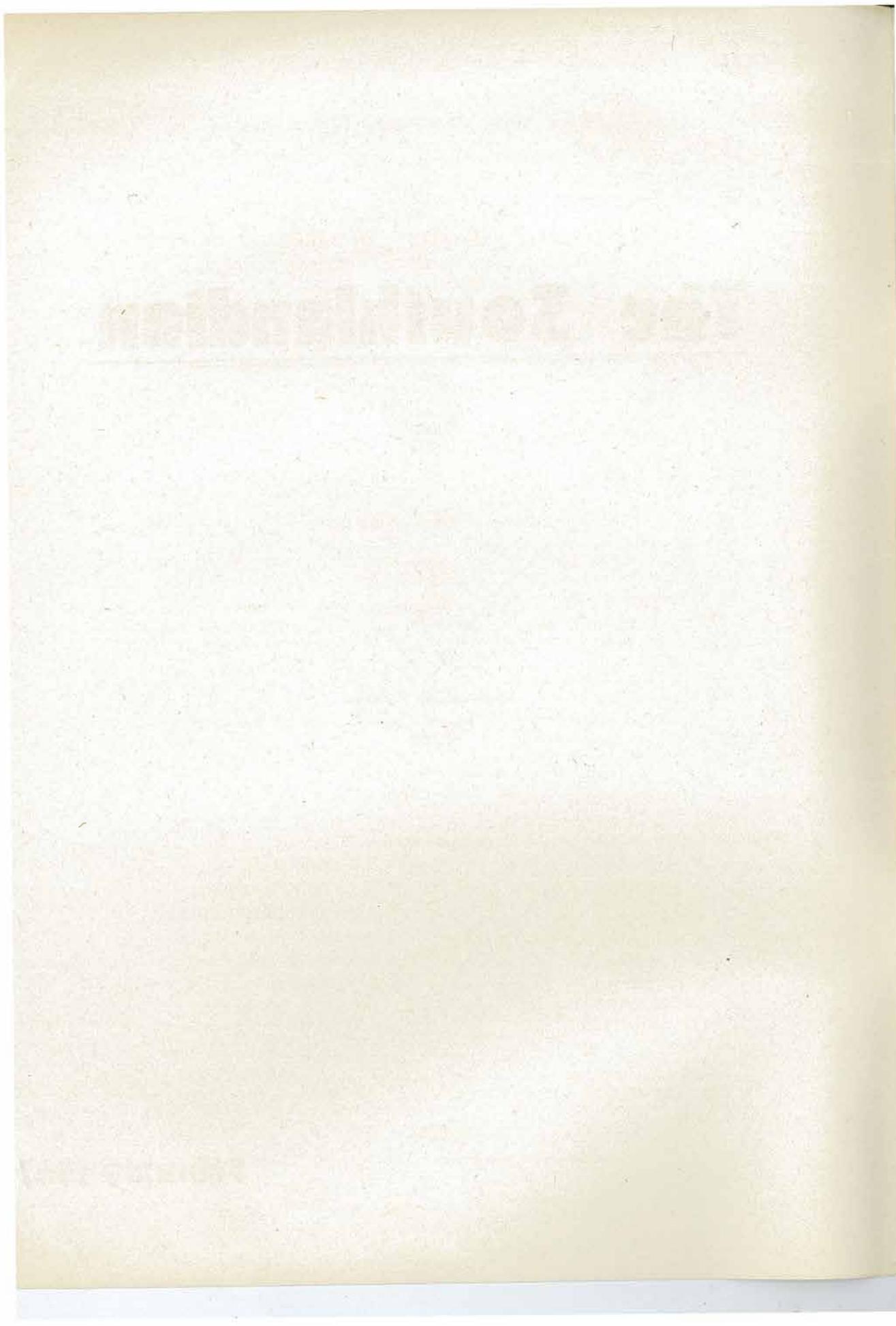


# The Southlandian

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## *Southland Boys' High School*

Herbert Street :: Invercargill



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ALEX. SUTHERLAND.

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# *School Officers, 1946*



## **PREFECTS :**

A. W. GILBERTSON (Head).  
R. E. McDermott, A. E. Coster, W. E. Daniel, B. A. M. Moon, R. K. Moir, J. E. K. McNaughton, E. C. Mills, M. M. Carran.

## **ATHLETICS :**

E. C. Mills, W. Reid, W. E. Graham.

## **CAPTAINS OF GAMES**

**Football** : 1st XV., M. M. Carran; 2nd XV., J. G. Smith; 3rd XV., G. K. Sands; 4th XV., K. E. Geddes; 5th XV., D. Watson; 6th XV., A. Bell; 7th XV., I. Todd.

**Cricket** : 1st XI., A. W. Gilbertson; 2nd XI., W. J. Montgomery; 3rd XI., A. T. Maley; 4th XI., I. D. Payne; 5th XI., G. S. Gorton.

## **LIBRARIANS :**

D. C. McDonald (Head), A. J. Wood, H. R. Cowie.

## **BULLETIN :**

A. M. Menzies, A. C. Lange, R. K. Eunson.

## **RADIO CLUB :**

M. W. Johnson, G. S. McKenzie, A. E. Bainbridge.

## **SWIMMING AND LIFE-SAVING :**

G. K. Yule, G. W. Knight, H. M. Harland, W. S. Pasley, A. J. Robinson, B. Beadle, W. J. Tonkin, J. W. Macdonald.

# Prize Day, 1946

The break-up ceremony was held in the Hall on Friday, December 13, at 10.45 a.m. under the Chairmanship of Mr E. H. Smith, Chairman of the Board of Governors. The Sports and Academic prizes were presented by Mr W. R. Strang, President of the Old Boys' Association, and the Cadet awards by Major A. R. Cockerell, Area Commander. The principal speaker was the Very Reverend Professor S. F. Hunter, Principal of Knox College Theological Hall who proved to have a very keen sense of humour. Since he was well able to combine this faculty with some of his observations as an examiner for both the Education Department and the University the gathering was able to appreciate more than one good laugh. His advice was simple but, no doubt, most of his hearers had still to find out its wisdom—take the good going with the rough and make the best of it. The occasion was notable for the first public performance of the revived orchestra under the command of Mr Partridge, and a very fine start it made, pointing clearly to some delightful performances in the near future. Three carols by the Choir and two songs from the Septet helped greatly to enliven the proceedings. The prize-list is as follows: (It will be noted that, for the first time, two boys of the school were awarded the honour of proxime accessit—one in a language group and the other in a science group.)

## SPORTS PRIZES

Swimming.—Junior Championship Cup, G. W. Knight; Senior Championship Cup, J. W. Macdonald.

Athletics.—Junior Championship Cup and Miniature, K. C. Sellars; Borne Cup (Intermediate Championship), R. B. Hoffman, M. W. Johnson and K. W. Ritchie (equal); Len Hanan Memorial Cup and Sports Trust Miniature (Senior Championship), R. E. McDermott; Invercargill A.A.C. Cups (round-the-Park-races)—Junior, N. F. Smith; Intermediate, R. J. Brass; Senior, A. W. Gilbertson.

Christophers' Memorial Shield (annual relay race, Old Boys v. Present Boys); Present Boys, R. G. Balloch.

Fives.—Junior Singles, R. D. Rennie; Junior Doubles, O. G. Metzger and N. F. Smith; Senior Singles, A. W. Gilchrist; Senior Doubles, L. Muirhead and K. W. Ritchie.

Tennis.—Junior Singles, K. G. Gardiner; Senior Singles, W. Reid; Junior Doubles, N. G. Gardiner and J. B. Cockcroft; Senior Doubles, K. M. Ashley and H. R. Aitchison.

Gymnastics.—Junior Champion, D. J. Turnbull; Intermediate Champion, W. T. Ballantyne; Senior Champion, B. Russell.

Form Competition (all branches of sport).—Form 6b (A. W. Gilbertson).

## CADET PRIZES

Junior Shooting Championship.—J. A. Clouston; Senior Shooting Championship.—I. J. Hynd.

Platoon Championship.—Band.

Sergeants' Competition.—W.O. II. A. C. Lange.

Ritchie Shield (inter-form shooting).—V. upper..

## BAND PRIZES

Drumming.—Junior, A. W. Mollison; Senior, R. N. Hannon

Bugling.—Junior, H. R. Eastwood; Senior, R. A. Smith,

Robert William Friar Memorial Prize (best Cadet n.c.o. in South Island Secondary Schools) and Major A. R. Cockerell's prize for best Cadet n.c.o. in Area 12.—W.O. II. R. E. McDermott.

## SINGING PRIZES

Junior.—First (old Boys' prize and special prize given by Mr W. K. Farley), D. W. Templeton; second (Mr K. Black's prize), F. J. Evans; third (Mr Ritchie Fraser's prize), G. J. Griffiths.

Senior.—First (Old Boys' prize), A. C. Lange; second (Mr K. Black's prize), J. G. Smith; third (Mr Ritchie Fraser's prize), J. E. K. McNaughton.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

Athenaeum Committee's Free Tickets.—Fourth Form, R. H. Steele; Third Form, D. Bridgman.

Desclier Cup (for greatest physical and scholastic improvement), G. A. Wilson.

Public Speaking.—Senior (T. D. Pearce Memorial Prize), W. W. Baillie; Junior (Professor John Collie's prize), E. J. Tresidder.

Award to Head Prefect (on grounds of character, leadership and service to the School), A. W. Gilbertson.

Football Cups.—Fourth Grade Championship: Second XV. (J. G. Smith); Fifth Grade Championship: Third XV. (G. K. Sands).

Hockey Cups.—Doublebee Cup (Men's Senior Championship): First XI., H. R. Aitchison, captain; Lewis Shield (Junior Championship), Second XI., C. R. D. Downes, captain.

#### CLASS PRIZES

Form IIIC.—Certificate of Merit. P. S. Batchem, J. B. Falconer, M. M. Sands, T. P. Short, R. G. Stewart. Prizes for Merit, I. W. Cochran, J. T. Hurd.

Form IIIB.—Certificate of Merit. K. G. Gardner, K. Kennedy, R. H. Loudon, I. D. Payne, G. R. Sutherland. Prizes for Merit, L. J. Lamb, D. J. Turnbull, J. D. Baillie.

Form IIIA.—Certificates of Merit, J. Blomfield, P. F. Burns, A. R. Felton, M. A. Sharpe. Prizes for Merit, B. J. McConville, P. C. Robins, L. R. Kitson, A. W. Mollison.

Form IVD.—Certificate of Merit, J. I. McKenzie. Prizes for Merit, B. W. Gibson, S. F. McLauchlan.

Form IVC.—Certificates of Merit, W. T. Ballantyne, R. Clarke, J. A. Clouston. Prizes for Merit, R. M. Hannan, J. R. Petrie, G. J. Dale.

Form IVB.—Certificates of Merit, K. G. Cloughley, N. F. Smith, B. E. C. Strathern. Prizes for Merit, A. W. Tritt, T. R. Ferguson.

Form IVA.—Certificates of Merit.—R. L. Darnill, F. J. Evans, G. E. Moir, G. G. Pearce, J. N. Preston. Prizes for Merit, D. R. Tait, I. R. Dunlop, N. K. Smith.

Form VS.—Certificates of Merit, R. N. Anderson, G. I. Marchant, L. J. Muirhead. Prize for Merit, R. T. Blanchard.

Form VM.—Certificates of Merit, H. M. Harland, B. B. Helm, W. B. Walker. Prize of Merit, G. S. McKenzie.

Form VA.—Certificates of Merit, W. E. Darnill, M. G. Faul, H. B. Harrington, M. A. Hillstead. Prizes for Merit, A. S. Chandler, H. R. Cowie, A. J. Ellies, J. L. Lowery, A. F. McDermott, R. A. Matheson, G. K. Sands.

Form Upper V.—Certificates of Merit, P. T. Robinson. Prizes for Merit, W. W. Baillie, R. W. Bridgman, A. W. Gilchrist, W. Payne, G. A. Wilson.

Form VIB.—Endorsement of School Certificate. J. H. Andrews, K. E. Ashley, R. J. Clarkson, A. E. Dickson, W. Graham, I. W. Malcolm, A. M. Menzies, W. J. Middleton, A. L. Naylor, J. M. Ott, W. B. Purvis, W. Reid, J. B. Roxburgh, J. G. Roy, B. Russell, J. A. Smith, J. G. Smith, W. J. Swale, B. J. Tattersfield, J. R. Withington, A. J. Wood, A. C. Lange, R. E. McDermott, R. J. McKitterick, C. G. McMillan. Certificates of Merit, J. H. Andrews, G. Haase, J. G. McKenzie, I. W. Malcolm, A. M. Menzies. Prizes for Merit, A. L. Naylor, J. M. Ott, B. Russell.

Form VIA.—Endorsement of School Certificate, C. R. D. Downes, M. J. Imlay, D. C. McDonald, R. S. Morison, R. W. Smith. Higher School Certificate, D. C. Anderson, R. W. Brown, A. B. Coster, W. E. Daniel, R. M. Fowler, R. Hodges, I. J. Hynd, V. G. Jones, E. K. McNaughton, R. K. Moir, B. A. Moon. Certificate of Merit, A. Farrant.

Proxime Accessit to Dux in Languages.—W. E. Daniel.

Proxime Accessit to Dux in Science and Mathematics, and special prize for outstanding merit in a group of Sciences.—R. Hodges.

Dux of the School.—BRUCE ALEX MOON.

