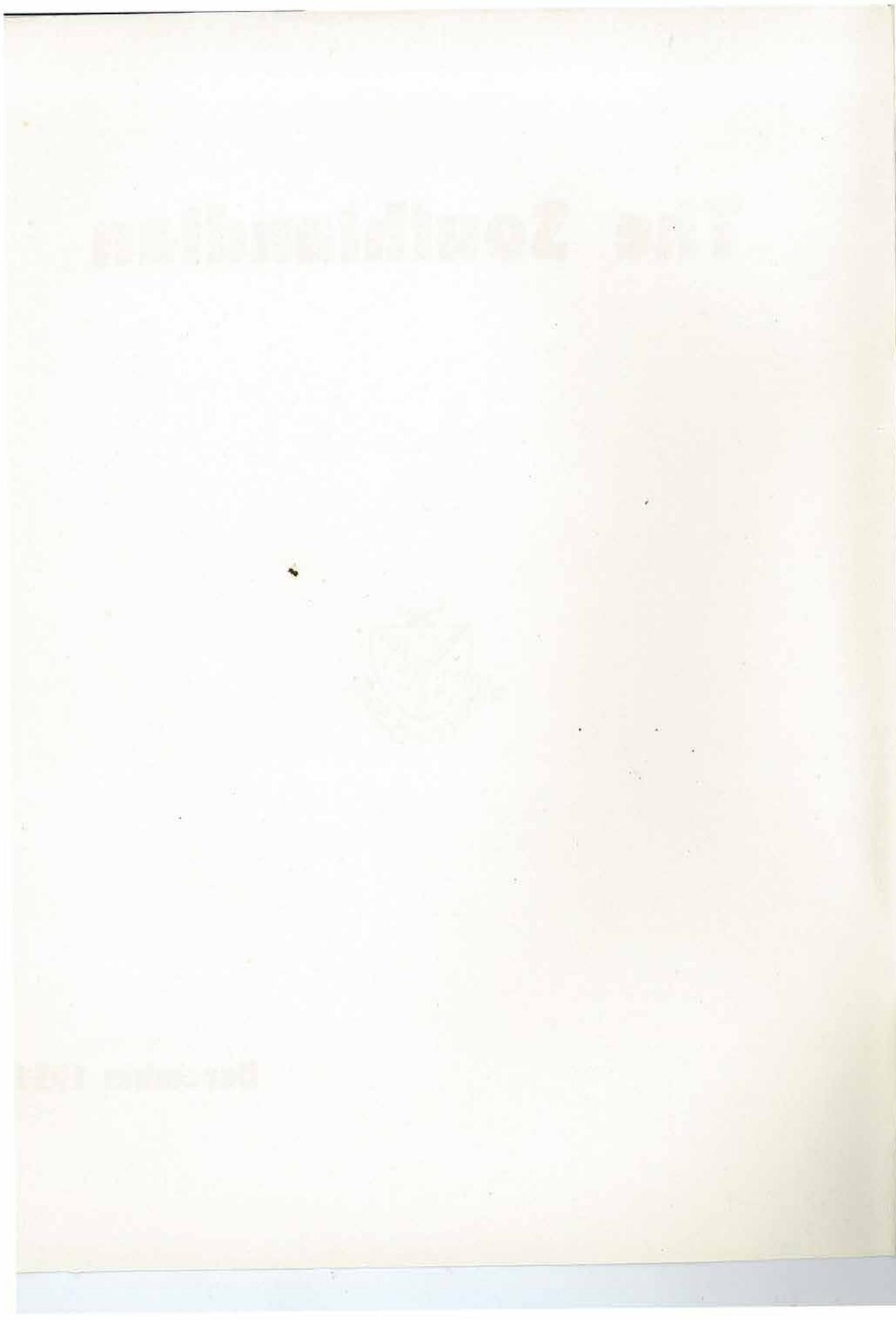


# The Southlandian



**December 1953**



Incorporated 1877

Opened 1881

*Southland Boys High School*  
Herbert Street, Invercargill

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ALEX SUTHERLAND

A. H. ROBINS, B.A. (Careers Adviser).

**Woodwork and Musical Appreciation :**  
N. F. SANSON.

L. V. BLAIKIE, A.R.A.N.Z.

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# *School Officers, 1953*

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## **Head Prefect :**

J. A. F. DEAKER.

## **Prefects :**

E. G. ANDREW, L. J. A. CHRISTIE, E. D. FISHER, W. P. HOLLOWAY (Dep.),  
W. H. B. MITCHELL, G. F. REA, H. B. WILSON.

## **Captains of Games :**

**Rugby**—1st XV: W. P. HOLLOWAY; 2nd XV: S. B. ROBERTSON; 3rd XV: G. E. COLE;  
4th XV: J. M. SIMMERS; 5th XV: C. L. B. SOPER; 6th XV: N. R. SPENCER;  
7th XV: P. SHARP.

**Cricket**—1st XI: W. P. HOLLOWAY; 2nd XI: R. M. CARNAHAN; 3rd XI: D. B.  
MARSHALL; 4th XI: J. E. CARTWRIGHT.

**Soccer**—1st XI: R. PETERS; 2nd XI: D. RETTER; 3rd XI: T. C. WHITE; 4th XI: D. B.  
FULTON.

**Athletics**—W. P. HOLLOWAY (Senior); W. H. MITCHELL (Intermediate); B. M.  
MASTERS (Junior).

**Indoor Basketball**—“A” Team: D. G. RUSSELL.      **Softball**: A. D. PAY.

**Harriers**: D. S. KER.

**Swimming**: B. W. TREEBY.

**Fives**: R. C. SCOBIE.

**Rowing**: J. D. SHAW.

**Tennis**: E. D. JACKSON.

**Life-saving**: J. A. DEAKER.

## **Magazine :**

6th FORM.

## **Bulletin :**

R. D. BELL      D. CHRISTIAN      D. P. MILLAR      C. J. ASHBY.

## **Library :**

J. M. SIMMERS (Head).

## **Photographic Club :**

E. D. FISHER.

## **Bookbinding :**

B. MURRELL.

## **Chess Club :**

J. A. DEAKER.

# *Prize List, 1952*

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## **FORM III C :**

**Certificate of Merit:** W. J. COATS—1st Social Studies, 3rd English. P. R. LAWRENCE—1st Science.

**Prizes for Merit:** D. S. SPENCER—1st English, 1st Mathematics, 1st Aggregate. D. R. JOHNSTONE—2nd English, 3rd Mathematics, 3rd Social Studies, 1st Woodwork, 2nd Aggregate. I. C. SPEDEN—2nd Social Studies, 3rd Aggregate.

## **FORM III B :**

**Certificates of Merit:** A. V. MACKIE—3rd French, 2nd Social Studies. J. M. MITCHELL—1st Woodwork. I. D. TILLEY—1st III Art. C. E. WEBB—1st Social Studies.

**Prizes for Merit:** B. A. McCALLUM—3rd Science, 3rd III Commercial, 1st equal Aggregate. T. E. HARRIS—1st English, 1st Science, 1st equal Aggregate. N. R. IRWIN—1st Mathematics, 3rd Aggregate. G. V. WHITE—1st French, 3rd English, 2nd Mathematics, 3rd Woodwork.

## **FORM III A**

**Certificates of Merit:** R. D. BRADY—1st equal III Commercial. R. S. FLECK—1st Social Studies. I. A. GALT—1st French, 2nd English. R. J. KNIGHT—1st equal Woodwork. W. D. OGLE—1st equal Woodwork, 2nd Social Studies. J. K. TAIT—1st equal III Commercial. B. M. WOODFIELD—1st English.

**Prizes for Merit:** G. J. ALLISON—1st equal Mathematics, 2nd Science, 1st Aggregate, 1st III Agriculture (McKinnon Trust Prize). L. B. IMLAY—1st equal Mathematics, 3rd Science, 3rd Social Studies, 2nd Aggregate. T. J. BUTT—1st Science, 2nd French, 3rd English, 3rd Woodwork, 3rd Aggregate.

## **FORM IV D :**

**Certificate of Merit:** G. T. DUSTON—1st IV art. R. J. FLOWERS—2nd English, 2nd Mathematics. D. N. HOWIE—1st Mathematics, 3rd Science.

**Prizes for Merit:** N. I. P. BAXTER—1st Social Studies, 1st Woodwork, 1st Aggregate. H. D. LATHAM—1st Science, 1st English, 2nd Aggregate. N. FAMILTON—2nd Science, 3rd Mathematics, 3rd Aggregate.

#### **FORM IVC :**

**Certificates of Merit :** H. H. AITCHISON—2nd Woodwork, 3rd Science. J. E. CLENT—1st Commercial Practice, 2nd Social Studies. D. A. FRANCIS—1st IV Bookkeeping. E. OFFICER—1st English.

