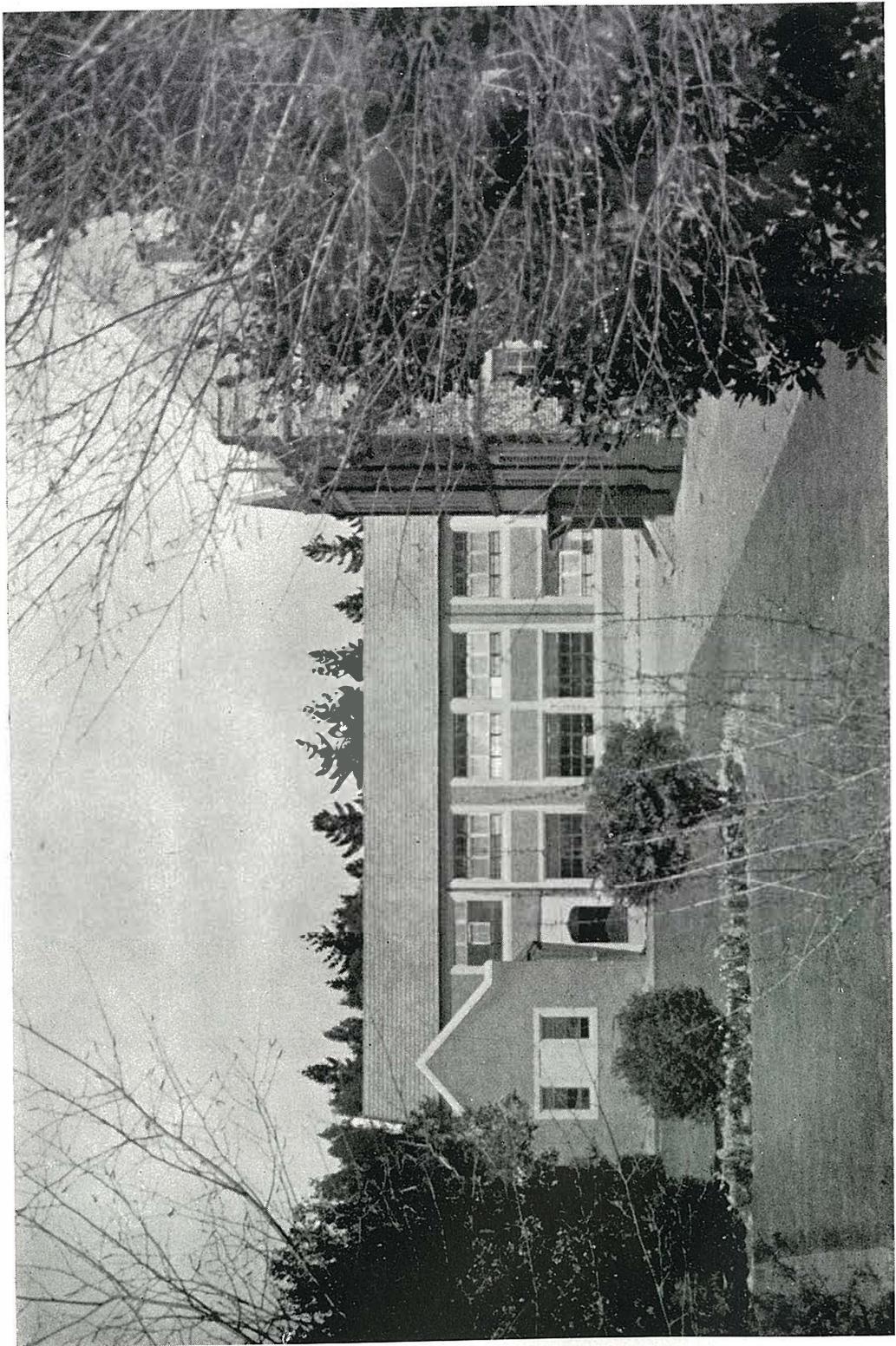


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THE NEW SCIENCE BLOCK.

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Southland Boys High School

Herbert Street, Invercargill

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School Officers, 1954

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Head Prefect:
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D. R. BEALE, D. CHRISTIAN, L. J. A. CHRISTIE, D. M. EXCEL, B. F. KING, W. H. B. MITCHELL, G. I. NOBLE, D. G. RUSSELL.

Captains of Games:

Rugby—1st XV: W. H. MITCHELL; 2nd XV: J. P. HUNTER; 3rd XV: K. C. CALVERT;
4th XV: G. A. KANE; 5th XV: J. F. McLESS; 6th XV: J. RANCE.

Cricket—1st XI: G. W. KITSON; 2nd XI: E. G. ANDREW; 3rd XI: E. R. CURRIE.

Soccer—1st XI: R. T. PETERS; 2nd XI: R. M. MURRELL; 3rd XI: J. F. MORRISON; 4th
XI: D. B. FULTON; 5th XI: G. J. CLENT.

Athletics—W. H. MITCHELL, J. TURNBULL (Senior); B. M. MASTERS (Intermediate);
R. CURRIE (Junior).

Indoor Basketball—D. G. RUSSELL and
W. A. BROUGHTON.

Softball—G. SINGLETON.

Fives—D. G. RUSSELL.

Swimming—B. W. TREEBY.

Tennis—R. T. PETERS.

Rowing—

Life Saving—M. N. WADDLE.

Harriers—E. McL. EGGERS.

Magazine :

D. CHRISTIAN D. P. MILLAR R. J. REID P. J. RIDICK

Library :

H. N. CUTTRISS.

Photographic Club :

K. C. CALVERT.

Bookbinding :

K. C. CALVERT.

Chess Club :

R. F. KING.

Prize List, 1953



FORM III.C.

Certificate of Merit: R. H. BRASS—1st English. G. S. MACDONNELL—2nd English, 2nd equal Mathematics. R. E. RIDD—1st Woodwork, 3rd English. J. H. THOMPSON—1st General Science, 2nd Woodwork.

Prizes for Merit: A. H. CHURCH—1st Mathematics, 2nd General Science, 2nd Social Studies, 1st Aggregate. C. C. BROWN—1st Social Studies, 2nd equal Book-keeping, 2nd Commercial Practice, 3rd General Science, 2nd Aggregate. D. J. ARMSTRONG—3rd Social Studies, 3rd Aggregate.

FORM III.B.

Certificate of Merit: B. A. GREANEY—1st English. K. D. HAY—1st French. J. D. NEILL—1st Commercial Practice. G. A. WALDRON—1st Book-keeping.

Prizes for Merit: L. M. WENSLEY—1st Mathematics, 1st General Science, 1st Aggregate. E. J. BROWN—2nd English, 2nd French, 3rd General Science, 2nd Aggregate. A. J. CALVERT—1st III Form Agriculture, 2nd Social Studies, 3rd Mathematics, 3rd Aggregate. K. J. LAWSON—1st Social Studies, 1st Woodwork, 2nd General Science, 3rd French.

FORM III.A.

Certificate of Merit: R. S. BOOTH, 1st Mathematics.

Prizes for Merit: P. M. GALT—1st English, 1st Social Studies, 1st French, 1st General Science, 2nd Mathematics, 1st Aggregate. N. J. FERGUSON—2nd English, 2nd General Science, 3rd equal Mathematics, 3rd Social Studies, 1st III Form Woodwork, 2nd Aggregate. P. A. SHARP—2nd Social Studies, 3rd Aggregate. A. J. MILLAR—2nd III Form Agriculture (McKinnon Trust prize).

FORM IV.C.

Certificates of Merit: D. J. FRASER—1st Mathematics.

Prizes for Merit: G. G. SPENCER—1st Social Studies, 2nd English, 2nd Mathematics, 2nd General Science, 1st Aggregate. I. C. SPEDEN—1st English, 1st General Science, 2nd Aggregate. N. H. W. TROON—1st Woodwork, 3rd Aggregate.

FORM IV.B.

Certificates of Merit: C. L. BOYDON—1st Social Studies, 2nd Woodwork. A. F. CLAYTON—2nd English, 2nd French. L. E. CLARK—1st French. P. R. LAWRENCE—1st General Science. J. ROUT—2nd equal Woodwork, 2nd Drawing.

Prizes for Merit: W. T. LODGE—1st Mechanics, 2nd General Science, 1st Aggregate. A. V. MACKIE—2nd Social Studies, 3rd Woodwork, 2nd Aggregate. G. B. SMITHIES—3rd equal Aggregate. C. G. TAPPER—3rd equal Aggregate, 1st English, 1st Woodwork. P. SPEERS—1st English, 1st Woodwork. A. J. BLUE—2nd IV Agriculture (McKinnon Trust Prize).

FORM IV.A.

Certificates of Merit: A. J. ANDERSON—2nd English, 3rd French. T. J. BUTT—1st Latin, 3rd English. B. A. McCALLUM—1st IV Commercial Practice.

Prizes for Merit: A. J. NEIL—1st English, 1st Social Studies, 1st General Science, 1st IV Drawing, 1st IV Woodwork, 3rd Mathematics, 1st Aggregate. J.

E. CARTWRIGHT—1st French, 2nd Social Studies, 2nd Mechanics, 3rd General Science, 2nd Aggregate. G. J. ALLISON—1st Mathematics, 1st IV Agriculture, 2nd General Science, 3rd Aggregate.

FORM V.C.

Certificates of Merit: P. J. DICK—2nd General Science, 3rd Commercial Practice. G. T. DUSTON—3rd English, 2nd V Drawing. C. H. FROBARTH—1st General Science.

Prize for Merit: J. E. CLENT—1st English, 2nd Commercial Practice, 3rd VB History, 3rd Arithmetic.

FORM V.B.

Certificates of Merit: L. ALCOCK—1st Commercial Practice. G. W. KITSON—1st History, 2nd Geography.

Prizes of Merit: K. C. CALVERT—1st General Science, 1st equal Agriculture. R. J. SMITHIES—1st English, 1st French, 1st Geography, 2nd History.

FORM V.A.

Certificates of Merit: G. A. F. CONDIE—1st English. R. H. FARRAR—3rd French, 3rd Latin. J. M. B. SMITH—1st Geography. D. G. CURRIE—2nd equal English, 3rd Geography.

Prizes of Merit: D. CHRISTIAN—2nd French, 2nd Latin, 3rd equal Mathematics. W. J. CONLEY—1st French, 1st Latin, 2nd equal English, 3rd Mathematics. M. K. ROBERTSON—1st Mathematics, 2nd General Science, 2nd Chemistry. M. A. J. STEVENS—1st General Science, 1st Chemistry.

FORM V UPPER

Certificates of Merit: R. G. HUGHES—1st Book-keeping, 2nd English. A. S. MAITLAND—3rd equal General Science, 3rd Arithmetic, 3rd Agriculture. D. D. MILLAR—1st equal General Science, 3rd V Drawing. J. B. MUNRO—1st History.

Prizes for Merit: E. W. BREMER—1st Mathematics, 1st equal General Science, 3rd Geography. W. H. JENNER—1st VC Drawing, 2nd History, 2nd Geography. R. J. READ—1st English, 1st Geography. S. B. ROBERTSON—1st equal Agriculture, 3rd English, 3rd Mathematics (McKinnon Trust Prize).

FORM VIB

Endorsement of School Certificate: E. G. Andrew, C. J. Ashby, R. M. Carnahan, L. J. Christie, G. E. Cole, W. A. Craig, H. N. Cuttriss, L. G. F. Dale, I. S. D. Duncan, D. H. Duston, D. M. Excel, G. C. Graham, R. R. Hamilton, G. C. Haywood, A. G. Henry, L. J. Jenkins, L. Keast, R. F. King, N. C. Little, D. J. Mills, W. H. B. Mitchell, B. Murrell, R. F. Nind, G. S. Noble, J. E. O'Connor, B. C. Rawlins, P. J. Riddick, R. C. Scobie, E. M. Smith, R. B. Sutherland, B. W. J. Treeby, W. J. Webb, O. K. Welsh, J. G. Clarke.

Certificates of Merit: D. R. BEALE—2nd Mathematics, 3rd Mechanics. D. H. DUSTON—1st English. G. C. HAYWOOD—2nd French, 3rd History, 3rd Geography. E. D. JACKSON—1st Book-keeping. E. M. SMITH—2nd History, 3rd English.

Prizes for Merit: R. M. CARNAHAN—1st Geography, 2nd Book-keeping. H. N. CUTTRISS—1st Physics, 1st Mechanics, 1st Mathematics, 3rd Chemistry. D. M. EXCEL—2nd English, 2nd Chemistry, 2nd Physics, 3rd Mathematics. A. G. HENRY—1st History, 2nd Geography. P. J. RIDDICK—1st English, 1st Chemistry.

FORM VIA

Higher School Certificate: J. A. Deaker, E. D. Fisher, W. P. Holloway, W. R. Jackson, D. S. Ker, J. R. Neil, G. F. Rea, J. D. Shaw, J. M. Simmers, H. B. Wilson.

Certificates of Merit: E. D. FISHER—2nd Mathematics. J. R. NEIL—2nd Additional Mathematics. H. B. WILSON—2nd English.

Prizes for Merit: W. P. HOLLOWAY—2nd Chemistry, 3rd English, 3rd Mathematics. J. M. SIMMERS—2nd Physics, 3rd Chemistry.

DUX OF THE SCHOOL—Old Boys' Association Book Prize)—JOHN ARTHUR DEAKER.—Dux of Mathematics and Science Group, 1st Mathematics, 1st Additional Mathematics, 1st Physics, 1st Chemistry. GREAME FRANCIS REA—Dux of Language Group.—1st English, 1st Latin, 1st French, 1st History, 1st Geography.

SPECIAL PRIZES 1953.

Swimming—Junior Champion. R. J. KNIGHT. Senior Champion (Wilson Cup). B. W. J. TREEBY.

Athletics—Junior Champion (Cup and Miniature). D. B. MASTERS, C. F. NEIL (equal). Intermediate Champion Cup (Cup and Miniature). W. H. B. MITCHELL. Senior Champion (Len Hanan Cup and Sports Trust Miniatures). D. G. HOLLOWAY. W. P. HOLLOWAY, (equal). 880 Yards Senior Championship (Sutherland Cup). D. G. HOLLOWAY.

Records Broken (Certificates):

One Mile, 4.42 2-5. D. G. HOLLOWAY. Junior High Jump, 5ft 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. D. B. MASTERS. Round the Park Races (I.A.A.C. Cups)—Junior: T. J. BUTT. Intermediate: J. C. TURNBULL. Senior: A. D. PAY. Inter-House Relay Race (Auckland Old Boys' Cup). RED HOUSE, Captain, E. G. ANDREW. Otago-Southland Secondary School Athletics—Junior Shield to Southland Boys' High School. Captain, D. B. MASTERS. Junior Relay Baton Southland Boys' High School. Captain, W. P. HOLLOWAY.

Fives (Book Prizes)—Junior Singles, W. S. M. DENHAM. Junior Doubles, E. W. COOK and M. R. HEENAN. Senior Singles, J. E. O'CONNOR. Senior Doubles, J. R. HALL and A. D. PAY.

Lawn Tennis—Secondary Schools' Team Competition, S.B.H.S. "A," Captain, E. D. JACKSON. School Championships (Book Prizes)—M. R. HEENAN. Championships (Book Prizes)—Junior Singles—M. R. HEENAN. Junior Doubles—G. V. WHITE and B. M. WOODFIELD. Senior Singles—E. D. JACKSON. Senior Doubles—E. D. JACKSON and R. T. Peters.

Gymnastics—Junior Champion (Book)—V. C. MURDOCH. Intermediate Champion (Nicholson Cup) T. E. HARRIS. Senior Champion (Mabson Cup)—E. D. FISHER.

SCHOOL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS—

Senior Champion: L. KEAST.

Most Scientific Boxer: G. A. ANDERSON.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—

5th Grade: Captain, G. E. COLE.

7th Grade: Captain, R. PHILPOTT.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL—

4th Grade — Schools' Senior Cup and Jubilee
Shield: Captain, R. T. PETERS.

5th Grade — Herbert Smith Trust Cup and Bell
Shield: Captain, G. V. F. WHITE.

CADET AWARDS—

Shooting:

Junior Champion (cup): R. MAYSTON.

Senior Champion (shield): R. D. FISHER.

Inter-form shooting (Ritchie Shield): VIA
Captain, J. M. SIMMERS.

Best Platoon (cup) A.T.C No. 1 Flight: Flight
Sergeant G. F. REA.

Best N.C.O.: Sergeant W. H. B. MITCHELL.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

(Athletics, Games, Shooting):

Uttley Cup: Red House Captain, K. G. ANDREW.

BAND PRIZES—

Senior Drummer: J. M. B. SMITH.

Junior Drummer: J. B. R. CROAD.

Senior Bugler: T. E. HARRIS.

Junior Bugler: B. REID.

CHESS CHAMPION—R. F. KING.

PUBLIC SPEAKING—

Junior (Late Professor Collie's Prize): A. J.
MacKAY.

Senior (T. D. Pearce Memorial Prize): D. P.
MILLAR.

SINGING—

Junior:

Mr W. H. Farley's prize: J. C. BRUCE 1.

Mr Kennedy Black's prize: R. F. CLAYTON 2.

Mr Ritchie Fraser's prize: B. H. TAYLOR 3.

Senior:

Old Boys' prize: D. R. BEALE 1.

Mr Kennedy Black's prize: D. P. MILLAR 2.

Mr Ritchie Fraser's prize: D. S. KER 3.

IMPROVEMENT IN FRENCH

(French Legation Prize)—N. F. FLEMING.

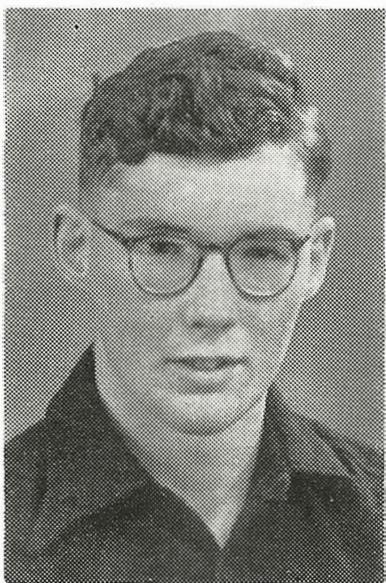
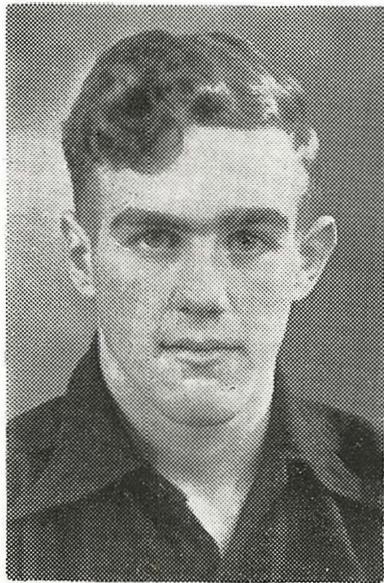
SPECIAL PRIZE FOR EFFORT (anonymous)— L. VARGA.