## Examination Results, 1946

University Junior Scholarship : R. Hodges (1st in Heat and Light, and in Chemistry), B. A. M. Moon.

Passed With Credit : J. E. K. McNaughton, R. K. Moir.

Qualified For University Entrance : A. B. Coster, R. S. Morison, R. M. Fowler, I. J. Hynd, D. C. Anderson, M. J. Imlay, W. E. Daniel, R. W. Brown.

University Entrance : (Accredited) : K. M. Ashley, J. C. Clarkson, A. G. Donaldson, C. R. D. Downes, G. H. Drees, W. E. Graham, G. G. Haase, V. G. C. Jones, D. C. McDonald, J. G. McKenzie, C. G. McMillan, I. W. Malcolm, A. M. Menzies, W. J. Middleton, A. L. Naylor, J. M. Ott, J. G. Roy, B. Russell, J. A. Smith, J. G. Smith, R. W. Smith, B. J. Tattersfield, J. R. Withington, A. J. Wood, (By Examination :) J. M. Andrews, E. O. Mathews, J. B. Roxburgh.

School Certificate : R. H. Aitchison, J. C. Alabaster, R. A. Anderson, J. C. Austin, W. W. Baillie, A. E. Bainbridge, R. J. Brass, R. W. Bridgman, W. B. Bridgman, D. M. Broughton, J. L. Broughton, M. M. Carran, A. S. Chandler, M. W. Christie, H. R. Cowie, N. J. Crisp, W. E. Darnill, W. K. Drummond, A. J. Ellis, M. G. Faul, N. G. Fowler, D. H. Fraser, K. E. Geddes, C. G. Gibson, A. W. Gilbertson, A. W. Gilchrist, G. S. Gorton, M. B. Harrington, E. E. Henry, M. A. Hillstead, M. W. Johnson, M. A. Jones, O. F. Jones, I. Keach, J. L. Lowery, D. M. McCulloch, A. F. McDermott, D. B. McKenzie, G. S. McKenzie, R. W. McKnight, M. E. McLean, M. A. McMillan, W. S. McPhee, G. I. Marchant, J. G. T. Mark, R. A. Matheson, E. O. Mathews, E. C. Mills, W. J. Montgomery, R. A. Neilson, W. E. Newson, W. A. Payne, T. H. Pickard, S. G. Preddy, M. R. Reeve, A. J. Robinson, E. G. Robinson, P. T. Robinson, C. G. Ross, G. K. Sands, L. I. Stevens, K. G. Sutherland, V. Sutherland, R. D. Thompson, I. T. Todd, R. D. Walker, G. J. White-Parsons, K. A. Willocks, G. A. Wilson, R. G. Wilson.

# School Roll, 1946

## VI.A

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|------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Anderson, D. C.  | Downes, C. R. D. | Imlay, M. J.         | Moir, R. R.    |
| Brown, R. W.     | Farrant, A. E.   | Jones, V. G. C.      | Moon, B. A. M. |
| Coster, A. B.    | Fowler, R. M.    | Kennedy, O. S.       | Morison, R. S. |
| Daniel, W. E.    | Hodges, R.       | McDonald, D. C.      | Potter, M. H.  |
| Donaldson, A. G. | Hynd, I. J.      | McNaughton, J. E. K. | Smith, R. W.   |

## VI.B

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| Aitchison, H. R. | Gilbertson, A. W.  | Mathews, E. O.    | Roy, J. G.          |
| Andrews, J. M.   | Graham, W. E.      | Menzies, A. M.    | Russell, B.         |
| Ashley, K. M.    | Haase, G. G.       | Middlemiss, H. V. | Smith, J. A.        |
| Clarkson, R. J.  | Jones, O. F.       | Middleton, W. J.  | Smith, J. G.        |
| Cook, R. J.      | Lange, A. C.       | Mills, E. C.      | Swale, W. J.        |
| Dickson, A. E.   | McDermott, R. E.   | Naylor, A. L.     | Tattersfield, B. J. |
| Drees, G. H.     | McKenzie, J. G.    | Ott, J. M.        | Wilson, R. G.       |
| Eunson, R. K.    | McKitterick, R. J. | Purvis, W. B.     | Withington, J. R.   |
| Fraser, D. H.    | McMillan, C. G.    | Reid, W.          | Wood, A. J.         |
| Gibson, C. G.    | Malcolm, I. W.     | Roxburgh, J. B.   | Yule, G. K.         |

## V.U

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|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Anderson, D. W. | Gilchrist, A. W. | McLennan, J. A.   | Preddy, S. G.   |
| Baillie, W. W.  | Hannon, A. J.    | McMillan, M. A.   | Robinson, P. T. |
| Baker, D. A.    | Keach, I.        | McPhee, W. A.     | Ryan, P.        |
| Bridgman, R. W. | Kennedy, R. R.   | Montgomery, W. J. | Sutherland, V.  |
| Carran, M. McL. | McCrostie, J. D. | Muir, J. W.       | Walker, R. D.   |
| Christie, M. W. | Macdonald, J. W. | Naismith, A. R.   | Wilson, G. A.   |
| Drummond, W. K. | McKenzie, A. D.  | Oughton, R. L.    |                 |
| Fowler, N. G.   | McKinnon, M. J.  | Payne, W. A.      |                 |

## V.A

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|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Alabaster, J. C.  | Darnill, W. E.    | Johnson, M. W.   | Reeve, M. R.      |
| Anderson, R. A.   | Ellis, A. J.      | Jones, M. A.     | Robinson, E. G.   |
| Austin, J. C.     | Faul, M. G.       | Lowery, J. L.    | Sands, G. K.      |
| Bainbridge, A. E. | Geddes, K. E.     | McDermott, A. L. | Stevens, L. I.    |
| Bridgman, W. B.   | Harrington, M. B. | McLean, M. E.    | Sutherland, K. G. |
| Chandler, A. S.   | Henry, E. E.      | Matheson, R. A.  | Thompson, R. D.   |
| Cowie, H. R.      | Hillstead, M. A.  | Pickard, T. H.   | Willocks, K. A.   |

## V.M

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| Balloch, R. G.    | Helm, B. E.      | Mark, J. G. T.   | Squires, N. W.       |
| Barnsdale, G. M.  | Kemp, P. G. K.   | Newson, W. E.    | Vickery, G.          |
| Brass, R. J.      | King, R. E.      | O'Connell, P. W. | Walker, W. B.        |
| Beck, A. V. N.    | McCulloch, D. M. | Robins, R. N.    | White-Parsons, G. J. |
| Capitaneas, I. F. | McKenzie, O. B.  | Robinson, A. J.  | Woodhouse, D.        |
| Crisp, N. J.      | McKenzie, G. S.  | Ross, C. G.      |                      |
| Gorton, G. S.     | McKenzie, K. R.  | Smith, R. A.     |                      |
| Harland, H. M.    | McLennan, D. S.  | Stout, T. M.     |                      |

## V.S

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| Agnew, L. A.     | Crawford, W. J. | Knight, G. W.    | Smith, R. A.       |
| Akhurst, R. H.   | Dalton, F. G.   | Marchant, G. I.  | Todd, I. T.        |
| Anderson, R. E.  | Falconer, T.    | Millar, N. I.    | Toogood, T. R.     |
| Ballantyne,      | Fraser, A. G.   | Muirhead, L. J.  | Tuffery, R. J.     |
| Bates, G. F.     | Geary, E. J.    | Neilson, R. A.   | Ward, E. J. T.     |
| Bell, L. P.      | Gracie, J. J.   | Officer, M. H.   | Watson, D.         |
| Bews, J. W.      | Hinton, G. W.   | Parkins, G. C.   | Welsford, A. G. T. |
| Blanchard, R. T. | Hoffman, A. G.  | Ritchie, K. W.   | Winter, A. J.      |
| Brewer, G. M.    | Hoffman, R. B.  | Robins, R. N.    |                    |
| Broughton, D. M. | Howden, G. H.   | Rodger, R. J.    |                    |
| Broughton, J. L. | Jamieson, R.    | Singleton, K. E. |                    |

**IV.A**

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|------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Blackmore, J. C. | Griffiths, G. J.  | Noble, S. F.   | Tait, D. R.      |
| Boyd, D. E.      | Lavery, B. C.     | Pearce, G. G.  | Templeton, D. W. |
| Cumming, G. K.   | Leadbetter, M. R. | Pope, G. A.    | Tresidder, E. J. |
| Darnill, R. L.   | Mercer, R. G.     | Preston, J. N. | Webb, R. W.      |
| Dunlop, I. R.    | Moir, G. E.       | Rea, D. W.     |                  |
| Evans, F. J.     | Moon, R. G. R.    | Rennie, R. D.  |                  |
| Gallop, L. G.    | Mortimer, J. G.   | Smith, N. K.   |                  |

**IV.B**

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|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Andrews, A. A.     | Ferguson, T. R.   | Macindoe, G. L.  | Smith, N. F.        |
| Butson, T. B.      | Francis, G. J. F. | McKinnon, J. S.  | Strathern, B. E. C. |
| Cloughly, K. G.    | Fraser, P. L.     | Marshall, J. A.  | Tait, P. A.         |
| Cloughley, R. K.   | Gallagher, S. A.  | Mason, M. F.     | Tonkin, W. J.       |
| Dunlop, S. T.      | Grove, D. T.      | Metzger, O. G.   | Tritt, A. W.        |
| Dyet, A. R.        | Hay, E. D.        | Patterson, J. P. | Welsh, J. V.        |
| Ereckson, M. W. E. | Irving, H. R.     | Powley, R. W.    |                     |
| Farrant, G. L.     | Levett, A. E.     | Sheehy, J. B.    |                     |

**IV.C**

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|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Aylward, A. D.    | Dale, G. J.         | King, J. M.         | Petrie, J. F. |
| Ballantyne, W. T. | Davidson, K. M.     | Lilley, G. W.       | Piercy, G. T. |
| Bird, T. A.       | Feaver, L. R.       | Mackintosh, I. McG. | Potter, J. H. |
| Church, T. S.     | Fotheringham, R. G. | McIntyre, J. M.     | Rout, D. McD. |
| Clark, R.         | Fraser, G. R.       | McKenzie, M. I.     | Steele, R. H. |
| Clouston, J. A.   | Gordon, G.          | McLauchlan, G. G.   | Smythe, C. G. |
| Crisp, E. C.      | Hannon, R. M.       | Miller, J. A.       | Wilde, B.     |
| Croad, A. E.      | King, H. D.         | Palmer, E. J.       |               |

**III.A**

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| Alabaster, D. B. | Farley, M. A.    | Kitson, L. R.     | Sharpe, M. A.   |
| Allan, D. G.     | Felton, A. R.    | Leadbetter, D. B. | Slocombe, K. G. |
| Blomfield, J. B. | Ferns, M. D.     | McConville, B. J. | Stevens, F. E.  |
| Burns, P. F.     | Grundy, C. A.    | Mollison, A. W.   | Thomas, N. C.   |
| Carey, E. J.     | Gunn, B. N.      | Perry, E. J.      | Valli, J. R.    |
| Clarke, J.       | Hynd, A. K.      | Pierce, O. C.     | Watson, M. L.   |
| Cockcroft, J. B. | Imlay, A. R.     | Robins, P. C.     |                 |
| Cox, R. J.       | Jaquivery, D. G. | Russell, A. M.    |                 |
| Duff, R. G.      | Jenkins, A. S.   | Seaton, A.        |                 |

**III.B**

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|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Baillie, J. D.   | Eastwood, H. R. | Louden, R. H.     | Scott, W. J. F.   |
| Bain, R. W.      | Ferguson, H. F. | McQueen, N.       | Smith, L. R.      |
| Bell, A. H.      | Forbes, S.      | O'Donnell, E. T.  | Stuck, D. A.      |
| Bell, R. H.      | Gardner, K. G.  | Padget, B. R.     | Sutherland, G. R. |
| Bradley, B. J.   | Hunt, S. C.     | Payne, I. D.      | Turnbull, D. J.   |
| Bridgeman, D.    | Keast, R.       | Pearce, H. R.     | Wright, J. I.     |
| Clouston, H. N.  | Kennedy, K.     | Rendel, E. A.     |                   |
| Cranstoun, I. H. | Lamb, L. J.     | Richmond, R. P.   |                   |
| Eade, R.         | Lawrence, D. R. | Rutherford, J. I. |                   |

**III.C**

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| Batchem, P. E.  | Dawson, B. R.     | McCrostie, K. L. | Sands, M. McD. |
| Beadle, B. H.   | Eastlake, N. R.   | McKenzie, J. A.  | Short, T. P.   |
| Brewer, D. J.   | Falconer, J. B.   | McRae, D. J.     | Sellars, K. C. |
| Brockett, G. N. | Hamilton, M. R.   | Murphy, G.       | Smith, J. R.   |
| Brown, M. K.    | Harrington, G. W. | Neilson, P. H.   | Stewart, R. G. |
| Clark, D. C.    | Hurd, J. T.       | Patterson, B. J. | Todd, B. C.    |
| Cochrane, I. W. | Johnson, C. A.    | Raeburn, R. A.   | Woodham, O. C. |
| Crane, V. N.    | Lange, A. R.      | Rowley, R. T.    |                |

# *The School Diary, 1946*

Compiled by A. M. Menzies.

