), Miss Carter (to marriage), Mrs. Kingston (overseas travel), Mrs. Barker (who is giving up teaching), Mr. Robb (to Te Aroha High School) and Mr. S. M. King (who is giving up teaching in order to devote himself full time to his specialist nursery).

Details of a more domestic nature. Miss Boyd was married during the August holidays and is now Mrs. Chapman. The Inghams and the Jameses have added to their families in recent months.

Mr. Johnson returns to the United Kingdom after a year



THE STAFF

Back Row: Messrs. B. J. Robb, C. H. Bell, S. M. King, I. E. Browne, G. Wakely, D. G. Kilpatrick, W. A. Baine, R. G. Maclean, D. MacCreadie, C. A. James, E. P. Johnson.

Second Row: Mr. A. S. Reynolds, Mrs. P. R. Gardner, Mrs. D. Newman, Miss D. M. Mogridge, Mrs. H. P. Kingston, Mrs. M. R. Carr, Mrs. B. A. Sinclair, Miss J. Duncan, Miss H. I. Hunt, Miss E. G. Carter.

Third Row: Miss K. A. Boscow, Mrs. M. D. Richdale, Mrs. D. M. M. Kenzie, Miss R. M. Salmond, Mrs. J. W. Chapman, Miss D. Unka, Mrs. E. Krenek, Miss D. Hall, Mrs. M. V. Svenson, Miss C. M. Cook, Miss E. N. Brown.

Front Row: Messrs. I. C. McNicol, A. F. Woodbury, S. E. Davis, J. N. Caradus, Miss E. L. Sutherland, the Headmaster, Messrs. W. D. Smellie, D. G. Ingham, N. R. Watts, A. E. King, D. R. Gilbertson.

on exchange. An enjoyable experience, we hope, in various parts of N.Z.

Although design and aesthetics may have slipped off the appropriate M.O.W. desk, our staffroom has increased in size and in number of facilities.

As a staff like ours increases in size it becomes more difficult for the staff to remain as a unit. This is not wholly bad—outside interests can give added variety. Possible schemes to retain some of this unity include the use of the new gymnasium, the new library and other schemes. Nobody, of course, will ever talk 'shop' at these gatherings.

PREFECTS

Brylin Goldsbury (Head Girl)	A. Lockett (Head Boy)
Dawn McGregor) Deputy	M. Chapman (Deputy Head
Gillian Neilson) Head Girls	Boy)
Josephine Davis	R. Aves
Lynnette Doran	R. Chesswass
Cheryl Dow	R. Cornes
Jocelyn Groshinski	J. Fletcher
Leigh Jolley	M. Hills
Ann Kirkby	J. Knowles
Anne Seator	D. Morrison
Frances TePorana	G. Neilson
Pamela Wearne	R. Timpany
	J. Weller

PREFECTS' NOTES

Contrary to popular belief prefects are neither social outcasts nor necessary evils. In fact, this year our relationship with the school has been extremely amicable and our studies have been in perfect harmony (well almost).

Since the last issue of "The Record" both studies have been painted, this has left material proof that not one of us is a potential Michaelangelo. However, most of our excess energy has been used on the sports field although the boys have become a little boisterous at times and have buried their leader under armchairs and cases. The girls' most exciting game of the year was the hockey match against women staff which ended in a 'draw' — 2 all. (This is a compromise which would be challenged by some).

We also had a large representation of prefects in "Patience" due to the use of a few press-gang techniques and we hope that the Seniors will continue to support these activities.

We would like to thank Miss Sutherland and Mr. Smellie for their guidance and support throughout the year. We also wish Mr. Gibson a peaceful retirement.



SCHOOL PREFECTS

M. B. Hills, G. R. Neilson, R. J. Timpany, R. E. Cornes, R. J. Aves, J. R. L. Weller, J. A. Fletcher, R. A. Chesswas, D. J. Morrison, Anne Seator, Frances Te Porana, Leigh Jolley, Ann Kirkby, Josephine Davis, Lynette Doran, Cheryl Dow, Pamela Wearne, Gillian Neilson, M. R. D. Chapman, Brylin Goldsbury (head girl), A. J. B. Lockett (head boy), Dawn McGregor, J. T. Knowles, Jccelyn Groshinski.

Here, There, and Everywhere

Student Christian Movement.

This year's activities started off well: a beginning-of-year party was held in Mr. Gibson's home. Since then numbers have dwindled slightly, although on the average they have been better than last year. This year's outside talks have included addresses about the Ministry by Mr. Dempsey, about Deaconesses by Sister Leta Hawe, teaching work in the Pacific by a woman missionary, Pharisees by Mr. McLean and The Resurrection by Mr. Gibson. During the August holidays Mrs. Barker attended a Leaders' Conference in Wellington, on which she later reported. Studies this year have been mainly concentrated on the 'Cost of Living' pamphlet and 'Fact Finders' pamphlet. We would especially welcome, at these studies, pupils with other points of view about Christianity which would prevent the discussion becoming too one-sided.

During the first term, at Wanganui Girls' College, a panel of staff, pupils and parents discussed questions relating to 'Teenage problems.' Another social activity was a Third Form gathering at a private home for study, tea and games.

Money was raised by means of a stall and a concert for S.C.M. Federation Week.

This year we shall be sorry to lose Miss Salmond and Mrs. Barker who have been the main teachers involved in S.C.M. We shall also miss the interest and support of Mr. Gibson. Our thanks and good wishes go to these three teachers.

LIBRARY NOTES

Once again librarians and committee have completed another year's work efficiently and in relative calm. Mrs. Newman and a group of senior pupil librarians have worked hard and given up much of their spare time to complete their duties.

This year's committee has been: A. Burt. C. Ghent. M. Herd, M. Borland, J. Wearne, A. Johnson, J. West, V. le Luan, K. Pidwell, J. Kendall. R. Lomas, D. Porteous, J. Scott, M. Buchanan, B. Young, S. Jones, B. McFarlane, R. Sweet, T. Ross, J. Tahana.

A cheering note this year was the increased library grant which enabled the library to add a further 800 books to its shelves. A total of 5,400 books has now been reached. Amongst this number is included a generous donation of books from Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Collings, for which the school is very grateful.

The library has also to thank past pupils for donations amounting to \$133.40. This practice is a good one and is to be

recommended. A handsome poster of the Dewey Decimal System of Library Classification was completed by Michael Hodder at the end of 1966. This has been made considerable use of this year.

Mr. Mowbray from the Schools' Library Service in Wellington, visited the school in the second term accompanied by members of the local branch of the service. Advice and assistance given by them is indeed valuable.

It is with pleasure that all those concerned with the library, look forward to the prospect of a new building in the near future, which will enable the library to cater more realistically for an ever increasing school roll.

TRAMPING CLUB REPORT

This year the hut has been well patronised by private groups as well as by school parties. The National Parks Board congratulated us on again receiving an "A" grade for the condition of our hut and its surrounds.

The first official trip this year was an attempt on Ruapehu summit, but icy conditions and strong winds along the last ridge prevented this achievement. This trip introduced Mr. Johnson to our tramping club and by the end of the trip we almost had him convinced that there was a difference between a "hill" and a "mountain."

There were two trips to Egmont and three to the hut including an introductory trip for beginners to the hut in April. Also in April we attempted to climb Tongariro via Ngauruhoe. We stayed Friday night at our hut and early next morning we tramped out to the truck on the Ohakune Mountain Road. Weather again spoilt our plans, and so we climbed to the Ketetahi Springs. Imagine yourself lying in a muddy hot pool with rain beating down on your back and trying to eat sodden sandwiches and you have some idea of the fun we had. However, this was a very enjoyable trip.

In the May holidays Mr. James and seven of our members went with members from Rangitikei College to Resolution Bay. This camp, in the form of a miniature Anikiwa, gave us the opportunity to learn shooting, rowing, archery, skin-diving, map reading, ropework (a sadistic stunt by Mr. James), radio work, and sailing. The climax came in a three day "survival" trip to test our learning. For this, six groups were dropped around nearby bays and had to find their way back (one group found itself on an uninhabited island). Some of the things our members discovered from this experience were:— how to get lost, screaming opossums, the scratchiness of scrub, thirst (thanks for saltwater John!), tree climbing and kind ladies (with beds and T.V.). We would like to thank Rangitikei College for its invitation and the Rail Strike for extending our holiday.

According to the Prefects this year's activities culminated in their trip to the hut in the August holidays where they studied the art of making and using cold, wet projectiles. The verandah wall was repaired with the help of half the first XV scrum, the pipeline mended, and three steps made to prevent erosion.

A social rounded off this year's activities. The school hall was appropriately decorated to coincide with our "snow" theme.

We thank those teachers who helped in our activities this year and we look forward to their help and the return of Messrs. Lupton and Brewer next year.

COMMUNITY AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

As usual this year the School has been active in community projects. Teams participated in the Poppy Appeal, a collection was taken for the Rice Bowl Appeal and a mufti day was held to raise money for the Museum extensions.

A regular feature of School life has been the Corso Drive, in which more than 120 pupils, under their team leaders collected for Corso. For the first time this year a team of 40 turned out to assist the Salvation Army Annual Appeal. In addition to these the S.C.M. has organised concerts and trading stalls to raise funds for famine relief overseas.

We would like to thank the whole school for their generous help throughout the year to the various charitable organisations and hope that this practice will be continued in future years.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

This has been a quiet year largely because of the demands of the other activities in which members of staff responsible for running the scheme were involved. This is a problem in the administration of the scheme although in theory the boys should need only supervision: in practice quite a lot of pushing is required as the drop out from those who indicate their interest is rather high. It is perhaps in the persistence required that much of the value of the scheme is to be found. Two possible solutions to the administration problem: making the running of the scheme the main extra classroom responsibility of one teacher, more participation by senior boys in the supervision and testing of candidates. This year sees our second Gold Award candidate. There are two working for their Silver and over a dozen for the Bronze.

THE GREEN ONION

At times 'to be or not to be' could well have been the theme song of the 'G.O.' Like all enterprising ventures we started with a rather large committee which soon dwindled to a few

enthusiasts. Obtaining quality material that would be acceptable both to the readers and to the hierarchy was a problem. The stage became the platform for these appeals and slowly pupils became so exasperated with the persistent call to duty' that they produced articles — if only to shorten assemblies.

To two very inexperienced editors, the actual formatting of the magazine proved the biggest problem. We are very grateful to the printers for their co-operation and the many people who virtually lived in the typing room for weeks, laboriously spreading on bottles of correcting fluid while they learnt the skills of typing.

Both editions sold reasonably successfully — an impressive cover and a persuasive selling team helped to make this a profit-making concern.

We hope that the 'G.O.' will flourish, and as the unofficial school magazine, display originality and initiative from all sections of the school.

(Our thanks to all those involved this year and good luck to those who follow.)

P.S.:

The editors are convinced that the school is in dire need of a new duplicating machine — all donations appreciated and a priceless vintage model will then be available for all discerning collectors.

GALA DAY

The Gala Day this year was again held on the first Saturday in March. A new scheme in the running of the Gala Day was tried. Stalls were arranged on a house basis — each house setting up its own original ideas for making money, as well as supplying its own stall with produce, clothing, books and any other saleable articles. This scheme was highly successful and much of the responsibility and work was taken off the teachers and parents, whereas house captains and pupils took on the heavier burden of making the effort a success. House spirit played a large part, for many pupils worked to see that their house made the most money.

Several schemes were started before the actual day, for example the copper trail. The house which started the trail, Seddon, eventually won it, but they were closely followed by Ballance. The latter house started a House Queen competition — the four queens, on the day of the gala, dressed in their ball gowns and mingled with the crowd, collecting money for their house. One queen rode on a tractor, another a horse, one was pushed in a wheelbarrow, and the other walked.

There were many new money-making ideas this year, and one of the most novel was one staged by Ballance. They set up a slave market, where a number of well-known personalities in

the school were put up for auction. A certain member of the male staff was bought for a moderate sum by several girls who had ideas of revenge, and for the following half an hour the crowd was treated to a circus as this slave was made to climb walls and crawl on his hands and knees. Seddon house set up a cafeteria in one of the classrooms and provided soft drinks, coffee, milk shakes and music. In the far corner of the grounds a hangi, a very popular attraction, was held, and dancing was held in the hall for the more energetic members of the crowd. Several pupils of the school were models for a day when they took part in a fashion show for Seddon sponsored by one of the departmental stores in town.

At the main stalls each house had an abundance of produce, fruit and vegetables as well as sewing, used clothing, books and white elephants. Numerous raffles were on each stall and all were well worth paying the money for a ticket. As usual the cake stall was emptied fairly quickly, as was the sweet stall.