BEST ALL ROUND IVth FORM BOY (1950 Prefects' Cup)—J. E. CARTWRIGHT.

PHYSICAL AND SCHOLASTIC IMPROVEMENT (Deschler Cup): E. D. FISHER.

HEAD PREFECT (Award on basis of character and leadership): J. A. DEAKER.

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JUNIOR NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS, 1953.
J. A. Deaker (left) and G. F. Rea

School Roll, 1954

FORM VIA

Andrew, E. G.	Cuttriss, H. N.	King, R. F.	Treeby, B. W. J.
Beale, D. R.	Excel, D. M.	Noble, G. S.	
Christie, L. J. A.	Haywood, G. C.	Riddick, P. J.	
Clarke, J. G.	Henry, A. G.	Smith, E. M.	

FORM VIB

Ballantyne, D. L.	Ferrar, R. H.	Kitson, G. W.	Robertson, S. B.
Boyes, P. J.	Garden, B. F.	Matheson, A. C.	Russell, D. G.
Bremer, E. W.	Gee, C. J.	McHarg, M. F.	Smith, J. M. B.
Calvert, K. C.	Graham, G. C.	McNaughton, B. A.	Smithies, R. J.
Christian, D.	Guise, D. F.	Michel, A. C.	Stevens, M. A. J.
Clark, N. E.	Hargreaves, J. E.	Millar, D. D.	Stroud, R. J.
*Cole, G. F.	Harvey, H. A.	Millar, D. P.	*Turnbull, J. C.
Condie, G. A. F.	Hitchcock, D. J.	Mitchell, W. H. B.	Welsh, K. O.
Conley, W. J.	Hughes, R. G.	Nind, R. F.	Wyeth, N. L.
Cook, K. C.	Hunter, J. P.	Ovens, J. F.	Weir, S. C.
Currie, D. G.	*Johnson, A. G.	Peters, R. T.	Young, R. I.
Dick, P. J.	Johnston, G. B.	Rawlins, C. B.	
Dunlop, N. J.	Kane, G. A.	Read, R. J.	
Eggers, E. McL.	*Keast, L.	Robertson, M. K.	

FORM VM

Brandt, R. T.	Francis, D. R.	Murrell, R. M.	Thompson, L. R.
Broughton, W. G.	Froboth, C. H.	Nicholson, G. H.	Webb, C. E.
Bruce, J. C.	Harris, T. E.	Robb, R. R.	Williams, C. P.
Christie, B. H.	King, W. H. M.	Robbie, J. R.	Woodward, M. G.
Clent, J. C.	*Latham, H. D.	Rutherford, D. B.	
*Cook, E. W.	Marshall, D. B.	Smith, J. A.	
Familton, N.	Mitchell, J. L.	Stewart, R. M.	

FORM VA

Allison G. J.	Fleming, N. F.	Jaquivery, R. W.	Taylor, B. H.
Anderson, A. J.	Galt, J. A.	Knight, R. J.	Tait, J. K.
Brady, R. D.	Hamilton, O. J.	Leask, O. R.	Waddle, M. N.
Branks, D. R.	Haywood, F. R.	McCallum, B. A.	*White, G. V. F.
Butt, T. J.	Heenan, M. R.	McLachlan, M. O.	Woodfield, B. M.
Cartwright, J. E.	Hill, I. K.	Neil, A. J.	Young, C. T.
Fleck, R. S.	Imlay, L. B.	Ogle, W. D.	

FORM VB

Alcock, R. G.	Kidd, D.	Mayston, R.	Somerville, J. W.
Blue, A. J.	King, W. G.	Miller, C. B.	Soper, C. B.
*Boylan, C. L.	Lawrence, P. R.	Molloy, R. G.	Speers, P.
Broomhall, R. J.	Lodge, M. T.	Osborne, H. R.	Spencer, D. S.
Clark, L. E.	Logan, B. A.	Rout, J. B.	Tapper, J. C.
Irwin, N. R.	McLay, C. S.	Singleton, G. R.	Borland, D. B.
Johnstone, D. R.	Masters, D. B.	Smithies, J. B.	

FORM VC

Anderson, G. A.	*Harris, A. G.	Mitchell, J. McG.	Spencer, G. G.
Denham, W. S. M.	*Jenkins, R. A.	Morrison, D. G.	Tait, J. R.
Dennis, J. P.	Mackie, C. G.	*Parry, R. J.	Woodward, R. R.
*Fraser, D. J.	Major, J. E.	Reid, B.	Zimmerman, W. J. L.
Fraser, R. P.	*McDougall, J. H.	*Reid, G. D.	
Greenwood, K. S. C.	McLees, J. F.	Speden, I. C.	

FORM IVA

Allison, J. L.	Fulton, D. B.	Maxted, L. D.	Sharp, P. A.
Bailey, G. D. G.	Galt, P. M.	Melhop, N. R.	Smith, A. A.
Booth, R. S.	Gellatly, N.	Millar, A. J.	*Smith, G. C.
Britton, R. L.	Gimblett, A. H.	Morris, B. E.	Varga, L.
Calder, W. J.	Gordon, D. M.	Muirhead, F. G. J.	Wilkes, B. H.
Carter, K. W.	Low, P. A.	Murdoch, V. C.	Williams, B. M.
Cathcart, D. A.	MacKay, A. J.	Phillips, D. L.	
Currie, E. R.	McPherson, I. J.	Rassell, D. R.	

FORM IVB

Barron, K. J.	Elliott, K. W.	McLean, T. W.	Rance, J. J.
Brown, E. J.	Forde, E. R.	McMillan, D.	Thwaites, O. C.
Bunting, L. R.	George, G. E.	McKenzie, E. D.	Twemlow, J. R. H.
Calvert, A. J.	Greaney, B. H.	Mitchell, J. R.	Waldron, G. A.
Church, A. H.	Hay, K. D.	Mitchell, R. B.	Wensley, L. McD.
Croad, J. B. R.	Kingsland, K. N.	Morrison, J. F.	Wishart, A. D.
Cruickshank, P. J.	Knight, W. D.	Neill, J. D.	Youdale, K. A.
Dawson, E. S.	Lawson, K. J.	Nicholson, C. R.	
Dunlop, J. W.	Little, R. C.	Parry, E. G.	
Elliot, A. R.	Marshall, R. E.	Price, F. R.	

FORM IVC

*Hamilton, A. W.	Malcolm, M. S.	Ridd, R. E.
Hawkins, K. A.	Moyle, G. L.	Somerville, C. D.
Hunter, J. H.	*Murdoch, T. J.	Stephens, L. J.
Jackman, G. W.	Parsons, R. J.	Thompson, R.
Jackson F. B.	*Payne, C. T.	Thompson, H. J.
Jennings, R. N.	Peterson, L. F. W.	Walker, M. M. G.
King, B. A.	Pope, M.	Woodd, A. D.
Lantsbery, L. D.	*Poultney, J. C.	Webb, R. G.
Macdonnell, G. S.	Reid, W. V.	

FORM IIIA.

Cochrane, W. A.	Moore, C. F.	Smith, G. B.
Colhoun, N. W.	Osborne, I. A.	Stroud, A. T.
Johnstone, W. T.	Paterson, A. M.	Tusdon, R. G. A.
Jowett, W. C.	P Perkins, J. S.	Ward, G. O.
Lawson, W. F.	Reid, W. N.	Wear, R. G.
MacPherson, A. C.	Robertson, A. D.	Young, D. F.
McMechan, J. P.	Russell, R.	
Milne, P. W.	Scott, P. J.	

FORM IIIC.

Edwards, P. T.	Kirk, W. E. W.	Patterson, W. J.
Finn, J. B.	Little, S. G.	Richardson, H. W.
Frost, R. J.	McEwan, J. H.	Smithies, J. F.
Gieseg, E. J.	McEwan, W. J.	Stephens, R. D.
Hardaker, B. L.	Mitchell, A. B.	Tapper, H. B.
Henderson, A. J.	*Morris, F. W.	Weir, K. J. T.
Jaquiery, M. J.	Morris, L. J.	Wood, D. W.
Kingston-Smith, O. J.	Nind, G. A.	

FORM III.E.

Flack, R. A.	Moore, B. K.	Telfer, M. E.
Hamilton, D. A. B.	O'Donnell, W.	Waters, M. F.
Hodgetts, W. G.	Pearce, C. F.	Wylie, J. D.
Hume, W. G.	Randell, N. D.	Young, E. E. S.
MacKenzie, R. G.	*Reynolds, C. G. E.	Brown, D. F.
McAra, P. J.	*Skinner, G. J.	
McLeod, A. N.	Smith, P. H.	
Mee, B. W.	Strang, W.	

FORM III.B.

Henderson, I. McL.	Mitchell, F.	Ross, A. E.
Hoffman, M. B.	Munro, G. R.	Ross, N. R.
Holden, D. A.	Osmond, M. G.	Scheele, T. N.
Holloway, R. A.	Pollock, D. J.	Scobie, J. R. A.
Hunter, J. S.	Reid, J. J.	Simmers, A. W.
Hurd, P. S. A.	Robertson, C. D.	Squires, K. E.
Jenkinson, J. E. S.	Robertson, W. A.	Tattersfield, T. M.
Milne, A. S.	Robins, A. G.	Weir, M.

FORM III.D.

Glynn, R. T.	Mackie, E. L.	Stewart, L. J.
Hamilton, J. H.	Matheson, B. D.	Sutton, A. L.
Hansen, A.	McLay, B. P.	Troon, P. G.
Hill, C. J.	McPherson, R. W.	Varcoe, W. G.
Horrell, N. M.	Milne, K. B.	Williams, R. D.
Howe, D. F.	O'Connor, W. K.	Wills, J. B.
Johnston, F. M.	Pagan, J. A.	
Macdonald, D. S.	Spence, I. N. G.	

Forms as at the beginning of the year.

* Left during the year.

Diary 1954

After the excitement of the Royal tour, the School got away to a slow start. The loss of Mr Slater was most keenly felt by the Senior School, who notice, however, that his accustomed chair on the stage remains unoccupied. Indeed, we hear there has been discussion among the staff of having it gold-plated and placed in a glass case. The following is a brief—and probably incomplete—diary of the School year.

2nd February: The School re-opened into barracks week.

9th February: School classes commenced.

26th February: Prefects announced—Beale, Christian, Excel, King, Russell, Noble, with three from last year—Andrew (head), Christie, Mitchell (dep. head).

9th March: First day of Otago v. School cricket.

10th March: Mr Short gave a talk about the work of Corso. Otago won the cricket by seven wickets.

11th March: Sports day.

12th March: Sports continued.

16th March: School 1st XI played King's at Dunedin.

24th March: Attended Australian National Opera Company's "Barber Of Seville."

26th March: Mr Adams of the Chamber of Commerce presented prizes to G. B. Johnstone and R. Hughes, first in arithmetic and second in English in the examinations held by the Association.

30th March: Swimming sports.

3rd April: The Great Fair.

25th April: (Anzac Day). The School, as usual, provided a detachment at the War Memorial.

6th May: Corso dance held in School Hall. The School raised a total of £26/5/7½ for the Corso Appeal.

7th May: End of first term. During this term the School saw "The Conquest of Everest," "Julius Caesar," and a Royal tour film.

25th May: School recommenced for the second term.

27th May: Three "refining influences" arrived from the Girls' High to take Maths with VIA.,

1st June: Mr Richards held a book sale in the hall.

4th June: Work to start on hostel at once.

10th June: Mr Stock of the New Zealand Alliance entertained the School with a lecture on abstinence

14th June: Second and 3rd XV off to Gore to play Gore firsts and seconds.

22nd June: 1st XV and Soccer XI played Otago at Dunedin. 1st XV drew 14 all; 1st XI lost 2-0.

July 14-16: First XV at Oamaru, to play Waitaki.

July 20: Second term examinations commence

26th July: King's game postponed because of water-logged ground here.

29th July: Overseas League speaking competition held at Girls' High School. D. P. Miller and P. J. Riddick competing.

5th August: School dance held in evening.

10th August: School played King's 1st XV—won 14-12; O.B.H.S. 2nd XV—won 12-6; O.B.H.S. 1st Soccer XI—lost 3-2.

16th August: 1st XV defeated Timaru 11-8.

18th August: House football cancelled owing to wet grounds. Girls' High dance in evening.

19th August: Round-the Park Race held in pouring rain.

20th August: End of Second term. During this term the School saw a never-to-be-forgotten performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

14th September: 3rd term commences. Equipment carried across to new block.

15th September: New block used for teaching for the first time.

14th September: National Orchestra concert for Schools.

28th September: Singing competitions.

6th October: Speech competitions.

8th October: Return match with Girls' High Chess Club.

The School Fair

On Saturday, April the 3rd, the School held a Fair which was organised by the Parents' Association and Old Boys' Association to raise funds to pay for the three new fives courts, which were built by the energetic, if rather sporadic, efforts of the senior boys of the School.

All the Forms organized various sideshows and stalls, urged on by the promise of a half-holiday to the Form that contributed the most money on an age, amount per capita system. The estimated totals ranged from IVB, the winners of the half-holiday, with £82/6/6, to VC with £9/3/6. The two Forms with the next highest estimated totals were VIB £79/9/-, and VA with £45/3/-. The combined total of the boys of the School was £382/10/-, and altogether nearly £700 was raised.

The Fair opened at 2 p.m. in the afternoon and 7 p.m. in the evening. In the fives courts there were "knock ems" and other assorted games of skill. The younger children were entertained by rides on a merry-go-round or in a pony and trap. In the gymnasium was a shooting gallery where patrons had the choice of air rifles or pistols.

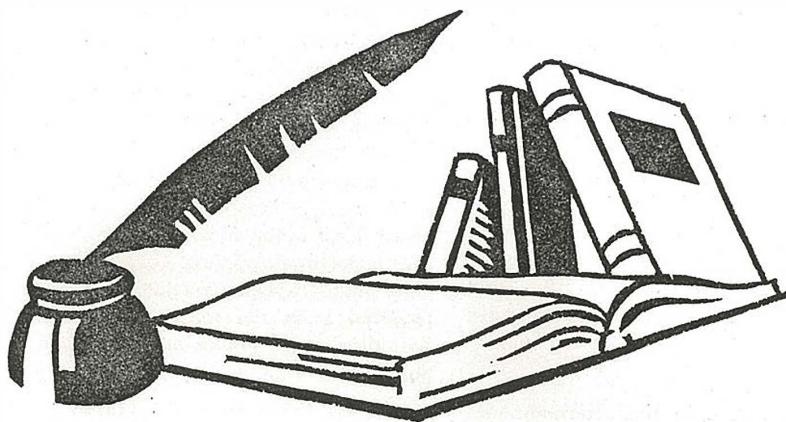
All the stalls, selling books and magazines, flowers, plants, vegetables, sweets, preserves, "white ele-

phants," and other produce, were in the assembly hall which was gaily decorated with bunting and had a very festive air. Throughout the day, the Old Boys' Association ran raffles from the stage and at the conclusion of the Fair in the evening all remaining goods were auctioned. The blowball machine which agitates ping-pong balls on an updrift of air, while people endeavour to scoop them out of an enclosure, attracted much interest. Other entertainment was provided by films and model aeroplane and train exhibitions. One Form had the idea of a show where two boys tried to knock each other off a greasy pole with padded sticks, but unfortunately, few competitors could be found. Two photographers collected £9, some of which was received from the more photogenic of the masters. Soft drinks, ice cream and afternoon tea were available.

Before the Fair, a competition for the best decorated bicycle, advertising the Fair, was held, and this was won by young VIB. The competitors rode their bicycles through the town.

The Fair would not have been possible, but for the generous donations of produce, the willing help of the staff, parents, old boys, and boys, and of course the support of the general public. To all those who assisted, the School offers its grateful thanks.

Original Contributions



FROM OLYMPUS

Let obversation with extensive view
Survey our ranks, nor fail to note these few,
Whose Roman style and more than Roman rule
Proclaim their status to the trembling School.

First Andrew (far from sainted) we present,
In football and in cricket eminent,
And never known to quail, still less to swoon,
Nor when commanding his—the fifth—platoon.

Now let obeisance due be lowly made,
For lo, the sergeant-major's on parade—
Mitchell! He at whose imperious call
Fourteen, as one, are with him on the ball.

Next, of all the fleeting moments taking stock,
Consider Christie with his little clock;
And contemplate the majesty and zeal
Embodied in the broad expanse of Beale.

How fitting 'tis that choice or chance should bring
Together here a Noble and a King,
And that one Excel in the band as well
Should labour, that the band may still excel!

See too, how Russell can the law defy:
Others starve—but he will have his Pie.

Last, not least, observe the Don who thrives
On gravel-bashing interspersed with fives,
Who gives the first-year company mayhem—
This paradox—a Christian C.S.M.

—Anon.

Dogs

It was Monday.

Johnson, the rabbiter, stood on the lawn of the imposing new house of Henry Rolleston, Jnr. Rolleston, himself, was with him upon that eminence which overlooked acres of rolling sheep country. With a wide sweep of his arm, Rolleston encompassed a thousand acres. He was talking fast. The land his father had given him was wonderful sheep country, but for one drawback. His station could now carry about five thousand sheep, but, without rabbits, would

carry twice that number. Thousands of rabbits were ruining the country, one rabbit eating as much in a week as a sheep did in a day. He had tried everything to rid himself of the pests. Poison? They had used oats and carrots for bait; strychnine and arsenic for poison. The results were kills of about 200, when they should have netted six or eight thousand. Shooting? Trucks, spotlights mounted on their cabs and with six or seven crack shots on the back, had scoured the country by night. The results averaged 50 a night; while parties down on the flats were getting 500.

Rolleston's final attempt was to be with dogs. For weeks, he had been buying every worthwhile dog he could lay hands upon. Then, for their handler, he had chosen Johnson, a man with wide experience in the work.

Having explained the position to the rabbiter, Rolleston suggested that they inspect the dogs. Long before they neared "dog-town," they heard its occupants. The noise—howls, growls, snarls and yelps of pain—was terrific. Johnson was surprised and a little uneasy. When he came within sight of the great wire-netting enclosure which housed the dogs, he received a shock. A seething mass of fighting, snarling dogs met his eyes. It was apparent that they were all half-starved and incredibly vicious. They were mostly halfbreeds. Staghounds, greyhounds, whippets showed in the speedy lines of most of them. Others among the mixed breeds included Alastian, Labrador and Collie. They were a bad-looking lot. What was even more staggering was the number of the brutes—there appeared to be all of seventy or eighty of them! Dragging Rolleston to a corner where he could be heard above the din, Johnson yelled in his ear:

"What the blazes is the idea? There must be nearly eighty in there!"