**Prizes for Merit :** A. J. HARVEY—1st equal Mathematics, 2nd English, 2nd Science, 3rd Woodwork, 1st Aggregate. G. W. KITSON—1st Social Studies, 3rd English, 2nd Aggregate. R. G. STROUD—1st equal Mathematics, 1st Woodwork, 3rd Social Studies, 3rd equal Aggregate. K. C. CALVERT—1st Science, 3rd IV Agriculture, 3rd equal Aggregate.

#### **FORM IVB :**

**Certificates of Merit :** R. J. SMITHIES—3rd equal English, 1st French. S. C. WEIR—1st equal Bookkeeping.

**Prizes for Merit :** J. L. CATTO—1st English, 1st Mathematics, 1st Science, 2nd Agriculture, 1st Aggregate. R. T. PETERS—3rd English, 3rd Science, 3rd Social Studies, 2nd Woodwork, 2nd Aggregate. J. M. B. SMITH—1st Social Studies, 2nd Mathematics, 2nd Science, 3rd Woodwork, 3rd Aggregate, 1st IV Agriculture (McKinnon Trust Prize). N. E. CLARK—1st IV Form Woodwork.

#### **FORM IVA :**

**Certificates for Merit :** D. G. CURRIE—1st Social Studies, 3rd Science. R. I. YOUNG—1st Woodwork.

**Prizes for Merit :** M. K. ROBERTSON—1st Science, 1st Mathematics, 2nd English, 3rd Latin, 2nd Woodwork, 1st Aggregate. R. M. FERRAR—2nd French, 2nd Latin, 2nd Mathematics, 3rd Woodwork, 2nd Aggregate. D. CHRISTIAN—1st English, 2nd Social Studies, 3rd Aggregate. W. J. CONLEY—1st French, 1st Latin, 3rd Mathematics.

#### **FORM VC :**

**Certificates of Merit :** A. D. PAY—2nd English, 3rd VC Geography. J. D. ROBERTSON—1st equal Science. J. WOOD—1st equal Science, 2nd VB Arithmetic.

**Prizes for Merit :** N. E. HURD—1st English, 1st VB History.

#### **FORM VB :**

**Certificates of Merit :** R. G. McKISSOCK—1st VC Geography. W. A. TYRIE—1st VB Arithmetic.

**Prizes for Merit :** B. MURRELL—1st English, 1st Science. A. B. SUTHERLAND—1st V Art, 1st VB Geography, 2nd VB History.

#### **FORM VM :**

**Certificates for Merit :** W. A. ADAM—1st VM Arithmetic, 2nd V Commercial Practice. L. J. CHRISTIE—1st equal Mathematics, 3rd VA Geography. W. H. McDONALD—1st Science, 2nd V Agriculture. W. H. B. MITCHELL—1st English, 3rd V Agriculture. W. J. WEBB—3rd English, 3rd Science, 3rd V Art.

**Prizes for Merit :** E. G. ANDREW—1st Mathematics, 1st V Bookkeeping, 2nd Science.

#### **FORM VA:**

**Certificates of Merit:** C. J. ASHBY—3rd Mathematics, 3rd V Bookkeeping, 3rd Commercial Practice. R. M. CARNAHAN—1st VA Geography, 2nd V Bookkeeping. G. E. COLE—2nd French, 2nd equal History, 3rd English. I. S. DUNCAN—1st V Commercial Practice. D. M. EXCEL—2nd English, 3rd French.

**Prizes for Merit:** H. N. CUTTRISS—1st General Science, 1st Mathematics, 2nd Chemistry. A. G. HENRY—1st History, 1st equal VA Geography. P. J. RIDDICK—1st English, 1st Latin, 1st Chemistry, 2nd General Science. K. O. WELSH—1st V Agriculture (McKinnon Trust Prize). L. J. JENKINS—1st French, 3rd General Science, 3rd Chemistry, 3rd Mathematics.

#### **FORM VIB:**

**Endorsement of School Certificate:** R. A. Barron, D. R. Beale, R. D. Bell, W. H. Boyes, H. J. Brookland, J. A. Brown, F. A. Cole, R. K. Cook, G. G. Davis, J. A. Deaker, C. McD. Dunlop, J. W. Edginton, J. G. Edie, K. Edmonston, E. D. Fisher, N. E. Flahive, L. G. Francis, D. G. Holloway, W. P. Holloway, A. H. Howe, E. D. Jackson, W. R. Jackson, N. K. Johnston, J. G. Latham, W. T. Mayston, D. G. McMillan, J. R. Neill, G. F. Rea, L. W. A. Ronald, C. J. B. Rowley, J. M. Simmers, A. J. Tait, H. B. Wilson.

**Prizes for Merit:** H. J. BROOKLAND—2nd English, 1st Accountancy. J. A. DEAKER—1st Mathematics, 1st Add. Mathematics, 1st Physics. J. W. EDGINTON—2nd History, 2nd Geography, 3rd English. W. P. HOLLOWAY—2nd equal Chemistry, 2nd equal English. J. R. NEIL—1st Chemistry, 1st English, 3rd Mathematics. I. G. WATSON—2nd Mathematics, 2nd Physics, 3rd Add. Mathematics. G. F. REA—1st History, 1st Geography, 1st Latin, 1st French, 1st English.

#### **FORM VIA:**

**Higher School Certificate:** H. W. D. Anderson, O. Beadle, D. R. Binney, J. C. Braithwaite, B. Edmonston, L. Familton, J. B. Morton, J. R. Murrell, W. A. Poole, T. T. Ryder.

**Prizes for Merit:** J. B. MORTON—2nd Add. Mathematics, 2nd Physics. W. A. POOLE—1st Chemistry, 2nd Mathematics. T. T. RYDER—1st History, 1st Geography, 3rd English.

**DUX OF THE SCHOOL** (Old Boys' Association Book Prize): STUART WHITEOAK SLATER—1st English, 1st Mathematics, 1st Add. Mathematics, 1st Physics, 2nd Chemistry.

#### **SPECIAL PRIZES 1952**

**Swimming**—Junior Champion, R. J. KNIGHT. Senior Champion (Wilson Cup), N. F. HAMILTON.

**Athletics**—Junior Champion (Cup and Miniature), J. C. TURNBULL. Intermediate Champion (Cup and Miniature), W. P. HOLLOWAY. Senior Champion (Len Hanan Memorial Cup and Sports Trust Miniatures), H. W. D. ANDERSON. 880yds Senior Championship (Sutherland Cup), D. G. HOLLOWAY. Record Broken: (Certificate) 440yds Intermediate, B. M. DAWSON, 56 4-5sec. Round-thePark Races (I.A.A.C. Cups)—Junior, O. R. LEASK. Intermediate, A. D. PAY. Senior, D. G. HOLLOWAY. Round-the-Park Interform Shield: VIB, Capt. D. S. KER. Inter-house Relay Race (Auckland Old Boys' Cup), RED HOUSE, Captain, R. R. McNABB. Christopher's Memorial Shield (Old Boys v. School), H. W. D. ANDERSON.

**Fives** (Book Prizes)—Junior Singles, J. R. HALL. Junior Doubles, N. E. CLARK and J. R. HALL. Senior Singles, A. J. TAIT. Senior Doubles, A. J. TAIT and H. J. BROOKLAND.

**Lawn Tennis**—Secondary Schools' Annual Tournament: Junior Singles (Cup), J. E. CARTWRIGHT. Junior Doubles (Books), D. R. FRANCIS and G. B. JOHNSTON. Senior Singles (Cup), J. O. MORGAN. Senior Doubles (Books), J. O. MORGAN and R. T. PETERS. Junior Teams' Competition, S.B.H.S. "A" TEAM, Captain, R. T. PETERS. Senior Teams' Competition, S.B.H.S. "A" TEAM, Captain, L. G. FRANCIS.

**Gymnastics**—Junior Champion (Book), T. E. HARRIS and G. D. WHITE, 1st equal. Intermediate Champion (Nicholson Cup), G. H. NICHOLSON. Senior Champion (Mabson Cup), L. W. A. RONALD.

**School Boxing Championships**—Senior Champion, R. R. McNABB. Most Scientific Boxer, G. H. NICHOLSON.

**Rugby Football**—S.R.F.U. Competitions: 3rd Grade (Geddes Cup), Captain, H. W. D. ANDERSON. 6th Grade (Stott Cup), Captain, A. G. JOHNSON. 7th Grade (Cup), Captain, L. J. JENKINS.

**Hockey**—Southland Hockey Association Competitions: Senior B Grade (Lewis Shield), S.B.H.S. 1st XI, Captain, S. W. SLATER.

#### CADET AWARDS:

**Shooting**—Junior Champion (Cup and Certificate), S. I. MURRELL. Senior Champion (Shield and Certificate), C. J. B. ROWLEY. .303 Competition (Shell Case), Fl./Sgt. O. BEADLE. Interform Shooting (Ritchie Shield), VIA, Captain, O. BEADLE.

**Drill**—Platoon Competition (Cup), No. 5 Platoon Headquarters, Sergeant, J. A. DEAKER. Best N.C.O. (Cup), Sergeant C. H. LINN.