The total amount raised from the 1967 gala day was just over a hundred pounds more than 1966. The success of the day could be attributed to the enthusiasm of the pupils. More responsibility was placed on them and we certainly saw results from their novel ideas for raising money. Although Ballance won the house competition, all houses were well supported and if in the future this system of organisation continues, the school will have gala days as well supported and successful as the 1967 gala.

SOUTH ISLAND FIELD TRIP — MAY, 1967

This trip, arranged by Mr. Ingham and conducted by the Midland Bus Company of Christchurch, was a new sphere of learning as far as the school is concerned. Crammed into our six day tour, which was blessed with fine weather, were visits to Parliament, the Aviemore and Benmore hydro schemes, Lake Wanaka, the Haast Pass, Franz Josef glacier, Goldsborough, Greymouth, Lewis Pass and Christchurch.

Geography was the main field of study and pupils were kept informed about the changing landscapes they passed through. As the result of a detailed work sheet, printed material and a general willingness to ask questions, most pupils returned home with a greater knowledge and understanding of their "homeland." Special emphasis was given to the requirements of the School Certificate syllabus.

Several highlights stand out as worthy of special mention.

At Aviemore we were shown slides of the hydro project and then conducted over parts of the dam site by the informa-

tion officer who pointed out some of the problems faced by dam engineers.

Physical exercise — a long walk — preceded a very interesting talk on glaciation, by the park rangers, at the face of the Franz Josef Glacier. The night previous we had been shown coloured slides on the geography, geology, botany, etc., of this area.

Avarice was the main theme of our last day in the South Island. We were taken to a gold claim, worked by ex-All Black Ron King, where we were given the opportunity to pan for gold (a few specks were brought home).

Accommodation varied from place to place — comfortable cabins at Wanaka, cold cabins at Fox and communal dormitories at Greymouth. Everywhere we went the supply of food was abundant even though several members of the party rushed "every" country store along our route.

Our opinion! A wonderful and worthwhile experience for all members of the party. The 38 fifth and sixth formers who travelled hope that Mr. Robb who was in charge received good value from all concerned. And that Miss Boscow extended her knowledge of N.Z. and of the 38 concerned.

THE NELSON DISTRICT GEOGRAPHY TRIP

A school trip can be fun as I found out when, with Mr. and Mrs. MacCreadie, our geography class studied the Nelson region for a week in May.

The week was too full for me to go into details but what follows are highlights of the trip. We did work, and our school lessons took place on the beach — sounds good, and the sandflies thought we were good, but we finished our lesson before they had a chance to finish us. This was at the Tahunanui Motor Camp, and on Monday, following our five mile trek across Nelson City to visit the Cawthron Institute and Museum (because we had missed the bus) the previous day, we packed our bags again and set off in our mini-bus to the Riverside Community. This was one special highlight. They are a Pacifist Community, who share everything as a team on the Community farm and orchard. It was interesting to hear the reasons why the different people — young and old — lived here and how they felt about their unique society.

The Community provided an empty house with full facilities for us and we spent two very happy evenings there. My memory focuses on two events particularly memorable in those three days. We were taken through the orchard in a trailer on the back of a tractor — the apple trees were at our disposal and we each had one or two samples. The pickers were of all nationalities, Scottish and Islanders; the latter sang

while they picked and created a carefree atmosphere. Then there were the evenings when we talked and got to know each other a little better.

The day we went to Collingwood was quite eventful, and a young penguin was found washed up on the beach. It was decided after discussion not to bring it back for Mr. King to show his science classes. We looked through the Golden Bay Cement Works and while inside became coated with dust. When we left we found it was raining but fortunately no-one came home with a covering of hardened cement.

The New Zealand Sea Foods Ltd. needs a special mention. We were allowed to see over their fishing trawler "Sea Harvester I." The fish were certainly not the size of those you catch from a wharf—they were big. What really impressed us here was the cleanliness and efficiency with which everything was done. One thing we noticed whilst visiting the different factories was that our conductors always showed us their cafeterias and kitchens but obviously did not see the hungry look in our eyes, for we were never offered anything to eat, and we visited each of the four factories on the same day and the walking did create an appetite.

One of the more humorous incidents was the sight of the largest member of our party, stuck at the top of a small children's slide with his knees tucked up in front of him.

There was a serious side to our trip and by visiting various factories, the Cawthron Institute and Museum (the only agricultural museum in the southern hemisphere), the Nelson Harbour Board, Hop and Tobacco Research Stations and by our more distant journeys to Lake Rotoiti and Golden Bay we learnt more of the development of the region, the people and how they earn their livelihood in industry or agriculture. We observed something of the problems of the region, and the possible solutions to these which they are practising, and the geographical significance of the region to the rest of New Zealand. Altogether the trip was a valuable, as well as an enjoyable experience. Seeing the city and surrounding district from the air, as we left on a cloudless, sunny day added the final touch to a most enjoyable week.

One Man in His Time Plays Many Parts

This has been quite an eventful year for W.H.S. on-stage. No less than two productions, both in the same term, both assisted in the main by members of the senior school. First, in June there was the wit and music of the late nineteenth century, two months later mid century wit, but no music — apart from some rather bawdified nursery rhymes. Thus, participation was the emphasis and probably 150 pupils were at some time involved in the two productions. The benefit for those concerned was both immediate and permanent — taking part in a new activity and doing it well; for the school, the pleasure of watching and the knowledge that we can succeed in a field other than those in which our success is already quite marked.

Activities such as these should be, but are not, part of the core of the N.Z. way of life. For the benefit of those coming on, we say that 1967 had better not come to be regarded as the year of 'once upon a time'.

THE TEXT OF THE REVIEW BY H.M. IN THE WANGANUI CHRONICLE, 8 AUGUST, 1967.

Modern comedy of the absurd is not always so absurd. The audience at tonight's opening performance of "The Fire Raisers," by Max Frisch, at the Wanganui High School may leave the hall smiling, bewildered, or even mumbling that "this modern stuff" is a bit beyond them.

After the initial amazement, lines like "After all I've only got one life," and "I can't be scared all the time," will stick in the mind, and out of it all will emerge the questions.

How gullible can a frightened man be? Can you bribe the devil? Where is the point of no return? And how long can one be in close proximity with corruptness and evil without becoming part of it?

That the pupils of the Wanganui High School managed to convey the intention of the playwright is a remarkable achievement.

It is also a frightening thought that such young people of so turbulent a generation should have such insight into the forces of good and evil.

The play, originally produced in 1958 in Zurich, lends itself to being played "in the round" and this staging gives the young players a fluidity of movement which is well handled.

Producer Ross Gilbertson has given much thought to the technical side of the production with lighting and other effects being given full value.

He has moulded his chosen cast well, each performer giving a clearly-defined individual characterisation.

Variety of voice quality heightened the contrasts drawn.

Good teamwork was forthcoming from Tom Johnson as the frightened Biedermann and Jean Scott as his sickly wife Babette (par-



THE FIRE RAISERS



ticularly in the second half), with Sheridan Jones giving a particularly good interpretation as Anna the reserved maid, who completed the household.

Fine acting, and a good carrying voice heightened Mark Chapman's role of Schmitz, a complete foil to Bruce Boyd's Elsenring.

These principals and the other minor roles were well backed by the chorus of Firemen, the only weakness in rehearsal being a slight inaudibility of key words through trying to gain a fast-moving pace.

The change of atmosphere in the two different settings was sensitively drawn and all the young actors developed as the plot progressed.

The message of the play came across most clearly in the ironic climax reached after the festive meal when Bierdermann and his wife portrayed intense relief that the fire siren was for a house elsewhere — this despite the fact that they had dined with the fire raisers themselves, and their attic was full of petrol drums.

From the first flicker the play intrigues and amuses.

THE FIRE RAISERS

△ Morality Without △ Moral With An Afterpiece

by Max Frisch.

The Place: Anywhere.

The Time: Today.

— CAST —

Gottlieb Bierdermann	.....	Tom Johnson.
Anna	.....	Sheridan Jones.
Schmitz	.....	Mark Chapman.
Babette Bierdermann	.....	Jean Scott.
Eisenring	.....	Bruce Boyd
Policeman	.....	Rodney Coe.
Widow Knechtling	.....	Jeanette Wearne.
Doctor of Philosophy	.....	Ian Wager.
Chief Fireman	.....	Brian McVety.
Chorus	.....	Fire Wardens: Christine Beale, Iill Brasell, Gillian Neilson. Firemen: John Bitchener, Paul Clayton, Christopher Ghent, Mur- ray Herd, John Knowles, John Weller.

Backstage

Stage Director: Mr. C. A. James.

Design: Mr. W. A. Baine and Iill Brasell.

Stage Crew: Wynne Jones (in charge), Lloyd Davies, Nevin Dawson,
Robert Fraser, Colin Milham, Bruce Phillips, Keith Young.

Lights: Stephen Krenek (in charge), Keith Bowen, Jim Henderson.

Sound: Robert Aves and Andrew Byres.

Properties: Miss R. H. Salmond, Zuzana Gregor, Annette Main, Rhonda
Jones, Elizabeth McDonald.

Costumes: Mrs. M. D. Richdale and Miss D. Mogridge.

Publicity: Mr. N. R. Watts and Bruce Phillips.

Makeup: Miss M. J. Duncan.

Seating: Mr. G. Wakely.

Reservations and Front of House: Mr. D. G. Kilpatrick and Senior
Pupils.

Prompt: Margaret Borland.

Assistant Producer: Mr. A. F. Woodbury.



Patience or Bunthorne's Bride



PATIENCE

The following is H.M.'s review in "The Wanganui Chronicle" 26th June of this production;—

The captivating Gilbert and Sullivan magic filtered through the Wanganui High School production of the operetta "Patience," which played to a large audience at the Opera House on Saturday night.

The story and dialogue of "Patience" evolved in an age of manners so completely foreign to the youth of today, set producer Mr R. G. MacLean and the large cast a challenging task.

The production was a pleasing spectacle, and the first entrance of the Dragoons in their colourful uniforms, to the sides of the love-sick maidens, was appreciated by the audience.

Rating high on the list of credits was the chorus items in which youthful enthusiasm and clear voices under the direction of Mr L. R. Francis compensated for loss of pace between the musical numbers.

Delivery of some very difficult dialogue was well accomplished by the principals but a sprinkling of anti-climaxes resulted from slow pick-up of cues.

A little more "business" for chorus and principals, and less static repetitive grouping would have helped cover some awkward pauses.

However, all players gained confidence as the show progressed and they adapted themselves to the large stage.

The most demanding role of the "asthetic sham," the poet Bunthorne, played by Martin Dunlop, conveyed the potential of this young actor. His ability to sustain his characterisation, good use of gesture and his approach to his "aside" remarks label him a boy to be watched in local theatrical circles.

Patience the milkmaid was not so demanding but called for a special quality of homeliness, simplicity and honesty which was attained by Julie Oldham. Her musical items were a delight.

The "apostle of simplicity," the Idyllic poet Grosvenor was a difficult character role, capably handled by Roydon Chesswas.

Deborah Crabtree's interpretation of Lady Jane, with her comical facial expressions, were a source of amusement throughout, and Cheryl Dow gave a particularly charming and sincere performance as Lady Angela.

Minor roles were well cast and two of the most delightful numbers in the show were the trio and quintet in the second half when the Dragoons tried their hand as "poets" to impress the ladies.

"Patience" is not the easiest of operettas and the standard attained by the Wanganui High School is unusually high for children of this age group.

Other principals were: Brylin Goldsbury, Leigh Jolley, Michael Raine, David Whiteside and David Samuel. Robert Timpany had a non-singing part as the Solicitor.

One of the reasons for the popularity of Gilbert and Sullivan in schools is the number of pupils who may be involved. This is good for the school, but poses problems on stage for the producer when the chorus is larger than the original. The problem of stage movement with large numbers could be avoided with the extension of other drama activities in the school and a consequent reduction of numbers in the opera, or the use of alternative choruses where feasible.

Games - the year round

CRICKET

The 1966-7 season was a very successful one with five teams taking part in Saturday competition games. The First XI played in the second grade, two teams played in the Secondary School's grade and two teams played in the Third Form grade. The latter is very pleasing and reflects the health of the game in the school.

Without doubt the year's highlights have been the gaining of senior status in Wanganui cricket by the First XI and the three outright wins scored in inter-school games in the first term by the XI.

A special thanks is due from all cricketers to Mr. Snellgrove for his work in preparing and maintaining both practice and match wickets. Through his care the School is developing facilities second to none in Wanganui.

First XI 1966-67: Coach: Mr. D. Ingham. Team: A. Lockett (captain), G. Neilson (vice-captain), R. Hayward, J. Fletcher, P. Wakeling, R. Davidson, R. Fletcher, D. Miller, G. Hunt, J. Phillips, D. Morrison.