"Eighty-seven, last time they were counted," his boss corrected with a grin, "but probably quite a few have been killed since then—and eaten, too. You see, although I have bought old draught horses and cattle to be slaughtered for dog-meat, there still isn't enough food, and the stronger dogs kill off the weaker. It's better that way, though—they'll rabbit better if they're starving."

Eighty-seven. Johnson could not reply. At the very most, he had only handled twenty dogs before. Eighty-seven! He walked beside Rolleston in silence. How on earth was he to control eighty-seven of those brutes?

Late that afternoon, Johnson arrived back from town in his old Ford. He had spent quite some time in getting a permit to use a revolver. After that, a Colt .45 revolver, with plenty of ammunition, was his first purchase. His second was an old, but well-kept stockwhip. To complete his outfit, he bought a long-bladed sheath knife.

It was Tuesday morning.

Johnson had had some difficulty in getting his pack under way, but had managed with the aid of Blue. Blue was his own dog, an Alsatian-staghound cross. His lines were clean and racy, yet extremely powerful. His coat was tinged with the blue whence his name was derived. He was an intelligent dog, devoted to his master, and a ferocious fighter.

When they reached open country, Blue was of great value to the rabbiter. Johnson, mounted on a strong, speedy horse with another in tow, used his whip ruthlessly on the snarling pack. While his master was engaged, Blue would keep individual dogs from branching out on their own.

There were few rabbit holes in this country—brush-choked gullies, patches of gorse, clumps of manuka and small areas of tussock provided cover and in this way helped the rabbiter and his dogs very much.

Reaching a stretch of hillside covered with manuka and gorse, the rabbiter sent his dogs into it. Almost immediately, there was a scattering of perhaps sixty rabbits. Johnson saw Blue kill seven in less than three minutes. The dog just let them lie; but the rest of the half-starved pack ate as they killed. Soon Johnson was busily occupied in breaking up fights over the remaining rabbits. It took some time to get the pack on the move again, but, when it did leave, an area of about two acres had been wiped clean of rabbits—sixty of them.

So the day sped by and the pack swept through acres of country, destroying every rabbit in its path.

Towards the end of the day the dogs, less hungry now, began to get even more unmanageable. As he was nearing the homestead, Johnson had his first taste of rebellion. He rode into the pack, as he had countless times before during that day, cursing and lashing a knot of fighting dogs to break them up. This took longer than usual and, when the dogs did break away, the leader, instead of slinking off as before, turned in defiance, snarling and ready to leap at the rider. Swiftly and coolly, Johnson drew his revolver and dropped the dog with a bullet through its head. Then, lashing with his whip and yelling like a demon, he drove the pack before him, realizing how imperative it was that he show the dogs, quickly and without doubt, who was master. In an open rebellion, he would not have had much chance against eighty dogs.

After making sure that the dogs were securely housed, he went to report to Rolleston. By his own conservative estimate, the dogs had killed 2000 rabbits.

Wednesday.

Johnson got the dogs on the move more easily this time, and soon had them working reasonably well, with fewer fights than on the previous day. It was to be a successful day's killing. The dogs spent less time eating and fighting and the score soon mounted. Johnson headed for home at the end of the day with an estimated tally of 3,500 rabbits destroyed. On reaching the kennels, he began bunching the pack before the gate of the kennel. A station hand rode up at this moment and Johnson yelled to him to open the gate. The man carelessly stepped from the saddle

and began to undo the chains, only a few feet from the fighting dogs. Johnson cried out a warning. Seeing that the man could not hear him above the din, Johnson snatched out his revolver and fired. The boom of the big Colt and the splintering of the post by his head brought the man upright with a jerk and, seeing a number of dogs closing in, he hastily scrambled into the saddle. Johnson rode over in a fury, lashing the dogs as he went.

"You crazy fool!" he yelled. "Haven't you got more sense than to get off your horse with a pack like this around?"

Thursday.

The dogs were worse than ever before. Blue killed two of the worst offenders before they had gone a mile, and Johnson shot another. All the dogs were by now heavily scarred. The first run was a failure. Only about a dozen rabbits were flushed and everyone was caught before it had gone twenty yards. Then there ensued a free-for-all which took almost an hour to straighten out. Johnson shot five more dogs. Another two hours of few rabbits and many fights saw the pack becoming rapidly unmanageable. Then it happened.

A fight between about twenty dogs began and Johnson rode hurriedly in to stop it. The dogs had had enough of the whip, however, and three of them turned to face the rabbiter, snarling and tensed to spring. Johnson did not hesitate. He shot all three of them, the third one in mid-air as it leaped at him. That leap decided the rest of the pack and they surged forward. Johnson emptied his revolver into them, then threw the useless weapon away and whipped out his sheath knife. His horse reared and the one he was leading broke away. Then a huge, grey form leaped for the throat of his mount and a slashing rip of sharp fangs tore out the jugular vein. Horse and rider plunged to the ground, but Johnson had found his voice: "Blue! Blue! To me!" His bellow rose above the noise of the dogs. Next instant, a smoky-blue shape hurtled into the fray, ripping and slashing. Johnson, using whip and knife, and with the help of Blue, fought his way to where his other horse snorted and plunged, the reins having mercifully tangled in a clump of manuka.

Once in the saddle, he rode into the dogs, shouting, cursing, slashing. His terrible mien, bloody figure and the power exuded from his whole being, cowed the dogs as he forced himself to the limit, obsessed with a fury that knew no bounds. He left behind the bodies of fourteen dogs. In his rage, he lashed the dogs blindly and unmercifully on, striking out with all his strength until his right arm hung limply at his side. Then he changed to his left. Hissing hot, the long black lash descended on the backs of the confused dogs, leaving angry, red weals in its path. There were no further uprisings that day, but rabbitting was impossible—the dogs simply would not work. Johnson contented himself with driving them here and there across country. It was terrible retribution but the pack had to be taught with absolute finality who was master.

On his return, that night, Johnson found that Robertson had bought another twelve dogs. This brought his total back over seventy once more, but Johnson saw at once that at least three of the dogs were not strong enough to last the night.

Friday.

The dogs were worse than ever. Whenever one became too aggressive, Johnson shot it. He killed four in this way and Blue accounted for two more. At the end of two hours, he gave up and returned to the kennels. He then went up to the homestead and handed in his resignation.

It was Friday, two weeks after his resignation, when Johnson received the letter from Rolleston. The station owner had hired two men to take over the task from which Johnson had resigned. In those two weeks, the two men had killed 18,000 rabbits and thirty-eight dogs. Rolleston had been continually buying more dogs to keep up the size of the pack. He said that he had now discharged the two men and had had the dogs shot. His station was clear of rabbits and he had just bought 4000 sheep to bring the station up to its new carrying capacity. He thanked Johnson for the part he had played in "educating the pack."

R.J.S. VIB.

THE FOX HUNT

Over hill, over dale,
Jumping fence, jumping rail,
A bugle note, a scarlet coat,
Many a scratch; care not a groat.
A glimpse of brown the hunter sees,
A scrape of spurs, and through the trees
Drawing closer to the fox,
Jumping over scattered rocks.

A cry! A yelp! The fox at bay,
Backed against a wall of clay.
The hounds close in, the hunters grin,
The fox gives in, and hound-dogs win.
A last thin peep as hound-dogs leap,
Then silence, in everlasting sleep.

The fox is dead, so home to bed,
As stars their yellow firelight she —J.S.P., IIIA.

"The King is dead—Long live the Protector"

John came down from Westminster Hall by barge, telling the waterman to put him down at Black Friar's Stairs, and paying the twopence from his pocket in the bottom of which lay the parchment. Stepping lightly from the barge before it crunched into the stone steps, he was soon passing through the streets, guided by the red lamps over doorways, and the golden light mingled with the smell of rushes and stale beer that flooded on to the cobbles from the inns. The tall church of Saint Paul silhouetted on the skyline, jangled the hour of 10 from its tower.

Along the streets which few people dared to inhabit during the hours of darkness, John was wrapt in contemplation, until the dark mass of the Tower leaped out at him, wakening him to his proper senses. Guided by the lights from the ground windows, he came to the wooden catwalk planked over the moat, returned the smile of the guard, and ascended the steps to his room, with the brands from the brackets casting arcs of light before him.

To the sound of moaning wind eddying around the stone work in fitful gusts, John awoke next morning. He smiled grimly as he realized this was the day, rolled off his rustling palliasse into his leather jerkin and boots with tight pants, and thrusting his black cap into his belt left the room. A tingling sense of excitement rippled up his back as he passed a grille on the way downstairs. The petulant hiss of metal on a grindstone, and the jokes of soldiery reached his ears.

"A cold day for bloody work," said the Sergeant-at-Arms as he watched with John the ranks of soldiers marching from the courtyard across the drawbridge, their helmets burnished, and their boots reverberating on the drawbridge.

"Not as bad as when Stafford was done. So hot it took the thrill from the job. What about 'The George' tonight? I'll have a few gold pieces if a clean cut is made."

"Sorry, that cunning clown of a Commander says we've got to patrol the streets. Tomorrow's good as any other day, though."

John agreed that it was, and clumped over to the Commander's lodgings.

THE MAGICIAN

Upon a hill I met a stranger: who,
Having made greeting, asked of me
What glassy domes were those that we could see
Glistening and shining in the distant blue.

I answered wondering, "The Walls of Science town,"
And he half turned, and, piercing with his eye,
Asked, "Tell me of your highest crown,
Your artists' work, the product of their mind
And, through their labour, son of all Mankind."
But I could not perceive, and answered, "There I saw
Men calculating "pi" to many places.

"Come to oblige the Lord Protector? We're leaving in a few minutes."

"Come to oblige his Majesty, more likely."

A burst of laughter greeted this statement, and having asked for the hat and belt which were behind John, the Commander led the way out, and marched over to the place where the officers were lined up, and where an axe leaned against a hitching-post.

Little groups of people appeared at windows, doors and street corners, attracted by the drum leading the column, and held there by a tall man's figure, whose face was covered, and whose axe nodded up and down in the middle file. The Mall was filled with groups of people hurrying towards the crowd surrounding the Banqueting Hall and its scaffold. The middle of the road was lined on either side by pikemen, and it was through these rows that the column from the Tower marched.

Having climbed the scaffold he rested on his axe and leaned over to talk to the officers below, and gaze at the sea of upturned, passive faces. The orders for musketry and pikes to be shouldered, the drums to be beat, and the flags to be flown, signalled the approach of the King; and every head turned and neck craned to see but a glimpse between the shoulders of rigid Roundheads. From the scaffold the velvet costume of the King, the wind-blown rochet of the aged Bishop of London, and the swinging cloak of the Parliamentary Colonel stood clear and sharp against the cold pavement and windy sky. The group halted at the foot of the steps, and the King and Bishop Juxon ascended the steps. In tying the block to the floor, the executioner failed to see the King asking for a higher block and helping to raise the old prelate after he had knelt to take his last departure from Charles.

Then the blur of upturned, white faces—the smell of disturbed straw—the fidgeting of the bishop—the naked neck of a man accused of treason—the lightness in lifting the axe—the increasing tempo of the drums—and the Colonel's hand that gave the signal.

—D.P.M., VIB.

Of all things worthy of great care, what more?"
And he said, "Have I Eternity for but this slept?"
And turned and left me. Then I knew
And saw with his eyes; and I wept.

L'ENVOI

Wrap him in his grave-clothes white;
Beneath this marble tombstone lies
A traitor to his age, who questioned
Science to be Mankind's greatest prize.

—P.J.R., VI.a.

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The Great Frost

There was nothing unusual about the day. It was just another Friday. As I was returning home from the office after the usual hard day's work, I was talking to my friend Jack who was sitting beside me in one of the luxury council buses. Just to add a bit of variety to our conversation, I asked him if he thought it was going to freeze.

"Not on your life, Mac," he bluntly replied. "Too early for that sort of thing. Why, we're still in June!"

I allowed the question to rest at that, but as I strolled from the bus-stop to my lodgings, I was inclined to disagree with what my friend had said.

"After all, you never know just what is going to happen in this part of the earth," I said to myself as I kicked open the little white gate and sauntered up the path.

Inside the house I met my land-lady.

"Think it's going to freeze," I casually asked her, by way of a greeting.

"No fear Mac, me lad," she abruptly replied, "we haven't had one of them frosts this winter yet."

"That doesn't mean to say we won't have one tonight," I warned her, and fled up the stairs before she could give me a lecture on her methods of weather-forecasting.

But that night, before I went to bed, I switched on my electric blanket, just to be on the safe side, no matter what my friends might have thought.

I cannot recall how soundly I slept that dreadful night, but I still have a clear picture in my mind of the grim scene that met my gaze the next morning. Everything in the room had a thick coating of ice, even the blanket over my very body; but, thanks to my electric blanket I was just able to bear the intense

cold. I was too frightened to leave my bed, but when I did dare to venture forth later in the day, I took only one look out the bedroom window and stood rooted to the spot. Everything in sight was frozen stiff, from the white Leghorns in the fowl house to the stationary milkman at the front gate. Every creature in sight had been frozen to death.

Eventually, daring to move away from the window, I crept over to the door, opened it, and walked down the stairs. To my horror I found the land-lady frozen in her seat, in front of an empty grate. Her eyes gazed straight at me, and with a horrid feeling in the depths of my stomach, I managed to stagger outside. Not a sound could be heard. I was the only being who had managed to survive that dreadful frost.

Thinking it would be a good idea to search the town in the hope of finding something alive, even if it was only a worm or some such insect, I set off down the street, dodging the frozen bodies of my neighbours. But not a thing in that whole town was able to move so much as a hair's breadth.

By this time I was more than a little frightened. I decided to search for food, knowing that fresh meat was out of the question, but hoping I would find some food that had not been frozen to the solidness of cast iron.

That was yesterday morning, and I am still looking for something to relieve my acute hunger. I have found that by chipping off hunks of ice, and swallowing them, I can quench my thirst, but what of my hunger? Must I perish through starvation in this dreadful world that has suddenly been frozen stiff, leaving only one miserable wretch to tell the tale to whom?

J. A. GALT, 5A.

SONNET

On Constable's Paintings

In pools of shadow, 'neath tall oaks,
Near dimpling, gliding Sussex streams,
By rushes gold, where water soaks,
Where Flatford Mill has long, long dreams;
Where crickets chirp, and green frogs croak,
And swallows nest, and sunlight beams,
Where dusk's blue mist the landscape cloaks
In the pools of shadow, 'neath tall oaks,
And to the West the marshland gleams,
Dwells there his soul. 'Twas not mere art
Which he obeyed, but in his heart,
To guide his brush, to shape the scene,
There lay a love of all serene;
Of clouds; of trees; his native land,
And this, the power gave to his hand.

—A.J.N., Va.

A WINDY DAY

Oh, how I long for a windy day,
The wind to blow the clouds away,
The wind that blows and blows the leaves,
The wind that uplifts all the seas
To let them drop bellowing down again
As though they were a shower of rain,
Lashing at the violent seas;
Oh, how I wish for a windy day.

—Fourth Former.

Camping Companion

I had finished my thriller and was stretching out in bed when I became aware of my companion. As I shut my eyes he came and sat on my nose—he was one of those cheeky, fearless, nippy, little insects that we call mosquitoes. I flicked him off and he flew away on a tour of the caravan. He visited each window and fluttered against the light. Deciding that there was nothing as interesting as the big animal at one end, he came back for a piece of my neck. I flicked him off again, and after taking another jaunt round the caravan he returned and sat impudently on the back of my hand. "This is the last straw," I growled. "Twice you have been warned that I do not appreciate your presence, and that I resent the tickling of some impudent stranger. I condemn you to death. You have many charges against you: you are a vagabond, a public nuisance, and you have not paid your camping fees. Because of these offences you are about to die."

I struck a swift and deadly blow with my right hand. He dodged the attack so easily that it humiliated me. My blood was up. I dived after him; with my magazine. I jumped on to the bed and chased him

around the light. I became cunning, and waiting till he had settled, I approached with horrible stealth and struck with sudden and terrible swiftness.

But I was wasting my time. He played with me like a skilful matador avoiding an infuriated bull. The caravan was rocking backwards and forwards on its mountings. A pile of crockery fell from its shelf and smashed to pieces on the floor.

He was obviously enjoying himself. He wanted some sport and what was better than to be chased by some lumbering windmill of a creature, who tasted so good and was so helpless and stupid.

I began to like this creature. He was no longer a mere insect. He was a personality. He had beaten me overwhelmingly, and had made me look stupid and ridiculous.

I could only regain my dignity by being merciful, and returned to my bed. I watched him as he banked around the light, and I felt I could not kill him. Gladly I went back to bed and took up my book. He came and settled beside me. I could not kill him.

—P.M.G., 4A.

A Month in Antiquity

From "The London Times," November 12, 19—

"A discovery of some archeological importance has been made in the Valley of the Kings, at Memphis, Egypt. It is reported that in the excavations a sealed vault has been broken into and entered. In it has been found the skeleton of a man clad in Roman (not Egyptian dress). Documents written in Latin were found with the remains. It is expected that those documents, when translated, will prove of considerable interest"

KAL. MAR. For a week the galley has been at sea, and for these seven days I have heartily regretted ever having boarded her at Piraeus. The shipmaster has been delighted at the fast passage which his vessel has achieved; but his smug comments on her performance have been to me but an added irritation. Her lauded "performance" in fact, has been an interminable corkscrew roll. True, throughout the voyage, a fair wind has blown so that, until now, it has been unnecessary to use oars; but no breeze can dissipate the slave-stink from the orlop. Let me confess it—I am no sailor; even in these calmer waters I am still queasy; so that, to distract my attention from such matters, I have determined to write this account of my travels and experiences.

My reason for making this journey at all is curiosity. A week ago I met in an Athenian wine-shop, the master of this ship, and we conversed. He told me something of the religion of Egypt—its age-old rites, its morbid veneration of the dead. I am not interested in such things as the religion or rather superstitions of mankind; and that recital would certainly never have induced me to make this abominable sea-trip. What did decide me was the master's account of the so-called "miracles" performed by the Egyptian priests. He said—and two of his officers confirmed it—that he had seen in the temple of Alexandria, wine made to flow upwards through a tube and spill upon the altar, impelled by no human agency, but by some mysterious, invisible power: that an iron ball had spun faster than the eye could see—yet neither man nor beast had driven it.

That is the bait which has lured me. I discount supernatural forces—these, I, an educated Roman, know to be non-existent; and like my friend Gallio, "I care for none of these things." But I am a military engineer, and I am persuaded that those priests possess knowledge of some form of energy which may well be turned to purposes more practical than the performance of magician's tricks. May it not impel javelins

instead of wine through an aimed tube? May it not drive the wheels of a war-chariot instead of an iron sphere? That is what I have come to discover.