**Band Prizes**—Senior Drummer, I. D. WATSON. Junior Drummer, B. D. RUTHERFORD. Senior Bugler, N. E. Hurd. Junior Bugler, T. E. HARRIS.

**Inter-house Competition**—(Uttley Cup—Athletics, Games, Shooting), RED HOUSE, Captain, R. R. McNABB.

**Public Speaking**—Junior (Late Professor John Collie's Prize), G. R. FARRANT. Senior, (T. D. Pearce Memorial Prize), G. F. REA.

**Singing**—Junior (Mr W. H. Farley's Prize), D. P. MILLAR (Mr Kennedy Black's Prize), J. C. BRUCE. (Mr Ritchie Fraser's Prize), H. M. AITCHISON. Senior (Old Boys' prize), L. G. FRANCIS. (Mr Kennedy Black's Prize), T. T. RYDER. (Mr Ritchie Fraser's Prize), A. P. BRUCE and R. K. COOK.

**Chess Champion**—(Mrs M. A. Thomson's Cup), S. W. SLATER.

**Special Prize for Effort**—(Anonymous Donor), A. R. POPE.

**Best All-round IVth Form Boy**—(1950 Prefects' Cup), J. M. B. SMITH.

**Physical and Scholastic Improvement**—(Deschler Cup), A. H. HOWE.

**Head Prefect**—(Award on basis of character and leadership), J. R. MURRELL.

# School Roll, 1953

## FORM VIA

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

## FORM VIB

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

## FORM VA

Boyes, P. J.	Ferrar, R. H.	McLachlan, M. O.	*Powley, I. P.
Christian, D.	Gee, C. J.	McNaughton, B. A.	Robertson, M. K.
Condie, G. A. F.	Guise, D. F.	Marshall, D. B.	Smith, J. M. B.
Conley, W. J.	Hargraves, J. E.	Michele, A. F.	Stevens, M. A. J.
Cook, K. C.	Hitchcock, D. J.	*Moir, J. D.	Wyeth, N. L.
Currie, D. G.	Kane, G. A.	Ovens, J. F.	Young, C. T.
Dunlop, N. J.	McHarg, M. F.	Peters, R. T.	Young, R. I.

## FORM V up

Bews, J. W.	Howe, J. S.	Matheson, A. C.	Russell, D. G.
Bickerstaff, B.	Jenner, W. H.	Millar, D. D.	Strang, C. W.
Bremer, E. W.	Jones, S. J.	Munro, J. B.	Stewart, R. M.
Clayton, W. T.	Lindsay, J. D.	Pay, A. D.	Tyrie, W. A. I.
Elliot, T. A.	McKissock, R. G.	Read, R. J.	*Wood, J.
Ericson, R. W.	Macpherson, I. R.	*Robertson, C. J.	Woodward, M. G.
Hughes, R. G.	Maitland, A. S.	Robertson, S. B.	

## FORM VB

Alcock, L.	Clark, N. E.	King, W. H. M.	Robb, R. R.
*Anderson, R. D.	Eggers, E. McL.	Kitson, J. W.	Robbie, J. R.
Auld, W. A.	Gieseg, A. P.	*McCorkindale, N. J.	Smithies, R. J.
Ballantyne, D. L.	Hall, J. R.	McLeod, B. H.	Stroud, R. J.
Brant, R. T.	Harvey, H. A.	Millar, D. P.	Turnbull, J. C.
Calvert, K. C.	Hunter, J. P.	Mitchell, J. L.	Weir, S. C.
Christie, B. H.	Johnson, A. G.	Nicholson, G. H.	
Clark, C. G.	Johnston, G. B.	Officer, E. J. R.	

## FORM VC

*Aitchison, H. M.	Dick, P. J.	*Gordon, G. H.	Murrell, S. I.
Baxter, N. I. P.	Duston, G. T.	*Howie, D. N.	*Neil, C. F.
Bennet, J. M.	Familton, N.	Kennard, N. R.	Retter, D. J.
Blomfield, S. J.	Farrant, G. R.	Latham, H. D.	Robson, I. D.
Bruce, J. C.	*Flowers, R. J.	*MacKay, P. J.	*Shaw, D. J.
Clent, J. C.	Francis, D. R.	*McDonald, W. R.	*Stevens, S. C.
Dawson, B. P.	Frobarth, C. H.	Murrell, R. M.	*White, T. C. H.

## FORM IVA

Allison, G. J.	Fleming, N. F.	Leask, O. R.	Thompson, L. R.
Anderson, A. J.	Galt, J. A.	Logan, B. A.	Waddle, N. M.
Brady, R. D.	Harris, T. E.	McCallum, B. A.	Webb, C. E.
Branks, D. R.	Haywood, F. R.	Neil, A. J.	White, G. V. W.
Broughton, W. G.	Heenan, M. R.	Ogle, W. D.	Williams, C. P.
Butt, T. J.	Hill, I. K.	Rutherford, D. B.	Woodfield, B. M.
Cartwright, J. E.	Imlay, L. B.	Smith, J. A.	
Cook, E. W.	Jacquiere, R. W.	Tait, J. K.	
Fleck, R. S.	Knight, R. J.	Taylor, B. H.	

### FORM IVB

Alcock, R. G.	Irwin, N. R.	Mayston, R.
Blue, J. A.	Johnstone, D. R.	Miller, C. G.
Boylan, L. C.	Kidd, D.	Mitchell, J. McG.
Broomhall, R. J.	King, W. G.	Molloy, R. G.
Clark, L. E.	Lawrence, P. R.	McLay, C. S.
Clayton, R. F.	Lodge, N. T. N.	Osborne, H. R.
Denham, W. S. M.	Mackie, A. V.	Rout, J. B.
Greenwood, K. StC.	Masters, D. B.	Singleton, G. R.

Smithies, J. B.
Somerville, J. W.
Soper, C. L. B.
Speers, P.
Spencer, D. S.
Spencer, N. R.

### FORM IVC

Anderson, G. A.	Harris, A. G.	*Peterson, R. J.
Boult, R.	Insall, A. R. T.	Philpott, R.
Burns, A. J.	Jenkins, R. A.	Pope, A. R.
*Coats, W. J.	*Metzger, W. F.	*Price, E. O.
*Crane, A. J.	McDougall, J. H.	Reid, B.
Dennis, J. R.	McLees, J. F.	Reid, G. D.
Earl, M. J.	Mackie, C. G.	*Rice, R. H.
Fraser, D. J.	Morrison, D. G.	*Robertson, G. B.
Fraser, R. P.	Parry, R. J.	Smith, R. G. A.

Speden, I. C.
Spencer, G. G.
Tait, J. R.
Thomson, D. A.
Troon, N. H. W.
Woodward, R. R.
Zimmermann, W. J. L.

### FORM IIIA

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

Rassell, D. R.
Sharp, P. A.
Smith, A. A.
Smith, G. C.
Varga, L.
Wilkes, B. H.
Williams, B. M.

### FORM IIIB

Barron, K. J.	Elliott, K. W.	McLean, T. W.
Branks, A. G.	Forde, E. R.	McMillan, D.
Brown, E. J.	Greaney, B. H.	Marshall, R. E.
Bunting, L. R.	Hay, K. D.	Mitchell, R. B.
Calvert, A. J.	Kingsland, K. N.	Morrison, J. F.
Croad, J. B. R.	Knight, W. D.	Feil, J. D.
Dawson, B. S.	Lawson, K. J.	Nicholson, C. R.
Dunlop, J. W.	Little, R. C.	Parry, E. G.
Elliot, A. R.	MacKenzie, E. D.	Poultney, J. C.

Price, F. R.
Rance, J. J.
*Rowley, R.
Thwaites, O. C.
Twemlow, J. R. H.
Waldron, G. A.
Webb, R. G.
Wensley, L. McD.

### FORM IIIC

Armstrong, D. J.	Galt, C. N.	Macdonnell, G. S.
Bissett, W. F. D.	Hamilton, A. W.	Malcolm, M. S.
Brass, R. H.	Hawkins, K. A.	Matthews, K. N.
Brown, C. C.	Hunter, J. H.	Moyle, G. L.
Church, A. H.	Jackman, G. W.	Murdoch, T. J.
Davenport, C. E. H.	Jackson, F. B.	Parsons, R. J.
Eastlake, P. D.	Jennings, R. N.	Payne, C. T.
Findlay, T. S.	King, B. A.	Peterson, L. F. W.
Fisher, E. C.	Lantsbery, L. D.	Pope, M.

Reid, V. W.
Ridd, R. E.
Stephens, L. J.
Thomas, B. V.
Thompson, H. J.
Thompson, R.
Walker, M. M. G.
Woodd, A. D.

\* Indicates left before the end of the year.