- February 18.—“Double, double toil and trouble.” After extended holidays due to infantile paralysis, freedom is behind us as we again become servants of that taskmaster “Education.” Dolefulness is compensated for by the interesting fact that we have a new Rector.
- February 18-22.—Barracks during which three o’clock becomes 1500 hours, and all our masters become Majors, Captains and Lieutenants.
- February 27.—Prefects are appointed and their demerits are discussed for the rest of the day.
- February 27.—The School marched from the corner of Tay St. and Elles Rd., accompanied by the Band to attend the ceremony for the laying of the foundation stone of the new Girls’ High School—an afternoon of speeches.
- March 4.—A portion of the School attended a reception for General Dobbie and outside performed a version of the School Haka, which he appreciated.
- March 12—1st XI played Kings at Dunedin. Lost by an innings and 19 runs. However, they saw the Australians.
- March 27.—Athletic Sports which can be described by one small word, “wet.”
- March 28.—The 2nd XI attempt to get to Gore, but are bowled by the weather for a duck, and return from Edendale.
- March 28.—Rev. J. W. McKenzie, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, gives an inspiring address in the Hall.
- April 2.—We are informed about the standard coat for the School, and we are now going to look like one big family.
- April 2.—Swimming Sports held where the encouragers hold a majority over swimmers. Great interest in Ribbon Dive.
- April 5.—Fives Competitions begun.
- April 10.—Swimming Team competed at Dunedin with not much success in the Life Saving but won 4 out of 5 events in the Swimming.
- April 15.—An Apple a day . . . . .
- April 17.—The painting of the pavilion commenced. Boys of VI B seem to prefer the job to their Science Periods.
- April 25.—Band parades, this being Anzac Day.
- April 30.—Haagen Holenberg gives a pianoforte recital in the Hall and, much to the audience’s amusement, retires to wash his hands.
- May 2.—Magazine issued.
- May 3.—Recital by Mrs Prentice, Violinist, was very much appreciated.
- May 10.—Send off to Mr Wright who is going to Gisborne. A presentation is made and he has the best wishes of the School for the future.
- May 27.—School commences after a much too brief pause.
- June 10.—The Septet sing over the air and are much criticised upon their return.
- June 15.—The Septet again—this time in Dunedin where they sing at the R.S.A. concert.
- June 20.—The School was herded in groups to the Art Exhibition where we had a lot of fun, and probably appreciated some art.
- June 25.—1st XV play Otago Boys’ High School, losing 14-3 after a hard struggle.

- July 2.—Training is commenced for a guard of honour in case the Governor-General should visit us.
- July 10.—1st and 2nd XV's play at Waitaki without success—1st XV defeated 19-0; 2nd XV 26-0.
- July 17.—Teams arrive from Gore. 2nd XV lost to Gore 28-8. 2nd Hockey XI v. Gore won 9-0.
- July 20.—Choir sing at Orphans' Club, and in return receive an excellent supper.
- July 21.—1st XV v. Kings' won 9-6. 1st Hockey XI v. Otago won 6-2. The Prefects Dance is held at night with the 1st XV as heroes;—most of them can manufacture a limp for the occasion.
- July 29.—Exams begin and everyone starts last-minute swot.
- July 30.—School goes to hear Jan Rubini, violinist, but are more interested in an "address" from his wife, film star Terry Walker.
- August 7.—Girls hold their Dance in the Hall. The standard of the supper as usual far exceeds anything the boys put on.
- August 12.—1st XV v. Timaru. Last game of season. Lost 6-3.
- August 20.—Canadian Art hung in the Hall to provide a diversion for some and pleasure for others.
- August 22.—Round the Park race which many Juniors enter not knowing what lies ahead. It seems that they grow wiser as they grow older judging by the fields in the Senior section.
- August 23.—We adjourn for a well-earned three weeks.
- September 17.—On our return we are confronted by a change of timetable.
- September 18.—News of Mr Carswell's resignation flashes round the School.
- September 18.—Half-holiday to see Australia v. Southland at Rugby Park. Choir sing over 4YZ.
- September 26.—Singing Competitions held and, judging by Mr Charles Martin, the School appreciated some excellent efforts.
- September 26.—Mr Sutherland's Annual Ball at St. Mary's is attended by a large crowd.
- October 14.—Inspectors arrive and get a mixed reception.
- October 15.—Choir of 26 sing at St. Andrew's Society, where the Rector performs the admirable feat of naming all the boys in order.
- October 17.—Films on Soil Erosion shown in the Hall accompanied by a talk by Moon on the Ancient Syrians.
- October 18.—Genuine Indian Conjurer performs before a large audience in dinner-hour. "I know how he does that."
- October 21.—Sale of lost articles held in Hall with Mr Slater as auctioneer making money for the library.
- October 29.—Speech competitions held.
- October 30.—Girls' Sports postponed too.
- November 2.—Inter-School Athletic Sports swum on the School grounds after postponement until 2 o'clock. No Shields for Southland.
- November 8.—We attend screening of the film "Olympia" which is proclaimed excellent by everyone.

November 16.—Accrediting announced. The suspense is ended.

November 18.—School Certificate Examinations begin.

November 21.—Gym Competitions held in Hall. Mr Page's demonstrations loudly acclaimed.

November 27.—Election day. Some among us get three hours off School time to vote. Why does election day only come once every three years?

November 29.—Temporary Prefects who are appointed while others are at exams go about their jobs very conscientiously in preparation for next year.

December 2.—Film on swimming in Hall with Mr Tuck giving a running commentary.

December 2.—University Entrance and Scholarship Examinations begin.

December 4.—1st XI v. Staff resulted in a hard earned win for the Staff after many humourous incidents.

December 9.—2nd XI reach Gore at last and play successfully.

December 10.—School marches to Rose Gardens and attends reception for the Governor-General. Our efficient Guard of Honour is not needed.

December 11.—Royal Show during which the Band has two parades.

December 13.—The end at last.

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## The 1946 Hockey Season

School hockey enjoyed a particularly successful year. The players had the benefit of enthusiastic coaching and leadership running into long hours spent for the boys' advantage at their winter game, and those engaged in coaching the first and second elevens had the satisfaction of seeing their ideas brought to fruition because the teams contained players more than usually capable of developing hockey finesse. Thus it was that both the firsts and the seconds won their competitions. The school game played against Otago Boys' High School was won by the handsome margin of 6 goals to 0 while a game arranged at Gore against a men's side drawn from the Eastern and Northern quarters of the province, was won by 6 goals to 2. R. H. Aitchison was the outstanding player of the season. He was nominated by the Southland Hockey Association for a place in the South Island team but this he failed to achieve. He gained a place too, in the representative team and Crawford, Yule, Robinson, Ott and Donaldson, won places in the Southland junior team. The Hinton Cup, for the most improved secondary school player, was won for 1946 by H. J. A. Clark.

The first eleven were at least a versatile team. They had to adjust themselves to many changes of position but came out of the rearrangements quite successfully. Towards the end of the season there were signs that both combination and lasting powers were breaking down a little.

The Seconds had a great deal of help from Mr A. E. Dakin to whom they are most grateful for his unbroken interest during the winter. A good standard of combined play was reached by the end of the season.

The Thirds had a bad time. They were compelled to endure, not always in silence, the constant demands of the teams above them and consequently came out of the season with a record that could not stand comparison with that of the two senior elevens.

1st XI.—Played 12; won 10; lost 1; drew 1; goals for, 101; goals against, 31. Principal scorers: H. R. Aitchison 35; A. G. Donaldson 28; J. M. Ott 27.

2nd XI.—Played 13; won 12; lost 1; goals for 97; goals against 18. Principal scorers: J. R. Withington 26; G. G. Haase 15; R. A. Neilson 14; H. J. A. Clark 14.

3rd XI.—Played 13; won 1; lost 11; drew 1.

## *Singing Notes*

The year proved to be a very busy and successful one in both solo and part singing. A new arrangement, whereby the whole school has been able to receive instruction in singing was entered into during the year. On Wednesday and Friday mornings half the school went to singing and on Monday afternoons the whole school. At lunch-time on Thursdays country boys obtained their share of music with a class of their own.

Following his custom of some years past, Mr Black built up a small choir of approximately sixty voices and this group gave a concert at the Orphans' Club and a recital from 4YZ.

The heaviest performance of the years' singing was carried out by the septet consisting of Lange, McNaughton, Mills, Aitchison, Henry, Gorton and Ashley. Their highlight was a visit to Dunedin at the invitation of the Dunedin R.S.A. for whom they sang at a concert in the town hall. On this visit, too, they sang from 4YA, were entertained privately by the Mayor of Dunedin, and gave a recital especially for the benefit of Mr Ernest Drake and Dr Galway, City Organist, who very kindly attempted to make clear to them the workings of the city organ. If he failed to do so clearly, it was not necessarily his fault at all! Kings High School also was visited on this particular occasion.

The septet had a large number of engagements entirely on their own account, broadcasting twice from 4YZ and giving performances to the St. Andrew's Society, the Dominican Convent, the Dee Street and Lorne Hospitals and finally at the Christmas party of the Invercargill Travel Club. A. C. Lange was twice invited to detach himself from the septet and sing solos for broadcasting. His voice shows great promise while his powers of interpretation have developed rapidly.

The annual singing competitions again attracted large entries. The judge, Mr Charles Martin, Mus. Bac., gave his most detailed attention to the "field" before him and was not slow to give some extremely good, if at times, very blunt advice particularly about the standard of choice with which some boys were content. Most people will agree with Mr Martin and it is to be hoped that his words have not fallen on deaf ears. The School owes him its thanks for judging our competitions at a time when he could ill afford the half day needed for his task.

The senior section was won by Lange, "The Linden Tree," Smith was second, "Wandering the King's Highway," and McNaughton third, "Within These Sacred Bowers."

In the junior section, Templeton was first, "Bless This House," (winning a special prize very kindly given by Mr H. W. Farley), Evans was second, "Who is Sylvia," and Griffiths third, "Where'er You Walk."

A very successful year's singing also concluded Mr Black's sixteenth year as singing master to the School—a year during which he published still another book on matters pertaining to School choral work in New Zealand. His energy appears to be unabated.

It is convenient to record here that the School orchestra was revived during the year under the direction of Mr Partridge who quietly and efficiently set about the slow and difficult task of getting together a well-balanced unit. The first fruits were seen—and heard—at the break-up ceremony where the orchestra was the highlight of the morning's proceedings. For a brand new organization the taste and confidence displayed were a delight to visitors and School alike. Let us hope that the next Southlandian may be able to record an especial set of achievements by the orchestra.

# *The 1946 Football Season*

Of the 1945 Fifteen, four backs and three forwards returned to play again and they provided a nucleus around which Mr Braithwaite was compelled to build his team. The fact that the team was thus comparatively new to school football of the highest standard became apparent as the season wore on and, although it was very far from being at any time put to rout, the 1946 XV will not be able to claim companionship with the outstanding teams of the past.

The forwards had weight and speed but only too often did not seize their opportunities as they might have done. As a pack they did not have a really good eye for an opening or that sixth sense which tells that the "enemy" are vulnerable at a particular moment or to a given type of play. In spite of all this, they gave of their best, were very well led by M. M. Carran (captain) and enjoyed the season's play.

The backs did not succeed in achieving the cohesion that marks the last word in a Rugby team. Some of the players were too often unpredictable with that air about them which suggested that they could do the job on their own. This, unfortunately, was not often enough borne out by final application with the result that the school had some very fidgety moments on these occasions when it sat en masse watching the first fifteen in action. Of all the players who toiled away with the Firsts during the winter A. W. Gilbertson at full-back came out of the season's games with a particular reputation for good tackling, a good sense of position, good hands and a good even kick with both feet.

## **1st XV v. OTAGO**

After losing Montgomery and Muirhead before setting out for Dunedin, the 1st XV was ready for almost anything to happen, except the thing which did—the express was on time. Harry James's "Carnival of Venice" and George Trevare's unique rendering (meaning "to rip or tear") of the "Invercargill March" having been packed away (cheers from the Coach), the team were introduced to their respective billets.

With the wind behind them at the Littlebourne Ground, Southland kicked off, and, for about ten minutes, they kept the Otago defence very busy. But the tide soon turned. For the next twenty-five minutes Southland's defence was severely tested, but they did not fail, and the score at half-time was nil all. Johnson distinguished himself by his very solid tackling, and the other backs, mostly playing in positions new to them, also defended well. The forwards worked with vigour and, although dominated in the scrums, they showed superiority in the loose work, being led very ably by Carran, the captain.

The second spell saw Otago with the wind at their backs and they made full use of it in line kicks, their full-back, Graham, playing a very steady and dependable game. The Southland back-line were defending well, but they could not stop Ellis from diving over for a good try, which Johnson converted. Johnson added six more points to his tally when he kicked two penalty goals, the last one being from an extremely difficult position. Balloch and Payne were prominent in taking the ball to Otago's line, and after a forward scramble Eunson touched down and Southland was awarded a try. The kick was unsuccessful and Otago led 11-3. From a scrum near the line Otago had an overlap and Forde scored near the corner. There was some mistake with the time, but the whistle at last blew, after ten minutes more than the first spell had been played, Otago running out winners by 14-3.

## **1st XV v. WAITAKI**

Accompanied once again by their now famous (or infamous) music, the 1st XV and the 2nd XV left for Oamaru on the early morning (or was it half-way through the night?) express. The 1st XV was billeted out, while the Seconds were accommodated at Waitaki.