Well I shall soon begin my investigations. The wind must have failed entirely, for the oars are out, I can hear them creaking as they swing, and the monotonous thump of the overseer's mallet. Yes, we are creeping past the Pharos—a great piece of engineering that!—into Alexandria harbour. Shall I here discover means to make Roman arms mightier yet? It is not impossible. "Ex Africa semper a liquid novi."

NON. MAR. During the past week, I have made some headway, though not much. But at least I have met a remarkable man. I was recommended (by the engineer in charge of the Pharos) to visit one "Hero the Mathematician." It was implied that it was he who had invented the mysterious power of which I had heard.

The day after I landed I called on him. His house is a handsome villa in the suburbs, I found him surrounded by parchments scrawled over with hieroglyphics and calculations, floor, table and couches were littered with lengths of piping and curiously shaped strands of metal.

He is an elderly man with an eye at once keen and abstracted. He received me courteously, but when I broached the subject of my visit, he became most evasive. He did not admit he had the information which I desired, but when I pressed him for details, he deliberately changed the subject and tried to draw me into a discussion on the theories of some obscure Hebrew philosopher in whom, it seems, he is intensely interested. Philosophy!—to me, Quintus Fabricius, a plain, sensible Roman military engineer! However—"Suaviter in modo"—I professed myself also interested in these unworldly doctrines: and so on the strength of that, secured for myself an invitation to call again.

I have since seen Hero thrice. I have argued my case like any Cicero. I have pleaded the benefit which his information may confer on military science—how it may ultimately play a major part in imposing the pax Romana upon all peoples—how divine Caesar himself would not prove ungrateful—but all to no effect. Hero will be neither cajoled or bribed. The invention—it seems it is not his own discovery, but his grandfather's—has already, for nearly a century, been dedicated to the gods, and must be used in the temples only—"great power placed in the keeping of mere men, corrupts them"—there are worthier objects to be served than military science—and so he balks me. On my last visit—yesterday—he had the effrontery to say, "My friend, all is not well with you; go, show yourself to the priests"—a quotation, I presume, from his favourite Hebrew prophet.

Theories! Superstitions! Philosophy! I want facts.

PRIDIE ID MAR. I have taken Hero's unintentional advice. I have gone to the priests; and I have spent a very interesting week.

My mathematical philosopher would not enlighten me. Ergo, I decided to go to the temple to observe for myself.

The ship-master is no Aesop. The engines do exist, and they operate even as he said: I have seen the wine pour—nay spout—from an inclined tube on to the alter. I have watched a heavy metal sphere spin round with incredible velocity, surrounding itself with a constant halo of spouting vapor. There is a power here, and a mighty power; and the priests know and can harness it.

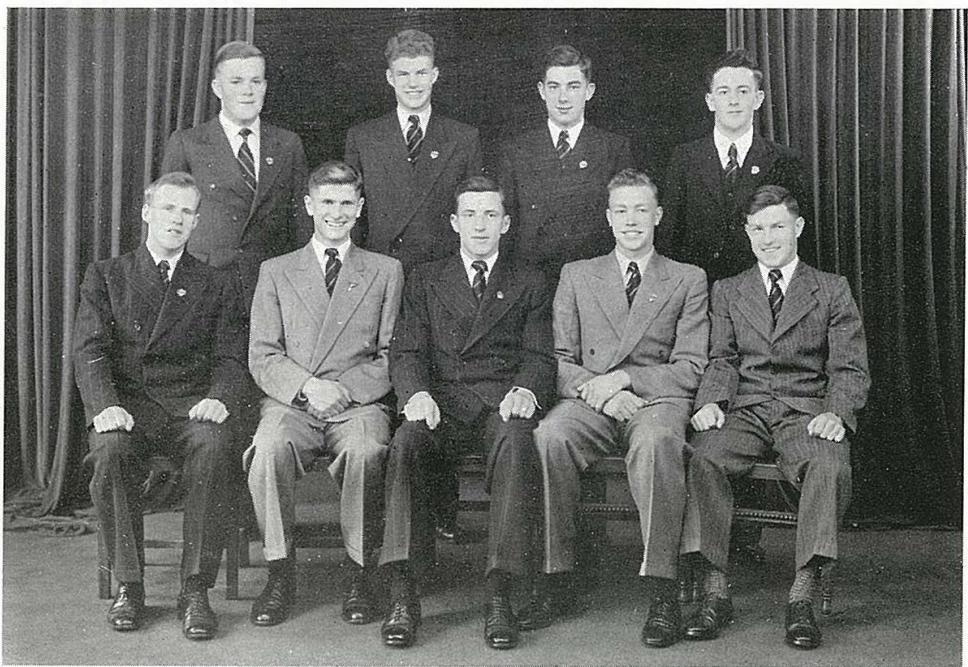
The chief priest, Thotmes, is a tall, completely bald, cadaverous man, as reticent as Hero. However, he speaks passable Latin, and after many profitless discussions with him, I have at last arrived on the threshold of success.

I began with a straightforward request for scientific information, to be met with a smiling but equally blunt refusal. I advanced then all the arguments with which I had sought to persuade Hero. The priest replied—still with perfect civility, that although Hero's philosophy and his differed on some points, they agreed in this: that the god to whom all power belongs is not Mars. But men who cannot be persuaded may yet be bought. On our next meeting, I offered, on behalf of the Roman army, gifts to dower his temple—untold wealth for himself—only to find that he, like Hero could not be bribed. The secret he said would remain inviolate forever—until, as he put it, the dead Pharaohs in the Valley of the Kings should again begin to emerge into the light of the sun.

Today, therefore, I was reduced to my last expedient and contrary to my expectations (for I did not think Thotmes, a man who would yield to threats) it has succeeded.

Yes, I descended to threatening. I did not promise violence to the priest in person—that I am still convinced would have availed nothing. But I implied that so valuable a secret as that of his machines could, if not voluntarily disclosed, be sought by force; that his temple could be taken to pieces, stone by stone, by the cohorts of the local garrison, and that if (as I suspected from his previous answers) the secret were concealed in the Valley of the Kings, then Roman legions would see the dead Pharaohs emerge into the sunlight again very soon.

I think it was this last threat which swayed him—the Egyptians, remember, venerate their dead. At least he has yielded. He admits that no supernatural



PREFECTS—1954.

Back Row : D. R. Beale, R. F. King, G. S. Noble, D. Christian.

Front Row : L. J. A. Christie, D. G. Russell, E. G. Andrew (Head), D. M. Excel,
W. H. B. Mitchell (Deputy).



SOCER TEAM—1954.

Back Row : Mr S. I. Roxburgh, N. Familton, O. C. Thwaites, G. R. Singleton,
D. B. Masters, B. W. J. Treeby.

Front Row : O. R. Leask, R. R. Robb, B. M. Woodfield, R. T. Peters (Capt.)
J. B. Rout, A. J. Anderson, G. V. W. White.



FIRST FIFTEEN—1954.

Back Row : D. B. Rutherford, B. H. Christie, D. J. Hitchcock, W. S. M. Denham.

Middle Row : Mr J. A. Caldwell, L. J. A. Christie, A. G. Henry, E. G. Andrew
(Vice-Capt.), D. G. Russell, D. R. Beale, K. O. Welsh, J. C. Turnbull.

Front Row : L. Keast, C. L. B. Soper, E. R. Currie, W. H. B. Mitchell (Capt.),
S. B. Robertson, G. H. Nicholson, M. O. McLachlan.



FIRST ELEVEN—1954.

Back Row : L. R. Thompson, N. E. Clark, N. Familton, D. B. Marshall, J. P.
Hunter, D. A. Beale.

Front Row : A. G. Johnson, A. J. Anderson, G. W. Kitson (Capt.), G. S. Noble,
W. H. B. Mitchell.

power (I smiled at this) is involved in the secret which is enshrined as I surmised in the Valley of the Kings at Memphis. Thither he will accompany me, and there enlighten me tomorrow. . . . Tomorrow is the Ides of March—but only superstitious fools would see anything ominous in that fact.

A.D. XII KAL APR. It has taken me a week to arrive in this place. Now I feel it behoves me to write quickly what none will ever read. . . . I talk in riddles, like the Sphinx. . . .

For four weary days I journeyed upstream by river-boat in the company of that smooth priest. But even when we arrived, on the fifth evening, in the Valley, nothing would hasten him. It seems that he must first propitiate the dead whose secret he was about to yield; and the interminable ritual involved occupied yet another day.

Today, however, all ceremonies were completed, and he conducted me here. There were but the two of us, for he would permit no witnesses. He led me through a passage cut in the cliff and ending at a massive door made of one solid slab of polished granite. It must be perfectly balanced, for, at his touch, it opened. Cautiously—always courteously—he ushered me in before him and invited me to be seated. Then he lit a lamp which he set on the floor between us, he himself remaining standing by the door.

"Roman," he said, "I keep my word. I will tell you now the power we use."

"Put fire below a cauldron of water; and the water when it boils, sends up a vapour. Close the cauldron with a lid—entrap the vapour; and the vapour will strive to escape. But permit it but a small space whereby to issue forth, and through that space it must rush with power—power which will thrust where you will anything opposing it. Oppose to it the wine in a flask—the edge of a water-wheel; and the wheel will turn." . . .

"And that is all," I said.

"That is all. You have our secret. Therefore Ave—atque Vale."

He was gone, and the door closed before I could rise from this chair.

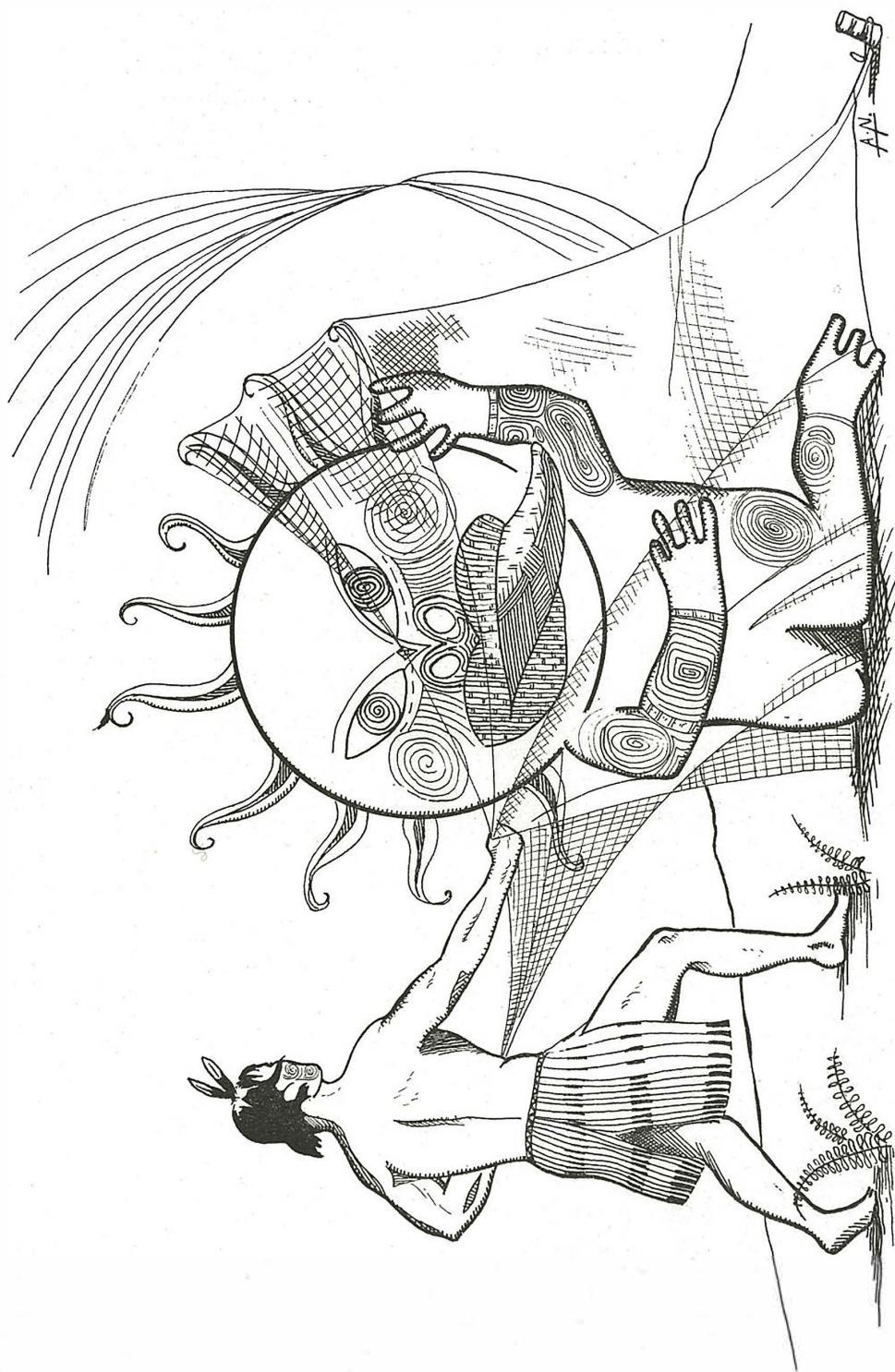
Of course I have examined the door; and I am enough of an engineer to know, that it cannot be opened from the inside. . . .

"Felix qui potuit rerum-cognoscere causas—"

"Usque adeone mori miserum est?"

The lamp is going out.

A. C. GAFCO 6B.



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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Photographic Club Notes

There was a good attendance at the first meeting of the year. About 30 members were present, among them a good number of third formers. The committee elected was: Calvert 6B (secretary and treasurer), Hughes 6B, Ferrar 6B, and Harris 5 upp.

Photographers took a lively interest in the school sports. In the competition following, G. Graham's time action photo was a jump ahead of the rest. J. J. Reid won the junior enlargement section.

There were two lectures held during the year, both well attended. Mr Martin gave a talk on "The Chemistry of Photography." To clear up some practical problems of special interest to newer members, Calvert talked on developer constituents, developers and photographic papers.

Good use has been made of the dark-room during the year and three gallons of developer were used

for processing. This year a fine grain developer, D-76 was used for films and D-72 was used for papers.

The finances of the club are quite good with £3/15/- in hand.

At the school fair in April two 35 m.m. enthusiasts, Calvert and Hughes, worked as candid cameramen. Business was good and their efforts netted more than five pounds.

A new service was given when Calvert and Stevens, using their cameras to their pecuniary advantage, took photos at the interschool Rugby matches, and later made them available to many eager buyers.

During the year the masters and other school notables have become increasingly photogenic as Calvert's "Retina" had a habit of popping out and snapping them.

The Library Year

Mr Richards, who is the new master in charge of the library since the retirement of Mr Slater at the end of last year, has brought about some changes.

A bespeaking system has been introduced and has proved successful, except that with the competition for the more popular books, many of the bespeakers will have left school before it is their turn to read them. Boys who delight in having overdue books find that they have to sweep and polish the library for their second offence, and are refused issue after their third. This system has worked extremely well. The library is acquiring a high gloss but only two boys have been refused issue.

There have been 202 new books added this year (124 non-fiction, 78 fiction) of which fifteen were presented. The dust covers of most of these books were bound with cellulose acetate which improves their appearance and durability.

The issues for the year have been the highest on record, partly due to the higher roll number and partly due to the fact that the library has been open at lunch hours as well as after school.

Book Binders' Notes

This year the bookbinders were reorganised to fit in with the new library routine, and until the new routine was established production dropped.

Calvert (6B) as head bookbinder was in charge. Young and Canning looked after the School post-primary bulletins and covered the new book jackets with plastic by means of an edging machine — an innovation in the binding equipment.

The issues were :—

	Non-Fiction	Fiction	Special Issue	Total
1st Term :	1245	861	184	2290
2nd Term :	1345	1027	185	2557
3rd Term :	737	474	190	1401
Total for year				6248

The library had 100 books on loan from the Country Library Service during the second term, and another 100 during the third term. These books were especially chosen for the junior boys and have been very popular.

The majority of the third-form librarians have not lost their enthusiasm as has been evident in the past years, this enabling some of the senior librarians to help with the preparing of the new books for the shelves.

Stevens, Stroud, Gimblett and Branks were responsible for magazine binding, and Twemlow, Buckley, Carswell and Russell bound the paper-covered books and looked after general repairs.

During the year the bookbinders, under a new scheme, were enabled to make a little pocket-money for themselves by binding textbooks for a small charge.

Chess Club Notes

Some misguided persons suffer from the delusion that chess is a solemn game, far too difficult for anyone but actuaries, astronomers, and the like, who pore over the board in their grey-bearded dotage, while spiders spin webs upon the pieces in between the moves. A delusion it certainly is, as far as the school chess club is concerned.

This has been a quiet year for the club, with only 14 active members; the numbers no doubt being influenced by the decision to abolish dinnertime games, made in the second term; in an attempt to improve both the standard of play and the type of game which is played in the school.

During the second term, the first of the two annual tournaments with the Girls' High was played. The boys enjoyed both the chess—winning eight of the eleven games played in the first round—and also the afternoon tea which followed. The girls returned our visit early in the third term, and on that occasion the boys again carried off the honours by winning

the tournament 7-4, with one game unfinished. This unfinished game is of interest, because it illustrates the superiority of chess over other games, in that it is being finished by post and telephone. The results from the last two years' tournaments against the girls, would seem to indicate the superiority of the male mind in the field of chess, though doubtless the girls would not agree.

The school championship this year for our chess cup has brought to light the ability of the younger players—always an encouraging sign. Five sixth formers have suffered defeat at the hands of two 4A boys. Most of the games for the cup have been of a good standard, taking up to 3½ hours to play, and the contest promises to be an exciting one.

The club is once again indebted to Mr Roxburgh for supervision and the organizing of tournaments. It is to be hoped the New Year will bring an increase in our numbers so that this fine game may maintain its hold in the school.



Singing Notes 1954

With the loss of Mr Black at the end of last year, the School has begun on a transition period in its singing. Mr Partridge has taken over Mr Black's position and has begun his arduous task of being choir master and pianist at the one time. It is not easy in a thing as traditional as School singing to bring in new methods, but Mr Patridge has begun his work in a businesslike fashion.

The singing competitions this year were notable in two respects. The first was the large junior section—the biggest for some years, and the second, the smallest senior section for quite a number of years. However the standard of singing, although not high, was pleasing, very natural and not at all affected by nervousness.

The senior section was won by Wyeth ("Droop not young lover") Eggers was second with the "Floral Dance," and George the only other competitor in the senior was third.

In the junior section, positions were very keenly contested. The first place went to Clayton who sang "Linden Lea," second to Morris, "Bush-bird in a bluegum tree," and third to Wood with, "Where e'er you walk." The judge was once again Mr Walmsley



who criticized the competitions helpfully, and no doubt they will benefit from the criticisms.

During the year the School attended three musical functions in the Civic Theatre. The first was the Australian Opera Company's performance of the Barber of Seville, which was enjoyed by everyone. Then at the beginning of third term the school attended a short programme by the National Orchestra. The third and perhaps most interesting performance was that of the Vienna Boys' Choir.