The Eleven enjoyed another very successful inter-club season being unbeaten for the third successive season. Although one day cricket was not entirely satisfactory in that it discouraged concentration it at least meant that the team had a game every Saturday unlike the previous season when too many games failed to last for the two days scheduled.

A disappointing feature of the season however was the failure of the Eleven to produce regularly the quality of cricket of which it was capable. Although every member of the team produced several good performances at least during the season, the team's play was characterised by an inconsistency that prevented it from taking full advantage of its quite real strength particularly in club cricket.

The bowling, though sound, lacked depth and variety and too great a burden had to be borne by Peter Wakeling who generally was asked to tie up one end for almost the whole innings. The award to him of the Cricket Association Trophy for the leading Second Grade bowler was well deserved. Derek Morrison and David Miller both bowled well at times while Arthur Lockett continued to be easily the best spinner in the grade.

Not one of the batsmen failed to produce at least several good innings during the season, although the highlight was without doubt Derek Morrison's, and the schools' first century

scored against Colenso High School. The other most consistent batsman was Geoff Neilson although the top averages for inter-club games were those of three new members to the team this year: Ross Fletcher, John Phillips, and Graham Hunt.

The fielding of the team was always good and sometimes outstanding although throwing never reached the standard of the catching and ground fielding. The Eleven was always purposeful in the field, it was very well led by Arthur Lockett and in its manner and approach to the game fully deserves its promotion to Senior status.

Inter-School Games

For the first time ever the First XI won all three of its Inter-School games outright, two very decisively and the other by three wickets.

v. Rangitikei College at Wanganui, 28th February, 1967.

Against a very weak Rangitikei attack, School was able to declare at 187 for five after a very good innings by Morrison, Neilson, Lockett and Wakeling. Led by Miller, (4—11) and Wakeling (5—7) the School bowlers bundled Rangitikei out for 25 in their first innings but found much more determined opposition in the second. The Rangitikei innings of 112 was highlighted by a good 50 by Barry and good bowling by Lockett who took 6—44. Result: outright win to Wanganui High School by an innings and 50 runs.

1st XI		Rangitikei College	
Neilson	40		
Hayward	0	Lewis	0
Morrison	66	Gordon	11
Lockett	29	Barry	0
Wakeling	22	Ellis	1
Davidson	13	Haward	0
Extras	18	Rhodes	2
		Meads	0
		Cathcart	1
		O'Hara K.	2
		O'Hara, P.	1
		Canham	0
		Extras	7
			9
Total for five declared	187	Total	25
			112

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Miller	9	15	11	4	6	1	12	0
Lockett	1	1	0	1	15	1	44	6
Wakeling	10	6	7	5	15	8	31	1
Morrison					6	2	12	2



FIRST XI

Back Row: Mr. D. G. Ingham, A. J. Fletcher, R. L. Fletcher, D. J. Miller, J. W. Phillips, D. J. Morrison.
 Front Row: P. M. Wakeling, G. R. Neilson, A. J. B. Lockett, G. W. Hunt, R. K. Davidson. Absent: R. Hayward.

v. **Colenso High School** at Wanganui, 13/14 March, 1967.

This game produced a very good win by an innings and 7 runs to School. Batting first Colenso scored the moderate total of 113 on a good batting wicket in two and a half hours after a good partnership of 43. Wakeling's 5—25 from 22 overs was a good performance. School's innings was dominated by Morrison's 115 not out scored in about three hours and including 17 boundaries; a third wicket partnership between Morrison and Lockett plus good innings from Wakeling and Davidson allowed the Eleven to declare at 236—6. On the second morning Colenso was bundled out for 116 in 90 minutes with good bowling by Lockett (5—23) and Wakeling (4—62) supported by keen fielding and good catching.

1st XI		Colenso			
Neilson	14		1st	2nd	
Hayward	11	Caldwell	13	10	
Morrison	115	Drummond	28	23	
Lockett	43	Burns	1	20	
Wakeling	28	Maaka	1	26	
Davidson	15	Mildenhall	3	1	
Fletcher, J.	0	Storkey	28	4	
Fletcher, R.	3	Stevens	5	10	
Extras	9	Cameron	4	6	
		French	1	3	
		Jamieson	20	2	
		Cambie	1	5	
		Extras	9	6	
Total for six declared	<u>236</u>	Total	<u>113</u>	<u>116</u>	

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Wakeling	22	9	25	5	23	4	62	4
Miller	8	0	30	0	7	1	25	1
Lockett	14	0	29	3	16	6	23	5
Morrison	10	3	20	2				

v. **Taita College** at Taita.

This was the Eleven's closest game which ended in a very exciting three wicket victory after four low scoring innings on a wicket which was all to the advantage of the bowlers. After dismissing Taita for 47 (Wakeling an excellent 7—21) School was in a very sound position at 41—3. With Morrison's dismissal however the innings collapsed and the team stumbled to a total of 76. Taita's second innings of 90, though providing a target of only 61 runs required for outright victory, almost proved too much. However some fielding by Taita and a very good unbeaten innings by Davidson enabled School to score the runs for the loss of seven wickets.

1st XI			Taita		
	1st	2nd		1st	2nd
Neilson	0	5	Shenwood	14	6
Hayward	12	1	Smith	1	0
Morrison	25	13	Sutton	2	9
Lockett	10	5	Schofar	6	6
Davidson	0	16	Lynch	14	12
Wakeling	10	7	Hewton	3	32
Fletcher, J.	0	3	Weir	0	10
Hunt	0	1	McNab	0	2
Phillips	7	5	Egerton	2	3
Fletcher, R.	4		Tyree	2	1
Miller	1		Johnston	1	3
Extras	9	9	Extras	2	
Total	76	67/7	Total	47	

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Wakeling	15	3	24	1	14	6	21	7
Miller	6	4	9	2	4	0	10	0
Lockett	15	3	29	5	3	2	2	0
Morrison	6	0	18	2	6.3	1	9	3

Because of wet weather the Staff match was not held last season but another very enjoyable game against the C.D. Supporters Club was played.

At the time of writing this report the XI has completed two games in Senior cricket. Although it lost both games, it has shown that it has the ability to dismiss its opponents for relatively low scores and has been aided in this respect by the new Sportsmaster Mr. I. McNicol an ex-Waikato player who has taken over from Mr. Ingham as player-coach. The batsmen must now show that they can score totals that allow the bowlers some scope.

In the lower grades, the problem of the future is to find a team capable of playing second grade cricket and thus providing a suitable preparation ground for potential senior players. In this respect the 1967 third form intake shows promise.

Coaches of lower teams were: Mr. N. R. Watts (2nd. XI), Mr. A. F. Woodbury (3rd. XI), Mr. D. G. Ingham (3rd. form Wanderers), and Mr. D. R. Gilbertson (3rd. form Nomads).

The school is also pleased to see the establishment of a girls' cricket XI under the guidance of Mrs. Carr.

ATHLETICS

15. School Sports held in fine weather, Wednesday, March

An innovation this year was the introduction of two relays for each age group to encourage House competition.

Records:

Mary Ann Larsen, under 15, 75 yards, 9.3 secs.; Under 15 Hurdles, 14.8 secs.

Pam Gerrie, under 15 Long Jump, 13 ft. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

Margaret Hill, under 14 Long Jump, 16 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

B. McVety, over 16 Shot Put, 40 ft. 8 ins.

M. Hills, over 16 Hurdles, 15.8 secs.

House Points Totals:

Vogel 321, Ballance 262, Seddon 185, Reeves 174.

GIRLS	UNDER 14	UNDER 15	15 AND OVER
75 Yards.	1. M. Hill 2. J. Quay 3. E. Cathro Time: 9.6 secs.	1. M. A. Larsen 2. E. Olsen 3. G. Hughes Time: 9.3 secs.	1. E. Lockett 2. K. Rowntree 3. R. Gorden Time: 9.2 secs.
100 yards	1. E. Cathro 2. M. Hill 3. J. Quay Time: 12.6 secs.	1. M. A. Larsen 2. B. Wilkinson 3. L. Haywood Time: 12.4 secs.	1. E. Lockett 2. R. Gorden 3. P. Bares Time: 12.15 secs.
220 yards	1. M. Hill 2. J. Quay 3. L. Redshaw Time: 30.6 secs.	1. M. A. Larsen 2. Rawkinson 3. J. M. Scott Time: 28.5 secs.	1. E. Lockett 2. K. Rowntree 3. P. Bares Time: 27.7 secs.
80m Hurdles.	1. L. Ireland 2. R. Samuel 3. M. Turney Time: 14.9 secs.	1. M. A. Larsen 2. J. M. Scott 3. R. Knowles Time: 14.8 secs.	1. E. Lockett 2. A. Johnson 3. A. Dyer Time 14.4 secs.
Long Jump	1. M. Hill 2. E. Cathro 3. J. Quay Length 16' $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1. P. Gerrie 2. M. A. Larsen 3. J. Scott Length 13' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1. A. Seator 2. A. Johnson 3. J. Stockwell Length 13' 6"
High Jump	1. G. Keats 2. L. Ireland 3. M. Wilson Height 4' 0"	1. B. Wilkinson 2. J. Hansen Height 4' 2"	1. A. Johnston 2. R. Sowden 3. J. Brassell Height 4' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Discus	1. J. Weeks 2. C. Gardiner 3. R. Samuel Distance: 67' 6"	1. V. Williamson 2. A. Bennett 3. R. Morrison Distance 79' 9"	1. J. Stockwell 2. A. Harris 3. R. Scott Distance: 74' 10"

BOYS	UNDER 14	UNDER 15	UNDER 16	UNDER 19
100 yards	1. C. Buller 2. C. Martin 3. C. Quirk Time: 12.4 secs.	1. K. McCulloch 2. P. Ronganui 3. J. Winterburn Time: 11.8 secs.	1. R. Fletcher 2. M. Herd 3. E. Leathley Time: 11.8 secs.	1. B. Newsome 2. M. Hills 3. P. Wakeling Time: 10.7 secs.
220 yards	1. P. Mallinder 2. T. Check 3. L. Southen Time: 29.0 secs.	1. K. McCulloch 2. S. Cornor 3. P. Lomas Time: 27.5 secs.	1. R. Fletcher 2. P. McDowall 3. J. Henton Time: 26.4 secs.	1. P. Wakeling 2. B. Newsome 3. O. Thompson Time: 24.6 secs.
440 yards	1. N. Burr 2. P. Mallinder 3. S. Madgwick Time: 1m. 6.7s.	1. S. Cornor 2. W. Jones 3. M. Ansley Time: 1m. 1.1s.	1. R. Fletcher 2. E. Hyndman 3. P. McDowall Time: 1m. 1.0s.	1. M. Hills 2. B. Newsome 3. J. Phillips Time: 54.2 secs.
880 yards	1. B. Hunt 2. D. Graham 3. S. Madgwick Time: 2m. 35.8s.	1. N. Jones 2. J. Doran 3. M. Ansley Time: 2m. 22.5s.	1. C. Jones 2. A. Coulstone 3. C. King Time: 2m. 17.2 secs.	1. S. Browne 2. J. Phillips 3. H. Johnston Time: 2m. 6.5 secs.
Mile	1. B. Hunt 2. S. Ingram 3. N. Burr Time: 6m. 5.8s.	1. P. Carr 2. R. Lane 3. W. Jones Time: 5m. 24.7s.	1. C. Adams 2. C. Jones 3. C. King Time: 5m 13.3s.	1. S. Browne 2. H. Johnston 3. W. Elder Time: 5m. 0.6s.
Hurdles	1. P. Mallinder 2. P. Frowein 3. J. Kite Time: 17.3 secs.	1. J. Winterburn 2. M. Ansley 3. M. Eden Time: 17.3 secs.	1. D. Potaka 2. M. Herd Time: 17.5 secs.	1. M. Hills 2. A. Lockett 3. G. Neilson Time: 15.8 secs.
Long Jump	1. D. Kendall 2. C. Buller 3. P. Frowein Length: 14' 6"	1. M. Foote 2. B. Gibson 3. D. Siddells Length: 13' 10½"	1. E. Hyndman 2. R. Fletcher 3. D. Samuel Length: 16' 9"	1. K. Potaka 2. M. Dunlop 3. R. Timpany Length: 17' 6"
High Jump	1. N. Burr 2. J. Lowe 3. P. Frowein Height: 4' 6"	1. M. Eden 2. I. Bristol 3. P. Ronganui	1. M. Herd 2. E. Hyndman 3. C. King Height: 4' 8"	1. M. Hills 2. J. Knofflock 3. T. Johnson Height: 5'
Shot Put			1. C. King 2. B. Thomas 3. C. Jones Distance: 35' 0"	1. B. McVety 2. A. Lockett 3. P. Wakeling Distance 40' 8"
Discus			1. A. Waites 2. M. Aves 3. R. Fletcher Distance 108'	1. A. Lockett 2. B. McVety 3. D. Bindoff

RELAYS

Boys 4 x 110: Seddon 1, Reeves 2, Vogel 3. Time 49.7 secs.