The Oval, although a little slow, was in good playing order and Waitaki attacked from the outset, scoring two tries in breath-taking rapidity. Thomas touched down in both cases, and Smith's kicks were unsuccessful. Southland began to wake up at this stage, and the game was carried into Waitaki's half. Then commenced a torrid forward struggle with the lighter Southland pack striving desperately to make up for the shortcomings of their backs. Carran was always with the ball, and his was an example which the other forwards followed. Payne had a very hard day behind the scrum, but he stood up to his task well, playing one of his best games to date. The half-time whistle found the visitors pounding Waitaki's line, but the defence held and the score remained 6-0 against Southland.

The second spell began with spectacular attacking movements by the Waitaki backs, who were really outstanding. The star back of the day was Hotop, whose openings made much play for Spencer. The Southland back-line, although not an attacking combination, cannot be criticized for their defence. The Southland forwards were at this stage superior in the scrums, but their efforts were nullified by the backs lacking the penetration necessary to score. A penalty by Smith increased Waitaki's lead to 9-0. The Southland defence seemed to go to pieces and the opposing backs 'made hay while the sun shone.' Tries were scored by Stevenson and Spencer, and Smith converted both, bringing the final score to 19-0. Gilbertson received an ovation for his all-round display at full-back, and Johnson for his solid tackling.

The tiring train journey home was lightened by an amusing tableau presented by Tattersfield and Bridgman at Milton. Tattersfield seemed overcome by other things besides applause for his part.

#### 1st XV v. KING'S

The day for this game was ideal and a big crowd turned out to see the match at Rugby Park. A peculiarity of the fixture was that, although School won by 9 points to 3, all the points were scored in the first half. Concerted work by the backs was not much in evidence but, in spite of this, School kept such good control of the game during the first spell that a bigger score might well have been expected during the second half. King's prevented this, however, by improved back play mostly, and School were often hard put to keep their line intact. Gilbertson kicked a goal, this being followed by a try by Anderson who took a poor pass cleverly to score in a good position. No goal was kicked. The third set of points came from a try by Carran who picked up the ball in the loose and scored in the corner. King's scored three points from a penalty and the first spell saw the teams leave the field, School 9, Kings 3—a score which was to remain unaltered. Montgomery, Anderson and Gilbertson of the backs and Carran and Mills of the forwards got through a heavy day's work.

#### 1st XV v. TIMARU

This was an interesting game played at Rugby Park under bad conditions, Timaru winning by 6 points to 3. Only one try was scored, Timaru gaining the first points in this way early in the first spell. School kept their heavier and faster opponents out very well in the first half of the game and, indeed, although some good fortune came their way, managed to keep their defence quite solid all through the second half too. Moore scored for Timaru first, this being followed by a penalty put over by Gilbertson. Tait retaliated by kicking a goal for Timaru but Southland were unable to equalize. Timaru held a fair advantage for much of the second half but the score remained stable. Timaru 6, School 3.

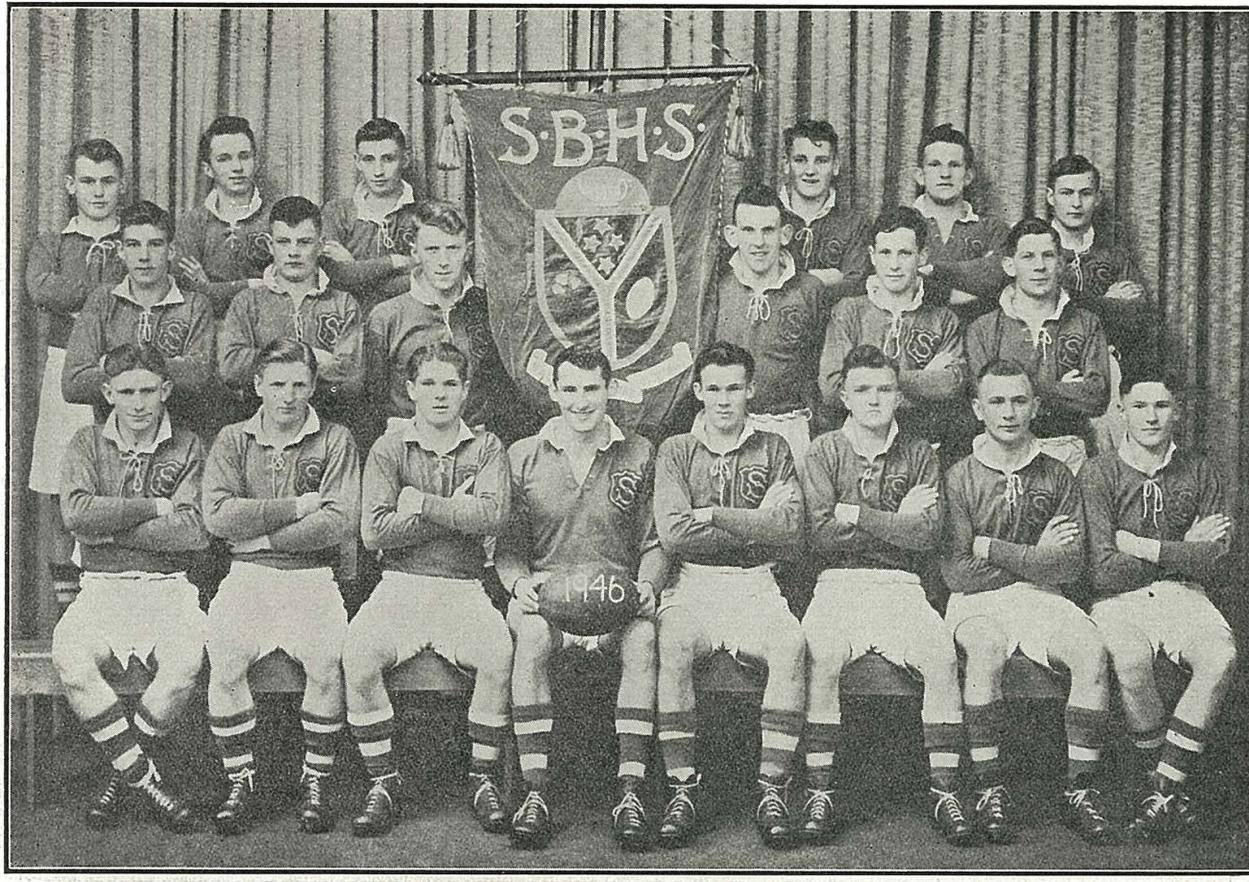
#### SECOND XV

After many years of quite happy but undistinguished and rather unvictorious football, the second fifteen for 1946 surprised the school, but not itself, by settling down to a series of wins in the fourth grade which culminated in the winning of the Fourth Grade Championship. The backs lacked combination but the forwards had energy and



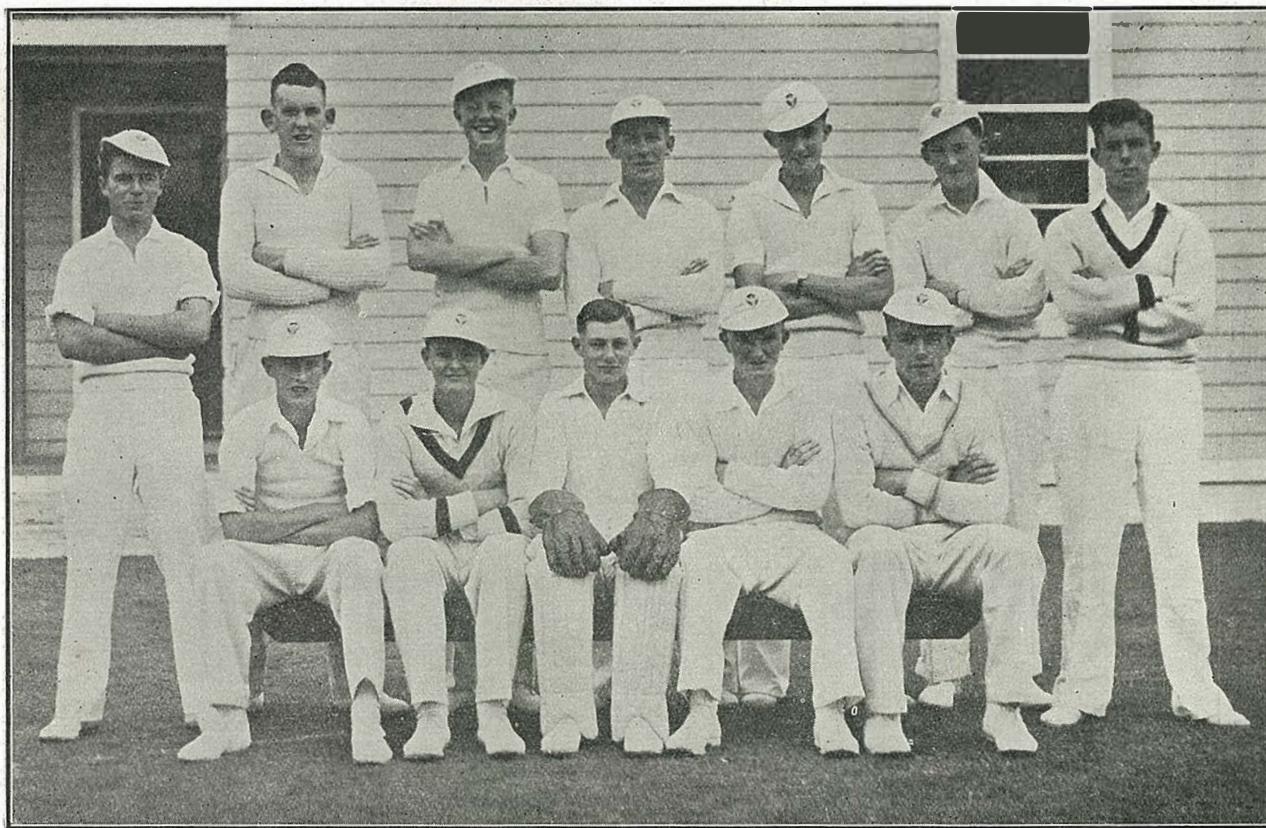
**THE PREFECTS, 1946.**

R. G. Moir, A. B. Coster, M. M. Carran, B. A. M. Moon,  
W. E. Daniel, J. E. K. McNaughton, A. W. Gilbertson (Head), R. E. McDermott, E. C. Mills.



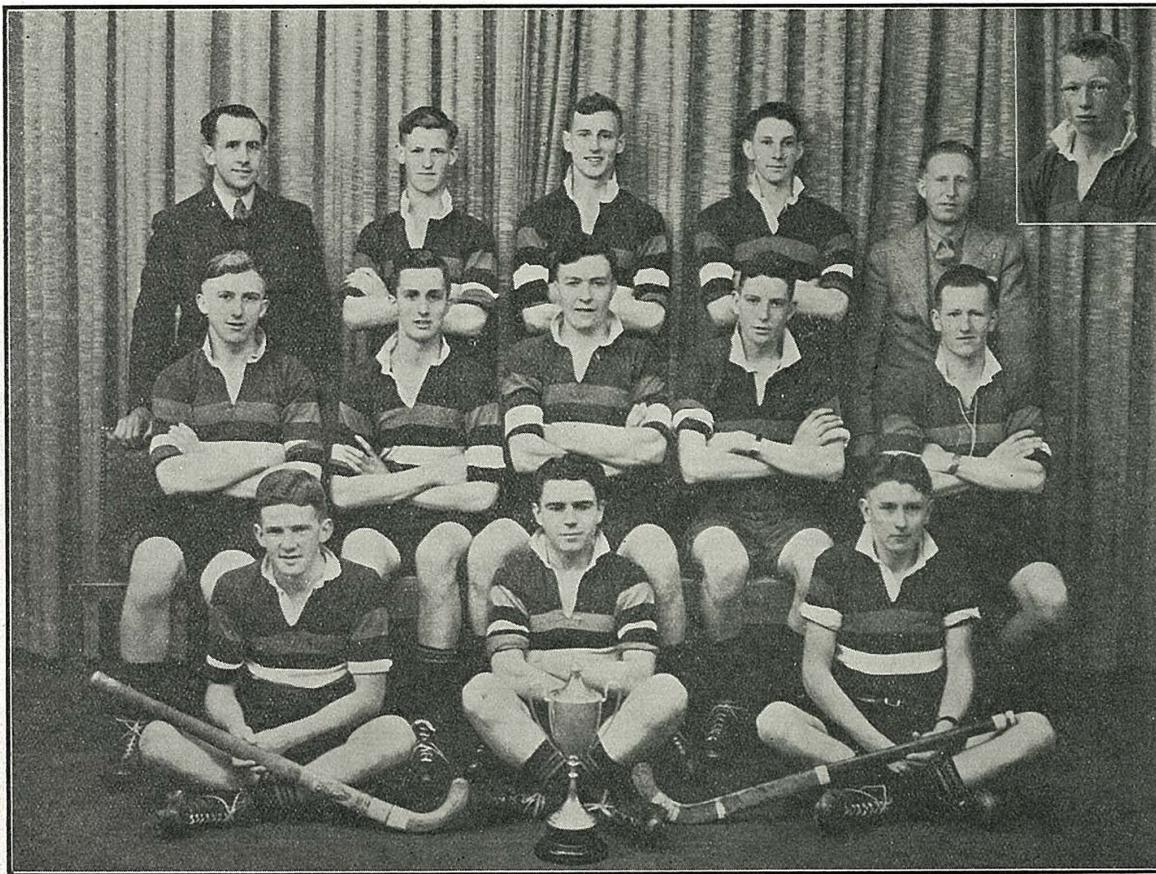
**THE FIRST FIFTEEN 1946**

R. K. Eunson, M. W. Johnson, A. V. N. Beck, A. D. McKenzie, E. C. Mills, W. E. Graham,  
N. T. Miller, A. R. Naismith, M. W. Christie, G. S. McKenzie, R. W. Brown, A. W. Gilbertson,  
R. G. Balloch, W. Reid, W. J. Montgomery, M. M. Carran (Capt.), D. W. Anderson, W. A. Payne, D. H. Fraser,  
L. J. Muirhead.