## *The School Year, 1953*

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In the middle term of this year the school was entertained by an address from an enthusiastic South African, Mr Van Ginkle, who, during the course of his talk, asked the intriguing question, "Why are we here?" Now, being a staid educational establishment, we obviously cannot give the same answer as the asylum inmate in the story. However, if we apply the question to the past year and our effort in it, it might be rather difficult to obtain a satisfactory answer. This year in retrospect would not seem to be a spectacular one. Judging from the number of elegantly coiffured heads unruffled by greasy caps, and the low readings of the barometer of stocking heights, there seems to be a lack of pride in the school, which for the greater part of this year little has been done to correct.

The year was started at a disadvantage, with Mr Tuck and Mr Page gone, and Mr Pickard and Mr Richards on leave, making it necessary to have several temporary teachers on the staff, and even, when the situation became most desperate, to admit a woman, Miss N. Woods, to the monastic precincts of the masters' common room.

In the sporting field, apart from the fact that Soccer has quietly taken the place of Hockey as second string winter sport, the position has been the same as it has been for the past few years. Our teams, in most cases, provide stiff opposition, but are not good enough to win. One bright spot however, was the enthusiasm which has returned life-saving to its position amongst the school's sports, after the school had been shamed for its lack of interest.

There has been progress made towards the building of a bigger and better school. The new wing is, to all outward appearances, near completion; tenders are to be called for the long-awaited hostel—the institution which it is hoped will put a backbone in our football teams and remove the cream of Waitaki's giants—more fives courts are being built, and much other work of expansion and progress is being carried out, including the establishment of an interhouse competition for the Uttley Cup. In addition we have the cheering knowledge that the school roll will be greatly increased next year. This, despite the fact that the loss of Mr Slater will be keenly felt, should make for a more active and inspiring year in 1954.

## *"Wise and Eloquent in their Instruction"*

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Schoolmasters are sometimes remembered for their scholarship, sometimes for their eccentricities, and sometimes for the hard work they have done for years on playing fields. But Mr Slater, although he will be remembered for many contributions to this school, will take from it into retirement a character and personal stature that no school can ever afford to lose. Scholars come and go, faithful servants of any institution are a constant factor for good in our communities and the enthusiast for games is somewhere about any New Zealand playing ground. But the man who will not deviate from principle because his integrity is a force that cannot be shaken is one of the rarer birds of human communities.

And that, of course, is what we can least afford to lose and, in the losing, deeply regret—all the more so because scholarship as well as a love of manly pastimes will depart with it. It is hard not to feel that, for a time at least, we will be a lesser place through Mr Slater's departure.—Staff.

### MR SLATER'S RETIREMENT

The School bids farewell to Mr Slater with feelings of goodwill and regret. He has been one of us for twenty years.

Previous to joining us, Mr Slater was educated, both as a pupil and (in 1912) a master, at Otago Boys' High School. As a student, he was nominated by Otago University for a Rhodes Scholarship. After serving with the Forces during the war of 1914-1918, he resumed teaching, casting his pearls, for a short time, in several English schools. Returning to New Zealand, he taught for a season in Masterton and in Napier. The latter place also suffered a severe earthquake.

During Dr Uttley's Rectorship, however, Mr Slater, by coming to Southland Boys' High School, proved that he had seen the light—and he has been bestowing it on us ever since. Not only in the class-room, where his

*"Words of learned length and thund'ring sound  
Amazed the gazing rustics ranged around,"*

has he ruled and served us. As O.C. of the Cadet Company, and as supervisor of the library, his talents and personality have been most effectively given to prosper the school. Naturally—and not merely because he had attained the position of First Assistant Master—he assumed the Acting Rectorship after Mr Leadbetter's departure.

But his influence did not touch the school only. For he held that education does not cease with one's school-days "Non scholae sed vitae discimus." Mr Slater is a member of the Otago Adult Educational Regional Council, sponsored by the University, and an indefatigable worker for the objectives of that body. The Invercargill Repertory Society for some years, and musical circles in this city, owe much to his able participation and practical interest.

In his retirement, Mr Slater will, without doubt, continue to identify himself with these matters. But his identity in the memories of hundreds of colleagues, old boys and pupils, is that of a master of Southland Boys' High School. Many there are who can say,

*"A man severe he was, and stern to view;  
I knew him well, and every truant knew;  
Yet he was kind; or if severe in aught,  
The love he bore to learning was in fault."*

Yet somehow that quotation is inadequate to express the memories we have of Mr Slater or the good wishes with which we take leave of him. No quotation, indeed, could fully do so. But perhaps this comes nearest the mark. May he be assured that we remember and honour him as one of those

*"From whose bays we borrow.  
For they put aside to-day,  
All the joys of their to-day  
And, with toil of their to-day  
Bought for us tomorrow."*

G. A. F. C. —VA

### ELEGY ON THE DEPARTURE OF MR SLATER

Yet once more, O ye elm trees, and once more  
Ye walls, with clinging ivy never sere,  
I come, though 'tis that season of the year  
When harsh examination time is near;  
Once more I raise my pen, not, as before  
To prattle of inconsequential things,  
But to aspire on exalted wings  
And to the heights of poetry to soar.  
Yes, Genius has touched my trembling ears,  
And lofty rhymes and loftier themes await  
My pen, themes I commemorate  
In this immortal verse; and yet the tears  
So blind me I can scarce discern the page

For he is gone; he who from the stage  
Could, with a glance of one condemning eye,  
The most unruly third-year terrify;  
He, beneath whose autocratic rod  
A thousand boys submissively have trod.  
No longer shall his thunderous shout resound  
Throughout the school, no more will he confound  
The guilty, nor relentlessly pursue  
The luckless youth whose book is overdue;  
Nor, in another mood, with joy expound  
On Donne, and Eliot, and Ezra Pound;  
No more such phrases will his class astound  
As ipso facto, nota bene, sotto  
Voce or any other Latin motto;  
And no more will the friendly class-rooms know  
The sound of Slater tackling Cicero.  
What will the classics' fate be, with him gone?  
For only through his vigilant defiance  
Were kept in check th' enroaching hordes of science,  
While Mr Partridge urged his minions on.

Board up his classroom! Turn the pictures round  
To face the walls! Preserve that hallowed ground  
Which felt his footsteps. Let no man profane  
That cupboard where once lay his mighty cane,  
Nor yet disturb those volumes, old and rare,  
Which gather dust in piles around his chair.  
'Nil desperandum!' (as his Latin class  
Was wont to say). His name for long  
Will yet remain in legend and in song,  
Growing in glory as the decades pass;  
And generations yet unborn will shrug  
With disbelief, on hearing tales of—Mr Slater.

G. F. R. —VI A

### DRIFT FROM COUNTRY TO TOWN

During the past ten years there has been a marked increase in the number of farmers migrating to the towns. Perhaps in thirty years' time we may have a position like this.

The population of the main centres consists almost entirely of retired farmers. In each street there is a cross-section of retired farmers; there are retired sheepfarmers, dairy farmers, poultry farmers, pig farmers, and perhaps goat farmers. Over garden fences the retired farmers lounge, reminiscing—about what they did in the drought of 1959 or how they moved the cattle in that disastrous flood of '62.

Each farmer tends his garden using the accumulated knowledge gained through hard work on the farm. By walking down the street you can tell what sort of a farmer the owner of any garden had been. Large spacious, unfenced lawns and widely spaced shrubs denote a sheeprun owner; fenced enclosures, many hedges, shrubs and gates point unmistakably to an ex-dairy farmer; while intensive cultivation of rows of vegetables shows the enthusiasm of a market gardener.

Old farmers' wives sit over their knitting with the washing machine whirring behind them, talking of the days when they had to bake six batches of scones in five minutes for the shearers; the day the bush fire threatened the homestead and the furniture was evacuated; or perhaps about the time the tomcat had kittens.

Farmers and Farmers' wives are in a majority in the city. The rest, civil servants, city council and city business employees are outnumbered. There is class distinction. The workers in the city are almost another caste, and are separated from the retired farmers as often as possible. There are retired farmers' cinemas, retired farmers' bus stops, and retired farmers' pedestrian crossings. The government (also of retired farmers) punishes severely any trespasser on retired farmers' public amenities.

Anyone who is not a retired farmer is looked down upon. No one is accepted in society unless he is a retired farmer, and could talk of 'what he did back on the farm.'

Consequently those who work in the city, and aren't retired farmers (there aren't any retired farmers' working in the city anyway) and wish to be retired farmers' have only one course to take. City workers buy farms everywhere; the sellers of these farms shift to the city to join the ever-expanding band of retired farmers. Thus the cycle goes on. A miserable man who reads your gas meter disappears for twenty years to return, and burst into society, flashing wool cheques in your face.

But all this will happen in thirty, or perhaps forty years' time, and if I start farming now I will just be eligible to joint the first band of retired farmers. And all the retired farmers after me will tell their grandchildren about the retired farmers system, and they will point out the retired farmers' hotels, the retired farmers' licensing trust and the retired farmers' conveniences.

They will take their grandchildren out to visit the retired farmers' cemetery to see my epitaph and statue erected by the retired farmers' city council. The retired farmer of the future will stand before it, his grandchildren ranged beside him. He will fling his arm wide in an eloquent gesture. "There," he will say, gazing fondly at the stone and wiping the moisture from his eyes, "There was a pioneer?"