Girls 4 x 110: Ballance 1, Vogel 2, Seddon 3.

Combined: Vogel 1, Ballance 2, Seddon 3.

INTER - SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Boys:—

The School team:—

Under 14.—C. Buller, C. Martin, P. Mallinder, T. Check, N. Burr, S. Madgwick, B. Hunt, D. Graham, S. Ingram, J. Lowe, D. Kendall.

Under 15.—K. McCulloch, P. Ronganui, J. Winterburn, S. Corner, P. Lomas, W. Jones, M. Ansley, N. Jones, J. Doran, P. Carr, R. Lane, M. Foote, B. Gibsn.

Under 16.—R. Fletcher, M. Herd, P. McDowall, J. Henton, E. Hyndman, C. Jones, A. Coulston, C. King, C. Adams, D. Potaka, B. Thomas, A. Waites, M. Aves.

Under 19.—B. Newsome, P. Wakeling, O. Thompson, M. Hills, J. Phillips, S. Browne, H. Johnston, J. Knofflock, A. Lockett, B. McVety, K. Potaka, M. Dunlop.

Best School performances:—

M. Hills, 1st 120 yds hurdles u/19 15.7 (a record), 1st 440 yds u/19 52.8; K. McCulloch, 1st 220 yds u/15; P. Wakeling, 2nd 220 yds u/19; S. Browne, 3rd 880 yds u/19; J. Henton, 2nd 440 yds u/16.

Senior Relay.—Newsome, Thompson Wakeling, Hills. Our first win in this event.

This year Boys' Athletics has been very weak, with some notable exceptions in the senior group, where M. Hills was outstanding and excellent performances were made by Browne, Wakeling, and the relay team.

Girls.

This year the girls were most successful winning all three divisions.

Outstanding performances were given by Mary-Ann Larsen, Elizabeth Lockett and the three relay teams which won their events.

Inter-School Sports.—Girls:

The School teams were as follows:—

Junior.—J. Quay, M. Hill, E. Cathro, L. Redshaw, D. Copley, K. Smith, G. Keats.

Intermediate.—M. A. Larsen, B. Wilkinson, J. Williamson, P. Gerrie, E. Olsen, J. Scott, W. Osborne, J. Hanson, L. Haywood.

Senior.—A. Johnson, E. Lockett, K. Rountree, M. Buchanon, J. Larsen, P. Barnes, J. Smith, A. Harris.

Events were won by M. A. Larsen, Intermediate 100 yds, 220 yds, and the hurdles; A. Johnson, Senior high jump; E. Lockett, Senior 220 yards; E. Cathro, Junior long jump.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

School races: 26th September.

Junior: G. Wills-Johnson 1, K. Johns 2, G. Power 3. Time: 26 mins. 18.8 secs.

Intermediate: K. Carr 1, J. Cane 2, K. Bowen 3. Time: 23 mins. 45 secs.

A Selection of Verse

From the third to the sixth forms.

I OBJECT

They made him go you know
They won't make me
They won't ask you.

The ballotted birthdays,
His mother's fault
He was born then,
Were you

It came to his house you know,
A letter in the post
No he said
I won't,
You will they said
And so he did.
We knew.

I object
To war he said
Not death
But futile death
You don't they said
And called his coward
Yellow.

The reason you refuse to go
Is fear
We'll make you.
And they did.

You've got it wrong he said
I'll tell you why
Tell the court
Not us
And so he did.

I believe
In peace
Not war
That causes hate
More than was there
At first
My dad
When I was just a lad
Was killed
At war
He wished to go.
Not I.

I saw my mum
She cried she did
She missed my dad.
She also knew
What he had done
Destroyed our life
And theirs.
He kills them
As he kills me
She said.

So now you know
Why I won't go
To war
He said.

Did he come back? They said,
Not he.
Silence. . . .

But still he went
Against the better feelings of the
court
They sent him away.
You're no different from the rest
They said.
Go.

Green serge he wore
He looked real smart
They said.
They got him there
But when they did
He spoke.

Give me your guns he said
I'll show you
And he did
He broke them into two.

Why tell me this?
You want to know?
I'll tell you why.
He didn't want to go.
They made him
Killed him,
And so he died
Today.

I miss him
Thank him
He showed them
What he thought of war.
If more did that
There could be none

To fight.
No wars —
Peace.

The Jews expected
The Son to fight
Did he?
No.
No wars —
Peace.
I understand.
I wonder.

AWOKEN?

The windows rattled,
I lay in bed and listened.
But suddenly no longer warm
The pain had gone
And left a yawning cave
That stretched into the bottom of the earth.

And far away right in the midst
A fire burned,
I saw the flames —
They sprung like forks of lightning in the sky
I heard the roar of flames
Before they danced
Within my sight,
They came again
So white and wicked
Like a hand
With long, long fingers
Stretching out to grasp my bed.
The light they gave
Lit up the cave
I saw the sides
The middle of the earth
Like hills they stood
Night black like peaks of doom.

A tremble came
The shudder shook
And tore the walls apart
Until no more the hills were there,
But yellow streaks
With burning ends,
That set the cave on fire,
With thin white tongues
That licked the scene,
From gloom to greed
Worse than the fearful dark,
They crackled and burst upon the air
Without a care for me.

Then all at once
The blackness came
Immense and seeping cold
And oh so still
With oily breath
Like thick black glue
That poured out from
The fathoms of the earth

It filled the cave
Then searched around for more
And with it
Moisture filled the air

A grey and beating damp
That surged and swirled and spun around
And stretched its silver neck.

But suddenly the air was still
The rumbling ceased to drone
And from the bottom of the earth
A deathly silence rang.

Then from its midst
A light arose
At first a tiny speck
That grew, until a golden ball
Was hanging in the sky
And as it shone
The cave closed up.
And then I recognised the moon —
That was the golden speck I'd seen.
And with that welcome thought I slept
More calmly than before.

D.H.

VIETNAM?

I saw him dying in the night
Under the shade of the pale moon light.
With a gaping hole thrust in his side.
A victim of his country's pride,
And on his canvas cot he died
But still in jungle depths they fight.
Through the darkness of the night
Then at last the daylight came
There's no-one left to kill or maim
They've vanished into jungles deep.
So now we mourn and widows weep,
While all is like it was before.
We entered in that jungle door,
It looks so harmless, gaze around,
You won't even see the cross
That marks the battle ground.

F.L.T.

A grey and beating damp
That surged and swirled and spun around
And stretched its silver neck.

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F.L.T.

Senior: S. Browne 1, J. Phillips 2, H. Johnston 3. Time: 22 mins. 8.1 secs.

Results: Junior: Reeves 1st. Intermediate, Vogel 1st. Senior: Vogel 1st.

Over-all: Reeves 1, Vogel 2, Seddon 3.

Inter-School Races: (Run over the Boys' College course): High School came third in each section and overall. In the Intermediate and Senior our standard was a little higher than usual and the teams were not far behind Collegiate and Boys' College.

Placings in the first 10.

Senior: S. Browne 3, H. Johnston 9.

Intermediate: J. Lane 6.

Junior: G. Wills-Johnson 3, K. Johns 4.

ROWING

The 1966-7 rowing season proved a satisfying season for the school rowers. Because of the lack of active oarsmen, there was only one constant crew, the School 1st Eight. However all the school rowers are grateful for the use of the Wanganui Rowing Club equipment and facilities.

The School 1st Eight entered in seven regattas involving Schoolboy races as well as rowing for the Wanganui Club in these and other regattas throughout the season. The first regatta was held at Waitara in mid December, where the crew won the School Fours. On the 28th January, the School crew raced at Wellington, competing for the School in the Fours as there were no School Eights races. In this race the crew was leading with 200 metres to go when part of the bow man's rigging broke. However the field was spread out enough for the School to struggle into second place behind Wanganui Boys' College.

The following regatta, held at Wanganui on February 11th, is the most memorable for the School Eight. Despite a sudden illness to the stroke, T. Johnson on the day before the race, a re-organised crew with M. Dunlop as stroke, battled against Collegiate at the finish. The crew on this occasion was M. Dunlop (stroke), H. Johnston (7), J. Knowles (6), R. Cornes (5), T. Coker (4), J. Knofflock (3), C. Adams (2), D. Simpson (bow) and P. Bretherton (cox).

A week later the School Eight competed at Karapiro, coming a disappointed 3rd equal with Auckland Sacred Heart, behind King's College and Hamilton Boys' High. The fifth and sixth regattas were held on March 4th and 18th at Wellington and Wanganui respectively. The Wellington race was a long, hard race down a rough course into an almost gale force wind,

but conditions at Wanganui were calm. Both of these races were won by Collegiate, with the School Eight second in each race.

The climax of the rowing season was on April 1st when the top New Zealand Secondary Schools competed for the Maadi Cup. The School Eight won their heat and rowed hard in the final but could not maintain the heavier and more powerful crews that were placed in the second heat. The final result was a win by Collegiate for the fifth year in succession with King's College a close second, Westlake Boys' High third and the School Eight fourth. The crew for the Maadi Cup race was T. Johnson (stroke), H. Johnson (7), M. Dunlop (6), J. Knofflock (5), T. Coker (4), R. Cornes (3), J. Knowles (2), D. Simpson (bow), and P. Bretherton (cox).

In conclusion our thanks go to our coach Mr. A. R. Byres for the devoted time, effort and understanding he has given to the crew and to Mr. S. M. King for his efforts as School rowing master.



GIRLS' TENNIS

Back: Adrienne McKenzie, Julie Oldham, Rachel Glasgow, Marion Buchanan.

Front: Mrs. Carr, Glennis Young, Anne Seator, Diana Handley, Lynette Doran.

GIRLS' TENNIS

The team had a moderately successful year, winning its matches against Rangitikei College and Taita College and losing to Sacred Heart College by only one set.

Results of inter-school matches:

Turakina College (6 sets): W.H.S. (3 sets).

Sacred Heart (6 sets): W.H.S. (5 sets).

Rangitikei College (4 sets): W.H.S. (8 sets).

Colenso High School (7 sets): W.H.S. (2 sets).

Taita College (4 sets): W.H.S. (5 sets).

Nga Tawa (9 sets): W.H.S. (nil).

Wanganui Girls' College (10 sets): W.H.S. (nil).

The team: A. McKenzie, A. Seator, J. Oldham, J. Stockwell, D. Handley, R. Glasgow, L. Doran, G. Young, M. Buchanan, C. Dow.

BOYS' TENNIS

The team had an enjoyable and more successful year than previous ones. The players were handicapped by the fact that no sports time was allotted to tennis. However, an enthusiastic group, practising in its own time, made up an effective School team.

Results of inter-school matches:

Rangitikei College (7 sets): W.H.S. (13 sets).

Taita College (8 sets): W.H.S. (7 sets).

Colenso High School (13 sets): W.H.S. (2 sets).

The team: M. Logan (captain), C. Howie, R. Aves, S. Browne, M. Herd, and M. Dawson. H. Johnston and K. Hooker also played occasionally.

SWIMMING

The Tabloid Sports were held in fine weather. There were, however, large numbers who did not participate, and efforts should be made to ensure that everyone is capable of swimming one length. The ability to swim is essential as most people enjoy the pleasures of water sometime in their lives.

Results were as follows:—

Ballance 1, Seddon 2, Reeves 3, Vogel 4.

The swimming sports produced some good races, with plenty of House encouragement. Winners were as follows:—

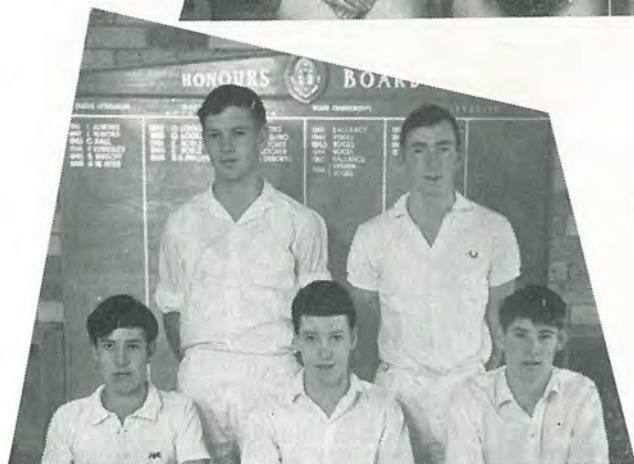
Boys Championship

220 yards Freestyle, under 14½: C. Aves 2 min. 48.5 secs; Under 16: D. Corps 2 min. 44.8 secs; Under 16: K. Payne 2 min. 35.6 secs.