THE FIRST ELEVEN, 1946.

P. T. Robinson, G. S. McKenzie, G. A. Wilson, A. W. Gilbertson (Capt.), A. W. Gilchrist, T. H. Pickard, W. B. Bridgman,  
J. C. Alabaster, E. K. Geddes, J. W. Muir, W. A. Payne, L. A. Agnew.

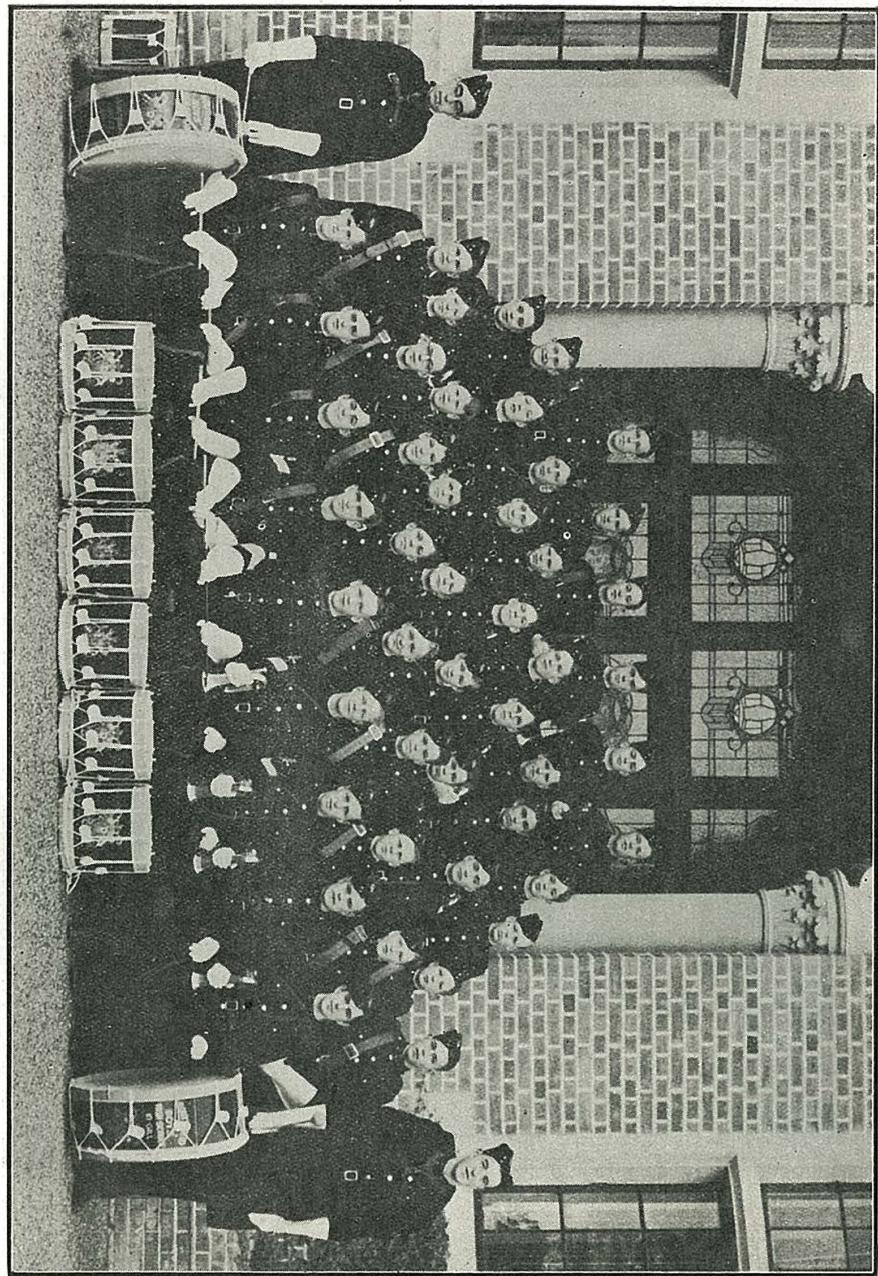


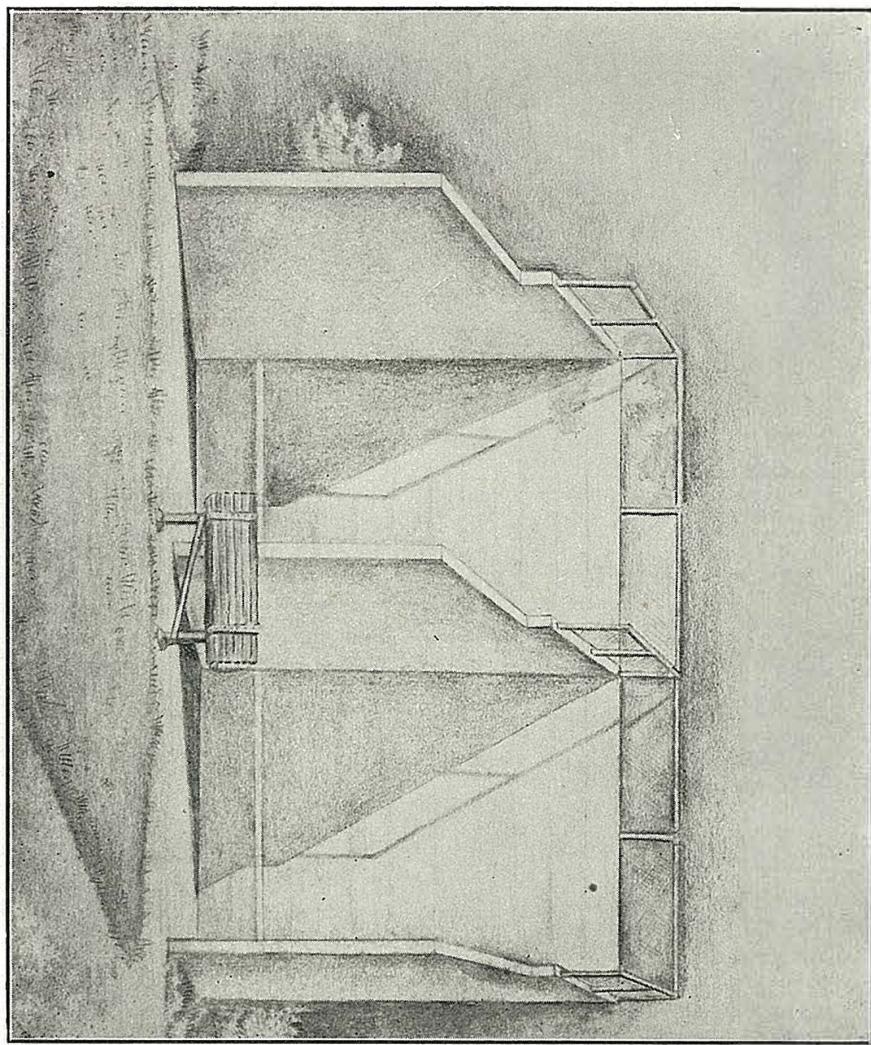
THE FIRST HOCKEY ELEVEN, 1946.

Mr E. S. Hobson, A. G. Donaldson, W. W. Baillie, R. S. Morison, Mr A. E. Dakin,  
E. E. Henry, G. H. Drees, H. R. Aitchison, J. M. Ott, G. K. Yule,  
A. S. Chandler, P. T. Robinson, M. A. Hillstead.

Inset: J. W. Crawford.

THE BAND, 1946.





THE FIVES COURTS

—J. F. Petrie.

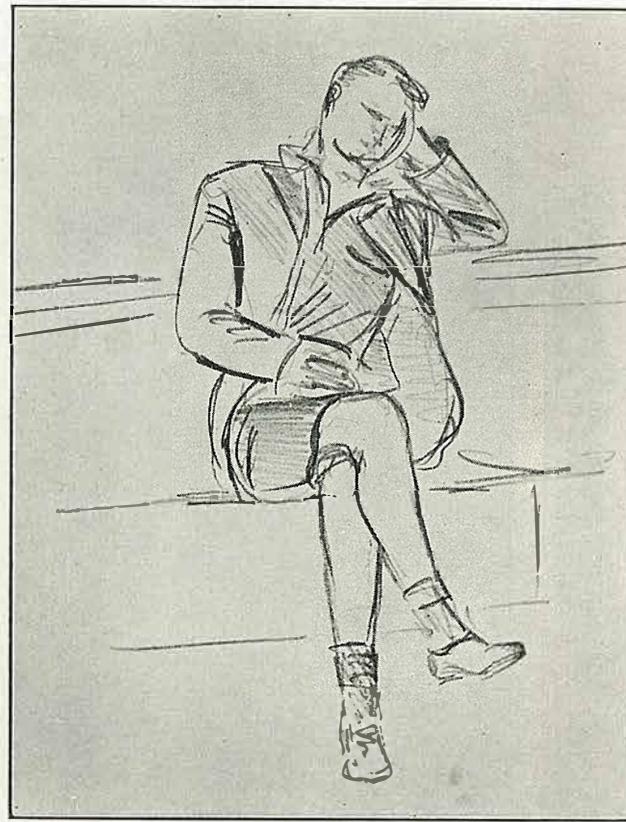


**SGT. MAJ. R. E. McDERMOTT**  
Robert William Friar Memorial Prize, 1946.



**STUDY IN MOVEMENT**

—Peter Kemp



**STUDY IN POSTURE**

—Peter Kemp

enthusiasm—the two factors most responsible for the team's victories. That a School second fifteen should perform so meritoriously came as a very pleasant surprise to everybody for no second fifteen having always to give way to its senior partner, can be fairly expected to get very far. In their match against Waitaki seconds, our team were defeated by 26 to nil. They played really badly and deserved just exactly what came their way. Against Gore, the game opened very favourably for School, the half-time position indicating that all might be well; but, in the second half, Gore showed its true form and went on to win by 28 to 8. Members of the seconds during the season were: Harrington, Walker, Miller, Balloch, Muir, Gilchrist, Gibson, Tattersfield, Fraser, Broughton, McKenzie, Bridgman, Wilson, Akhurst and Bird.

#### FIFTH GRADE

Two teams were entered in this grade, the A Team being undefeated and winning the competition, and the B Team winning three games.

The A players were older than usual this year (only one was a junior) and because of their greater maturity, they quickly shook down into a really good team. Their superiority in their grade is shown by the results; they scored 345 points, and had only 33 scored against them. In thirteen matches their line was crossed seven times, and three of these times when they played our B team. The plan of attack was to feed the wings at every opportunity; this meant that the forwards had to heel persistently, and the backs pass out correctly through the chain. Of the 86 tries scored, 53 were scored by the three-quarters. (One of the wings, T. H. Pickard, scored 14 tries and kicked 39 goals, a total of 123 points for the season, the other wing, K. W. Ritchie, scored 23 tries, and those who later replaced him a further 8).

This success was made possible by a good understanding of teamwork. The forwards packed splendidly and heeled the ball whenever the backs called for it. Later, they proved keen on dribbling, and in the first match against Collegiate (the runners-up), played in puddles during heavy rain, they raked the opposition again and again with the ball at their feet, and scored 23 points in the second half. Towards the end of the season, too, the forwards showed that they could handle well and link up with the backs in passing movements. The backs moved nicely into attack and passed well through the chain. In the last match of the season, (also against Collegiate) they gave their best display, backing up beautifully in in-and-out passing movements. They were not tried very hard on defence; but they tackled well enough to prevent their line from being crossed except on an average once every second game.

Fine teamwork was the reason for their success. Their only defeat of the season was when the 2nd XV beat them 10-0 on a very heavy ground.

During the season, Sands played two games for the 1st XV and Muir and Drummond were emergencies against O.B.H.S.; Muir and Pickard played for the 2nd XV in school games; Ryan, Robinson, Jones, Preddy, Anderson all had games for the 2nds; and Ritchie graduated to the 2nds for the last half dozen matches of the season.

The team was as follows: A. J. Robinson, K. W. Ritchie, P. Ryan, T. H. Pickard, J. W. Muir, G. K. Sands (captain), W. K. Drummond, I. G. Miller, R. E. Anderson, A. M. Menzies, R. D. Walker, B. A. Moon, S. G. Preddy, W. B. Bridgman, M. A. Jones. Others who played occasionally were J. C. Alabaster, E. K. Sellars, D. Bridgman and Stevens.

The B Team was better than usual, and more fortunate than usual in having a coach. They won three games, drew 2, and lost 8. Lack of experience was their chief handicap, and, of course, the fact that their players were continually being taken to fill gaps in the A's. Alabaster was their best forward, and well worth a place in the A's, but the question was whom should he replace? The backs were fair but did not play together often enough to gain good understanding. Still, they were the best B team in the last three years, and stuck to their guns very well.

The usual players were: Backs—Moir, Harland, Sellars, Moon, Rout, Metzger, Geddes E. K. (captain), Feaver, Hynd. Forwards—Stevens, Tonkin, Tresidder, Smith N. E., Imlay, Powley, Gibson, Alabaster, Boyd, Bridgman, Raeburn.