D. H. DUSTON

#### SONNET

What is it leads men on to the unknown  
The force that lets his soul know little peace  
Urging him on, like Jason to his fleece  
As swift and certain as an arrow flown?  
That drives two men on, upwards and alone  
Till on a pinnacle is freed their heart  
Seeing around them spread the world, a part  
Of some great symphony in frozen stone?  
Surely a symbol of an age that here  
Upon the summit of the world should stand  
Two brothers in the conquest, white and brown  
Trusting each in the other, and the sneer  
Silenced. Let us, with them, extend a hand  
To all men—lest in a scarlet sea we drown

P. J. RIDICK, VIB.

## The Speech Competition

This year the annual speech competition was held on Wednesday, October 21st, and attracted ten entries—five in each section. The speeches, which were of a high standard, were judged, or more correctly, refereed, by Mr G. F. Curran who dealt with each competitor's efforts in a crisp and sound critical fashion beneficial to all contestants. We owe him our thanks for giving his time and attention to the school's annual competition.

In the senior section the quality of the speeches was high, the subject matter being both logically and fluently dealt with.

Placings were : D. P. Millar (*Ich Ne le Saga*) 87 marks, 1st; G. F. Rea (*Making Speeches*) 85 marks 2nd; R. D. Bell (*Psychoanalysis and Freud*) 84 marks, 3rd.

The junior section produced some very interesting subjects, all showing thorough preparation and good handling.

Placings were : A. J. McKay (*Rights and Wrongs of Slang*) 82 marks, 1st; D. B. Fulton (*Discovery of Electricity*) 78 marks, 2nd; P. M. Galt (*The British Monarchy*) 77 marks, 3rd.

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## This Year's Singing

This year the singing in the school suffered heavily from the absence of Mr Black who was injured in March and did not return to school until July owing to his condition. However during his absence, Mr Victor Jones, a former old boy of the school, took over the singing classes.

Sixty-six voices made up the small choir which sang extracts from the opera "Il Trovatore" at the Orphans Club and the Parents' Association during the second term. Our thanks go to Mr Black for the excellent work he put into the choir in such a short period, thus maintaining the past standard of the school.

The septet, which consisted of two basses, G. F. Rea and H. Aitchison; two altos, E. D. Fisher and D. Moir; a tenor, D. R. Beale; and two melodies, W. J. Webb and D. Ker; this year sang at the Orphans Club, the Parents' Association, the Old Boys' Association, St Catherine's and the Travel Club.

The singing competitions this year were held on October 23rd with four boys in the junior section and five entries in the senior section. The winner of the senior section was D. R. Beale, who sang "Loving Smile of Sister Kind," and the Junior winner was J. Bruce who sang "Ave Maria." Our congratulations go to these boys for their excellent performance.

After twenty-three years of association with the school we must now say farewell to Mr Black for at the end of the year he is retiring and is going to live in Cambridge, where we hope he will have a most enjoyable time. We hope that the school will be able to find someone with the qualifications and enthusiasm to fill his position in the school.

## MR BLACK'S RETIREMENT

The retirement of Mr Kennedy Black breaks an association with the school of very long standing. For many years the cardboard charts bearing the parts, the septet and the small choir, and the strains of "The Anvil Chorus" from the hall, have been very much a part of the school.

Prior to taking up his appointment in 1930, Mr Black had gained his L.R.S.M. and, in Australia, a wide experience of music for the stage. He had toured India with a quartette and had the distinction of being the first man to gain a Fellow's degree in singing of the Trinity College of Music.

His service to the school has been great. The fortunes of school singing have fluctuated like everything else. The peak was probably reached in 1940 when the school choir went on tour to Christchurch with John Thompson as soloist. But every year he has produced a choir and septet able to acquitted itself well at outside functions, and every year he has been able by his own enthusiasm to persuade the boys of the school to sing gladly and with a cheerful heart, and that has been his greatest triumph.

We wish him health and happiness in his retirement.

## THE BOXING TOURNAMENT

The annual boxing tournament was held in the School Hall on Thursday, 22nd October. Excessive criticism, which was evident in previous years, was absent, and this was a pleasing feature—the boxers this time were in the ring, not among the spectators. The Southland Boxing Association ran the tournament efficiently, and we must thank Mr Baker and Mr McKenzie who, with Mr J. C. Braithwaite, were responsible for the coaching of the boys, who made as the Rector said, "the best tournament since the war."

The School championship provided the highlights of the evening. The first semi-final, between Clark and Miller, ended in Miller winning on points. With an upright stance and nimble footwork. Clark claimed the first round, but after taking punishment from Miller's "bolo" punch, he gradually lost the initiative. Keast and Howe, both polished boxers, displayed good footwork, but both showed too much apprehension for the bout to be enterprising. The final between Keast and Miller aroused much enthusiasm from the large crowd of boys. Miller was tired, having fought twice previously, but he was a game fighter who was beaten by the rugged, compact Keast. Although Miller connected a few times Keast's greater ability eventually won him the bout.

Results were:—

Under 6st 7lb—Final: Reid (6.6) beat Allison (6.7) on points.

Under 7st 9lb—First round: Rance (7.9) beat Brady (7.6) on points. Semi-finals: Rance beat Alcock (6.13) on points; Hunter (7.9) beat Nicholson (7.3) on points. Final: Hunter beat Rance on points.

Under 9st 9lb—First round: Harris (9.7) beat Waldron (9.4) on points; Webb (9.9) beat Brass (9.9) by a t.k.o. in the third round; Spencer (8.13) beat Parry (9.1) on points. Semi-finals: Webb beat Harris on points; Anderson (8.4) beat Spencer on points. Final: Webb beat Anderson who had to retire at the beginning of round three.

School championship—First round: Clark (11.7) beat Ferrar (10.10) on points; Miller (10.12) beat Finlayson (11.2) on points. Semi-finals: Miller beat Clark on points; Keast (10.8) beat Howe (10.13) on points. Final: Keast beat Miller by a t.k.o. in the third round.

The most scientific boxer was the runner-up in the 9st 9lb class, G. Anderson.

Mr A. Jones was the referee and the judges were Messrs C. Murdoch, W. Sycamore and C. Boyd.

### INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS

In September Mr Slater was observed dragging a large cardboard placard around the school with him, and a few weeks later this appeared in a wooden frame in the main corridor near Room Three. It shows the relative positions of the four houses in the various inter-house activities of the school, and was well set out and excellently lettered by Robertson. Five activities, swimming, Rugby, athletics, shooting and cricket merit 20 points each, and another nine are worth 10 points each, being divided in a ratio of four, three, two and one. At the moment the position is Red 34, Blue 28, White 25, and School 23, but these are liable to be upset at any time as fresh results are added. The prominent position of this board ensures that every boy will be able to see how his house is faring in the Utley Cup competition, and house enthusiasm and rivalry will be accordingly stimulated.

## The Library Year

This year the library has not been as busy as last year. There were indications at the beginning of the year that it would be as successful as usual. Many third-formers seemed interested in becoming librarians, but the numbers faded away quickly, and by the end of the year there were only two or three interested. The librarians left have been doing a worthwhile job well. Those who take a lively interest include, Cuttriss, Matheson (deputy heads), Currie, McCallum, Fleck, Armstrong and Cathcart. Simmers was head librarian.

The issues for the first two terms were:

	Fiction	Non-Fiction	Total
1st Term	878	791	1669
2nd Term	990	736	1726

It appears as if the issues for the third term will be down slightly on those of last year.

There are brighter sides though, for of the 374 new books added this year (264 non-fiction, 110 fiction), 115 were presented. Another island bookshelf has been bought and this adds greatly to the attractiveness of the library. It has the air of a good library.

## The Photographic Club

The Photographic Club had many keen members this year, and the School darkroom was in constant use. The first meeting held early in the year was well attended and a committee was elected consisting of R. D. Bell 6B, and J. M. Simmers, E. D. Fisher, and D. S. Ker, all of 6A, Ker being appointed secretary and treasurer.

Some innovations this year were the keeping of an appointment book by Fisher in the Prefects' room with a key available from Fisher or Ker—this was found to be a very successful method of utilizing the darkroom more satisfactorily. A special film developer was available on request. Buying developer in powder form and making this and the hypo up proved quite economical.

Mr Martin gave an informative lecture and demonstration on the principles of photography later in the term. Several newcomers have received instruction on printing and developing from committee members. The darkroom has been well labelled with colourful placards from Mr Slater's art class. A new enlarger lens was tried but was unfortunately too big. It is to be hoped that a future committee will carry through this improvement.

Two girls wishing to form a similar club at S.G.H.S. were conducted through our darkroom by Ker, who informed them of just what was necessary. We understand that he performed this difficult task with unusual efficiency.