**INDOOR
BASKETBALL**



BOYS' TENNIS



**INDOOR
BASKETBALL**



- 55 yards Freestyle, Under 14½: D. Graham 36.5 secs.; Under 16: I. McInnes and P. Carran 34.0 secs.; Over 16: K. Payne 31.7 secs.
 110 yards Freestyle, Under 14½: C. Aves 1 min. 16.2 secs.; Under 16: D. Corps 1 min. 14.0 secs.; Over 16: K. Payne 1 min. 9.1 secs.
 55 yards Breastroke, Under 14½: C. Aves 44.3 secs.; Under 16: M. Aves 43.8 secs.; Over 16: A. Burt 44.9 secs.
 55 yards Backstroke, Under 14½: N. Britton 41.3 secs.; Under 16: M. Aves 37.7 secs.; Over 16: S. Britton 39.4 secs.
 27½ yards Butterfly, Under 14½: C. Aves 17.2 secs.; Under 16: M. Aves 18.1 secs.; Over 16: K. Payne 15.3 secs.

Girls Championship

- 220 yards Freestyle, Under 14½: P. Wiley 3 min. 11.6 secs.; Under 16: J. Syme 2 min. 59.4 secs.
 55 yards Freestyle, Under 14½: P. Wiley 31.7 secs.; Under 16: J. Larsen 39.3 secs.; Over 16: S. Westrupp 38.7 secs.
 110 yards Freestyle, Under 14½: M. Elliot 1 min. 25.2 secs.; Under 16: J. Syme 1 min. 26.5 secs.; Over 16: S. Westrupp 1 min. 24.4 secs.
 55 yards Breastroke, Under 14½: L. Powell 51.4 secs.; Under 16: L. Doyle 46.2 secs.; Over 16: S. Christian 51.0 secs.
 55 yards Backstroke, Under 14½: M. Elliott 44.6 secs.; Under 16: S. Westrupp 42.6 secs.; Over 16: J. Groshinski 58.7 secs.
 27 yards Butterfly, Under 14½: L. Powell 20.8 secs.; Under 16: J. Syme and C. Christian 18.2 secs.; Over 16: J. Thompson 20.6.
 Final House results were:— Ballance 1, Seddon 2, Reeves 3, Vogel 4.

LIFESAVING

The following pupils gained awards during the last season:

Award of Merit:

K. Payne, R. Tulloch, M. Aves, S. Coker.

Bronze Cross:

P. Carran, S. Britton, M. Dawson, D. Whiteside, D. Basham.

Bronze Medallion:

R. Muir, B. Bebarfald, B. Phillips.

Intermediate Star:

R. Coe.

Senior Instructors' Certificate:

R. Fraser.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

Altogether over 90 boys were involved in playing soccer throughout the season.

Senior: 2 teams.

Junior: 4 teams.

The season opened on the 1st of April and five teams were entered for the seven-a-side tournament. The 1st XI was ably captained by Robert Aves assisted by Ian Wager as a vice-captain.

Results: Played 16, lost 5, drew 3, won 8.

The team had strong competition in the 2nd Division and played well co-ordinated skilful, and spectacular football. Being on the light side, the forwards always had to play hard and the



ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL 1st. XI

E. Hyndman, J. Brown, P. Eades, M. Brechmanis, D. Miller, M. Waitai, R. Davidson.
 W. Armstrong, M. Smith, I. Wager, R. Aves (captain), C. Howie, I. McInnes. Mr. S. Davis (Coach).

defensive combination of the backs produced some good wins over older, heavier and more experienced teams. The skills acquired and confidence gained should serve these young players well in the years to come.

Inter-school matches:

Boys' College, lost 3—1.

Colenso High School, lost 6—1.

Taita College, won 9—1.

2nd XI v. Rangitikei College, won 5—3.

Congratulations:

To P. Eades, W. Armstrong, M. Smith and M. Brechmanis who gained representative honours and played in the under 15 side at Auckland. Brechmanis kept goal for the 'Rest' against the North Island Team.

M. Kidd, M. Muir and C. Aves were also selected to play in the under 14 Representatives at Whakatane.

Junior Teams:

The competition here was always keen. Crusaders, Rangers and Ramblers went through to the final play off in the Knockout Competition in their respective grades.

Coaches:

1st XI: Mr. S. E. Davis.

2nd XI: Mr. C. A. James.

Mr. Woodbury and Mr. Kilpatrick have put some solid work into the Junior Teams, laying down a good foundation of skills to fill the senior teams of the future.

GIRLS' HOCKEY

This year eight teams played in the local competition. There was a good basis for the A team since five of last year's team returned.

After a qualifying round, the A team was chosen to play in the senior section, and the B team in the Senior reserve. The A team performed very well against the tough opposition of College A, Past Students and Saints I and succeeded in drawing games for the first time with College A and Past Students.

The top third form team won every match during the season and thus won the Junior Competition, and the B team won the Senior Reserve competition.

The teams were involved in three tournaments, the opening tournament, Closing Day Tournament, and the Queen's Birthday Tournament, in addition to the tournament in Masterton. The Closing Day seven-a-side Tournament was won by Past Students after a very exciting section play off between Past Students and W.H.S. which went into extra time. The B team too were runners up in their section to Saints I after winning 7 of their 8 games. The Queen's Birthday tournament was held at Hawera. The A team won 1 game, lost 1 game and drew 1 game, and at Masterton in the Secondary Schoolgirls' Tournament the team won 2 games, and lost 3 games, a very disappointing result.

Inter School Fixtures:

v. Rangitikei College (away), drew 5—5.

v. Taita (home), win 7—0.

v. Colenso (away), draw 1—1.

v. Girls' College draw 1—1.

This was a good year, in that the School remained undefeated in inter-school fixtures.

Several of the players represented Wanganui during the season. Rosalie Scott and Maria Maraku were selected for the Senior A representative team, and Rosalie Scott had the additional honour of selection for the Wanganui side competing in

the Women's National Tournament. Lynette Atkinson and Leigh Jolley played in the Senior B representative side, and J. Thompson, C. Webb, J. Smith, J. Browne, J. Hanson, P. Bares, played in the under 17 representative team.

The A team would like to thank Mrs. Carr for organising their trip to Masterton in the August School holidays, and also for representing the High School at the Hockey Association meetings. The hockey players would like also to thank the coaches, particularly Miss Cumberland, an outside coach to the successful B team.



GIRLS' HOCKEY

Back: Patricia Bares, Karen Rountree, Janet Smith, Carol Webb, Jan Thompson, Beth McFarlane.

Front: Lynette Atkinson, Judy Hansen, Rosalie Scott (captain), Mrs. Carr (Coach), Leigh Jolley, Julia Browne, Maria Maraku.

BOYS' HOCKEY

This year for the first time the school entered four teams, in competitions; the 1st and 2nd XI playing in the Senior Reserve Grade Competition and the 3rd and 4th XIs playing in the Junior Competition of the Wanganui Hockey Association.

1st XI: R. J. Timpany (captain), M. R. Hughes (vice-captain), M. C. Stewart, D. J. Packer, G. A. Clark, W. R. M. Carran, R. A. Farrell, W. T. Connell, P. H. Mallinder, S. G. Britton, A. G. Waites.

This team has gained experience in the last two years to provide a hard core for next years team. Team combination made

fast open hockey possible and steady playing resulted in the team being runners-up in the Senior Reserve Grade Competition to T.C.O.B. In the final game of the competition a win over T.C.O.B. was needed to win the competition, but a hard fought 3-all draw resulted thus leaving the 1st XI half a point behind T.C.O.B., the winners of the competition.

The 1st XI won the Senior Reserve six-a-side tournament by defeating the Boys' College in the final.

M. R. Hughes and R. A. Farrell were selected for the Wanganui Secondary School's team.

INTER-SCHOOL GAMES.

- v. Rangitikei, won 6—0. Played on a greasy ground but school handled the ball well.
- v. Wanganui Boys' College, lost 3—1. Game played on a muddy home ground. An even game, but B.C. pushed home their opportunities better.
- v. Taita College, won 3—1. Again played on a muddy ground. Neither team settled down to play good hockey.
- v. Colenso High School, lost 4—1. A fast game on a hard ground. Colenso fielded a strong team again, and school never settled down.

2nd XI: This was the first time the school had entered a second team in the Senior Reserve Grade Competition. The 2nd. XI played very well and defeated five other teams in the competition during the season. This team shows much promise for next year.



BOYS' HOCKEY

Back: B. G. Gibson, M. C. Stewart, W. R. M. Carran, A. G. Waites, W. T. Connell.

Front: S. G. Britton, G. A. Clark, M. R. Hughes, R. J. Timpany (captain), A. R. Farrell, S. M. King (Coach).

Absent: D. J. Packer, P. H. Mallinder.

3rd XI: This team played good hockey and showed promise. They were second in the Junior Competition though they defeated every team at some stage in the season.

W.H.S. hockey is indebted to Mr. S. M. King for his assistance to the game in the school and especially for his services to the First XI. His presence will be missed but no doubt he will make the occasional appearance on the sideline next winter. Other staff who coached during 1967 were Messrs. A. E. King and R. G. McLean.

BASKETBALL

Another busy and successful year with 16 teams entered in Saturday competition. Our "A" team was once again undefeated in inter-school matches and finished third in the Saturday competition.

Play was of a very high standard throughout all the grades, and a large number of girls were selected for representative teams. We are particularly proud of our Centre — Wendy Osborne, who, though only 14 years at the time, was picked to play for Wanganui Senior A Rep. team in the National Tournament and finally against the visiting English Netball Team in September. Also, we seemed to have a monopoly on the Junior Rep. Team, 4 of the 7 players coming from the school.

Representatives were:

Senior A: Wendy Osborne.

Senior B: Adrienne McKenzie, Maureen Dix.

Senior Reserve: Trina Ross.

Junior: Katrina Bennett, Glenda Keats, Margaret Hill, Mary-Ann Larsen.

Third Grade: Julie Farrell, Lynette Blackburn, Margaret Morgan.

Fourth Grade: Sheryn Blake, Deryn McIntyre.

Grade winners were:

"K" Team: Junior Grade Championship, Queen's Day Trophy for the Junior Grade, Highest Goal Average for season in Junior Grade.

"L" Team: Fourth Grade Championship, Queen's Day Fourth Grade Trophy.

This year's "A" Team comprised of—

- G.K. Jill Gregory: This position was the hardest to fill this year and finally fell to Jill, who worked very hard under the post. This was not easy as she had to make a complete change in her style of play. Thank you for being so co-operative Jill.
- G.D. Elizabeth Lockett (captain): A very good season's play. Hard working and always on the job. A conscientious captain. Her many interceptions were a delight to see.
- W.D. Adrienne McKenzie: A tireless worker whose reactions are tigerishly quick. Thank you for the many spectacular 'saves' throughout the season.
- C. Wendy Osborne: A very strong, driving player; excellent positional play, marred only occasionally by standing and waiting for the ball to come to her instead of moving to meet it.
- W.A. Lynette Doran: The control and leadership of the two young shooters in her section of the court was a feature of Lynette's play this year. Not being a robust type Lyn had to rely on brains and agility to keep herself in the clear. Best season to date.
- G.A. Maureen Dix and G.S. Alwyn Bennett: Two fourth formers who have played together for two years previously and it was with con-

siderable doubts that they were put into the "A" team, but after a shaky beginning this gamble really paid off. Their shots from the edge of the circle and their confidence in each other were heart-warming. Maureen needs to watch her timing and to curb her tendency to get behind her partner. Alwyn must keep moving in the circle and preferably towards the ball and she seems able to out-reach most of her partners. Both must work for the rebounds.

'B' Team:

For no apparent reason the team got away to a very slow start, the girls just did not combine and then quite suddenly they seemed to 'click' and from then on played really good basketball



BASKETBALL

Maureen Dix, Wendy Osborne, Alwyn Bennett, Jill Gregory, Adrienne McKenzie, Elizabeth Lockett (captain), Lynette Doran.
Absent: Mrs. M. D. Richdale (Coach).

and in later rounds were able to avenge defeats given earlier in the season.

INTER-SCHOOL GAMES.

Tuesday, July 11th: W.H.S. 'A' v. Rangitikei "A" (won 30—21).

School superior team. Combinations worked well between school members, and it did not take long for the ball to travel from our defence to our attacks.

W.H.S. 'B' v. Rangitikei "B" (lost 18—27).

Rangitikei on top from start. After half time school dominated play for a while in an attempt to catch up to Rangitikei, but were unsuccessful.