The Speech Competitions

The annual public speaking competition—otherwise the speech competition—was held on October 6th, at the beginning of the third term, after being twice postponed. The general standard of the entries was the lowest for many years, but this must be due, at least in part, to the fact that there is no subject limitation, which makes the choice of topic difficult for the entrants, and decisions even more difficult for the judge. Several of the competitors suffered in varying degrees from nervousness which might have been obviated had they had any experience of public speaking in, for example, a school debating club or form debates. There was, however, no dispute about the major placings. Results were:

The Cadet Corps

With a zeal almost maniacal, fresh from vacation, the company commanders and retainers set about making the Barracks week as eventful as possible.

The organization was soon under way. Attracted by the tinsel and glitter, some third-formers joined the band. We wish them well. The others suffered under the paternal supervision of Christian and Co.

The gentlemen of the A.T.C. were there, walking about on the parade ground exercising their individuality and free will. This year they were limited to two flights which made it easier for W.O. Christie's voice. A few of the A.T.C. were privileged to be flown in Harvards and to return from it.

Towards the end of the year, minor specialist units under misleading names were formed—the Intelligence Section, for example.

In general it has been a fairly good year for the military. Reports on the Junior N.C.O.'s as well as the Senior have been good, and in some cases, outstanding. The School has preserved its good record of conduct and ability at the N.C.O. courses. The Battalion was as follows :—

Battalion Commander: Major J. S. Braithwaite.

The Band

Drum Major: D. P. Millar.

Drum Sergeant: J. E. Hargreaves.

Drum Corporal: J. M. B. Smith.

Drum Lance-Corporal: B. D. Rutherford.

Bugle Sergeant: D. Exel.

Bugle Corporal: C. H. Froboth.

Bugle Lance-Corporal: T. E. Harris.

This year the band had an influx of twenty boys, which, combined with the returning twenty-five, made the 1954 band one of the largest for several years.

With the visit of the Queen in late January, the band year commenced even before school began. Considering the lack of practice during the holidays, the children's carnival parade and the parade for the Queen at Rugby Park were well done. Band members were rewarded for their work by obtaining a very close view of the Royal couple. Incidentally, a march,

Junior—

1. D. F. Young. "Chemistry and Everyday Life."
2. P. M. Galt. "Marie Curie."
3. W. Cochrane. "London Traffic 100 years ago."

Senior—

1. C. G. Graham. "The Commonwealth."
2. C. G. Miller. "The South-East Asian Food Problem."
3. J. M. B. Smith. "The Early Measurement of Time."

Our thanks are due to Mr Hutton-Potts who judged the competition.

R.S.M.: W.O.I W. H. B. Mitchell.

Drill Sergeant: Sergeant J. P. Hunter.

Headquarters Company—

O.C.: Lieutenant J. R. Caldwell.

C.S.M.: W.O.II G. H. Nicholson.

Artillery: Sergeant R. R. Robb.

Signals: Sergeant D. R. Beale.

No. 3 Platoon: Sergeant D. C. Russell.

No. 4 Platoon: Sergeant A. G. Henry.

No. 5 Platoon: Sergeant E. G. Andrew.

A Company—

O.C.: Captain A. R. Dunlop.

C.S.M.: W.O.II D. Christian.

No. 6 Platoon: Sergeant D. B. Marshall.

No. 7 Platoon: Sergeant N. J. Dunlop.

No. 8 Platoon: Sergeant M. K. Robertson.

No. 9 Platoon: Sergeant N. L. Wyeth.

No. 10 Platoon: Corporal D. G. Currie.

A.T.C.

O.C.: Flight-Lieutenant W. Waterston.

W.O.: L. J. A. Christie.

No. 1 Flight: Sergeant P. J. Boyes.

No. 2 Flight: Sergeant D. J. Hitchcock.

written by Mr Sanson about this time was appropriately called the "Queen's March."

Several other parades were held during the year, the most noteworthy being the Anzac parade and the march held in conjunction with the school fair. During the third term parades were held on the first Tuesday in each month.

The band is unfortunate in so much that the services of Drum Major Millar will be lost at the end of the year. The thanks of all concerned are extended to him for his services.

The 1953 competitions were held and the winners must be congratulated on their standard. They were:

Senior Drummer: J. M. B. Smith.

Senior Buglar: T. E. Harris.

Junior Drummer: B. Croad.

Junior Buglar: B. Read.

SCHOOL SPORTS



FOOTBALL

School entered one team in the 3rd grade, two teams in the 4th grade, two teams in the 5th grade, and one team in the 6th grade, in the S.R.F.U. competitions. The School came second in the Aggregate Cup, competed for in all grades. The 1st XV won the 3d grade, the 2nd XV and the 5th grade "A" teams being runners-up in their respective competitions.

FIRST FIFTEEN

The School side had a good season, winning all thirteen games played in the local competitions. In the interschool games they had two wins, a loss and a draw. They also won the Pioneer Jubilee 7-a-side tournament in their grade.

With six of last year's 'caps' back, the team developed into a sound combination. They played bright, open football and scored in all games 407 points, with only 100 scored against them.

At full-back, Rutherford was always safe, and when he joined the back line he gave it extra thrust. The wings, Turnbull and Denham, were both sound tacklers and strong runners, Turnbull in particular scoring many fine tries. At centre, Mitchell, the captain, was a tricky, jinky runner, who scored some brilliant tries and, "made" many more by giving his wings an overlap. In the five-eighths we had three promising young players first Currie and Soper, and later, when Currie was injured, Nicholson and Soper. All were good handlers and should develop well. Robertson was a sound half-back and a most reliable place-kicker. His accurate kicking was invaluable to the side.

The forwards were capably led by Andrew, the vice-captain, who set a fine example in both tight and loose play. Welsh, B. Christie, Beale and Keast were four good tight forwards who excelled in hard

rucking. Beale's rush stopping was outstanding. In line-out play Andrew, Henry and Russell were a good trio and usually secured more than an even share of the ball. Russell and L. Christie covered intelligently, and with the hooker, Hitchcock were always prominent in loose play. Spencer and McLauchlan were replacements and, played well when called upon. The forwards as a pack handled extremely well and often tackled brilliantly.

THE OTAGO GAME

This year we travelled to Dunedin to play our first interschool fixture for the season. The game resulted in a 14-all draw. Our team did not produce the form shown in the previous club matches—the forwards although obtaining the most ball from set movements did not have the drive and determination in the loose, and the ball tended to 'hang' in the back of scrums and rucks. The backs handled and passed very sluggishly and tended to crowd each other by running across the field. At times some good individual breaks were made, but variably spoilt through lack of support from the team. The tackling was at no time up to first fifteen standards. The football in the first half was rather dull. Both teams scored six points—Otago a penalty goal and a field goal, while for Southland Turnbull scored a try and Robertson converted a penalty.

The second half saw more exciting football. Otago scored and converted a try within the first five minutes. Southland then attacked but it was not until after 25 minutes' play that Russell scored for Robertson to convert. Then Denham gathered in a misdirected kick to score wide out. Although Robertson did not succeed with the kick, we were in the lead. But we could not hold this, for right on time Otago scored the equalising points with a try.

THE WAITAKI GAME

After leading by 8 points to 6 at half-time, our team failed to hold its advantage in the game against Waitaki. Waitaki can attribute its success to its tireless forwards who dominated play throughout. They held a territorial advantage in both halves and their forwards won most of the ball from scrums and line-outs. Their backs, however, with a feast of ball from the Waitaki forwards, were continually hustled into mistakes and outplayed by the Southland set.

Although our backs had few opportunities, they made good use of the possession gained from loose play and did, for the greater part of the game, completely outclass their opponents.

Their efforts were rewarded when Mitchell scored in quick succession, two brilliant tries. Both times he had to run at least 50 yards, and his duelling with the opposing fullback showed that an attribute of a three-quarter is to have the ability to change direction abruptly while running at top speed.

Condie completed an enterprising combined effort by our backs when he scored the third try. Robertson converted two of these tries. Waitaki's points came from two unconverted tries and three penalty goals.

The final score: Waitaki 15, Southland 13.

KING'S

The King's game produced the most thrilling match of the season. Southland won narrowly by 14 points to 12.

This was our first game at home and although the football was not of a high standard the closeness of the scores and the evenness of the teams provided plenty of excitement.

Our forwards played superbly. They outplayed the heavier opposition forwards in all phases of play and their tackling and covering work was always good. The backs tended at times to run across the field, but they combined well and some fine individual breaks were made. Their defence was also of the highest standard and at no other time during the season was their tackling so determined.

King's scored twice in the first half, with tries by Somerville and Bassett. Our six points came from two penalty goals kicked by Robertson.

In the second half a penalty goal by Bassett for King's was followed by two fine tries by Southland. Both tries were scored by Mitchell—the first after a break from set play and the other after "picking up" a pass from Turnbull who had beaten several tacklers in a thirty-yard run. Following these, Stewart ran unopposed on the blindside, to the goal-line. Although King's continued to attack the determined defence from the School team prevented any further score.

Final result:—Southland 14, King's 12.

TIMARU

Timaru was the final game of our interschool fixtures. Nowhere this year had our first fifteen met such formidable opposition. They had tall, heavy forwards whose rucking, dribbling, and line-out play was of a consistently high standard. However our forwards adapted themselves well to Timaru's type of play, eventually matching and outplaying the opposition. The backs in both teams were fast, but some poor passing, handling, and tackling was noticeable.

In the first half, Southland could not finish off movements. Many times a back would make a break only to find a strong cover defence and no support. However, towards the end of the half Soper intercepted a pass and found support in Russell, who passed for Andrew to score a try after running twenty-five yards. Soon after, Timaru scored and converted a try to be in the lead at half-time. They held this lead closely until ten minutes from time, when after good covering work by Hitchcock, who picked up a loose ball, Turnbull scored.

Hitchcock repeated the movement again after the kick-off, this time scoring the try himself. This was converted by Robertson with time almost up, Roddick made a weaving run to score near the corner. The goal was not kicked, making Southland the winners by 11 points to 8.

THE SECOND FIFTEEN

Finishing second equal in the 4th Grade Competition the Second Fifteen had a successful season.

To Mr Gilchrist, the coach, for his support and encouragement, goes the bulk of the credit. The team members for 1954 were:—G. Clark, N. Clark, D. D. Millar, G. A. F. Condie, J. Mitchell, G. Kitson, L. Ballantyne (vice-captain), R. Jenkins, B. A. McNaughton, M. King, J. Hunter (captain), A. Matheson, J. Smith, G. Spencer, M. K. Robertson, A. J. Harvey, R. Branks, G. Noble.

The First Fifteen were guilty of the removal of four good players: Nicholson, McLachlan, Hitchcock and Henry. Nicholson had been responsible for taking the initiative and his departure to the higher spheres was particularly missed.

The forwards were a light and fairly fast pack this year. Smith merited his position as hooker, and it is to his credit that he was rarely out-hooked. With a good forward pack, the backs were given plenty of opportunities and scope. With perhaps more penetration and cohesion they would have completed a very fine team. Their defence was good, but they lacked aggressiveness. Ballantyne worked well as half-back, linking well and showing variation of play, but the back-liners were unable to use him to their best advantage.

In the first interschool game the Seconds were beaten by Gore 1st XV 9-11. Gore fielded a more senior and experienced team. The School's forwards were lighter and faster, but apparently the strain of playing under feminine observation had its dire effects, and during the last 15 minutes the Gore backs showed prominently and finally scored.

On a hard ground the Second XV beat their Waitaki counterparts 16-3, at Oamaru. The backs showed unusual initiative and aggressiveness, and enabled the wings to score three tries.

At Rugby Park the 2nd XV played their final interschool game of the season. O.B.H.S. were the victims. The play was scrappy, and the team was handicapped by loss of its players through injuries. The final score 12-6 gives a misleading impression.

A seven-a-side team of 2nd XV players entered the Pioneer Clubs' Jubilee Tournament in the 4th grade section, and were fortunate enough to win. The team, King, Hunter, Ballantyne, Johnstone, Kitson, Mitchell and Clark, beat Edendale 18-0, Invercargill-Marist 5-0, and, after extra time in the final, won over Gore High 6-3. For the whole season the 2nd XV played 16 games with 12 wins, 1 draw, and 3 losses. It scored 203 points and had 75 points scored against.

THIRD FIFTEEN

The third fifteen, playing in the 4th grade competition, had a varied career throughout the season. The team started off well, winning every game until the term holidays, when replacements for the Seconds, and injuries, depleted the supply of available players. Consequently four losses resulted. However, under the coaching of Mr. Waterston, who offered his services half-way through the season, the team staged a recovery to finish 4th equal on the points table.

It was a pleasure to witness the tries that were scored by this team. Most of them were the result of good combined movements by both the forwards and backs. Harvey and Waddle led the forwards in grand style while Pope, Noble, Garden, and particularly Branks, were prominent in the rear division.

The main game of the season was the inter-school match with the Gore Second Fifteen. Gore, being top in their competition, were quite confident that victory was theirs, but when play commenced, Southland soon settled down to establish a 3-nil lead from a try by Harvey. Gore equalised after half-time, but Southland again took the lead when Pope scored and converted. This lead was gallantly maintained until Gore, from Southland's point of view, disappointingly scored the equalising points right on time.

Final score: Gore 8; Southland 8.

FOURTH FIFTEEN

The fourth fifteen, which was again entered in the 5th grade competition, played exceptionally well, and lost only one game of the ten that were played.

THE SIXTH GRADE TEAM

Although the team did not do well, it showed considerable improvement towards the end of the season.

Little and Lawson, in the forwards led the majority of the attacks and they were closely followed by Holloway, Squires, and Canning.

The backs on the whole were quite good and Rance, at half-back, showed considerable ability when he decided to "go on his own." He also had a particularly good understanding with his inside backs who tried to give their three-quarters as much ball as possible. Bunting, on the wing, ran hard and tackled efficiently.

Our thanks to Mr Hunter for his interest in the team.

SEVENTH GRADE

There were two teams entered in the Southland Rugby Union's seventh grade competition this year, but through the lack of weight in both the backs and forwards the final record for the season was not particularly impressive.

This, however, was not the case in the seven-a-side tournament which was played at the end of the season.

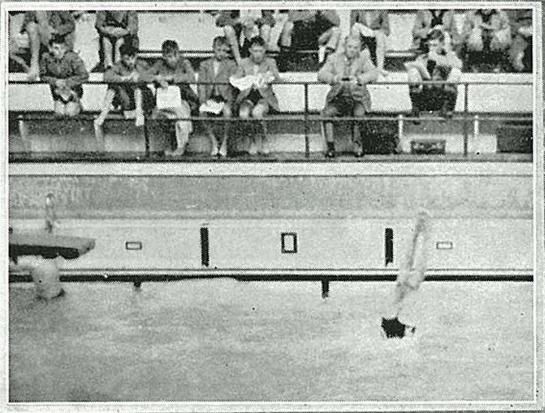
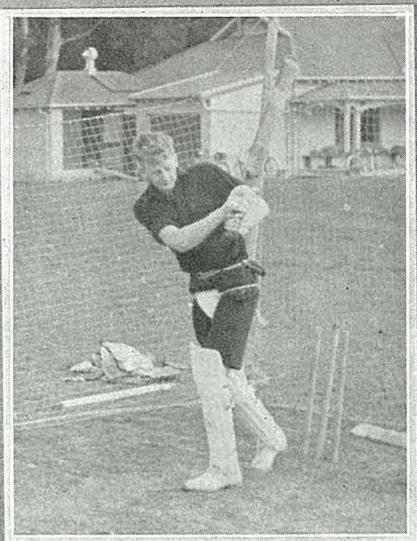
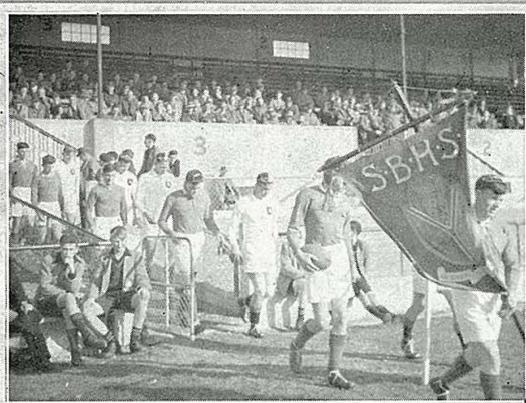
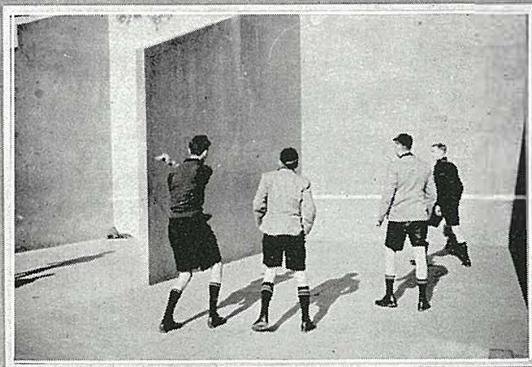
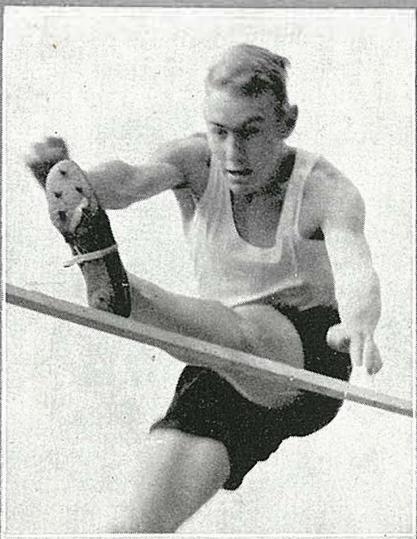
The School team performed creditably to take second place after being defeated by Technical A in the final 3-nil.