A competition was held near the end of the year and all the entries were of a high standard. D. S. Ker won the postcard enlargement; J. M. Simmers came first in the senior contact, and B. Dawson was first in the junior section. In conclusion the club thanks Ferrar, V.A., and Fisher and Ker VI.A., for prints for this magazine.

## *Chess Club Notes*

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What sort of a game is chess? A look into Room 14 during a meeting will show us two things; that the members of our club are keen, deriving much pleasure from the game, and that the game is NOT for the intellectual few and beyond the powers of the average person.

During the year the number of members has been high, the available sets being in full demand. The standard of play dropped when Slater, last year's cup winner, and Poole his close rival, left school, and it will probably be many years before the club will produce again two such fine players.

During the second term the boys were invited down to the Girls' High by the club recently formed there. The afternoon was a very enjoyable one, and our team obviously appreciated the very fine afternoon tea which the girls provided. Early in the third term the girls returned our visit and on this occasion provided much stiffer opposition winning 4 games out of 10 in the first round. We had the use of the library which helped to make the tournament a success. It is hoped that these visits will become annual.

An indication of the Club's expansion is that two ladders (junior and senior) were in operation this year, instead of the usual one. They were used to select the ten members required for tournaments, and for the club championship, held during the third term.

During the third term also, the town club invited us to one of their meetings, where we had an opportunity of playing older and more experienced players.

Our members know that chess is a game which, because of the infinite number of moves it is possible to make in the course of a game, never grows stale but which takes hold of one's interest and becomes a source of much enjoyment.

## *Cadet Notes, 1953*

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During the first week barracks was held as usual. Those who had attended camps during the holidays at Sutton and Linton, together with Lieut. Caldwell taught the school the new changes in drill and now even the most conservative of seniors will agree that this new change is a change for the good. This year the Otatara Rifle Range was out of order so that unfortunately the day's shoot with .303's was not held. The barracks ended with a parade in which Capt. Spence inspected the troops and took the salute.

Immediately after this week, a group of 100 senior boys were trained in rifle exercises to provide a guard of honour for the first visit of the Governor-General. A very high standard of steadiness and smartness was achieved on this occasion. On Coronation Day the school was represented by two platoons. The unsuitability of the form of the celebrations on that day was probably reflected in their marching. On Anzac Day two platoons again took part in the procession.

Drill was again started at the beginning of the third term. Platoons spent the periods practising for the platoon competitions which had not been held at the time of writing.

The Battalion was as follows:—

**Battalion Commander:** Major J. C. Braithwaite; Regimental Sergeant-Major W.O.I. J. A. Deaker.

**Headquarters Company:** O.C., Lieut. Caldwell; C.S.M., W.O.II E. D. Fisher; Sergeants, 1 G. H. Nicholson, Artillery; 2 D. R. Beale, Signals; J. P. Hunter, Mortars; 3 D. Jackson; 4 D. Christian; 5 H. B. Wilson.

**A Company** : O.C., Capt, A. R. Dunlop. C.S.M., W.O.II W. P. Holloway. Sergeants, 6 B. Murrell; 7 G. Cole; 8 W. H. Mitchell; 9 D. G. Russell.

**A.T.C.** : O.C., Major A. J. Deaker. F.O., L. V. Blaikie; W.O., W. R. Jackson. Flight Sergeants, 1 G. F. Rea; 2 W. J. Webb.

**Armoury** : Q.M.S., J. Munro.

#### THE BAND — 1953

##### Drum-Major :

**Drum Sergeant** : J. E. Hargreaves.

**Bugle Sergeant** : D. Excel.

**Drum Corporal** : N. R. Kennard.

**Bugle Corporal** : C. H. Frobarth.

**Drum Lance-Corporal** : B. D. Rutherford. **Bugle Lance-Corporal** : T. E. Harris.

The band this year has a roll of 36 members, of which 19 are buglers, and 17 are drummers, both having a predominance of third and fourth form boys. The junior boys are beginning to lose that uncertainty caused by too much reliance on senior boys for their movements and leads, while drill teaching has been made simpler and easier by splitting the boys into two platoons of buglers and drummers, the competition involved having an effect upon the standard of the drill.

Because of the work put in by R. Bell (Q.M.S.), the uniforms have all been re-numbered and an inventory made. Likewise he has re-rope, repainted, and replaced old lugs and snares on the drums.

The band has had seven dress parades, including an all-day tour of four Southland Districts on Coronation Day, the new guard drill being now used on all these occasions.



The season began early this year, and the prospects for good teams and good Rugby were bright. In each grade in which teams were entered a school team finished among the leaders. The grounds, with only an occasional exception, were firm and dry, and made open, bright games possible. In the junior teams, practices were enjoyed and a general enthusiasm was prevalent.

Seven teams were entered in the Rugby Union's competitions; one in each of the third, fourth and sixth grades, and two in the fifth. Three teams also took part in the mid-week interschool seventh grade competitions. Congratulations go to the Fifth Grade A team on winning its competition, and to the First Fifteen and Sixth Grade teams on being runners-up in their respective grades.

#### FIRST FIFTEEN

With 9 caps from last year's First Fifteen back again, hopes were very high for a first class fifteen. From the first game however, it became obvious that the lightness of the pack, which averaged only two pounds over eleven stone, and the lack of a good

first five-eighth to give the combination to exploit the fast three-quarter line available, were to be the two deciding factors in the final rather disappointing record of the team. The lightness of the whole team was evidenced by some poor second spell exhibitions, the King's game being a notable exception. Playing against heavier sides led to a run of injuries, culminating in the Timaru game, when no fewer than four forwards had to leave the field.

The forwards compensated for their lack of weight by their mobility, and quick heeling from rucks, which made many good attacking moves possible. In the back-row, Holloway, the captain, played fine football, showing plenty of dash in the loose and proving himself a capable leader. On the sides Deaker and Fisher tackled well and were also a good line-out pair. The locks Andrew and Beale excelled in the tight play. Andrew's tackling was an example to all. In the front-row, Christie and Welsh combined well with the hooker and were both good in the loose. Wilson, the hooker, was fairly successful even when weight odds were against him, and he was a good all-round forward as well.

The backs contained several really talented players, and were, in the early part of the season, constantly being shuffled around to try to obtain an effective combination. With the pressure on, however, they tended too much to individualism. Slow passing and misdirected kicking lost many possible points. In club games they played very well on most occasions, and many fine three-quarter tries resulted. O'Connor at half-back played grand football, his cover defence tackling was deadly and his breaks from the base of the scrum were brilliant. Mitchell was always dangerous, when in possession, and his ability to 'pot' goals on an odd occasion was an asset to the team. Three of the younger members of the team filled the second five-eighth position at different times. Neil, who also played on the wing, made some good breaks, but lacked the finish or support to bring them the success they deserved. Rutherford, with a good pair of hands and a solid tackle, should develop into a sound player. Nicholson, who also handles well, is another who will improve. Turnbull at centre was, if a trifle slow to get into his stride, a strong powerful runner who has all the attributes of a really good three-quarter. Jackson on the wing always tackled well, and exploited any opportunities which came his way. At full-back Thompson was always very safe, and when he got up to make an extra man in the back-line, invariably the movement ended in a try. Shaw, Denham and Russell each played in one interschool game.

#### SCHOOL v. OTAGO

In a scrappy game played in mud at Rugby Park, School drew with the Otago Boys' High School, 3-3. Heavy rain fell during the first half. It was a day for forward play, but neither pack took advantage of the conditions and little lively loose play was seen.

The first points in the match came when Southland took play into the Otago half. From a ruck on the twenty-five line the ball went to the Southland first five-eighth, W. H. Mitchell, who drop-kicked a goal.

Southland continued to attack and were unlucky not to score when called back to the twenty-five for an infringement after the ball had been grounded. In the last 15 minutes of the half, Otago pressed the Southland goal-line and twice were stopped within inches of scoring. A penalty goal by Wing equalled the score.

The rain had stopped falling when play began in the second half. The standard of play improved and the Southland backs combined in several good movements. Mitchell made some jinky solo runs and put his team on attack on many occasions.

The backs were unable to finish off promising movement and on only few instances did the ball reach the wing three-quarters.

Otago were unlucky not to take the lead five minutes before full time when a penalty kick by Wing, from wide out, hit the upright.

### SCHOOL v. WAITAKI

Playing superior football in all departments Waitaki beat School by 18 points to three in the annual interschool game which was played at Rugby Park. Waitaki received plenty of the ball from a pack of big forwards and the backs were alive to opportunities. The Southland team lacked combination in both the backs and forwards. On the occasions when the Southland backs received the ball any advantage was lost because of breakdowns in the back movements.

Waitaki's 18 points came from unconverted tries. Southland's three points came from a penalty goal.

Waitaki attacked from the beginning of the game. From a ruck on the Southland goal line A. Soper, Waitaki captain, took the ball from a Southland player and scored. The try was not converted.

Southland made the score equal a few minutes later. N. Thompson kicked a goal from an easy position. The Southland forwards were pressing the Waitaki goal line. It was the only time in the game when Southland looked a likely scoring combination.