Tuesday, July 18th: Teams v. Waverley District High School.

The weather on arrival was cold and windy. The "C" team played first on a wet court covered with puddles, and had difficulty in combining because of the strong wind. Play became worse when it started to rain. This game resulted in a loss for the school. Weather conditions improved slightly for the "D" team's game. The rain stopped and the sun was shining. The "D" team combined well, and the game resulted in a win for the school.

Monday July 24th: W.H.S. 'A' v. Taita at W.H.S. (won 32—20).

School off to a good start. Excellent shooting by school's goal shooters. Game rather scrappy at times. School defence alert making it difficult, at times, for the Taita team to get the ball into the circle. Good game altogether, won decisively by the school.

Monday August 7th: W.H.S. 'A' v. Colenso at Colenso. (won 31—21).

School in lead from the start. Colenso played a fast game which confused the school. After half time Colenso, spurred on by supporters, came within a few goals of the school. It looked as though Colenso might win but the school fought back successfully and won. Exciting game to finish. Excellent shooting by school.

We thank our sole supporter and reserve who put up a good fight against Colenso supporters even though she was outnumbered.

Saturday August 19th: W.H.S. 'A' v. Past Students at W.H.S. (won 29—18).

A good game enjoyed by all. School's goal shooters very accurate. Past Students worked well for a team with no combinations. If Past Students had practised together, school would have had to exert themselves to their limit to beat them. The half time score was 12—11 to school.

INTER-HOUSE MATCHES.

Junior (3rd form) points and placings:

Vogel 6, 1st.
Ballance 4, 2nd.
Seddon 2, 3rd.
Reeves 0, 4th.

Senior points and placings:

Ballance 12, 1st.
Vogel 10, 2nd.
Seddon 9, 3rd.
Reeves 3, 4th.

Our thanks are extended to Mrs. J. Skelsey, Mrs. H. Churton and Miss B. Stewart who so ably controlled the inter-school matches played at school. Also thanks to all the staff members for the time spent with the teams throughout the season and the interest showed on Saturdays. Finally: thank you Frances for keeping the Record Book.

INDOOR BASKETBALL

This year four girls teams were entered in the Schools' Indoor Basketball Competition.

The 'A' team after losing three players early in the season, went on to win the 'A' grade competition for the second year in succession. In the closing Knockout Tournament the 'A' team were runners up to Girls' College.

The 'B' team played in the 'A' grade. The 'C' team playing the 'B' grade finished third in its section. The 'D' team was composed of young players who will benefit from this year's experience.

The players in the successful 'A' team were: Wendy Osborne, Doreen Berrier, Janet Davies, Gail May, Trina Ross.

The girls would like to thank M. May for coaching the teams and the Collegiate School for the use of their gymnasium.

RUGBY

The 1967 season was, without doubt, the most successful so far enjoyed by the school. Seven teams played in the Secondary Schools competition and nearly all of the team performed with credit to themselves and to the School. An increase in interest by parents was perhaps a reflection of the quality of the football played.

First Fifteen:

In terms of results this was the most successful First Fifteen yet produced by the School.

Team: A. Locket (captain), D. Morrison (vice-captain), H. Johnston, M. Hills, P. Wakeling, J. Fletcher, K. Payne, M. Dunlop, G. Neilson, J. Knofflock, S. Browne, T. Coker, B. Thomas, W. Jones, J. Weller, R. Buller, J. Phillips, M. Chapman, R. Cornes, T. Johnson.

Taking part in the Secondary Schools Competition the First XV was beaten only twice — both times by Collegiate — to come second, a clear 6 points in front of Wanganui Boys' College. The team got off to a good start with a free running 56—3 win against Boys' College 2nd XV — Peter Wakeling scoring five tries, a feat he was to repeat later against St. Augustines — and a less impressive 40—12 victory — in which Derek Morrison scored 25 points — against Collegiate 2nd XV. In its third game the Fifteen showed its quality with a clear cut 19—8 victory over Boys' College 1st XV, the first time we had ever beaten them. Then followed, after a scrappy 12—6 win against Rangitikei College, what was one of the highlights of the season — a narrow 12—17 loss to the strong Collegiate XV in a match where we lost nothing by comparison. Down 11—3 at half time, after losing Dunlop with con-

cussion right at the beginning of the game the First XV came back with great determination to outplay their opponents and score three tries, one converted and a field goal in the second half. The first round of the competition ended with an untidy but clear cut 33—8 win against St. Augustines.

In the second round our only loss was to Collegiate First XV 15—8 in a game spoiled by obstructive play and penalties on both sides. The game against Boys' College 1st XV was played as the inter-school game and this we won by the same score as in the first match. Our other wins were against Boys' College 2nd XV 28—12, Collegiate 2nd XV 19—11, St. Augustines 18—9 and Rangitikei College by default.

In competition and Inter-School the First XV scored 335 points and had 140 scored against. An outstanding achievement was Derek Morrison's century of points made up of 7 tries, 27 conversions and 16 penalties making a total of 123 points.

The team's success was based on a number of factors, none being more important than their dedication to training, their will to win, and their very fine team spirit, and all of these were related to the outstanding leadership of Arthur Locket. It was his determination and example which transferred what was a good team into occasionally a very good one. A fitting reward for his season's effort was his selection in the Centurian Colts team to play the touring Fijian schoolboy team. A solid core of light forwards, speed to the loose ball, some outstanding lineout play, a very fine inside back combination, speed in the three-quarters and a very reliable fullback, were too often balanced, however, by midfield waves for much of the season, an inability to finish off many promising movements, strangely unreliable hands at times and perhaps a failure to make use of the speed we possessed. In its covering and backing up the team was bettered by none during the season.

Inter-School Matches:

July 11th v. Rangitikei College at Marton. Won 29—15.

In this high scoring game the First XV failed to capitalise on a monopoly of the ball from both scrums and lineouts and, among a mass of errors, coasted to a fairly comfortable win that was never really in doubt. After Buller scored in the first minute from the part of the lineout, the team moved to a commanding 18—3 lead at half time with good tries from Neilson and Hills and three penalties by Morrison. The second half saw a relaxation of effort which let Rangitikei College in for two good tries and two penalties but further tries by Hills, Wakeling, and Knofflock, one converted by Morrison took the final score to 29—5. This was a game of missed opportunities despite some very good running with the ball.



FIRST XV

Back Row: S. R. Browne, J. R. Weller, W. A. Jones, T. I. Coker, J. E. Knofflock, R. E. Cornes.

Middle Row: A. J. Fletcher, P. M. Wakeling, G. R. Neilson, R. E. Buller, M. B. Hills, H. Johnston.

Front Row: Mr. D. G. Ingham, M. J. Dunlop, D. J. Morrison, A. J. B. Lockett, M. R. Chapman, K. J. Payne, J. W. Phillips.

July 20th v. Wanganui Boys' College, won 19—8.

Maintaining pressure better than in any previous game in the season, the First XV led Boys' College 14—0 at half time to put them in a commanding position. An excellent try by Fletcher after Johnston came in as an extra-man, and a penalty by Morrison was followed by a runaway try by Locket from the back of the scrum. This was converted by Morrison who shortly after kicked his second penalty. The beginning of rain just after half-time and a renewed vigour by the Boys' College Fifteen which saw them score two good tries, one converted changed the domination we had enjoyed but a try by Hills, converted by Morrison five minutes from the end put the issue beyond doubt. This was a good game played in particularly fine spirit.

July 24th v. Taita College at Wanganui, won 22—8.

After being held to three all—a try by Hills to a penalty—at half-time, by the lighter and less experienced Taita Fifteen, the First XV ran away to a very decisive 22—8 victory. Cutting down their errors in the second half, winning a monopoly of the ball and running it on every occasion the Fifteen overwhelmed their opponents. Particularly effective was the running of the ball from the back of the scrum and the setting up of second phase play. Tries were scored by Hills (2), Morrison, Knofflock and Locket. Morrison kicked a penalty and converted two tries.

August 7 v. Colenso High School at Napier, won 16—6.

This was one of the Fifteen's best games of the season although the margin between the two teams was not as great as the score suggests. Wanganui jumped to an early 8—0 lead after a very good try by Browne converted by Morrison and a field goal to Neilson. Exerting pressure through their very strong pack of forwards Colenso drew up to 8—6 with two penalties but tries by Wakeling and Neilson, one converted by Morrison, ended the game at 16—6. In this game the backs ran with great precision and a minimum of error but the forwards met their match in the powerful Colenso pack.

Blazer Awards were made to A. Locket, D. Morrison, M. Dunlop, M. Hills, R. Buller, M. Chapman, G. Neilson (old awards), and H. Johnston, P. Wakeling, J. Fletcher, J. Knofflock, S. Browne, T. Coker, W. Jones and J. Phillips (new awards).

Lower Grade Rugby:

Division Two: Coach, Mr. N. R. Watts.

The 2nd XV completed a good season losing only four games. The backs functioned well mainly because of the good combination of captain G. Hunt at the half-back and D. Potaka at the first five-eighth. O. Thompson as the left wing and

B. Newsome on the right wing were the top try scorers for the team. All the forwards played well with S. Wenmoth (hooker) and C. Adams (No. 8) possibly the outstanding players.

Division Three: Coach, Mr. G. Wakely.

After a poor start the team developed a good team spirit and in the middle of the season recorded eight successive undefeated games. Stephen Murray led the team well and Michael Dawson, particularly in the lineouts, was the outstanding forward. A 6—3 win against Boys' College "A" was the season's highlight.

Division Four: Coach: M. D. MacCreadie.

The team had a satisfactory season although its performance fluctuated considerably. The forwards were able to hold their own against many heavier packs and the backs developed into an efficient attacking unit. Unfortunately injury to key players and errors at critical moments marred the playing record of the team.

Division Five: Coach: Mr. B. J. Robb.

Overweighed and very often outplayed the team ended the season with three wins to its credit. M. Dowman stood out as a first class forward.

Division VI: Coach: M. I. E. Browne.

A successful and enjoyable season.

Division VII: Coach: Mr. D. R. Gilbertson.

An average season at best. Many of the teams were somewhat heavier and the resultant necessary amount of tackling was not always apparent. Memorable games were the narrow loss to the unbeaten Boys' College "A" side, the St. Augustine's match and the Collegiate "Ants" encounter. The captain R. Leith set a very determined example to his team.

One school match against Dannevirke High School was played. A vastly superior side overwhelmed us by over forty points.

Extra poundage should see several keen members of the team do well in future years.



"CHAMPIONS ALL"

Printed below is the text of an article and the reply which appeared originally in the two issues of "The Green Onion." As the reader will note, it raises several possibilities as to trends within the school: has the teaching of literature returned to fundamentals; are regressive infantile tendencies at work; is the future and stability of co-education in doubt?

LITTLE BO PEEP

Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep,
And doesn't know where to find them.
Leave them alone,
And they will come home,
Dragging their tails behind them.

For decades 'Little Bo Peep' has been pushed into the background — into that most ridiculous categories — nursery rhymes. Only now, in the year of enlightenment '67, have our techniques of analysis advanced sufficiently to enable us to appreciate the true worth of this masterpiece. Nursery rhyme indeed! The writer of this epic must be placed with the great masters of poetry, alongside Wordsworth, Milton, Shakespeare. It is only by a deeply penetrating analysis that one can discover the deep significance of this great poem.

'Little Bo Peep' is intended to show man's complete reliance on woman — his utter incapability of managing without the weaker sex!

Let us consider the first line, "Little Bo Peep" Now this stands for the sweetest, shyest of all women. "Little" suggests the quiet unassuming nature of woman. And "Bo Peep"? Why give a woman a small child's name? This portrays the innocence of woman — the same found in a little child. Line 2 — "Has lost her sheep". Well obviously "sheep" refers to men. Deliberately the poet has picked an animal with a tendency to follow. This line brings forth chuckles of delight. The animal imagery is superb. Immediately a picture comes to mind of a beautiful young woman surrounded by a faithful group of admirers.

But "Lost"? How does this fit in with the picture? Men do have this tendency to become lost. Like sheep they occasionally like to venture from the fold for a little excitement.

"Leave them alone". That word "alone" conveys all the stark meaning, all the complete and utter "aloneness" of man without woman. The poet has cleverly chosen his words to convey the real tragedy of this line.

"And they will come home". Brilliant contrast in that word "home". All the warmth and friendliness of a homely fireside is brought to the fore in this word — a complete

change from the last line. Here (at home) we picture woman as the quietly efficient mistress, her menfolk entirely dependant on her. This is woman in her true setting. Man will always return to it.

"Dragging their tails behind them". This last line is perhaps the most symbolic of all. "Tails" may be interpreted as man's shame after his little "fling". His sense of guilt is likened to a tangible object.