## SIXTH GRADE

The Sixth Grade players went energetically through the season with three fifteenes competing each week, and with their competition at long last officially recognized by the Rugby Union. The A team was the one on which most hopes were pinned but because of some narrow defeats it had to bow before the superior might of both Technical A and Marist. Close scoring was a feature of the competition games at 3 to 0 and 5 to 3 being frequent. Rennie developed into a safe full-back as the season progressed, his handling and kicking being very good. Of the rest of the backs, Bell and Watson struck up a good combination with Forbes on the wing. In the forwards Strathern, McCrostie and Keast were always on the ball with Keast especially noticeable for good line-out play. Strathern was a consistent and indefatigable leader of the forward pack.

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## School News

Dr G. H. Uttley, who, for sixteen years was Rector of the School, appeared in the New Year Honours' List having had the Order of C.M.G. conferred upon him. This brought honour to the late Rector and to the School alike and we join with others in recording our congratulations.

It was notable, also, that Dr A. G. Butchers, Headmaster of the Correspondence School and one-time Mathematics Master at Southland was honoured at the same time with the O.B.E.

Although the School year was so late in starting, our general programme of activities was carried out in full. That the disadvantages of a late start can be overcome was shown by the examination results, which seemed to be even better than in a year allowing a flying start.

During the year Mr R. C. Tuck and Mr L. V. Blaikie joined the staff. Both are Old Boys and are welcome for that fact alone. Their energies have already been given to a host of interests.

Early in the year the fifth and sixth forms attended a reception to Sir William Dobbie, Commander-in-Chief at Malta during the dark days of the war. His audience confessed itself afterwards as being both astounded and amused by Sir William's account of his experiences.

During April a group of boys undertook the cleaning and painting of the interior of the pavilion. They made a splendid job of the work which should stand for a year or two.

News reached the School during the first term of the death in Gisborne of Mr J. H. Barclay who, for a short time was a master at School. He left Invercargill for a warmer climate hoping that it would make life a little easier for him. The announcement of his death reminded the School of his gay courage in the face of his very serious disabilities.

At the end of the first term the School said good-bye to Mr Wright, who had decided to move to the North Island.

For many weeks the School failed to accustom itself to the shrill warnings of the electric heater which has been installed for the general convenience. Its shrieking voice is now almost taken for granted—except by those whose misfortune it is to work nearby.

Mr A. H. Partridge, senior science master, came to us from Waimate at the beginning of the year. His work with the orchestra is gratefully acknowledged elsewhere.

The Radio Club had a most active year and it would not be saying too much to indicate that it had, during the year, helped many an organization out of an awkward predicament. The enthusiasm of the club members knows no limit.

The recital given to the School by Mrs W. J. Prentice with her violin was a delightful interlude during the first term. Mrs Prentice was generous to a degree and well-advised in the compositions that she performed for such an audience as ours.

The winter term was the coldest one known in the history of the School. Thanks to a lamentable shortage of fuel it was impossible to supply heating at times and members of the School could but hope that their shivers would do something to keep them warm. It is darkly rumoured that the strangest objects were consumed in the boiler fires during the winter.

Thanks to the energy of the University Association, a fine display of pictures was seen by the School during the winter. The boys raised a large sum of money for the purchase of a picture for our own walls.

The resignation of Mr W. B. Carswell took effect at the end of 1946, and this meant another break in the ranks of the masters. He accepted an appointment under the Southland Education Board.

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## *Cricket Notes, 1946*

By G. S. McKenzie

Once again the time has come around to review another year's cricket. The year was one for the finding of new talent as the 1st XI lost some of its most competent batsmen in Richardson, Gill and Halligan. However, as in other years, someone always rises to the occasion, and the 1st XI continues on much the same standard as before.

The other teams were the 2nd XI and four third grade teams lettered as A, B, C, and D. Montgomery continued as captain of the 2nd XI, while the others in order were Maley, Pierce, Gorton and Payne. Although the teams were supposed to be about the same standard, the D team proved much stronger than the rest. They eventually won the Third Grade Competition, thus bringing to the School the Washer Cup.

House cricket was continued in the First Term. The competition was comprised of 4 teams, which played on Tuesday and Thursday nights. In the Third Term, owing to the shortage of material, the competition was discontinued.

With the departure of Richardson, the Captaincy of the 1st XI fell into the hands of Gilbertson, with Agnew as Vice-Captain. Alabaster, Robinson and Wilson came up from the seconds to strengthen the side. Alabaster is a slow spin-bowler, who can break both ways, although his length is still not accurate enough. Wilson at the time he entered the 1st XI was a medium pace bowler, but he replaced Agnew as fast bowler in the third term. Robinson was quite a good bat; he improved greatly in the third term.

With the loss of Gill, another opening bat had to be found. Agnew and Payne filled this position most of the time, but occasionally another player was tried in the search of another Gill. Gilbertson was still the mainstay of the side in batting and bowling, being always steady and reliable. In the First Term Agnew and Payne did not produce their real form and it was left mainly to Gilbertson to make the runs, although McKenzie helped him at times. These two players produced their best form in a game against Old Boys, when Gilbertson made a stylish 72 not out and McKenzie a competent 116 not out.

This century of McKenzie's was the first by a member of the 1st XI since early in 1945 when Gill made 109 not out. A century is not a very common occurrence in the play of the 1st XI, since 1930 only seven have been made including the two mentioned. Later that month Gilbertson and Agnew made a very forceful 61 each. This was the only time that Agnew really got going in that term, and as always when getting runs he was a treat to watch.

Mckenzie ended top of the batting averages for the 1945-46 season. Gilbertson was very close behind having had a very successful year.

Gilbertson, McKenzie, and Payne all started off the Third Term batting well, McKenzie being the most successful. Robinson, Wilson and Jones also showed good form which promised more runs later in the season. Jones and Robinson improved considerably, and, about the end of the year were batting freely. A newcomer to the 1st XI this term was Bridgeman, as a medium to slow right hand bowler, he is also quite a good bat, but is still not quite fast enough in playing his strokes. The highest score up to the end of the year was 66 made by McKenzie against I.C.C. This game was the first win for the 1st XI in the 1946-47 season and, like most of the games in the Third Term, was played partly in the rain.

The bowling of the side was left in the hands of Gilbertson, Agnew, Gilchrist and McKenzie. The first three divided most of the wickets between them, Gilbertson being the most consistent. Gilchrist did not produce his fine form of other years in the first term, but, towards the end of the Third Term was bowling well. Agnew was the fast bowler of the side, he was very accurate for a fast bowler, swinging the ball towards the slips. His leaving in the middle Term weakened the team considerably, but Wilson filled the gap. Wilson is not so accurate, but he has perhaps a little more speed than Agnew, and if he practises enough should turn into a fine fast bowler. McKenzie was the main change bowler, while Alabaster with his slow spins also lured many a batsman out.

It is pleasing to note that McKenzie and Gilbertson brought honour to the School during the year's cricket. McKenzie was awarded the Brass Memorial Trophy for the best all round player under 17, while in the third term Gilbertson was nominated for the Otago Brabin Shield team which was comprised of players under 21.

The fielding of the side was generally good although at times the players lost interest in the game, this spoiling the fielding. With the loss of Gill another wicket-keeper had to be found, and Muir, although not a natural one, took up the position. He has made a determined effort to make good, but at times has not quite made the grade. Lately, however, he has improved considerably, taking some good catches and stumpings.

The cricket notes for the year would not be complete without the writer, on behalf of the players, extending some gratitude to the work of Mr Pickard in the cutting of wickets. A good wicket is the most important part of good cricket, and if it had not been for Mr Pickard's work on the motor mower, the standard of cricket would have been much lower. The Third Grade Cricketers are also in debt to the good work of coaching done by Mr Hobson and that happy friend of the School, Mr Alan Dakin. These two are putting in a good deal of time with the lower grades, producing players for future 1st XIs,

The score-sheet for the game against King's High School runs as follows:

**SOUTHLAND**

| 1st Innings                              | 2nd Innings                              |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Gilbertson c Jones b Cunningham ..... 30 | Gilbertson b Jones ..... 10              |
| Payne b Jones ..... 23                   | Payne c Marsh b Cunningham ..... 15      |
| Wilson b Cunningham ..... 13             | Wilson c Bray b Jones ..... 4            |
| McKenzie b Cunningham ..... 14           | McKenzie c Jones b Cunningham ..... 11   |
| Agnew b Templeton ..... 5                | Agnew c Callon b Cunningham ..... 0      |
| Alabaster run out ..... 0                | Alabaster c Scorgie b Cunningham ..... 1 |
| Geddes c Sinclair, b Jones ..... 7       | Geddes b Jones ..... 0                   |
| Pickard run out ..... 0                  | Pickard run out ..... 1                  |
| Gilchrist not out ..... 6                | Gilchrist b Kenyon ..... 9               |
| Robinson hit wicket b Cunningham ..... 0 | Robinson b Bray ..... 0                  |
| Muir b Jones ..... 1                     | Muir not out ..... 0                     |
| Extras ..... 5                           | Extras ..... 12                          |
|                                          |                                          |
| 104                                      | 63                                       |

**KING'S BOWLING**

|                     | O  | R | W                   |    | O | R | W |
|---------------------|----|---|---------------------|----|---|---|---|
| Jones ..... 11      | 30 | 3 | Jones ..... 11      | 13 | 3 |   |   |
| Templeton ..... 7   | 15 | 1 |                     |    |   |   |   |
| Kenyon ..... 7      | 23 | 0 | Kenyon ..... 3      | 3  | 1 |   |   |
| Cunningham ..... 11 | 34 | 4 | Cunningham ..... 10 | 29 | 4 |   |   |
| Bray ..... 4        | 2  | 0 | Bray ..... 3        | 6  | 1 |   |   |

**KING'S**

|                                        |  |
|----------------------------------------|--|
| Templeton c McKenzie b Agnew ..... 3   |  |
| Page c Payne b Alabaster ..... 42      |  |
| Jones b Agnew ..... 11                 |  |
| Kenyon c Gilbertson b Agnew ..... 0    |  |
| Marsh c Gilchrist b Alabaster ..... 31 |  |
| Howley c Payne b Agnew ..... 29        |  |
| Cunningham b Gilchrist ..... 25        |  |
| Sinclair c Wilson b Gilchrist ..... 0  |  |
| Callon b Agnew ..... 12                |  |
| Bray not out ..... 8                   |  |
| Scorgie lbw b Gilbertson ..... 7       |  |
| Extras ..... 18                        |  |

**SOUTHLAND'S BOWLING**

|                     | O  | R | W |
|---------------------|----|---|---|
| Agnew ..... 20      | 54 | 5 |   |
| Gilbertson ..... 15 | 24 | 1 |   |
| Gilchrist ..... 13  | 29 | 2 |   |
| McKenzie ..... 3    | 10 | 0 |   |
| Alabaster ..... 8   | 32 | 2 |   |
| Wilson ..... 3      | 8  | 0 |   |
| Pickard ..... 2     | 9  | 0 |   |
| Robinson ..... 1    | 2  | 0 |   |

# Athletic Sports, 1946

The weather played true to tradition for the School sports. Intermittent showers throughout the day made conditions a little unpleasant and softened the track. Until three years ago, the annual sports had been held in October, but they had invariably been attended by bad weather and a decision was made to hold them in March in an effort to capture a little sunshine. After one year of success--the 1944 sports were held in brilliant weather--the weather has caught up with this manoeuvre and has again settled down to its old practice of adversely affecting the meeting.

The winner of the senior championship was R. E. McDermott, who won the three sprint events. His time of 10 4-5 sec. for the hundred is a best performance since 1944, but is still well outside the record of 10 1-5sec. McDermott ran into a slight breeze and on a slippery, if not altogether soft track, his was quite a good run. He created something of a surprise by beating M. M. Carran by inches in the 440 championship. Carran won the half-mile by nearly 100 yards, in the good time of 2min 10 1-5sec.

The major surprise of the afternoon came with the defeat of R. B. Hoffman by K. Ritchie in the Intermediate High Jump. Ritchie equalled the record of 5ft 2in, and in view of the fact that Hoffman is the holder of the Otago and Southland secondary school record for the event, Ritchie's win is all the more meritorious.

The following will be recognized as best performances since 1944 :—

Senior 100 Yards : R. E. McDermott, 10 4-5sec.

Intermediate 100 Yards : R. B. Hoffman, 11 1-5sec. High Jump : K. Ritchie, 5ft 2in (equalled).  
90 Yards Hurdles : K. Ritchie, 13 1-5sec.

Junior.—K. Sellars, 11 4-5sec.

The individual championships resulted as follows :—

Senior.—R. E. McDermott 15pts 1, M. M. Carran 13pts 2, H. Middlemiss 10pts 3, W. E. Graham 9pts 4.

Intermediate.—R. B. Hoffman, K. Ritchie, and M. W. Johnson, 13pts. equal 1.

Junior.—K. Sellars 15pts 1, G. E. Moir 11pts 2, D. Turnbull 9pts 3.

Results :—

## SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

100 Yards : R. E. McDermott 1, W. E. Graham 2, R. K. Moir 3. Time 10 4-5sec.

220 Yards : R. E. McDermott 1, E. C. Mills 2. Time, 25sec.

440 Yards : R. E. McDermott 1, M. M. Carran 2. Time 55 4-5sec.

880 Yards : M. M. Carran 1, I. Keach 2. Time, 2.10 1-5sec.

Mile : M. M. Carran 1, A. W. Gilbertson 2, J. Roxburgh 3. Time, 5.5 3-5sec.