P. Wright put Waitaki into the lead after about 25 minutes. Other tries were scored for Waitaki by B. Johnstone, J. Marshall, and R. Earwaker. Kicking was not helped by a strong cross-wind, but tackling which had been weak in the first half improved in both teams in the second.

### SCHOOL v. KING'S

Fielding a stronger and faster back line, King's beat School by 14 (one converted try, three tries) to 8 (a converted try, a goal from a penalty). at King's High School, in the annual Rugby match.

Southland gained more of the ball from rucks and scrums in the opening stages of the match. By half-time the King's forwards had settled down, but had some lapses as the game drew to a close. The King's pack had the better of the exchanges in the open.

W. Holloway was prominent in the School pack. Usually first away from the scrum, he repeatedly broke up inside back movements in the King's side. H. Wilson hooked well for Southland.

The King's left wing, N. McGregor, was the outstanding back on the field. Early in the game he scored two runaway tries, which gave King's the six-point lead they maintained to the finish.

J. O'Connor, shone as the hardest worker and most efficient player in the School back line. He followed his forward pack like a terrier, and many times was unlucky not to score. His perseverance was rewarded late in the second half, however, when he gathered the ball from behind the scrum, raced through the King's defence, and scored between the posts.

Tries were scored for King's by McGregor (3) and Squires, and Stewart converted one. O'Connor scored for Southland, and N. Thompson converted and kicked a goal from a penalty.

### SCHOOL v. TIMARU

Southland lost its last interschool Rugby game of the season when it was beaten by Timaru by 14 points to 5 at Timaru. The game was played in cold weather and the ground was greasy.

Southland led 5-0 at half-time, although it did not have the territorial advantage. But up to this stage, and for the first 10 minutes of the second half, Southland appeared as if it would hold its heavier opponents. However, Southland was unfortunate to lose four men out of the pack through injury and this cost them all chance of dominating the game.

Although the ground became muddy both teams threw the ball about and there were some bright movements. The School pack was well led by the captain, Holloway. Best of the others were the two locks, Andrew and Beale, but all played well and their work was cleaner cut than their opponents.

The half-back, O'Connor, played a fine game. Mitchell was the best back on the ground.

Turnbull at centre was the best of the others and had the team not lost key men in the forwards it might have come out the winner. Thompson played a grand game at full-back.

Southland scored early in the first half after Timaru had been on the attack. When Neil received the ball in a back passing rush and kicked through to the line, the forwards were well up and Wilson picked up and dived over. Thompson converted.

Although Timaru was on attack for long periods in this half, Southland, through the good work of its forwards in the loose, was dominating the scrums, line-outs and tight rucks and was not hard put to keep its line intact. Mitchell, O'Connor and the No. 8 forward, Holloway, were showing good understanding at this stage.

Timaru gradually assumed control and from a passing rush, which started from a line-out on the Southland 25, the backs raced away and Cant scored in the corner after handling the ball twice in the movement.

It was not until 15 minutes from time that Timaru took the lead, although at this stage Timaru was in command. Harraway intercepted a Southland passing movement and took the opposition by surprise to clear out from half-way and score under the posts. The try was converted and Timaru led 8-5. Timaru scored twice more when Ellis and Fowler went over in succession. Neither try was converted and the final score was, Timaru 14, Southland 5.

#### THE SECOND XV

After leading the competition for the first half of the season, the team slumped badly, and finished in third place, having played 17 games, won 7, lost 7, drawn 3.

The forwards were capable of first-rate pack work, but unaccountable inconsistency too often gave their opponents superiority and victory.

The backs made the most of their opportunities, but good combination was not always obtained because of the increasing claims of the 1st XV.

The whole team failed to appreciate the necessity of hard tackling and this cost them many points.

The best game of the season was the first interschool game against Gore 1st XV. The forwards excelled and the backs capped it off by scoring four good tries. The game ended in a 14-all draw, the main feature being the cover defence play of the School forwards.

Waitaki visited us next and a good game was played on a heavy ground. The forwards worked tirelessly and the backs made the best of their opportunities with perhaps a bit too much kicking. The match resulted in a win for Southland by 8-6.

For the Otago match a trip to Dunedin was necessary. The game, which was played on a hard and slippery ground, was scrappy in the first half, and because of bad tackling, Otago scored and converted. In the second half our team played better and scored once and were very unlucky not to have scored on other occasions. However, Otago's defence held and the game ended in a 5-3 win for Otago.

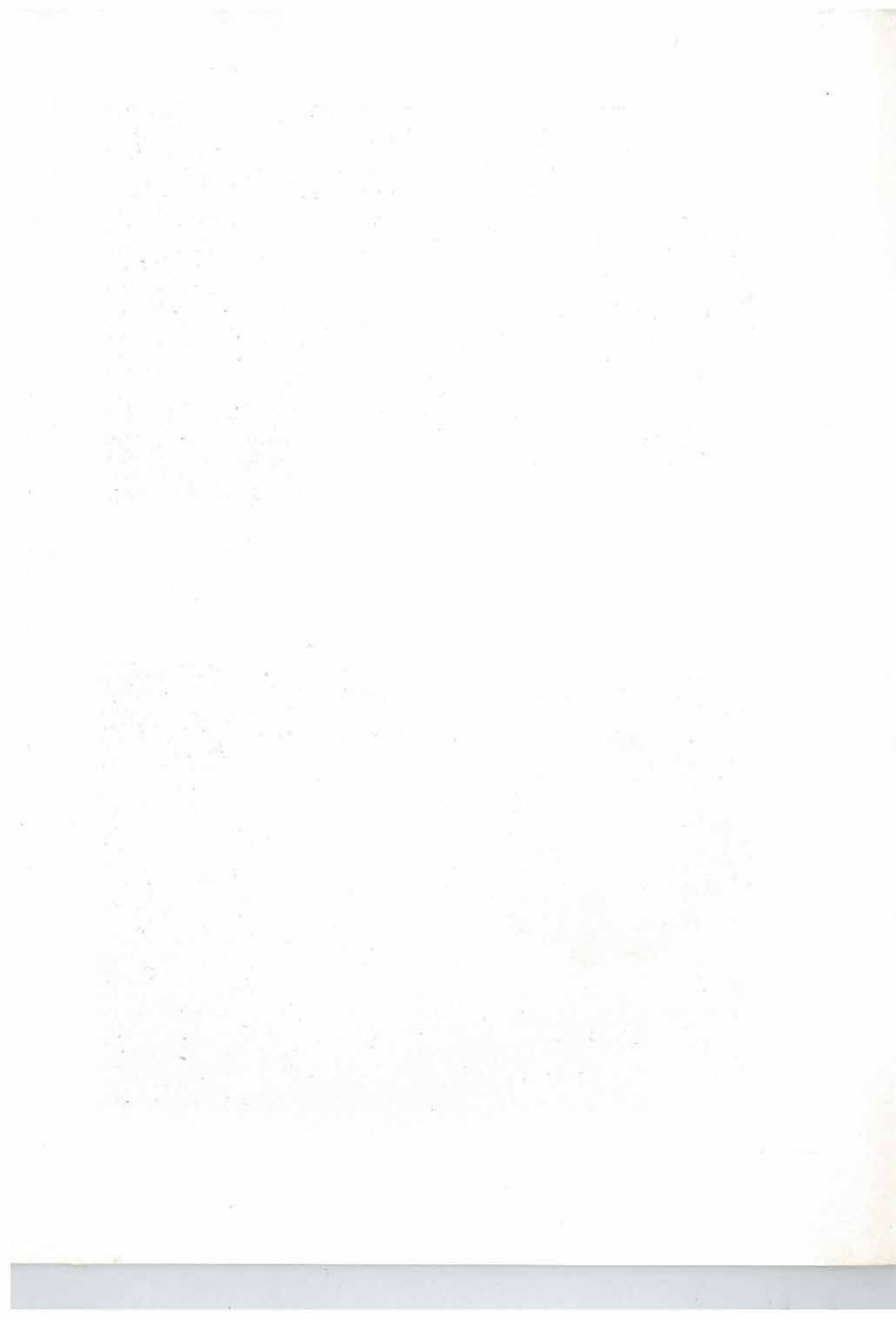
In the forwards Craig, Duston and Keast were always working hard in the tight play. Craig excelled in the line-out play towards the end of the season. Henry was always fast on the ball. Spencer, the hooker, usually managed to get a good share of the ball from set scrums. Robertson, captain and half-back, was very sound but sometimes had difficulty in getting his passes away. Kitson at second five-eighth was a strong runner but too often tried to go on his own. Scobie at centre improved but was inclined to the same fault. Webb, Macpherson and Denham were strong running wings and scored many tries. Lindsay at full-back was reliable but his line kicks were too short. Nicholson who came down from the 1st XV was used as a utility back and he put some dash into the back line.

The team's successes were mainly due to the coaching of Mr Rout and he deserves our thanks.