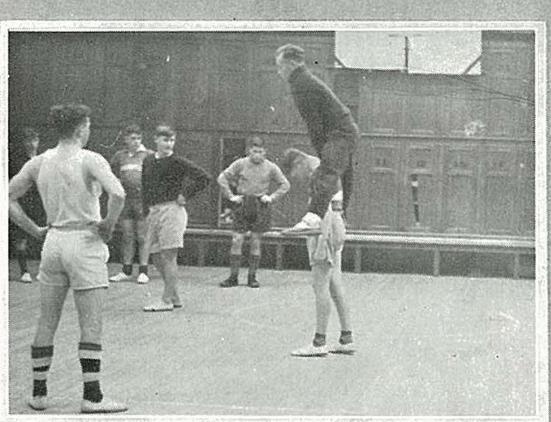
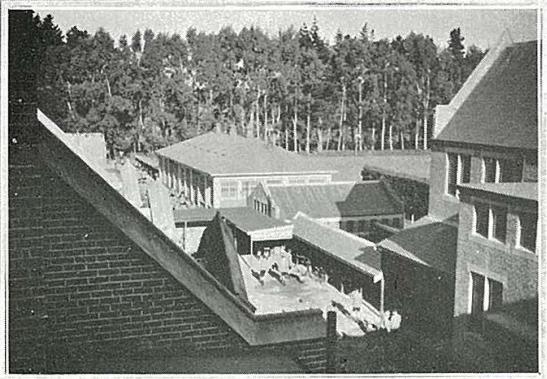
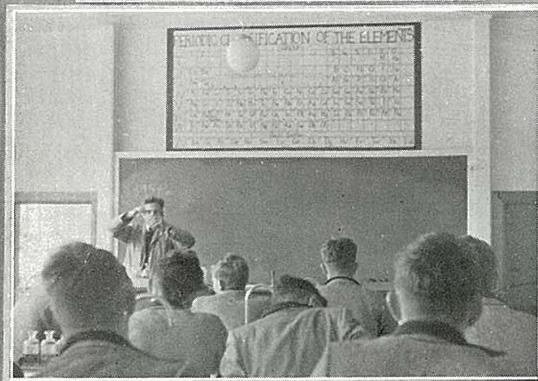
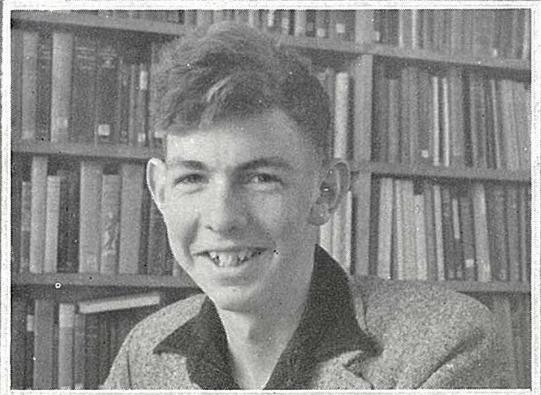
Munroe, at half-back, played very well throughout the season, using his natural ability to advantage, as did Marshall, Harris and Wear.

In the forwards Hamilton, Moore, Hardacre, Black and Wood all showed promise.

The players in the seventh grade teams wish to thank Mr Blaikie for the manner in which he coached and guided them during the season.

A pleasing feature of this year's games was that practically all the points were scored by the three-quarters; Kane, on the right wing, a very strong runner, being the most prolific try scorer. On the left wing, McCallum was sound if not spectacular; Johnson, at centre, played very well, and with his ability to kick accurately he was a valuable asset to the team. Keenan was perhaps the best member of the back division; his play at second five-eighth was sound, and he showed a cool temperament and keen judgment throughout the season. The service from the scrum was a little slow, but, on the whole, quite reliable.





The forwards, led by Blue, played good Rugby, and by the end of the season had built up a strong combination in both scrums and line-outs. This resulted in a feast of ball for the backs. The front row consisted of McMagg, Tait and Webb. Tait was responsible for setting off many movements by consistently hooking the ball from set scrums.

Special credit must go to Webb, who, with Blue, worked tirelessly in the loose. The locks were Smith

and Blue, the former who retired during the season, being replaced by Clark. The side-row men, Findlay and Jennings, fulfilled with credit their delightful but somewhat negative task of hustling the opposition half-back into mistakes. At the back of the scrum, Molloy always played an intelligent game.

The team's success was due very largely to the coach, Mr. Pickard, to whom the players give their thanks and appreciation.

Soccer Notes

With six of last year's First Eleven available again, the soccer season started with the promise of being even better than the previous one. The other five players brought up from the lower grades, fell into their new positions admirably, and the team, from start to finish of the season, showed a snappy and consistently good combination.

The previous season had been no real test of the soccer prowess of the 1st's, for they were practically without opposition in competition games. As we didn't want this to happen again, it was decided after much consultation between the players, masters and authorities, to play the team in the 2nd grade competition.

Although sceptical as to the effect of playing a light team against seniors, all doubts were dispersed when, after the first few games, even the smaller members lost any doubts they had, settled down, and brought forward the grand combination which took the First Eleven through the competition without a loss.

Generally, it would be safe to say that again competition was lacking, as can be seen by a glance at the points table. Goals for, 55 ; against, 8 — in eleven matches. School had a very noticeable advantage of superior fitness over the other teams who invariably slackened off towards the end of the games. The high score "for" shows adequately the understanding between forwards and halves, and the ability of the forwards in shooting. The same can be said about the backs and halves. Although often not worked very hard, when they were they showed good backing up, saving, and good combination with the halves.

Our wholehearted thanks go to the coaches, Mr Roxburgh for the Seniors, and Mr. Summers for the Juniors. Special thanks must go to Mr. Summers for filling the gap left by last year's coach, Mr. Farrant. Although at first a stranger to the game, he volunteered to help us out, and it can be concluded that if the boys could learn soccer as quickly as he, School's teams would top every grade.



THE KING'S GAME

This was played in Dunedin on the school ground, and onlookers saw a fast and very even game of soccer. Although conditions were excellent overhead, those under foot were anything but good. Snow and rain had recently fallen, and although the snow had melted, water to the depth of anything up to four inches covered the sideline. The ball found its way to this part of the ground continually, resulting in a deluge of water, the emergence of two bewildered players, both looking in different directions for the ball which was still spinning in the water.

However, on the firmer ground play was fast, with School pressing hard, and really on top till half-time. All effort just lacked the finishing touches, mainly because of the brilliant performance of the King's goalkeeper. Half-time came and went without any score, but King's now took the initiative. The superior fitness which had been with us at home, now seemed to be lacking, and King's began repeated attacks, and from one of these came their first goal, a beautiful shot which even Singleton in goal, playing his usual good game, failed to hold. Towards the end of the game King's scored another goal. The final whistle blew with the score : King's 2, School 0.

THE OTAGO GAME

After being postponed for two weeks on account of the weather, this game was eventually played on the School ground in perfect conditions.

Although playing against a much heavier team, School settled down immediately. Attack after attack was spoilt by overhaste by the forwards in shooting, and the failure to follow up the ball ; and it was Otago who eventually scored first, from a surprise rally. School rallied, and Peters (inside left) brought the score even when he netted from close in. Not long after this, Otago again scored, and half-time came with the score 2-1 to Otago.

Play in the second half was rather loose, the ball roving from one end of the field to the other. Thanks

must go to the spectators for their haka, but unfortunately its purpose was reversed—Otago scored. School's only other goal came when an Otago player "handled" in the penalty area and Rout netted. The final whistle went with the score, Otago 3; School 2.

The School teams were as follows:—

1st XI.

Singleton, Masters, Anderson, Treeby, Familton, Thwaites, Leask, Robb, Rout, Peters (capt.), White, Woodfield.

2nd XI.

Cartwright, Brandt, Reid, Murrell (capt.), Nind, Imlay, Kingsland, Osborne, Spiers, Ovens, Ogle.

5th Grade

"A" Team.—Hawkins, Beck, Carter, Elliotte, McLean, Morris, Goodall, O'Donell, Lantsbury, Morrison (capt.), Stewart.

This team had a particularly good season, winning all the competitions in their grade.

"B" Team.—Carter, Britton, Nind, Maxted, Malcolm, Beck N. J., Fulton (capt.), Johnston, Twemlow.

Harriers 1954

The harriers enjoyed one of the most successful seasons for several years. There were few wet Thursdays, and most of the boys benefited greatly in fitness. The Southland Secondary Schools' Cross-Country Harrier Championships were inaugurated over a course on the grounds of the Surrey Park Sports Community. The School entered four teams: One each in the junior and senior sections, two in the intermediate section, as well as a number of individuals in the junior section.

The results listed below were pleasing, especially to Mr Ryan, who picked, coached and encouraged the teams. The teams could have developed a well-knit combination, and more training would have ensured a few dropped stitches in the side.

The results were:—

Senior: Bremer 2, D. Christian 3, D. G. Russell 4, W. H. Mitchell 5; team came first.

Intermediate: T. J. Butt 1; team came first.

Junior: J. D. Neill 1; team came second.

The Round-the-Park Race came round again at the conclusion of the Rugby season. Conditions could hardly have been worse, for as the races started, the rain came down. Despite the conditions, good times were recorded, and most competitors finished the course wet, but cheerful

The results were:—

Senior: J. Turnbull 1, W. H. Mitchell 2, Bremer 3.

Intermediate: T. J. Butt 1, R. J. Knight 2, D. Ogle 3.

Junior: J. D. Neill 1.

Fives Notes 1954

The three new fives courts were finally completed during the first term, and were enthusiastically welcomed by the junior players. These new courts have reduced the competition for the proper court, and third formers are no longer seen bouncing a tennis ball against the wall of the gymnasium.

On the whole, however, the standard of fives this year appears to have deteriorated, and we have no players of the calibre of Ronald, Thompson, Pay and O'Connor—champions of previous years. Nevertheless, this year's championships should display enthusiasm, even if there is no outstanding talent.

Many third formers have shown interest this year and should provide a large entry in the junior competition. At this stage, Hoffman, Jenkinson, Clent

and Matheson seem to be the most promising third formers. Millar, MacKay, Fulton, Sharp and Currie, all of the fourth, have good chances and some close games are to be expected.

It would be difficult to predict the outcome of the senior championship, but Denham, last year's junior champion, has every chance. Johnstone has shown good form, as have Singleton, Russell and Excel. The doubles championship will probably be restricted to Denham and Singleton, and Russell and Excel.

THE SECOND FIVES NOTES

Both teams' thanks go to Mr Ryan for giving up his Friday nights to coach the reluctant learners of the world's fastest and cleanest sport.



THE FIRST ELEVEN

During the season the team lost only three players: Neale Thompson at the beginning of the season; Holloway at the Christmas break and Johnson, who fortunately remained until the end of the season. The team consisted of Holloway (capt.), Noble, Anderson, Beale, Kitson, Hamilton, Clark, Johnson, R. Thompson, Mitchell, Hunter and Marshall. Of these, only Anderson attained Brabin Shield honours, although Johnson represented us as wicket keeper in the Otago Brabin Shield team.

The team lost only two games in the season, finishing third in the competition. It was a "two-day team" and the one-day competitions discriminated against it. The two-day competitions of the coming season will be welcome.

The team's batting was dominated by Anderson, who is blessed with great natural ability but inclined to unorthodoxy. He completed the season with an average of over 60, including two centuries. The openers, Kitson and Noble, were a happy pair, 138 being their highest partnership. Noble has brought himself into the big scores and looks like remaining there. The remaining batting, however, was less consistent but Beale, Mitchell, Hamilton, Marshall and Johnson were capable of enterprise, while among the tail-enders, Thomson, Clark and Hunter were often in the runs, Clark in particular showing ability above that of the usual tail-enders.

Clark and Beale bore the brunt of the medium-paced bowling, both being particularly hostile at times. Thompson had a disappointing season with the ball,

but is now more mature and his bowling appears to be settling down again. In the spin section Hamilton, Anderson, and Kitson all secured good figures. Hamilton and Anderson were both very accurate.

The fielding was once again below standard (a long way below senior standard). Mitchell, who saved many runs in the covers, and Hamilton, who took some amazing slip catches, were exceptions, and Johnson's higher honours were a just reward for his work behind the stumps.

THE INTERSCHOOL GAMES

v. Otago at Invercargill—

School won the toss and batted, and it was not until 63 runs were scored that the first wicket fell. But Southland lost the initiative (the old story) and apart from a few mediocre scores and a bright 17 by Thompson the innings faded. Otago's reply of 195 was helped on by the somewhat "innocuous" bowling of Kitson. Southland's second innings lost the game. The collapse on a turning wicket was due to our incapable footwork, and to some excellent spinning by Otago's Chetwin. With Southland all out for 75, Otago had an easy task to score the 50 runs required to win, for the loss of three wickets.

v. King's at Dunedin—

Here, the team experienced a faster wicket, and after a mediocre start the middle batsmen finally found its pace. Beale (38) Anderson (105 n.o.), and Mitchell (32) all displayed their best form, Anderson's century being the first in Interschool games for many years. But Southland's final total of 300 was by no means

unassailable as King's showed us with their 253 for 7 declared. When Southland declared their second innings closed at 113 for 2 wickets, King's were left 82 minutes to score 161 runs. In an extremely tight finish they failed by only 12 runs, losing 6 wickets. And so the result was a draw.

THE SCORES

v. Otago—

SOUTHLAND

	1st	2nd
Kitson	29	8
Noble	49	2
Familton	4	1
Beale	25	0
Anderson	18	1
Mitchell	0	4
Marshall	17 n.o.	13
Johnson	0	15
Clark	6	16
Thompson	17	0
Hunter	0	11 n.o.
Totals	165	71

OTAGO

First Innings	195
Second Innings	50 for 3

School's Bowling—

Clark	2 for 47	2 for 27
Familton	3 for 44	1 for 16
Kitson	3 for 60	
Anderson	2 for 8	

v. King's—

SOUTHLAND

	1st	2nd
Kitson	18	31
Noble	17	12
Marshall	2	
Familton	6	28 n.o.
Beale	38	39 n.o.
Johnson	12	
Anderson	105 n.o.	
Mitchell	32	
Clark	5	
Thompson	17	
Hunter	10	
Totals	300	113 for 2 dec.

School's Bowling—

Clark	1 for 47	3 for 43
Beale	3 for 31	1 for 54
Familton	1 for 37	2 for 44
Kitson	2 for 52	

The return of the coach, Mr Pickard, was very welcome, for it has strengthened the coaching staff considerably, as well as facilitating the job of Mr Alan Dakin who somehow managed both the 1st XI and the Third Grade teams during Mr Pickard's absence.

SECOND XI

The second XI continued after the Christmas break to play enterprising, if not spectacular cricket, and finally succeeded in slogging their way into third place in the Southland Cricket Association's Junior B competition.

The team was neither strong in batting or bowling, but they managed to win the majority of games that were played.

Andrew who was appointed captain gained some valuable experience in match play as did many of the other members of the team. It was usual for him to open the winnings, but his scoring was very slow.

The main scoring-group included: Robb, Clark, Russell, Nicholson, and Smith. Robb was perhaps the batsmen of the team. He played good defensive cricket, although his powerful cover-drive helped his scoring considerably. With more practice he should develop into a good No. 3 batsman.

Clark, although he does not use his feet to much advantage, can hit really hard a ball that is pitched outside the off-stump. He, too, at times showed promise.

Russell's main attribute with the bat, was his ability to hook any ball, and to confidently loft the ball high, but safely over the bowler's head. The others, like Andrew, did their best but they just couldn't keep on top of the bowlers long enough to really hurt them as far as averages were concerned.

Of the bowlers, Russell, Clark, Robb and Beck were the most successful. Russell was inclined to bowl too fast, with the result that he was unable to maintain his accuracy and length.

The prospects of success in the 1954-55 season are bright and under the guidance of the ex-first XI player, Mr Gilchrist, a good team should result.

3rd GRADE A

Last season the 3rd Grade A team finished with an excellent record, having won all its matches and the 3rd Grade competition. Features of the season were the centuries scored by Currie, Sharp, and Woodfield.

The principal bowlers were Currie and Nicholson; medium-pace outswingers, Sharp, Woodfield and Holloway.

Most of the players showed flashes of form with the bat, but because of weak opposition the team was never really extended. Currie, Nicholson, Sharp and Woodfield finished with the best figures.

The team is: Currie (captain), Woodfield, Sharp, Nicholson, Cochrane, Stephens, Barron, Robertson, Millar, Holloway, Wear and Beck.

3rd GRADE B TEAM

Last season the 3rd Grade B team had quite a good record, finishing third in the competition. Cartwright ably led the team to several surprising victories, using to the best advantage his own, and Pope's, fast bowling.

The batting was inclined to be erratic at times and will need to be improved if the team wishes to have more successes. The players with the best averages for the season were Cartwright, Pope, and Mitchell. This season several of the team's best players have been promoted to the seconds.

The team was: Cartwright (captain), Pope, Mitchell, Millar, Leask, Boylan, Smith, Forde, Fulton, Gimblett, Patterson, and Twemlow.

3rd GRADE C

The 3rd Grade C team failed to win any of its games in the first term, but had a very enjoyable season. Mr Gilchrist spent much of his time coaching the team, which appreciates his help.

The team was: Jenkison, A. D. Robertson, Spence, Buckley, Kirk, Little, Wills, Wylie, P. W. Milne, — Hamilton, Boys, Williams.

Sports Day 1953

Immediately after the close of the Otago cricket match, Mr. Ryan had a band of willing helpers—of whom not the least was the Rector—hard at work marking out the tracks for the sports the next day.

The day itself, Thursday, March 11th, was fine and sunny, though there was a strong breeze blowing. Two records were set up. In the intermediate high jump D. B. Masters broke K. W. Ritchie's 1946 record of 5ft. 2in. by three-quarters of an inch, and J. Neill of 0.8 seconds inside the record established by P. McLauchlan in 1931 for the junior 880 yards. Neill's time was 2min. 15.8sec.

In the senior championship, Mitchell concentrated on the sprints and Turnbull on the long distance races.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior—

1—Mitchell	15
1—Turnbull	15
3—Christie	9

Mitchell and Turnbull first equal

Intermediate—

1—Masters	15
2—Fleck	8
2—Young	8

Fleck and Young second equal

Junior—

1—Currie	15
2—Neill	10
3—Heenan	6

The competitors in the junior 440 yards were unsuccessful in their attempts to break Mr Blaikie's record. It is debatable whether the arrival of a contingent from "the other place" spurred the afternoon competitors on to greater efforts or distracted them from their goal.

The house relay was held the second day, providing an unusual amount of excitement. Eighty boys took part in each team. White established a lead at the beginning, but were overtaken by Red: the lead see-sawed, and Red dropped back to last. The order of finishing was Blue, School, White, Red, with less than a lap between first and last. Red, after having won the house points competition for the past six years, finished a bad last.

The following are the results:—

SENIOR EVENTS

High jump: E. M. Smith 1, D. Russell 2, R. T. Peters 3. Height, 5ft. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

100 yards.—A grade: W. Mitchell 1, R. F. Nind 2, L. G. A. Christie 3; time, 11 1/5th sec. B grade: G. Haywood 1, D. Miller 2, B. McNaughton 3; time, 12sec.

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220 yards.—A grade: W. Mitchell 1, R. Peters 2, R. F. Nind 3; time, 25 1/5th sec.

440 yards.—A grade: J. Turnbull 1, D. Miller 2, B. McNaughton 3; time, 55 3/5th sec. B grade: R. Peters 1, G. Haywood 2, S. B. Robertson 3; time, 60 1/5th sec.

120 yards hurdles.—A grade: L. J. A. Christie 1, R. Russell 2, M. Woodward 3; time, 18 3/5th sec.

Broad Jump: W. H. B. Mitchell 1, L. J. A. Christie 2, Russell 3. Distance, 19ft 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

880 yards.—A grade: J. Turnbull 1, E. Bremer 2, E. Andrew 3. Time, 2min. 18 1/5th sec.