120 Yards Hurdles : H. Middlemiss 1, E. C. Mills 2, R. Kennedy 3. Time, 19 4-5sec.

High Jump : H. Middlemiss 1, W. E. Graham 2, J. Roxburgh 3. Height, 4ft 9in.

Broad Jump : D. Fraser 1, W. E. Graham 2, W. W. Baillie 3. Distance, 17ft 4in.

## INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

100 Yards : R. B. Hoffman 1, K. Ritchie 2, W. J. Montgomery 3. Time, 11 1-5sec.

220 Yards : R. B. Hoffman 1, M. W. Johnson 2. Time, 25 3-5sec.

440 Yards : M. W. Johnson 1, M. J. McKinnon 2. Time 60sec.

880 Yards : M. J. McKinnon 1, G. McLachlan 2. Time, 2min 25sec.

90 Yards Hurdles : K. Ritchie 1, G. S. McKenzie 2, A. G. Hoffman 3. Time, 13 1-5sec.

High Jump : K. Ritchie 1, R. B. Hoffman 2. Height, 5ft 2in (equals record).

Broad Jump : M. W. Johnson 1, W. Walker 2. Distance 17ft 3in.

## JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

100 Yards : K. Sellars 1, D. Turnbull 2, O. Metzger 3. Time, 11 4-5sec.

220 Yards : D. Turnbull 1, G. E. Moir 2, J. R. Pont 3. Time, 27sec.

440 Yards : G. E. Moir 1, N. F. Smith 2, R. G. Moon 3. Time, 61 4-5sec.

80 Yards Hurdles : G. Fraser 1, G. E. Moir 2, K. Davidson 3. Time, 13 1-5sec.

High Jump : K. Sellars 1, G. Fraser 2, G. Murphy 3. Height, 4ft 4in.

Broad Jump : K. Sellars 1, G. W. Knight 2, D. Turnbull 3. Distance 15ft 8in.

## HANDICAP EVENTS

100 Yards Open : W. E. Graham (scr) 1, D. Fraser (5yds) 2, R. G. Balloch (2yds) 3. Time, 11sec.

220 Yards Open : R. G. Balloch (6yds) 1, D. Fraser (10yds) 2, R. Clarkson (8yds) 3. Time, 25 2-5sec.

440 Yards Open : A. R. Beck (25yds) 1, W. Reid (5yds) 2, D. W. Anderson (10yds) 3. Time, 55 4-5sec.

880 Yards Open : D. W. Anderson (15yds) 1, J. Roxburgh (10yds) 2, R. A. Walker (20yds) 3. Time, 2min 23sec.

Mile Open : J. C. Alabaster (60yds) 1. I. Keach (50yds) 2, R. Walker (50yds) 3. Time. 5min 15 1-5sec.

High Jump Open : H. Middlemiss (scr) 1, W. E. Graham (scr) 2, J. Roxburgh and J. G. Smith equal 3. Height, 4ft 9in.

Broad Jump Open : R. G. Balloch (9in) 1, W. Baillie (9in) 2, I. Keach (1ft) 3. Distance 17ft 6in.

Shot Putt Open : E. C. Mills (scr) 1, W. Walker (1ft) 2, D. C. Anderson (scr) 3. Distance. 32ft 0½in.

Hop, Step and Jump, Open Scratch Event—H. Middlemiss 1, R. G. Balloch 2, R. K. Eunson 3. Distance, 36ft 2in.

Mile Cycle, Open.—G. Pope (140yds) 1, J. Petrie (100yds) 2, J. Rutherford (50yds) 3. Time, 2min 49 1-5sec.

Half-mile Walk, Open.—W. Ballantyne (90yds) 1, E. J. Tressider (80yds) 2, B. Bradley (80yds) 3. Time, 3min 53sec.

100 Yards Intermediate : A. S. Chandler (4yds) 1, G. S. McKenzie (2yds) 2, A. J. Robinson (2yds) 3. Time. 11 3-5sec.

220 Yards Intermediate : A. S. Chandler (6yds) 1, G. Fraser 2, H. Harland 3. Time, 27sec.

440 Yards Intermediate : A. Brass (20yds) 1, J. C. Alabaster (5yds) 2, J. D. McCrostie (15yds) 3. Time, 58 2-5sec.

880 Yards Intermediate : J. C. Alabaster (20yds) 1, R. E. Anderson (20yds) 2, R. McKnight (25yds) 3. Time, 2min 22 2-5sec.

High Jump Intermediate : A. G. Hoffman (4in) and J. D. McCrostie (7in) equal 1, H. R. Irving (3in) 3. Height, 4ft 10in.

Broad Jump Intermediate : E. Henry (scr) 1, R. J. Rogers (6in) 2, M. Harrington (9in) 3. Distance, 16ft 8in.

Hop, Step and Jump, Intermediate Scratch Event—K. Sands 1, L. Lowery 2, J. D. McCrostie 3. Distance, 36ft 2in.

100 Yards Junior : E. McArthur (7yds) 1, B. R. Dawson (6yds) 2, E. Palmer (2yds) 3. Time, 12 2-5sec.

220 Yards Junior : K. Sellars (2yds) 1, N. F. Smith (scr) 2, R. W. Powley (5yds) 3. Time, 27 2-5sec.

440 Yards Junior : A. E. Levett (30yds) 1, T. B. Butson (40yds) 2, P. H. Neilson 3. Time 60 3-5sec.

880 Yards Junior : N. F. Smith (scr) 1, R. G. Moon (5yds) 2, M. Sands (15yds) 3. Time, 2min 24 3-5sec.

High Jump Junior : B. R. Dawson (6in) 1, J. R. Falconer (6in), J. T. Rutherford (6in) and K. Cumming (6in) equal 2. Height, 4ft 11in.

Broad Jump Junior : R. D. Rennie (2ft 6in) 1, K. Sellars (scr) 2. Distance 15ft 7½in.

Hop, Step and Jump, Junior Scratch Event—K. Sellars 1, G. W. Knight 2, G. Pope 3. Distance, 32ft 11in.

Tabloid Events : VIB 32pts 1, VU 28pts 2, VS and IIIC 22pts equal 3.

## INTER-SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

The 1946 tournament was held in Invercargill on our own ground in the most abominable track conditions imaginable. A very long spell of wet and cold weather had reduced our own field to a grass-covered, water-logged area upon which good times and a pleasant day's outing were both equally impossible. Mr Page had been unable to mark and prepare the ground properly so that the competitors had, perforce, to be content with what was certainly not our conception or intention for a track in first-class going order. It was fortunate, indeed, that the tournament could be held at all. As it was both hurdle and high jumping events were, because of uncertain foothold, abandoned for the day. Our own teams, though not strong, were, because of inadequate training runs governed by the winteriness of the spring, unable to do themselves justice. The decision made by the controlling committee to change the time of the meeting to the month of March will almost certainly prove to be a wise one.

School scored 5 points in the senior championship, 1 in the intermediate and 10½ in the junior, made up as follows: Senior 100 yds: W. Graham, third; one mile: A. W. Gilbertson, third; one mile relay, second. Intermediate 880 yds: N. F. Smith, third. Junior 100 yds: D. J. Turnbull, second; 220 yds, D. J. Turnbull, third; 440 yds: G. E. Moir, third; relay race: third; broad jump: G. R. Fraser, first equal; D. M. Rout, third.

# *Swimming and Life-Saving Notes*

These particular branches of summer sport have gone ahead steadily as in the past. "Steadily" is perhaps too modest a word to use, for, with many provincial championships held by boys of the School and with New Zealand championships being won by the School, together with second and third placings altogether out of proportion to our numbers, nothing but a generous measure of satisfaction is our due. After nearly twenty years spent in full control of Life-Saving and Swimming, Mr Dunlop has relinquished his duties in favour of Mr Tuck who is keenly interested in still further advancing the high standards already attained.

This is an appropriate time to note the swimming records as they stand:

## JUNIOR

50 Yards Freestyle : 29 2-5 seconds; P. B. McInnes 1936, G. W. Knight 1945.  
100 Yards Freestyle : 63 seconds; P. B. McInnes 1936.  
220 Yards Freestyle : 2 minutes 41 seconds; P. B. McInnes 1936.  
50 Yards Backstroke : 36 1-5 seconds; D. B. Doake 1940.  
50 Yards Breaststroke : 37 3-5 seconds; G. W. Knight 1945.

## SENIOR

50 Yards Freestyle : 26 2-5 seconds; D. F. Davis 1936.  
100 Yards Freestyle : 59 2-5 seconds; D. F. Davis 1936.  
220 Yards Freestyle : 2 minutes 33 4-5 seconds; D. F. Davis 1936.  
440 Yards Freestyle : 5 minutes 49 seconds; D. C. Berry 1936.  
50 Yards Backstroke : 32 4-5 seconds; D. B. Doake 1944.  
50 Yards Breaststroke : 34 3-5 seconds; B. Morgan 1939.

New Zealand Championships have been won, up to 1946, by : P. H. McGrath, J. R. Cameron, D. J. Kirkland, P. B. McInnes, D. B. Doake, B. Morgan, J. W. Macdonald, G. W. Knight, H. M. Harland, W. S. Pasley.

The following are the results of the swimming sports held in the Municipal Baths on Tuesday, April 2, 1946.

## JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

50 Yards Freestyle : G. W. Knight 1, O. Woodham 2, W. J. Tonkin 3. Time 31sec.  
100 Yards Freestyle : G. W. Knight 1, O. Woodham 2, W. J. Tonkin 3. Time 73sec.  
220 Yards Freestyle : Not swum. 1946.  
50 Yards Backstroke : G. W. Knight 1. Time 37 4-5sec.  
50 Yards Breaststroke : G. W. Knight 1, K. M. Davidson 2, G. J. Tressider 3. Time 38 1-5sec.  
Dive : R. M. Hannon 1, Beadle 2, O. Woodham 3.  
Champion : G. W. Knight.

## SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

50 Yards Freestyle : J. W. Macdonald 1, M. M. Carran 2, A. J. Robinson 3. Time 28 1-5sec.  
100 Yards Freestyle : J. W. Macdonald 1, M. M. Carran 2, R. H. Aitchison 3. Time 65 1-5sec.  
220 Yards Freestyle : J. W. Macdonald 1, M. M. Carran 2. Time 2min 45 2-5sec.  
440 Yards Freestyle : Not Swum 1946.  
50 Yards Backstroke : J. W. Macdonald 1, W. S. Pasley 2, A. J. Robinson 3. Time 35sec.  
50 Yards Breaststroke : R. H. Aitchison 1, A. J. Robinson 2, J. A. Smith 3. Time 44sec.  
Dive : R. H. Aitchison 1, A. J. Robinson 2, A. Hannon 3.  
Champion : J. W. Macdonald.

## HANDICAP EVENTS

33 1-3 Yards Jnr : First Heat : Rout (4) 1, Pope (3) 2. Time 25 2-5sec. Second Heat : Blackmore (7) 1, Robins (5) 2. Time 23 2-5sec. Third Heat : Wright (4) 1, Tonkin (scr) 2. Time 23 2-5sec. Fourth Heat : Winter (6) 1, Pierce (8) and Cockcroft (3) 2. Time 23 4-5sec. Fifth Heat : Davidson (2) 1, Lamb (5) 2. Time 27 1-5sec. Final : Blackmore 1, Robins 2, Winter 3. Time 23sec.

Low Board Dive : Bridgman 1, Alabaster 2, Anderson 3.

33 1-3 Yards Snr : First Heat : Welsford (4) 1, White-Parsons (4) 2. Time 25sec. Second Heat : Neilson (5) 1, McLean (9) 2. Time 26sec. Third Heat : Squires (9) 1, Irving (5) 2. Time 23sec. Fourth Heat : Naismith (2) 1, Dalton (6) 2. Time 21sec. Fifth Heat : Baillie (4) 1, Muir (6) 2. Time 24sec. Sixth Heat : Helm (8) 1, Piercy (6) 2. Time 24sec. Semi-Final A : Squires 1, Irving 2, White-Parsons 3. Semi-Final B : Helm 1, Baillie 2, Welsford 3. Final : Squires 1, Irving 2, Welsford 3. Time 22 3-5sec.

50 Yards Backstroke Jnr : Neilson (14) 1, Cockcroft (8) 2, Winter (6) 3. Time 48 2-5sec.

33 1-3 Yards Third Form : First Heat : Woodham 1, Cockcroft 2. Time 21 2-5sec. Second Heat : Beadle 1, Lamb 2. Time 21 4-5sec. Third Heat : Robins 1, Wright 2. Time 22sec. Final : Robins (6) 1, Beadle (3) 2, Wright (4) 3. Time 22sec.

50 Yards Breaststroke Jnr : Rout (10) 1, Knight (scr) 2, Tressider (9) 3. Time 43 3-5sec.

50 Yards Breaststroke Snr : Broughton (13) 1, Andeson (4) 2, Bews (9) 3. Time 46 3-5sec.

Ribbon Dive : Akhurst 1. Height 5ft 6in.