And "dragging" . . . this guilt is not carried comfortably by man. He is compelled to go home to his woman by instinct yet he, like a true sheep, does not like to admit his mistakes but would rather rejoin his flock triumphantly. Thus he is "dragging" his "tail" home — torn between two desires to stay away and brag or to go home to his woman for comfort. But eventually instinct wins. "They will come home".

The picture is complete then: men, like sheep, occasionally wander from the flock, but they soon realise their dependence on woman and, without exception, return to even the smallest, "Bo-Peepish" examples of womanhood.

It can be seen then that in the past we have failed to appreciate the true worth of this outstanding piece of literature. We have been giving our children the benefit of this gem because of its excellent rhythm and rhyme scheme, and depriving ourselves.

In the future we will put "Little Bo Peep" in its rightful place — alongside the masterpieces of all time.

G.N.

A MALE REPLY

The last issue of **Green Onion** had the misfortune of containing a critical appraisal of that well-known poem, **Little Bo Peep**, by a well-known writer who, it is obvious to such a distinguished literary critic as myself, lacks a profound knowledge of poetry. The critic, G.N., claimed, I feel quite wrongly that **Little Bo Peep** was little more than a vicious attack upon that magnificent species of the human race — man. This person's main argument rested upon the claim that the "sheep" represented nothing more than man himself for, in her biased eyes, that Woollv bulwark of New Zealand's economy manifests most of the attributes of the male species — that is, the tendency to gullibility.

The most severe criticism I can level at this critic is that, instead of attempting to examine this great poem in an objective manner, she has allowed her well-known political activities to influence her appraisal of it. I therefore believe quite firmly that the reader should be extremely wary of such a person who, quite avowedly and even unashamedly, is a member of that ridiculous group which is constantly threatening to create utter

disorder and instability in our society. I refer, of course, to that infamous group of which the critic is one — suffragettes.

Now let us examine **Little Bo Peep** and see if, indeed, the poem is an attack upon that most blessed and savoured piece of humanity — man. The first line, "Little Bo Peep", indicates, I agree that Bo Peep is a human. The adjective "little" suggests that it is a child. The next line, in reference to Bo Peep, mentions the pronoun "her." Obviously then, the subject which we are considering at present is a little girl.

The question which becomes obvious as the reader continues is, when young, whom does a little girl turn to for comfort? The answer is surely not her father but instead to her mother. Now does this not apply here? Certainly the word "mother" is not in itself used. Instead the poem, using a figurative representation, mentions the word "sheep." Does this not mean, therefore, that "sheep", far from being man, is actually mother. So, unless man is capable of motherhood (the only case of which occurred in the imagination of the main character of **Ulysses** — Bloom), the reference G.N.'s argument depends upon, is actually depicting the female Yahoo-creature of the human species.

The next question which must be considered is how does the poet elaborate this reference to motherhood and why has he chosen this particular word "sheep"? I feel the answer is this. We are informed that Little Bo Peep, after losing her mother, "doesn't know where to find" her. Her mother, therefore, instead of being home caring for her sweet little child, has taken it upon herself to go out. But this situation is not permanent as the poet continues: "they will come home". This refers, I feel, to that disgusting tendency of the female kind in recent years — namely the working mother. Yes, Little Bo Peep is a little girl who has been forsaken by her mother, who in turn has gone out to work instead of remaining home to carry out her divinely-appointed duty of caring for her little ones. That word in the last line, "tails," enforces this idea. "Tails" are wretched earnings which such a mother has gained for her work. "Tails", too, being a degrading section of the human anatomy, indicates the poet's feeling towards the mother's action — repulsive disgust.

Finally, why exactly the term "sheep? The answer is simple. Woman, being inferior to man, has become herself obsessed with the idea of sharing this activity which rightfully belongs solely to man.

The poem, then, far from being an attack upon man, is, by revealing the concept of the working mother for the disgustingly degrading activity it is, viciously attacking the entire aims of that repungent organisation — the suffragettes. It is completely obvious, then, that G.N. has cruelly and deceit-

fully attempted and failed to crush a magnificent piece of poetry which so correctly reveals the Suffragette Movement for the appalling activity it is.

WANGANUI CITY

Decay in any city is immediately obvious to outside visitors. In Wanganui, decay can be seen in and around the main street. True, at first glance the buildings look respectable but few of them would stand up to a second, more critical look. What does this second glance see then? Perhaps it sees the date "1856" proudly etched in the concrete front; perhaps it sees the plainly archaic architecture, or perhaps it notices the rusty red iron roofs of every building. The visitor takes a walk down St. Hill Street. He turns his back on the broken-down unpainted apology for Council Chambers and peers down the service lanes, only to discover that the nice-looking shops in the main street are held up with the same rusty, red iron that holds them down.

No-one is fooled for long into thinking that Londontown is a modern building, just because it has modern display windows, or that Chrichton and Newman's is a new building simply because it has a contemporary front with "C. & N." scrawled across it. These things are only superficial, in a way dishonest, and can be easily seen through. It is really no wonder that the girl from Marton thinks that "Wanganui is a dump" or that the lawyer from Vancouver, Canada, says that "the whole main street should be pulled down and rebuilt."

But it is not only the main street that hides behind the cobwebs of antiquity. Residences near the city centre have long since ripened and matured — they are now withering and dying a slow, no doubt, painful death. These houses must be removed, and replaced by multi-unit flats and apartment buildings more suited to mid-city living. Close to the city centre is the Railway Station — with its attendant train of disused locomotives, railway lines and other trash. All in all, not a pretty site. Still, within spitting distance is the gasworks in all its obsolete, brick-red, soot-black glory; just another structure emphasizing the decay in our city.

Out in the suburbs the signs of decay are more diluted, but they are still there. There are the old houses — possibly recently repainted and looking nice — but the paint merely hides and delays the decay, it cannot halt it. There are the old warehouses and woolstores which do not enhance the general appearance of the suburbs. The port, such as it is, is downright ugly. The only purpose it seems to serve is that of providing the local lads with somewhere to dangle their fishing lines from.

Wanganui's primary tourist attraction — The River, is at present the city's primary disgrace. A hundred and sixty-eight sewer outfalls pour sewerage into the river, night and day, as it flows sluggishly through the town. The sooner the river is "classified" and the council is required to do something about it, the better, for a clean river would make all the difference to the impression that visitors form of our city.

But do not despair. Wanganui City is not without some signs of progress. In the central city new buildings are slowly raising their heads above the rubble of excavation. The Government-Life, and the Power Board, for a while the only two buildings in the city higher than three storeys, are being joined by the impressive new courthouse, new council chambers and the museum extension/parking building. The Memorial Hall, too, is a credit to the city. Many new flats are appearing near the city centre; these are mainly built by private enterprise and are gradually replacing the decrepid old houses previously mentioned.

The suburbs are progressing too. New industries are growing up out of the apparently fertile Balgownie soil and more are being planned. New houses appear on both Bastia and St. John's hills, not to mention Castlecliff and Springvale, where the houses, not quite so elegant perhaps, are just as new. Kowhai Park with its concrete animals and playthings is one of the most appealing features of the city and is a tribute to Jaycee drive and initiative. We have now many very good motels around the city, but why have we no new hotels? This is a criticism that many overseas visitors make — how long will we take to accept that the accommodation we offer is not up to scratch?

In the future we can possibly look forward to a coal-fired power station; a jumbo-jet airport, new upper-avenue supermarkets and no doubt new petrol stations and flats. But the size and number of new buildings is not the only way we can gauge our progress. No doubt the Pitzac timber yards and Bullocks' gravel works at the entrance to the city, are indications of industry and progress, unsightly though they may seem. But even though these and others like them are ugly, (from an aesthetic point of view) they are also "beautiful" for they represent the lifeblood of the city. However, designers and architects, and town-planners too, must attempt to, and they do, achieve a balance between the purely functional and the aesthetic. Here arises the problem of simultaneously pleasing the aesthetic and the rugged industrialist.

Wanganui City is progressing — but only slowly. The world is leaving it, along with most of New Zealand, behind. Youngsters who leave the city don't want to be able to quote, on return:

"The old home-town looks the same, as I step down from the train . . ."

As a city, as a country, even as individuals we must wake up our ideas and "get with it".

J.K.

SENIOR SPEECH COMPETITION

This competition was held this year during the first term. A capable standard was produced in the final — although a little more "bite" would have helped some, the topics demanded this. The judge Mr. J. D. Tizard commented that the speakers fell into two categories — the conformers and the rebels. He placed first one of the latter and the text of his speech "Adolescents have never had it so good" is printed below.

Results: T. Johnson 1st, A. Burt and Sheridan Jones 2nd equal.

ADOLESCENTS

"The children of the day can not spell, can not add, can not read, and can not put a decent sentence of English together." This is what the Chairman of the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce said in evidence before the Cohen Commission on Education in 1912 about our parents and possibly grandparents. It was also said that the young men of "today" could not do what their fathers did in the last war. But that statement was made in 1938. How wrong it was proved to be in the years that followed.

So now, once again, it seems that parents are saying that their children are not as good as they were. We are all long-haired, soft, and not the rugged types that they were. We do not have to work half as hard as they did, and yet we get twice as much freedom. But are we really any worse than they were? Take the University students for instance. Parents think they are just a "bunch of communists". But are they really any more "Red" than usual? Or is it just that red seems the brightest colour as age dims the sight and fades the memory. One must remember that Churchill in his day was President of the Oxford Union, one of the most radical bodies at Oxford.

The children of today are fed on the best food in the world to foster stamina; and three quarters of stamina, as we know, goes down the throat; and yet parents never give these bairns, bulging with stamina, the chance or challenge to fight the good fight, except in the wrong places such as in the scrum with the Lions. Can parents wonder that the brightness, initiative and stamina of their children begins to work against, instead of for their true interests. Are parents entitled to the lux-

ury of surprise when adolescents of a high I.Q. fall for the attraction of bodgeydom, which at least gives them a challenge; or hot-rodding, which at least gives scope to the peerless neurological system with which our forebears have endowed us.

One of the reasons why youth are said to be better off than their parents is because of the large number of adolescents who own cars. But surely this is just a sign of progress. After all, our grandparents all owned or had access to horses, which were the accepted mode of transport in their day. So what is wrong with us all owning the accepted mode of transport of our time? And besides, Henry Ford invented the car for two reasons. One was to make money, and the other was for the benefit and convenience of all mankind, **all** mankind that is, not just the adults of this world.

Much courage is needed in facing the future, as the adolescent of today will have to do. Nowadays things change at such a fantastic rate that no-one can predict what lies ahead of us in the future. Look how things have changed in the last few generations for instance. In our grandparents' day, England was invincible, Victoria immortal, and New Zealand immature. Now it is North Vietnam that is invincible, De Gaulle immortal and we, God help us, are sophisticated to the point of sending volunteers overseas to help Polynesian peoples cultures.

Our power, derived from wood, coal, petrol and gas seems to offer a bright and glittering future with Uranium just around the corner. But can we afford to exploit it? This is a decision that the adolescent will have to make. Friendly markets seem to lie at our back and front doors, but the opportunity can be so easily lost by poor inspection and packaging, or just plain hamhandedness. Thus the adolescents of today will have to make the decisions of tomorrow, and will have to make these decisions themselves, and not have them dictated to by other countries as they are today. After all, Britain and Europe are ploughing their own fields where markets are concerned and we are crazy if we look to America to provide help — Uncle Sam is far better providing lurid demonstrations of how not to do many things which we will have to learn to do ourselves anyway.

At present I think New Zealand's children are the best and most promising in the world. What has happened to previous generations of children to make our parents by comparison so mediocre?

T.J.

THE ULTIMATE DECISION

In a small dingy room a scout meeting was just finishing. "Okay, then its settled, we will start tomorrow," said the leader of the small group of scouts, gathered around the dilapidated brown table. "Meeting adjourned." The group of Maoris and Pakehas intended to build a hut on the nearby hill. It was going to be their new headquarters, and Rangi, a small Maori boy, was as anxious as any of them to begin building it. Racing home, he bounded through the front door, unceremoniously brushing aside his small sister. He burst into his grandmother's room. She was old and very wise. He walked over, words jumbling out of his mouth. But Granny took no notice and continued to weave the flax into a foodbasket. Slowly she looked up and her tattooed face reflected all the dignity and pride of her race.

"What is it?" she asked quietly in her precise manner. Rangi told her about the new scout house and how they had found a "super" place to build it.

Rangi babbled on. It was not as if he was asking for help but it was part of the family tradition to come and tell Granny everything. Suddenly her face became wrinkled and she asked where they were going to build it.

Rangi repeated: "On the hill overlooking the old pa." "But you can not," she interrupted anxiously. "It is 'tapu' because there is an ancient burial site there."