INTERMEDIATE EVENTS

100 yards.—A grade: D. Masters 1, R. Branks 2, W. Denham 3; time, 11 2/5th sec. B grade: N. Clark 1, M. McLaughlan 2, C. Frobarth 3; time, 11 4/5th sec. C grade final: R. Young 1, P. Fraser 2, J. Cartwright 3; time, 12 2/5th sec.

220 yards.—A grade: D. Masters 1, R. Branks 2, W. Denham 3; time, 25 2/5th sec. B grade: B. Garden 1, J. L. Mitchell 2, C. Mackie 3; time, 26 4/5th sec. C grade: C. Frobarth 1, J. Cartwright 2, J. Tapper 3; time, 26 3/5th sec.

440 yards.—A grade: R. Knight 1, R. Fleck 2, B. Rutherford 3; time, 60sec. B grade: J. Mitchell 1, R. Jenkins 2, A. Blue 3; time 59 4/5th sec. C grade: J. Cartwright 1, R. Murrell 2, J. Clent 3; time, 64 2/5th seconds.

880 yards.—A grade: R. Fleck 1, J. C. Bruce 2, B. Rutherford 3; time, 2min. 17 3/5th sec. B grade: R. Knight 1, J. L. Mitchell 2, D. Christian 3; time, 2min 17 3/5th sec. C grade: J. Ovens 1, W. Ogle 2, C. McLay 3; time, 2min. 25 3/5th sec.

90 yards hurdles.—A grade: C. Young 1, P. Fraser 2, J. Bruce 3; time, 14sec. B grade: R. Jenkins 1, K. Kingsland 2, G. White 3; time, 15sec.

Broad Jump.—A grade: Wishart 1, Denham 2, Kitson 3; distance, 17ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. B grade: Jenkins 1, Robbie 2, Harris 3; distance, 16ft. 1in. C grade: Condie 1, Marshall 2, Robb 3; distance, 18ft. 7in.

High Jump: D. B. Masters 1, C. D. Young 2, P. R. Fraser 3; height, 5ft. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (a new record). B grade: O. T. Hamilton 1, J. M. B. Smith 2, Marshall and Thomson 3 equal; height, 4ft. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

JUNIOR EVENTS

100 yards.—A grade: E. Currie 1, A. Hoffman 2, G. Nind 3; time, 11 3/5th sec. B grade final: L. C grade final: T. J. Murdoch 1, R. Brass 2, D. Howe 3; sec. C grade final: B King 1, H. Tapper 2, F. Johnson 3; time, 13 2/5th sec. D grade final: G. George 1, M. Telfer 2, W. McEwan 3; time, 12 4/5th sec.

220 yards.—A grade: E. Currie 1, L. D. Lantsbury 2, G. Nind 3; time, 26sec. B grade: J. Neill 1, Brady 2, A. Paterson 3; time, 27 3/5th sec. C grade final: B. Mitchell 1, H. B. Tapper 2, F. Johnson 3; time, 29 2/5th sec. D grade final: C. Robertson 1, R. Munro 2, W. McEwan 3; time, 32 2/5th sec.

440 yards.—A grade: J. Neill 1, M. Waters 2, K. Wear 3; time 60 2/5th sec. B grade: A. Chisholm 1, W. Broughton 2, V. Murdoch 3; time, 67 2/5th sec. C grade final: H. J. Murdoch 1, R. Brass 2, D. Howe 3; time, 64 1/5th sec. D grade: C. Hill 1, T. Harris 2, R. Morris 3; time 67 2/5th sec.

880 yards.—A grade: J. Neill 1, T. Butt 2, I. McPherson 3; time, 2min. 15 4/5th sec (a new record). B grade: J. Tait 1, N. Dawson 2, A. Chisholm 3; time 2min. 30sec. C grade: T. Murdoch 1, D. Howe 2, C. Davenport 3; time, 2min. 30sec. D grade: R. Jennings 1, W. Knight 2, T. Bell 3; time, 2min. 40 1/5th sec.

80 yards hurdles: R. Nicholson 1, R. Brady 2, G. Nind 3; time, 14sec. B grade: G. Waldron 1, D. Russell 2, W. Jowett 3; time, 12 3/5th sec. C grade: Telfer 1, Findley 2, D. Howe 3; time, 14 3/5th sec. D grade: R. Marshall 1, A. Robins 2, C. Davenport 3; time, 14 4/5th sec.

High Jump.—A grade: M. Heenan 1, W. McLean 2, G. Waldron and R. S. Stevens 3 equal; height, 4ft. 10in. B grade: B. K. Moore 1, R. Price 2; height, 4ft. 5in. C grade: R. Forde 1, R. Russell 2, B. W. Mee 3; height, 4ft. 2in.

Broad Jump.—A grade: E. R. Currie 1, M. Hoffmann, 2, M. Heenan 3; distance, 17ft. 3in. B grade: M. Pope 1, W. A. Cochrane 2, D. Bollock 3; distance, 5ft. 8in. C grade: E. Parry 1, W. Morrell 2, A. W. Hamilton and D. B. Fulton 3 equal; distance, 12ft. 10in. D grade: Macdonald 1, T. N. Shee 2, N. C. Crozier 3; distance, 13ft. 10in.

OPEN EVENTS

One mile.—A grade: J. Turnbull 1, J. Neill 2, J. Bruce 3; time, 5min. 3 4/5th sec. B grade: T. Butt 1, E. Eggers 2, D. Christian 3; time, 5min. 19 1/5th sec. C grade: E. Bremer 1, J. Ovens 2, J. Tait 3; time, 5 min. 43 3/5th sec. D grade: C. Frobarth 1, W. G. Hodgetts 2, C. S. McLay 3; time, 5 min. 27 4/5th sec.

Shot Putt.—A grade: W. Hitchcock 1, K. Welsh 2, G. R. Singleton 3; distance, 32ft. 1in. B grade: D. Excel 1, A. G. Henry 2, G. Kitson 3; distance, 32ft. 3 1/2in. C grade: M. Pope 1, J. Dennis 2, A. Harris 3; distance, 25ft. 8in.

Javelin.—A grade: G. A. F. Condie 1, K. Welsh 2, W. Hitchcock 3; distance, 132ft. 9in. B grade: J. B. Rout 1, E. R. Currie 2, Kingsland 3; distance, 103ft. 0 1/2in. C grade: J. M. B. Smith 1, J. Dennis 2, D. F. Spencer 3; distance, 99ft 4in.

Relay (4 x 110yds.): Masters (Hunter, Roxburgh, Gilchrist, Blakie) v 4C (Webb, Pope, Lantsbury, Jackson); won by 4C. Time, 53sec.

House Relay (80 x 110yds.): Blue 1, School 2, White 3. Time, 18min. 30sec.

House Points: Blue 246; White 241 1/2; School 206; Red 176 1/2.

Interschool Sports at Dunedin

The 1954 Interschool Sports were held at the Caledonian Ground, Dunedin, where twelve schools from Otago and Southland competed. The weather was fine and the track was fairly good although the wind at times was rather fresh. Our teams did not fare nearly as well as last year, largely because they did not have any really outstanding competitors and also because they had more than their share of plain, bad luck.

Among the seniors, J. Turnbull was second in the 440, and W. Mitchell, third in the broad jump. In the Intermediate section, G. A. Condie did well to come second in the broad jump with a jump of 19ft,

Dunedin

and the relay team came third in the 880 yards relay. The star of the junior section was E. R. Currie, who won the 220 in 26.3sec, and but for a stumble in the last few yards of the 100, which took him out of his lane and disqualified him, he would certainly have won that event also. However, he partly made up for this by jumping to second place in the broad jump. The juniors also came third in the 440 yards relay.

Praise must go to Mr Ryan for the excellent work he did in training and instructing the team, and for accompanying and keeping them in order during their weekend "on the loose."

Softball Notes

The 1953-54 season was a successful one for the school. In the inter-school section the A team won all its thirteen games and the competition, while the B team finished 3rd equal with Technical College.

Since the departure of Mr. Rout the teams have been coached by G. Singleton and D. Excel, two senior players from Red Sox.

The 1954-55 season looks promising for the school teams, as there are several of last season's team playing again. Some of these players also play for senior teams in the Saturday competitions.

The A team which will represent the school for the first half of the new season is as follows: Pitcher, D. Excel (vice-captain); catcher, G. Singleton (captain); first base, K. Kingsland; second base, W. Denham; third base, M. McLaughlan; short-stop, G. Spencer; right outfield, B. Smithies; centre outfield, L. Clark; left outfield, R. Broomhall.

The B team has several of last season's players, and with any luck should do well in the competition. T. Harris, C. Soper, R. Brady, and J. Tait are the most outstanding players of this season's team.

Basketball 1954

The 1954 Men's Basketball season was satisfactory but by no means as successful as last year. The first team played very unorthodox basketball which, at times—and only at times—paid dividends. They failed to retain the Giller Cup for the winning team of the Invercargill Y.M.C.A. Basketball League, but the season was enjoyed by all. The disappointing feature was the failure of the team to attend practice and take advantage of Mr Dal Ryan's energetic coaching. At times the team played solid basketball, defeating the top teams in the competition. Other times they were beaten by the poorer teams. The second team played more orthodox basketball, making use of the fast break. This team was handicapped by lack of height in the forwards as well as the guards. This, however, did not dampen their enthusiasm. The shooting of this team was remarkably accurate.

The Number One team consisted of D. D. Millar and B. D. Masters, guards; I. Rout, C. Frobarth and R. Branks, forwards and D. G. Russell, the captain, at centre. Millar, Russell and Masters were among the tallest players in the competition and made use of their height although, at times, the former two threw away the ball with inaccurate passing. Rout and Branks played very satisfactory ball but aimless shooting cost the team many points. Frobarth is an

inexperienced player but he shows promise. Singleton played at centre until the authorities discovered he was playing in two Leagues—quite accidental they were assured. Singleton is a very competent player and his knowledge of courtcraft, and Russell's ability to feed won the team many games. Read also played two games.

Russell brought honour to the team, the school, and Mr Ryan's coaching, being selected to travel to Nelson for the New Zealand National Tournament with the Southland team. It is a pity he will not be at school next year to pass on the knowledge he gained while on the trip.

The second team began the season as an inexperienced combination. However, as the season progressed, quite a strong combination was worked up. This team played in the B grade competition. For the inexperienced team that they were, their success was quite startling—they finished runner-up. The team travelled to Dunedin with the Y.M.C.A. Bradfield Cup team, and played the Dunedin Y.M.C.A. in the Basketball division. They were narrowly defeated, 20-19.

The team was:

Broughton, captain, Barron, Millar, Pope, Sharp, Stephens.

Rowing Notes

Because of the end of year break, the rowing season was interrupted so that a new and rearranged crew had to be formed in the middle of the season. This is a serious handicap to any sport and the crews must be congratulated on their efforts to reach competitive standards.

The success of the crews can be attributed to the keen interest taken by Mr Braithwaite, a past-master of the sport, and the extreme generosity of the Invercargill Railway Rowing Club in making their boats available to the School.

With an interschool race in view, the first rowing IV practised every night of the School week as well as on Saturday mornings, the hour being largely dictated by the tide. But owing to the unfavourable weather, the race was postponed.

The first IV is composed of D. D. Millar (stroke), L. J. Christie (three), R. S. Stroud (two), and C. J. Gee (bow).

Millar, who gained experience from past seasons, filled the stroke position this year. At the beginning of the season he was inclined to throw up water ensuring a thorough drenching to everyone about him and

generally causing inconvenience. After further practice, he managed to perfect the delicate art of clearing, and complaints became less frequent from those behind him. He has a good long stroke and timing should improve with practice.

Number two position in the 1953 first IV, Christie, again showed interest in the sport and took up number three position this year. He worked steadily throughout the season and maintained a comparatively good standard.

At the beginning of the season, Stroud had not had the experience of Miller or Christie, but soon proved himself capable of filling number two position. Balance was his main stumbling block, as he was inclined to lean away from his oar, but with further coaching he was able to correct his posture and follow the keel-board.

Gee, as bow, was lacking more in experience than the previous three, and found considerable difficulty in gripping his oar lightly to prevent it turning and cutting into the water. When he concentrated, he rowed neatly, although his stroke tended to become short over a long distance.

Swimming and Life Saving Notes

This year the swimming sports were held on Tuesday, the 30th of March.

In the senior section, R. J. Knight won the championship. His time for the 100 yards medley, 10.4 seconds, was an unofficial record for the Southland intermediate boys' medley.

In the senior backstroke and medley events Knight and E. McL. Eggers were dominant. In the freestyle events, O. C. Thwaites gained two narrow victories from Knight, winning the 100 yards in 65.4 seconds, and the 50 yards by a touch in 27.8 seconds.

At the end of the day, even though there was one championship event still to be held, Knight could not be beaten. He won the 220 yards, when it was held, from Thwaites making the championship placings: Knight, Thwaites and Eggers.

J. Hamilton had a narrow lead over W. Broughton in the junior championships, and the result of the 220 yards freestyle could have reversed the final placings. However, in that race, Hamilton had a clear win from H. Tapper and clinched the junior championship.

Blue House had established an unbeatable lead in the inter-house competition at the end of the afternoon. The inter-house competition ended with Blue first, White second, School third and Red fourth.

Boxing Notes

This year, there is little to report in boxing. The season started with a membership of about twenty who, under the enthusiastic and knowledgeable guidance of Mr Braithwaite and Mr Lloyd (a member of the Boxing Association) showed some promise. But for some unknown reason, interest dwindled and membership gradually died away. It seems a poor compliment to the instructors who were so willing to devote their time, that in a school of this size there is so little interest in the gentle art

The masters' relay team with such stalwarts as Messrs. Grant, Blaikie, Hunter and Roxburgh, finished a good 20 yards clear of a prefects' team, but the masters were subsequently disqualified for breaking.

The ribbon dive was, as usual, a very novel and entertaining event. The placings were: Nicholson 1st, Russell 2nd, and Fraser 3rd.

There was no half-mile this year owing to lack of competitors.

LIFE-SAVING

In the last term of 1953, Waddle, Broughton, Croad and Branks were awarded bronze medallions, while Zimmerman received a bar to his medallion under the instruction of Deaker (6a).

Little life-saving was done in the first term of this year, although Squires, Kirk, Holloway and McHarg, instructed by Waddle, who received his instructor's certificate, gained medallions.

However the third term is the life-saving term. This term we have been late starting, but there are fifty-six applicants for bronze medallions, and fourteen to go for their instructor's certificates. We hope they are successful and that the school can get an even greater number of bronze medallion holders next year.

of boxing. It is considered a recommendation for a person to be able "to give and take" in a sportsman-like fashion, and these classes should be supported more generously by members of the school.

Owing to lack of contestants, no "wind-up" tournament will be held this year; a pity, as last year's was so successful.

Although he was not a member of the class, our congratulations go to Garry Anderson for his achievements in the local championships.

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Old Boys' Notes

ANNUAL REPORT

Social.—In this sphere the Association has been most successful, the high standard of guest speakers and entertainment playing the largest part in making it so. Our thanks to those who generously gave of their services especially to M.C. Harold Whittaker, whose ever-ready wit and demeanour delighted those who were privileged to attend our functions. The large and increasing attendances were proof of the popularity of these social evenings. After a lapse of six years, the Annual Ball was recently held in the School Hall, and many previous doubts were settled by its outstanding social success.

Finance: Although expenses have considerably increased, we have still managed to show a slight surplus. For obvious reasons it is imperative for all members to pay subscriptions voluntarily and promptly, to the Treasurer's Office, Messrs Dillon & Jennings, Roslyn House, Esk Street, and to urge all un-financial members to become Old Boys.

School: Pleasant and close relations were maintained with the School. The Association co-operated with the Parents' Association and boys in the Autumn Fair, held in the Hall. So successful was the Fair that the sum needed to pay for the two Fives Courts, was exceeded by £200. To the Rector and the Board we extend our thanks for the use of the School Hall for our Annual Ball and for their general co-operation.

Sports.—Our five affiliated clubs did not meet with a large number of successes, but the morale remained high. Greater support is needed both by playing and non-playing Old Boys. For the ensuing year, please give all Old Boys' Clubs your utmost support.

Jubilee Celebrations.—This event coincides with the province's centennial. Therefore a special effort is to be made to make it a real success. A committee is to be formed at once and your co-operation is asked.

SPORTING SUCCESSES

Badminton.—N.Z. Representatives: P. D. Skelt, A. T. Skelt. Southland Representatives: P. D. Skelt, A. T. Skelt, N. R. Thompson.

Soccer.—Southland Representatives: G. Gordon, K. Willocks.

Hockey.—Otago Representatives: D. Keane, I. Kerr. Southland Representatives: G. Hinton, R. Aitchison, C. Jensen, J. Crawford, P. Robinson, G. Robertson, J. Dixon, H. Eastwood, D. Semmens, I. Campbell, A. Jensen.

Rugby.—Southland Representatives: J. McKenzie, R. Harrington, P. Beadle. Otago Representatives: D. Leadbetter, T. Pickard.

Indoor Basketball.—N.Z. Representative: B. Bradley, Otago Representatives: B. Bradley, G. Alabaster. N.Z. University Representatives: B. Bradley, G. Alabaster. Southland Representatives: B. Tall, P. Walker, R. Sly, N. Hoskin.

Cricket.—Otago Representative: J. Gill. Southland Representatives: J. Gill, A. Gilbertson, I. Gilbertson, E. Morton, N. Thompson, J. Alabaster, R. Newcastle, S. Richardson.

LIFE MEMBERS

For his great service not only to the association but to the School for many years, Mr J. Page (1913-52), a former gymnastics master of the Southland Boys' High School, was made a life member of the Old Boys' Association at the association's annual meeting and reunion this year.

A former secretary and Old Boys' Association member, Mr E. H. Smith (1914-16), was also made a life member. Speakers paid tribute to Mr Smith's work.

VARIOUS SUCCESSES

Dr D. W. Crowley M.A., Ph.D., Dip. Ed., has been appointed to the Department of Adult Education and extra-mural studies at the Leeds University. There were 80 applications for the position.

Dr Crowley was dux of St. George School in 1932 and the following year started at the Southland Boys' High School where he was proxime accessit in 1937.

He was awarded an Invercargill Savings Bank Scholarship and attended the University of Otago, graduating B.A. in 1940. The following year, while at the Dunedin Teachers' Training College he completed a Diploma of Education.

His studies were interrupted during the war when he was a member of the Home Defence forces for three years. While school teaching he completed his M.A. with first-class honours in history in 1946, doing both the papers and theses in the one year. The following year he was appointed a junior lecturer in history at the University of Otago.

He spent two years at the London School of Economics and Political Science studying British social history, and received his doctorate in 1951. For the last two years Dr Crowley has been lecturing at Kings College, University of Aberdeen.