50 Yards Backstroke Snr : Pasley (4) 1, Aitchison (5) 2, Macdonald (scr) 3. Time 38sec.

66 2-3 Yards Jnr : Wright (22) 1. Beadle (7) 2. Griffiths (26) 3. Time 57 1-5sec.  
66 2-3 Yards Snr : First Heat : Gilbertson (11) 1. Macindoe (9) 2. Singleton (12) 3.  
Time 46 3-5sec. Second Heat : Akhurst (11) 1. Feaver (8) 2. Carran (scr) 3. Time 47sec. Final : Gil-  
bertson 1. Akhurst 2. Carran 3. Time 47sec.

High Board Dive, Novice : Officer 1. D. Leadbetter 2. Perry 3.  
Form Relays : III Forms : IIIC 1, IIIB 2, IIIA 3. IV Forms : IVC 1, IVA 2, 1VB 3, 1VD 4.  
V Forms : V Up 1, VS 2, VM 3.  
Form Points : VS, 68 first; V up, 39 second.

As far as life-saving is concerned, quite a number of boys won awards during the year, their own instructors wherever possible, taking over the task of teaching squads of manageable size. In this respect, W. W. Baillie worked hard to present a big team to the examiners and was able himself, to earn a first-class instructors' certificate. All his class did well. At the beginning of March a team went to Dunedin to compete with Waitaki and Kings for the tournament shield in life-saving as well as for the premiership in swimming. The team, as originally chosen, consisted of G. K. Yule (Instructor), M. M. Carran, G. W. Knight, A. J. Robinson and J. M. Ott. Unfortunately, Knight, because of indisposition, was compelled to drop out at the last moment, his place being taken by R. H. Aitchison. Under the circumstances it would have been too much to expect a favourable result. The School team was placed third but won all the swimming events except the relay race, this being lost by a touch because of one instance of slow starting. J. W. Macdonald joined the team to complete the entries in the swimming events.

Our thanks are extended to those people who billeted our team while it was away.

## The Cadet Battalion, 1946

Because of the extremely bad weather conditions which were felt through the country during the third term of the School year and which Southland did not escape, the training year, judged by general standards of attainment, was far from successful. Despite this general lack of achievement, however, the unit enjoyed some quite spectacular successes which are listed below in these notes.

The composition of the cadets for 1946 was as follows:—

**Commanding Officer:** Major J. C. Braithwaite, E.D.

**R.S.M.:** R. E. McDermott.

**R.Q.M.S.:** G. K. Yule, A. J. Wood.

**Headquarters Company:** Captain J. Page, E.D., O.C.; **C.S.M.:** A. W. Gilbertson.

**Artillery:** Lieut R. C. Tuck; Sgt. A. B. Coster.

**Signals :** Lieut. E. S. Hobson, Sgt. D. C. Anderson.

**Mortars:** C.S.M., A. W. Gilbertson.

**M.M.G.'s:** Capt. H. Drees; Sgt. W. W. Baillie.

**No. 4 Platoon:** Sgt. E. C. Mills, Sgt. M. M. Carran.

### A Company—

Captain A. R. Dunlop, O.C.

Capt. A. H. Robins, 2/I.C.

C.S.M.: A. E. Dickson.

No. 5 Platoon: Sgt. R. B. Hoffman.

No. 6 Platoon: Sgt. W. E. Darnill.

No. 7 Platoon: Sgt. W. J. Swale.

No. 8 Platoon: Sgt. W. S. McPhee.

### A.T.C.—

Major A. J. Deaker, O.C.

Flying Officer W. B. Carswell 2/I.C.

Flight-Sergeant: J. M. Ott.

No. 1 Flight: Sgt. R. S. Morrison.

No. 2 Flight: Sgt. M. G. Fowler.

No. 3 Flight: Sgt. J. G. Smith.

### BAND :

Mr N. M. Sansom.

**C.S.M. :** A. C. Lange.

**Drum Sgt:** K. A. Ashley. **Bugle Sgt:** G. A. Wilson.

**Form Shooting:** By the use of a thorough and exhaustive system, form averages were arrived at as follows: V upper, 106; VI A, 100.325; VS, 99.855; VI B, 99.805; VM, 99.36.

**Weekly Press:** The "B" team was first for New Zealand and the "A" team third. The "B" team won the South Island Shield and £10 for the highest national score: "B" team—M. A. McMillan 87, L. A. Anderson 93, J. A. Clouston 99, B. W. Gibson 91, A. G. Hoffman 91, R. B. Hoffman 97, G. S. Gorton 93, R. J. Brass 94, M. W. Christie 99, G. G. Pearce 91—Total : 935 points.

**Imperial Challenge Shield:** The six teams entered in this competition won first and second places for New Zealand while the other four teams were placed fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth respectively.

Silver medals were won by 9 boys with "possible" scores and bronze medals (dropping one point) by 5 boys.

These medals were won as under: W. B. Bridgman 98, J. A. Clouston 98, M. A. McMillan 97, R. J. Brass 97, R. R. Kennedy 98, N. F. Smith 97, S. G. Preddy 99, A. C. Lange 97, A. F. McDermott 97. (All Silver).

C. G. McMillan 96, W. W. Baillie 96, J. G. Smith 96, C. R. F. Francis 96, G. G. Pearce 96, (All Bronze).

Competing as a unit, these six teams were again first in New Zealand, this carrying with it the Earl Jellicoe Trophy. "A" team : J. C. Alabaster 90, R. J. Tuffery 88, G. J. Francis 90, N. F. Smith 90, K. R. McKenzie 95, P. A. Tait 89, S. G. Preddy 90, A. F. McDermott 91, W. B. Bridgman 98, P. T. Robinson 92—Total : 913 points.

Added to these successes was that won by C.S.M. R. E. McDermott, who was awarded the William Friar Memorial Prize for the best cadet N.C.O. in the South Island. This is the third occasion within recent years that the trophy has been won by a School N.C.O.

A very satisfactory live shoot was enjoyed by the mortar section and by the artillery during October. The mortars were fired at Otatara, while the artillery tried their skill from the side of Bluff Hill.

N.C.O. classes were well attended at the Drill Hall on Saturday mornings under the charge of W.O.1 R. Allan and W.O.2 C. Henderson. The fruits of their work have been abundantly shown during the training year.

The unit is indebted to the continued interest taken in the unit by Lt-Col. A. R. Cockerell and his staff. The year 1946 was the last full year that Lt-Col. Cockerell has spent as overseer of our military affairs and our relations with him have always been of the closest and friendliest. We regret his departure from the service very much indeed.

## *Old Boys' Notes*

A visitor to the School early in the year was J. P. Lynch, acting-secretary of the Auckland Branch of the Old Boys' Association which has a present membership of over sixty. The membership is widely spread over the years, 1881 being represented among the number. A reunion has just been held in Auckland. J. P. Lynch is one of three Old Boys on the staff of the Auckland "Star" and there are two in the employ of the "Herald." The Editor of the "Auckland Weekly News," H. I. Macpherson, too, was an interested visitor to the School during the closing days of the year. The President of the Auckland Branch is R. D. Cox, for many years a schoolmaster but now practising as a public accountant. During the last war years he was officer in charge of the Army Educational Service in the South Island.

Other journalists who have recently gone far in their profession are J. R. Moffett who was at School for a time before going on to Christ's College and who is now Editor of the "Otago Daily Times," and R. M. Hutton-Potts, Editor of the "Southland Daily News."

His Honour, Mr Justice Smith, Chancellor of the University of New Zealand during 1946, found time to write and publish a book dealing with the affairs of the University and the need for extending its research activities together with the encouragement of pure scholarship. The book aroused considerable comment and will undoubtedly stimulate national interest in matters of vast importance which are only too easily overlooked.

D. M. Greig was recently appointed Under-Secretary for Lands. He began work in the Lands and Survey Department in Invercargill in 1916 and, after returning from the First World War worked as a private surveyor before returning to the Department. In 1937 he was appointed Chief Surveyor for Marlborough, being transferred to Te Kuiti in 1938. In 1940 he was made Superintendent of land development in the Hamilton-Otakune area being Director of Land Development for New Zealand early in 1946. This was quickly followed by the final step in his promotions..

E. C. Isaacs (incidentally, another journalist) had conferred upon him during the year the distinction of life membership of the Kiwi Swimming Club, Dunedin. He was, for 17 years the club's most enthusiastic secretary and, during his term of office, the club became the foremost swimming club of the Dominion. Retirement from the secretaryship has led to his being found in the presidential chair. In 1938 he was manager of the New Zealand swimming team at the Empire Games in Sydney.

Judge F. O. V. Acheson, Chairman of the Southland Regional Council since his retirement from the Native Land Court has been a very active member of this organization during the last two years. He will be remembered as the author of "Plume of the Arawas" and the composer of the haka performed by the 1924 All Black team in England. This was written during the voyage from New Zealand to England on which Judge Acheson was a member of the official party.

Jules Tapper (1881-86) has had named after him the new, and second, bowling green being laid down by the Waihopai Bowling Club. A gift of £500 has allowed this work to be carried out and the donor's name is thus to be attached to the playing area.

J. G. Leckie, who won both the Otago and Southland hammer throwing championships recently is one of several Old Boys who have competed successfully in New Zealand athletic championship events. He, himself, won the hammer event in 1945 (140ft 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins) and before that in 1932 (148ft 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins). In 1912 M. Kean won the same event with a throw of 121ft 9ins. A. S. Reid won the shot putt in both 1912 and 1915, first with 36ft 8ins. and then with 38ft. Minden V. Blake, later to distinguish himself in the Air Force by winning both the D.S.O. and the D.F.C., won the pole vault in 1936 with a height of 11 feet. R. C. Morgan won the 220 yards in 1925 in 23 1-5 seconds while H. D. Morgan, in 1926 won the 440 yards hurdles in 58 3-5 seconds. In 1928 the half-mile was won by C. B. Allan in 1 minute 58 4-5 seconds. These are some of the names which have lately been brought to the attention of the School. The list does not pretend to be complete.

J. R. Cameron, M. B. Fearn, S. R. Pittaway, R. F. Waldron and E. G. Walker were Old Boys who played for the successful Southland Rugby team during the 1946 season.

Representative cricket players have been A. G. Pickard, R. W. Pollok, W. A. Spence and J. C. Scandrett.

E. F. G. Furby who has been, since his discharge from the Army, Personnel Officer of the National Broadcasting Service and who is very well known in Wellington for his gifted work on the stage left recently for England to try his luck in the theatre. To hasten his departure, he signed on an overseas ship as a steward.

Another Old Boy prominently connected with both broadcasting and the National Film Unit—R. W. A. Reid—is also on his way to England on business connected with the theatre. He has, during the last few years, staged in Wellington some colourful and attractive productions from Shakespeare.

The School was unusually well represented throughout the country, at the General Elections. The Invercargill Seat was won by J. R. Hanan and the Wallace Seat by T. M. Macdonald. Several other Old Boys contested seats but were not favoured by the fortunes of the day.

## AUCKLAND REUNION

### A NOTE FROM J. P. LYNCH.

Though a small body, the Southland Boys' High School Association (Auckland) is on its feet. Formed last November by a small band of enthusiasts, led by Mr R. W. Cox and Mr H. I. Macpherson, the association held its first reunion on the last evening of February and it was a huge success. Reminiscences and an excellent programme of music filled in the evening without any formal business, though some time was taken off to re-elect the provisional executive.

Those present, with the years they were at school and their present occupations, were: C. J. Whitaker, 1892-96, reporting staff, Auckland Star; Alan Greig, 1917-20, Solicitor; W. Trail, 1905-06, Chief surveyor, Lands and Survey Department; H. J. Macpherson, 1917-20, editor, The Weekly News; N. H. Gilmour, 1899-1902; R. Pope, 1914-15, manager, National Bank, Otahuti; Brian Mehaffey, 1911-15, Westfield Freezing Co.; H. G. K. Adamson, 1904, Deputy-Commissioner of Crown Lands; R. M. Gimblett, 1917-19, glass beveler; R. G. Watson, 1908-11, Principal, Pasadena Intermediate School; George Seddon, 1909-10, District Land Registrar; W. McBride, 1908-11; Examiner of Titles, Lands and Deeds Department, Auckland; J. H. Humphrey, 1915-17, Stamp Duties Department, Auckland; R. G. Hallamore, 1924-26, Department of Agriculture; A. W. Boyce, 1924-28, manager, Boots, The Chemist (N.Z.) Ltd; M. Henderson, 1922-24, accountant, Symonds Street branch, National Bank; Jeff Howie, 1913-14, Public Accountant, Papakura; H. F. Tilley, 1922-24, Bank of New South Wales; Ramsey Howie, 1918-22, Director of Music, Seddon Memorial Technical College; B. A. Ford, 1921-24, Trust Officer, Public Trust; F. D. Kilby, 1919-22, Bank of Australasia; J. P. Lynch, 1925-27, sub-editorial staff, Auckland Star; J. Eric Macalister, 1904-06, manufacturing chemist; R. W. Cox, 1917-21, Public Accountant.

Two of those present, F. W. Kilby and C. J. Whitaker, are former Southland Rugby representatives, F. W. Kilby, in addition, gained All Black honours.

## OBITUARY

One more Old Boy of the 1881 group died in Invercargill during the year at the age of 79 years. This was Cuthbert John Brodrick who was born here in 1867 while Invercargill was still a very small, untamed area. A long life had thus been spent in close association with the development of the city, for, by the practice of his profession as an architect he left as his memorial a large number of buildings for which he had been responsible. Experience in Melbourne and Queensland was followed by his return to New Zealand and then a further two years in England. He was a popular member of the City Council for three terms and became Deputy-Mayor after heading the poll at one election. For one term, too, he was President of the New Zealand Institute of Architects.