"Oh, that does not matter," said Rangi casually.

"Yes it does. Your great, great, Grand-pa was buried there. He was chief of our tribe and he became a friend of the Pakehas and signed the great 'Treaty of Waitangi.' No good will come of you if you build your hut there."

"But we simply must!" exclaimed Rangi. "This is the twentieth century and no-one believes in 'tapu'."

Granny began weaving again, her thoughts in the past.

That night he lay in bed thinking. The full moon was silhouetted against the curtains looking like an enormous ball. What would his fellow scouts say when he told them the hill was 'tapu'? Would they laugh at him, sneer, and call him a baby because he took so much notice of his old Granny? He thought so. Yet it was not right to offend his ancestors. "What can I do?" muttered Rangi. He thought back and pictured his great, great Grandfather. He thought what a proud man he must have been, revered by his tribe, respected by the Pakeha. Rangi could now see him clearly; his face heavily tattooed, clad in his pui-pui and prized kiwi-feather cloak. He dared not offend him.

All night he tossed and turned in his small bed. His deep ingrained pride of his ancestors and their tribal customs the

respect he held for his grandmother's opinion, his fear of the ridicule of his school mates. All these thoughts rushed around in his confused mind. Next morning, tired and listless, he sat down to breakfast, no closer to a decision. The wise old woman reminded him that he had to pluck up courage and tell his mates. His steps were slow as he made his way to school. As he gazed at the controversial building site, a cloud passed over the sun. He knew that this was a sign from his ancestors, and that he Rangi, great great grandson of Chief Warewaka would uphold his tribal customs and reveal to his mates that he would not help them to build a hut on the hill as it was 'tapu' to him. Perhaps, Rangi thought, he would not be the only Maori in the group who had decided to act in the same manner.

K.T.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

This has been a year which in many ways the School will regret, as we have sustained losses of very important Board members, three of them foundation members.

Our greatest loss is that of Mr. B. M. Pitkethley. He was elected Chairman of the first Board of Governors, back in September, 1958, the first year, on the occasion of the handing over by the Provisional Board, and it would not have been possible in Wanganui or anywhere else to have found a better Chairman or a better friend to the School. He has made the School his special concern and apart from wise chairmanship and administration, he has given it money and services, which, translated into money, would have reached a very large sum. We were fortunate that two years ago he retired from the position of Manager of Hume Industries and then made available his administrative knowledge to the School.

Mr. Pitkethley made it his business to get to know the School at close quarters. He was known to all members of the staff and to many of the pupils, and those who knew him will remember his gentlemanliness, his ideals and hopes for the School, his concern for all connected with it, his sense of humour and natural friendliness. We shall not forget the foundation work he has put in to make this School not only good, but outstanding, and we are grateful to have had such a personality in his position through the formative years. We got to know Mrs. Pitkethley well over these years too, and hope that they will continue to be with us at the various School functions in the coming years.

Mr. Bullock has been Vice-Chairman since the opening of the School. A principal of one of the largest contracting firms in the country, he had experience which was to be of inestimable benefit to us, especially in the period of environmental

planning. He was chairman of the grounds committee and we owe much of our present environmental beauty to his personal interest. He was generous, and the School has benefited from his gifts and his help. He had a quiet, but lively sense of humour which made him a joy at Board meetings and School functions.

Mr. J. A. Spurdle was the third foundation Board member to retire. He had a sound knowledge of local affairs and administrative detail which has been very helpful to the Board. For the most of the period that he has been on the Board he has been Chairman of the Appointments Committee, and this important work he has discharged with thoroughness. He has worked unselfishly for the School, and, with the other members, regarded it as his special concern.

Mr. K. R. Smith was a member of the Board for a shorter term. He represented the School Committees' Association for the past three years and made a good contribution, particularly to the Finance Committee.

The School has been fortunate indeed in the character of the Board of Governors which has served over the past ten years. Bound by the strong common interest of the welfare of the School, and guided by the courteous but firm hand of the Chairman, it has developed a sense of unity and fellowship which has made its work smooth. There has not been lacking individual opinion and debate, but always leading to a carefully considered decision. There has never been an acrimonious note, and it would be true to say that all members have enjoyed their associations with the School and with each other. Mr. Robins, for instance, frequently makes a request that a large fraction of the Incidentals' Grant be spent on shrubs. Not infrequently the sum he asks for is drastically reduced and he roars with indignation. But the roars, oddly enough, add to the harmony of the meeting!

There will be pleasant recollections for these foundation members — the gentle wisdom of Mrs. Lockett, the wit of the Vice-Chairman, and the guidance of the Chairman, numerous incidents of diplomacy, and planning, disappointments and achievements, but over all pleasant awareness that the work was going well and something worthwhile was coming out of it. A School with a strong working Board is fortunate.

The new Chairman is Mr. A. J. W. Hodder, a man who has done a great deal for the School mainly through the Parents' Association, of which he has been President for most of its history. As we think of the past with gratitude, we look forward with confidence to a future under his guidance.

WANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Executive 1966-67.

President: Mr. A. J. W. Hodder.

Vice-President: Mr. L. R. Syme.

Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. J. N. Caradus.

Executive: Mesdames I. E. Collings, R. C. Davies, N. Dawson, G. B. Lockett. Messrs. W. K. Burt, A. D. Canning, C. E. Cornes, P. V. Foley, A. T. Gibson, C. E. Goldstone, P. Holford, R. B. Johnston, O. G. Moore, T. C. Norris, A. S. Wenmoth, P. A. Young.

In his annual report, the president gave an outline of the year's activities. These included addresses by:

Members of the inspectorate — on parent-pupil-teacher relationships.

Mr. B. S. Barry S.M. — an enlightening talk on the treatment of young offenders in the Community. He made mention of the Report Meeting in July which was very well attended and of the first meeting in February of this year which was called to enable staff and parents to get to know each other. At this meeting Mr. Bowden spoke on the new plans for Gala Day.

On matters gymnastic Mr. Hodder said 'It was reported at our October meeting (1966) that it was hoped that tenders would be called for the erection of the gymnasium within a month. This work is still held up. This project has been a most frustrating one for all at the School.'

(November, 1967 — work is under way.—Ed).

Mr. Hodder concluded by saying that he had enjoyed a number of years as member and President of the Association and he felt that the time had come to allow someone else to take over. The retiring president was warmly thanked for his services.

Mr. W. K. Burt is the new chairman.

SUMMARY OF FUNDS RAISED SINCE JULY 23rd, 1959.

(Baths and Gymnasium Funds.)

Gala Days	5382 10 4
Donations	2179 1 11
Pupils' Efforts	1560 1 11
Tuck Shop	795 0 0
J.C. Market Days	644 15 9
Lunches	661 3 5
Miscellaneous	725 6 4
	£11,945 19 8
Paid to High School Board for Baths	5130 0 0
In Bank for Gymnasium	6815 19 8
	£11,945 19 8

WANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM FUND.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Balance 31/3/66	£5499 9 11	1966 Gala	£17 11 6
Donations	46 3 6	1967 Gala	185 5 10
Lunches	131 16 6	J.C. Market	15 0 0
1966 Gala	4 12 1		
J.C. Market Day	102 17 2		
Tuck Shop	170 0 0		
1967 Gala	881 0 8		
Bring and Buy Stall	7 17 3		
Miscellaneous	19 5 0		
Interest	168 14 11		
	£7031 17 0		£215 17 4

Balance as at 31/3/67 £6,815 19 8.

Form Prizes

THIRD FORMS:

- 5P1.—Janette Roberts 1st, Wendy Osborne 2nd, Joanna Wallis 3rd.
 3P2.—Lynette Atkinson 1st, Raewyn Knowles 2nd, Glennis Young 3rd.
 5G1.—Lena Andrews 1st, J. Fitness 2nd, Daryl Guthrie 3rd.
 5G2.—I. Bristol 1st, Heather McKenzie 2nd, Maureen Dix 3rd. Merit:
 Gillian Gedye.
 5G3.—Fay Hickling 1st, Pat Hawtree 2nd, Helen Edwards 3rd.
 5G4.—S. Pond 1st, Josephine Hartley 2nd, Roslyn Horne 3rd. Merit:
 Robert Ross.
 5T —K. Mills 1st, M. Small 2nd, M. Dowman 3rd.
 5C1.—Valerie Mullins 1st, Linda Lockhart 2nd, Karen Old 3rd. Merit:
 Patricia Littlewood.
 5C2.—Sandra Whitnall 1st, Linda Duffill 2nd, Lynda Bettridge 3rd.
 5H —Lynette Gruebner 1st, Christine Cullen 2nd, Deidre Flower, 3rd.
 Merit: Maxine Eastman.
 4P1.—Frances Glenny 1st, Jean Scott 2nd, S. Krenek 3rd. Merit: Marion
 Buchanan and Denise Hopkins.
 4P2.—Margaret Borland 1st, H. Van Dam 2nd, B. Phillips 3rd.
 4G1.—P. Carran 1st, P. McDowall 2nd, S. Lawrence and Joyce Buller
 3rd equal.
 4G2.—K. Payne 1st, Caroline McKernan 2nd, C. King 3rd.
 4G3.—Kathryn Bradley 1st, T. Goldstone 2nd, G. Sharp 3rd.
 4T —C. Wrigley 1st, L. Davies 2nd, E. Bell 3rd.
 4C1.—Truda Freeman 1st, Debra Shoulder 2nd, Elizabeth Cornell 3rd.
 4C2.—Marilyn Tasker 1st, Pat Ngatoa 2nd, Carole Tangaroa 3rd. Merit:
 Yvonne Buchan.
 4H —Ruth Pidcock 1st, Sandra Westrupp 2nd.
 5P1.—M. Herd 1st, P. Gubb 2nd, Deborah Crabtree 3rd. Merit: Glenice
 McIntyre.
 5P2.—A. Burt 1st, K. Young 2nd, R. Sweet 3rd.
 5G1.—R. Buller 1st, M. Aves 2nd, Lynn Gibbard 3rd.
 5G2.—Rosalie Scott 1st, J. Phillips 2nd, Constance Mason 3rd. Merit:
 S. Britten.

- 5G3.—K. Hooker 1st, C. Crowe 2nd, A. Gordon 3rd.
 5K —Jennifer Bealing 1st, M. Dawson 2nd, Beryl Crawford 3rd.
 5T —M. Stewart 1st, R. Holford 2nd, R. Brown 3rd.
 5C1.—Denise Bayley 1st, Vicki La Roche 2nd, Margaret Flower 3rd.
 5C2.—Carolyn Andrews 1st, Dilys Davies 2nd, Wendy Duncan 3rd.
 5H —Ann Kirkby 1st, Deidre Cross 2nd.
 L6A.—R. Aves 1st Lynette Doran 2nd, Josephine Davis 3rd.
 L6B.—J. Knowles 1st, Dawn McGregor 2nd, A. McDowall 3rd.
 L6C.—D. Morrison 1st, Pamela Wearne 2nd, Gillian Neilson 3rd.

UPPER SIXTH FORM:

Certificates of Merit.—M. Hodder, I. Scott, P. Hodder, A. Taylor.

SPECIAL PRIZES—SPORTS PRIZES:

- The Earle Trophy for Excellence in Girls' Third Form Sport: Lynette Atkinson.
 The Lynette Almond Trophy for Inter-House Swimming: Ballance House.
 The Gray Shield for Inter-House Athletics: Vogel House.
 The Pam Wallace Trophy for Inter-House Basketball: Ballance House.
 The Greenwood Cup for House Department: Ballance House.
 The Heads Shield for Champion House: Vogel House and Seddon House.

PUBLIC SPEAKING PRIZES:

Senior Speech: D. Morrison.
Junior Speech: Marion Buchanan.

ART PRIZES:

Junior: J. Mitchell.
Senior: B. Phillips.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PRIZES:

Junior: Frances Glenny.
Senior: W. Wilde.

HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL:

Fiona Darbyshire and B. Phillips.

SENIOR SUBJECT PRIZES:

Excellence in the Technical Course: N. Buchanan.
 Commercial Department Honours Board Scholar: Lynette Doran.
 General Excellence in the Homecraft Course: Ann Kirkby.
 Senior History: M. Hodder and G. Herd.
 Science: I. Scott.
 Geography and Biology: A. Taylor.
 English—Joint winners: M. Hodder, P. Hodder, G. Herd.

DUCES LUDORUM:

Mereana Osborne and B. Phillips.

PROXIME ACCESSIT:

1st Mathematics, 1st Additional Mathematics, 1st Physics, 3rd Chemistry: Mary Ruston.

DUX LITTERARUM:

1st equal English, 1st equal History, 1st French, 1st Latin. Joint winner of the Senior History Prize, joint winner of the French Prize: G. Herd.