An old boy of the Southland Boys' High School is now lecturing in the department of classics at the University College of North Staffordshire, at Keele, England. He is Mr Eric Hill, who went to Britain a few years ago after an outstanding scholastic career at School and in the University of New Zealand.

Mr M. W. Left, son of Mr and Mrs J. Left, of Winton, has obtained first-class honours in the Cambridge University tripos examination. Mr Left, who is studying languages at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, gained the honours in Russian.

Mr R. Tall, (1927-29), of Invercargill, was elected vice-president of the New Zealand Auto-Cycle Union for the third successive year at the annual conference of the union in Christchurch.

Mr S. M. Macalister (1902-04), who has been a member of the Invercargill Rotary Club for 21 years, was elected an honorary member at a recent meeting when his resignation, because of absence from Invercargill, was received.

The Invercargill City Council recently placed on record its tribute to the service given by the late **Mr J. A. Hanan** (1884-85), to the city in its earlier days and to the Dominion. Mr Hanan was Mayor from 1896 to 1897 and was a councillor for five years before that.

Lindo Francis, who was an outstanding singer at the Southland Boys' High School, won the men's championship at the recent Wanganui competitions festival.

He entered in four sections and was awarded three firsts and a second by the judge, Mr Hamilton Dickson, of Wellington. The highest marks were for the lieder section in which Mr Francis sang "I will not grieve." As a result of his success, Mr Francis received a radio engagement with 2XA and has now entered for a Government bursary to study overseas. It is also his intention to become a student at the conservatorium in Sydney or Melbourne.

Mr C. R. Downes, a former pupil of the Southland Boys' High School, and a graduate of Otago University, has been appointed to the staff of Southwell Anglican College, Hamilton.

Owen Beadle, who was a pupil at school from 1947 to 1952, qualified this year as a service pilot at Wigram. He has now taken an appointment with the N.A.C. training as an airline pilot. He will continue his service career in a Territorial Squadron.

Mr C. G. McMillan, of "Cluny," Wyndham, has secured top marks in the examinations conducted in October by the Institute of Civil Engineers, London. The examination was open to candidates in the British Isles and overseas. Mr McMillan wins the Bayliss Prize.

Mr McMillan is a member of the engineering staff of the Southland County Council. He received his education at Mimihau School and the Southland Boys' High School.

ABOUT JOURNALISTS

Among the contingent of journalists who covered the Royal tour was **Doug Brass** (1923-26), formerly of Invercargill, and now London representative of the Melbourne Herald.

Doug Brass has covered much of the world in the course of his journalistic life, and during the war was one of the best known war correspondents in the Middle East. After leaving Invercargill he worked for a few years for the Christchurch Press, and from there moved on to Australia where he was working on the outbreak of war.

William Kennedy (1928-29), formerly on the staff of The Southland News and The Evening Star, Dunedin, has been appointed editor of The Grey River Argus.

Major E. E. McCurdy, E.D. who was born and educated in Invercargill, commanded the guard of honour for the Queen at the opening of Parliament. Major McCurdy, who lives now at Heretaunga, is the fourth son of the late Mr G. McCurdy, of Invercargill, and of Mrs McCurdy, now of Timaru. He joined the territorial movement when at the Southland Boys' High School and has been actively associated with it ever since.

Mr John Masters, of the staff of the Australia and New Zealand Bank, has been transferred to Te Awamutu. Mr Masters had been a prominent figure in athletics in Invercargill and was junior, intermediate and senior athletic champion at the Southland Boys' High School. He has also qualified for the Queen's Commission as a territorial officer in the 33rd Field Battery.

C. M. Broad and **M. W. Christie**, of Invercargill, have been granted their transfers of status to Associated Public Accountant.

Neil Hamilton was a good swimmer at school—good enough to be a good senior champion. He has now broken the New Zealand backstroke record held by no other than Lincoln Hurring, and has had his record recognised by the New Zealand Swimming Council. His time was 2min. 34.3secs. At the same time he broke the New Zealand record for 200 metres. This had stood for 14 years.

J. Garfield Anderson, dux of North School 1905, and of this school in 1911, retired from the headmastership of South Otago High School on November 19. He and his wife propose to live in England, at Oxford for a time, where their son is a student. He had been at Balclutha since 1932.

G. S. Cox, Rhodes' Scholar for 1932, has been appointed one of the three assistant editors of the London "News Chronicle." He went to Oxford under

the terms of his scholarship, and, after graduating there, became a member of the staff of the "News Chronicle" for two years. He changed to the "Daily Express," 1937-40. During the war he was First Secretary to the New Zealand Legation in Washington, and fought with the New Zealand Division. From his Italian experiences came the book, "The Road to Trieste." He rejoined the "News Chronicle" in 1945, his duties taking him to many European capitals. Recently he has been Parliamentary lobby correspondent in London. The paper has a circulation of one and a half millions, and few New Zealanders have achieved a similar executive position on a British daily.

Russell W. Reid, now of Wellington, is as well-known to the amateur theatre movement in New Zealand as anyone could be. Trading under the title of J. & R. Reid Limited, he provides every kind of theatre service from designing stages to supplying hair-dye. His business takes him to every part of the country, including Invercargill, where he has reported on the city theatre and is, as well, the agent of the Southland Centennial Committee in its preparation of entertainment from overseas for 1956—the Centennial Year of Southland.

E. F. G. Furby, who will be remembered by Old Boys for a remarkably fine performance in a school production of "Journey's End" years ago, is now permanently established in Bognor on the south coast of England. He is professionally employed by the city theatre company as designer, producer and actor.

The stage manager of that performance of "Journey's End," **Stewart Taylor**, after service with the Social Security Department in Invercargill, Alexandra and Wellington, is now in the Auckland office. He hopes to move southwards again as soon as opportunity allows. His older brother, J. J. Taylor, is also a departmental officer living in Wellington.

Both the Mayor of Invercargill and the Member of Parliament for the electorate of Invercargill are continuing the school's tradition for community service. The Mayor, **A. L. Adamson**, is number 336 in "The Register," having begun at school in the year 1897, when twenty-two boys were entered. One of his immediate contemporaries was **D. M. Scandrett**, still actively engaged, too, in business in the city.

J. A. Hamilton, of Bluff, has been President of the Southland Rugby Union for 1954. He has helped to maintain Bluff's reputation as an excellent host-town for visiting football teams anxious to sample southern oysters and mutton-birds.

Alan Gilbertson represented Otago at cricket during the summer months. **J. C. Alabaster** gained considerable prominence as a slow bowler, and was a trialist for the New Zealand team to play South Africa.

Brigadier J. Russell Page is in England carrying out a tour of duty and instructional courses with the British Army for future liaison with the New Zealand Army on his return.

J. C. Dakin, a Rhodes' Scholar who had some 20 years' service in the Colonial Service in Uganda and Abyssinia (during the war) has retired from the Service to return to New Zealand with his family. He has accepted a position with Otago University, and is an Adult Education Tutor in North Otago.

J. M. Hamilton, brother of J. A. Hamilton mentioned already in these notes, is now manager of the National Bank in Wellington.

T. R. Bird, who was at School in 1928-30, and was a fiery football forward as well as a promising actor, was a recent visitor to the School. He is in business in Tauranga.

Sir Robert Kennedy, for many years a Judge of the Supreme Court, has not been allowed much leisure during his retirement. His most recent responsibility has been that of acting as a Commission of Enquiry into the affairs of the Police Department.

Sir David Smith continues to serve the country with similar distinction, his two great responsibilities being to act as Chairman of the Board of Trade and, as well, carry out the duties of Chancellor of the University of New Zealand. In the latter capacity, his inaugural addresses to the Senate of the University invariably attract the close attention of every mature citizen.

Spencer Rowley (1901-02), for many years in the service of the Eastern Extension Cable Company in various parts of the East, is now living in retirement on Norfolk Island. He was among those who fell into the hands of the Japanese during the war. Early this year he spent a holiday in New Zealand with his wife.

J. N. Millard, of Wellington, whose long jump record of 22 feet still stands, although it was made in 1908, recently retired from the Hutt Valley High School where he was headmaster. His long association with Wellington rugby led to his appointment as manager of the All Black team in Britain. The official historians of the tour pay tribute to his quiet and easy handling of the men under his charge.

W. C. Cleine, 1919-23, who taught in various parts of New Zealand, including Invercargill, accepted an appointment at Kuala Lumpur, Malaya under the reorganisation schemes at present being employed in that country.

Charles Clark, 1920-23, who was Railway Engineer for the Southland District, now occupies a similar position in Dunedin. He was secretary of the Old Boys, Association as long ago as 1926-29, and did not fail to bring fresh energy into the Association on his return to Invercargill. He was closely concerned with the planning of Invercargill's future railway traffic lay-out.

Morton Rodger, at School 1922-25, who graduated Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from Canterbury College in 1930, worked for some years at his profession in England. He is now back in New Zealand, and is to be at the Canterbury Engineering School as Senior Lecturer in mechanical engineering.

The Rt. Hon. Garfield Todd, Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, has been much in the news. He and his party were overwhelmingly returned at the last elections and, should he remain in politics, some African observers consider he will one day become Premier of the Central African Federation.

R. A. Dunnage (1918-21), who entered the New Zealand Railway Service after leaving School is still in Dunedin in the same employment. His contemporaries will remember his considerable gymnastic prowess. He was senior champion in 1920, and can still do many of the feats at which he excelled then.

W. McPhee, or "Punch" McFee according to his nickname, who came to School from the Technical College and was a prefect in 1948, is now working for an oil exploration team. This takes him to various and interesting parts of the globe.

R. Clarkson, who recently graduated Master of Arts at Otago, is now abroad, and, when last heard of, was teaching in England.

T. Boyce Richardson, Head Prefect of 1945, who had an excellent all-round record at School, has been wandering over the earth. He went first to Australia, then to England, from which he made a tour of France, returned to England, and is now in Canada. His initial journey to Britain was interrupted by some months in India. He is primarily a journalist by occupation.

E. G. Walker, of the State Forest Service on the West Coast, who represented Southland and West Coast at football, has retired from regular playing to devote himself to coaching.

D. C. McDonald, Dux and Head Prefect of 1947, after completing his Engineering Course at Canterbury College Engineering School, accepted an appointment in the United States.

Maurice Johnson, an excellent runner in his day, has turned his schoolboy hobby of radio into his career. He is now to be found in Australia.

Victor G. C. Jones, who left New Zealand for Cambridge already armed with his M.A. and Mus.Bac. Degrees, added the Cambridge B.A. during his first year there. His music, of course, is his prime interest, although he maintains other strings to his bow, the antiquarian among them.

George J. Griffiths, after completing his degree at Otago University and dabbling there in the theatrical arts, has been for a time a reporter for the "Southland

Daily News." He introduced Christopher Fry to Invercargill audiences by producing and playing in "A Phoenix Too Frequent" for the Repertory Society. He is now a reporter for the Dunedin "Evening Star."

William S. Fraser, who came to School in 1911, and who has been in Australia for many years, recently returned to Invercargill. He began working for a living as a warehouseman in Invercargill and went off to the war until 1918. He was "rather young for the first war and rather old for the second." He served with the Australian Ninth Division. He would now prefer to settle in New Zealand, perhaps even in Invercargill.

Congratulations are due to **J. McKenzie** and **P. Beadle** on their selection for the Southland Rugby team. The former played with all the guile of what is now wide experience, while the latter's inclusion, first of all against Wairarapa, brought in to the Southland side a liveliness and reliability which lifted the back-line's performance considerably. **R. Harrington**, too, is to be congratulated on finding a place in the Southland team which went in search of the Ranfurly Shield in Christchurch. These three players are bound to be seen in action with the representative sides in future seasons.

D. B. Leadbetter and **T. H. Pickard** played for Otago, both as wing three-quarters. Leadbetter played throughout the provincial season, but an injury kept Pickard out of play later in the season. He is now teaching in Southland after following various pursuits in both islands.

H. C. B. Rowley, who has represented four or five unions at Rugby, as well as New Zealand against Australia, is now living in Waimate. His brother, Peter, is the principal of an aerial top-dressing business which is flourishing in spite of the occupational hazards involved.

OBITUARY

R. J. GILMOUR

Robert Joyce Gilmour, managing director of the "Southland Times," came to School in 1891 remaining until 1894. He played in the First Fifteen in his second year and was a member of the team until he left School to enter journalism. He became Editor of the paper and, as the years went by, played a most influential part in the life of Invercargill. Almost every organisation of social, sporting and cultural value had its policy helped by his wisdom and liberal approach. He travelled abroad on newspaper business and again was not the least among his colleagues. He spoke often at School functions, always with some point to make that his hearers were unlikely to forget.

On handing over Editorial responsibilities to others, he still watched closely the affairs of his newspaper which grew to be extremely influential as a provincial mouthpiece. He was ill for a long time, during which his mind remained keen and lucid, and his interest in the doings of younger men was unflagging. He read widely, talked vigorously and entertainingly, and always loved the games which he played.

ROLAND TAYLOR

Roland Taylor entered School in 1901, being, like Robert Gilmour before him, one of six brothers ultimately to be Old Boys of Southland. Almost his entire life was spent in the employment of J. G. Ward and Company, where he earned and kept the affection and respect of his colleagues. One of his deep interests was the game of cricket to which he gave long service that was valued by those who played that game in Invercargill. He had an immense gift of quiet friendship and that will not be forgotten while any of his one-time companions remain.

A. E. H. BATH

Arthur E. H. Bath came to this School in 1902, one of a family which is woven into the history of this southerly part of New Zealand. He took his dental training in Dunedin, and then began practice in Invercargill. His devotion to music was tireless, and during his most active years no orchestra was complete without his services as a cellist.

H. R. KINGSLAND

H. Rewi Kingsland died suddenly in Invercargill during the year. He was at School 1911-1912, served in the First Great War, and was so seriously wounded that he lost a leg. In spite of his disability, he continued to be very active in business and musical circles. In business he maintained with his brother, H. J. Kingsland, the very old-established factory bearing the family name, and, in music, his services as a singer were eagerly sought. He was a man universally esteemed for his kindliness and unassuming keenness to help wherever his help could be put to a good use. His sudden death was a profound shock to the host of people who held him in esteem and affection.

DR. C. M. MARSHALL

Charles Macintosh Marshall, who died in England during the year after a distinguished career as a gynaecologist, graduated M.B.Ch.B. from the Otago Medical School in 1923. He had been at School from 1915 to 1918, one of three brothers who all attended Southland. Dr. Marshall took his Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in England, remained there to practise his profession until the time of his death, and became a notable figure as a specialist of very high reputation.

His greatest work was done in Liverpool where he had been settled for some years at the time of his death. As a teacher and researcher into the problems of obstetrics, he was invited to Germany, the United States, to all parts of Britain, and to the medical training school of Cairo. His text-book on his subject is one of the outstanding contributions to modern medicine, the pity of it being that air raids on Bristol destroyed the material from which it was to be reprinted and revised. Dr. Marshall was almost as comfortably at home in the German language as his own, his library being rich in German literature and medical works. He was an enormously wide and omnivorous reader. He was never the man to make any claims for himself, but his profession contains those who believed Dr Marshall to be Britain's foremost gynaecologist and obstetrician.

Mr W. R. MAYHEW

The teaching profession in general and King's High School in particular have suffered a serious loss by the death at a comparatively early age of Mr William Richardson Mayhew. The only son of Mr and Mrs W. R. Mayhew, he was born at Invercargill. He received his primary education at the South School, of which he was dux, and later attended Southland Boys' High School, where he had a distinguished record, both as a scholar and as an athlete.

In his final year (1938) he was dux of the school, head prefect, captain of the first XI and vice-captain of the first XV, while he also represented the school at athletics.

He entered Otago University in 1939 as the holder of a junior university scholarship. In 1943 he was awarded the James Clark Prize in history and gained the degree of Master of Arts with first class honours.

While attending Auckland Post-Primary Teachers' College in 1944 he gained the award of the diploma of education.

In 1945 Mr Mayhew joined the staff of King's High School, where he was senior history master and also careers master. He was regarded by Education Department inspectors as one of the most efficient and promising of the younger post-primary teachers in New Zealand.

He was coach of the school first XV and organized and coached athletic teams for the past eight years. He was secretary of the Otago and Southland Secondary Schools' Athletic Association. In the school cadet battalion he held the rank of captain.

For several years he was secretary of the Otago Historical Society. His academic ability was recognized by the fact that he was chosen to write the centennial history of the Tuapeka district.

Mr A. E. H. BATH

The death has occurred, at the age of 65, of Mr Arthur Ernest Howard Bath (1902), a well-known member of the dental profession in Invercargill, and a prominent musician for many years.

A son of the late Mr and Mrs John Bath, of Invercargill, he was educated at the old Park School and the Southland Boys' High School, and then became one of the first students at the Otago dental school. After leaving the dental school he practised his profession with the Invercargill firm of Smith and Butler before going into partnership in Dunedin with Mr S. S. Myers. He later returned to Invercargill and practised on his own account until his retirement.

A keen musician, Mr Bath was a well-known tenor in Dunedin, where he also took up the study of the 'cello, an instrument with which the rest of his musical life was associated. As a young man he was also prominent in band circles, performing on both the E flat bass and the cornet and becoming the first gold medallist in the Dominion Band at Invercargill.

Mr CYRIL PALMER BROWN

The lay secretary of the Wellington Diocesan Synod, Mr Cyril Palmer Brown (1896-98), of Wanganui, collapsed while waiting with his wife for the arrival of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at the laying of the foundation stone at Wellington Cathedral.

Born in Invercargill 72 years ago, Mr Brown was educated at the Southland Boys' High School and at the University of Otago, from where he graduated M.A. and LL.B. He moved to Wanganui in 1906, since

when he had been practising there as a solicitor. He was solicitor for the Wanganui College Board of Trustees, chairman of the Technical College committee for 10 years, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Plunket Society for 17 years.

He was also well known in public life, being president of the Wanganui Chamber of Commerce in 1921-22, and a member of the Wanganui Borough Council from 1921 to 1927 and again from 1929 to 1931.

For three years of that period he served as Deputy Mayor of Wanganui. He was also on the Wanganui-Rangitikei Power Board for four years, was a member of the Wanganui River Trust, and served for 10 years as president of the Repertory Theatre there.

Mr GEORGE MUNRO

George Munro (1909-10), for many years a well-known businessman in Invercargill, died in Auckland after a long illness.

A son of the late George and Ann Munro, he was born in Invercargill. After leaving the Southland Boys' High School, he entered the jewellery and watchmaking trade in the shop established by his father near the Grand Hotel.

Soon before World War II Mr Munro and his wife, formerly Miss Jessie Raeside, of Invercargill, went to live in Blenheim. From there they went to Nelson, and later to Auckland, where they made their home.

Mr Munro was a bowling enthusiast while in Invercargill, and was also a well-known singer.