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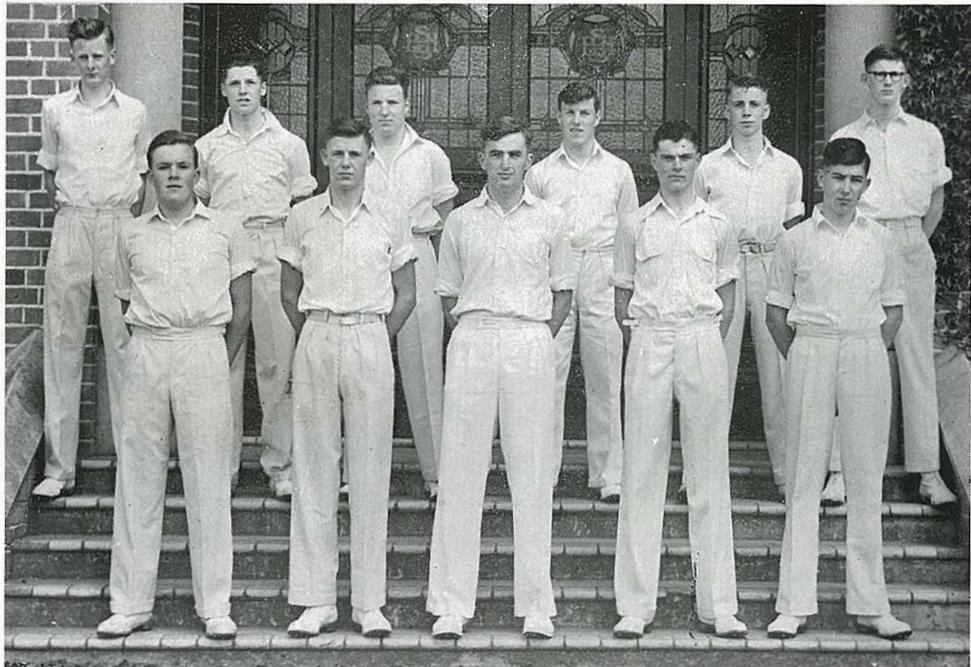
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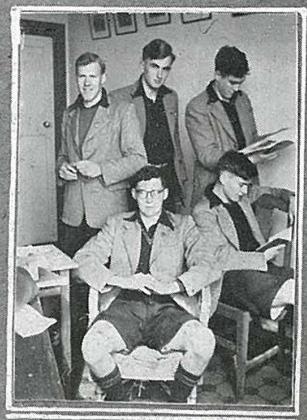
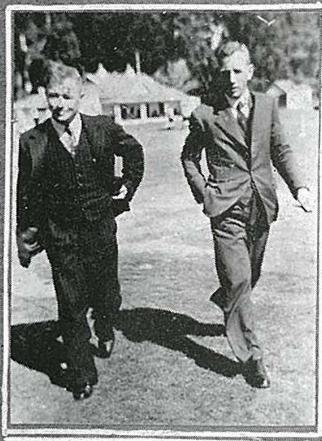
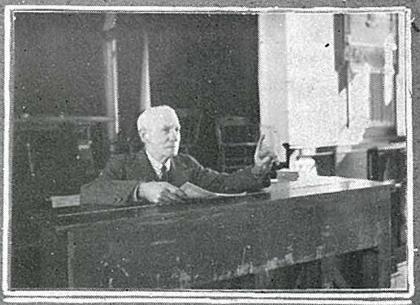
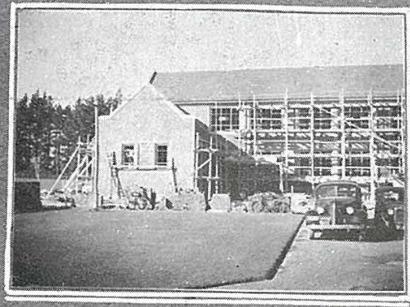
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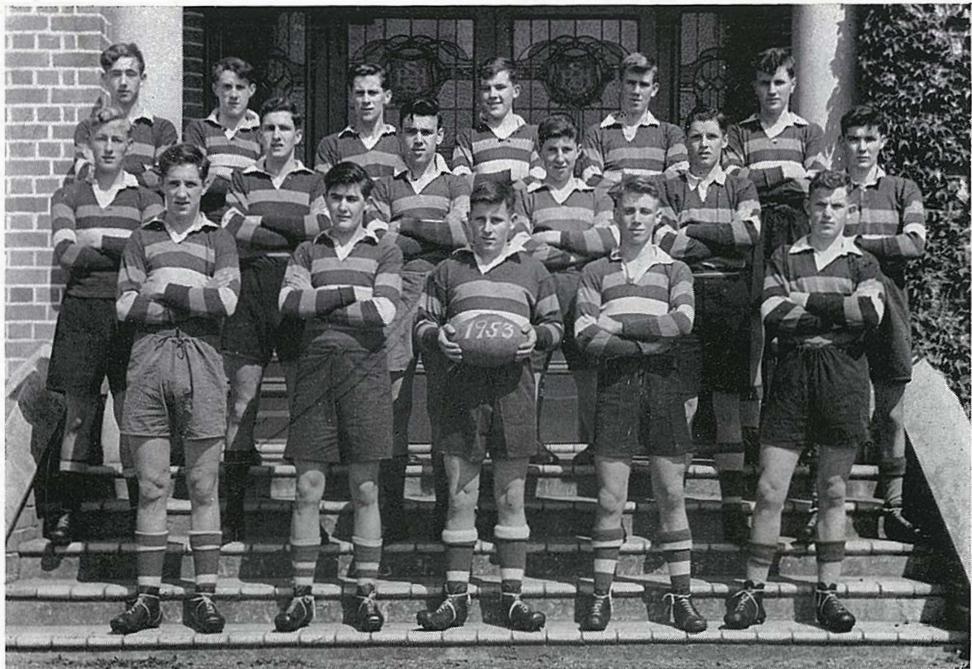
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L. R. THOMPSON.  
Front Row : D. R. BEALE, N. R. THOMPSON, W. P. HOLLOWAY (Capt.), N. E. CLARK, G. S. NOBLE.





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B. H. CHRISTIE

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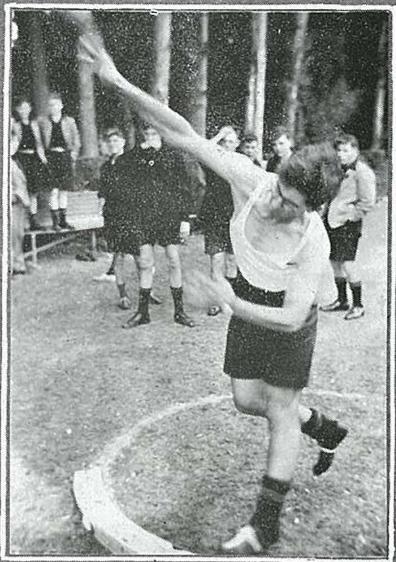
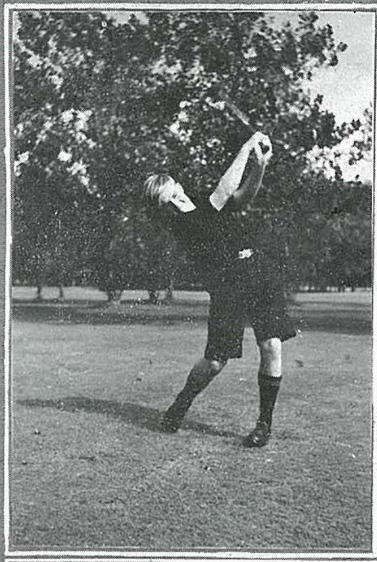
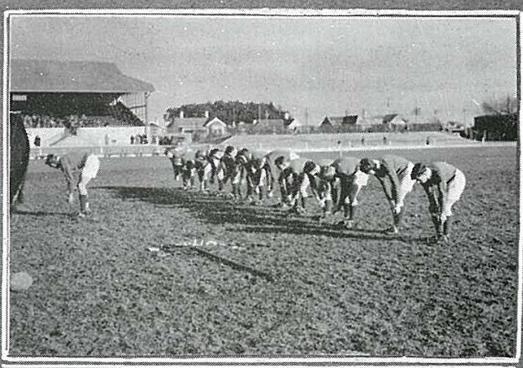
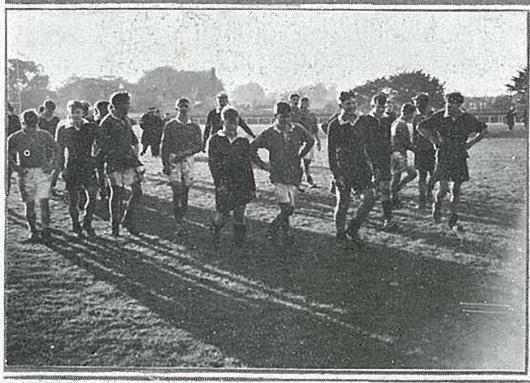
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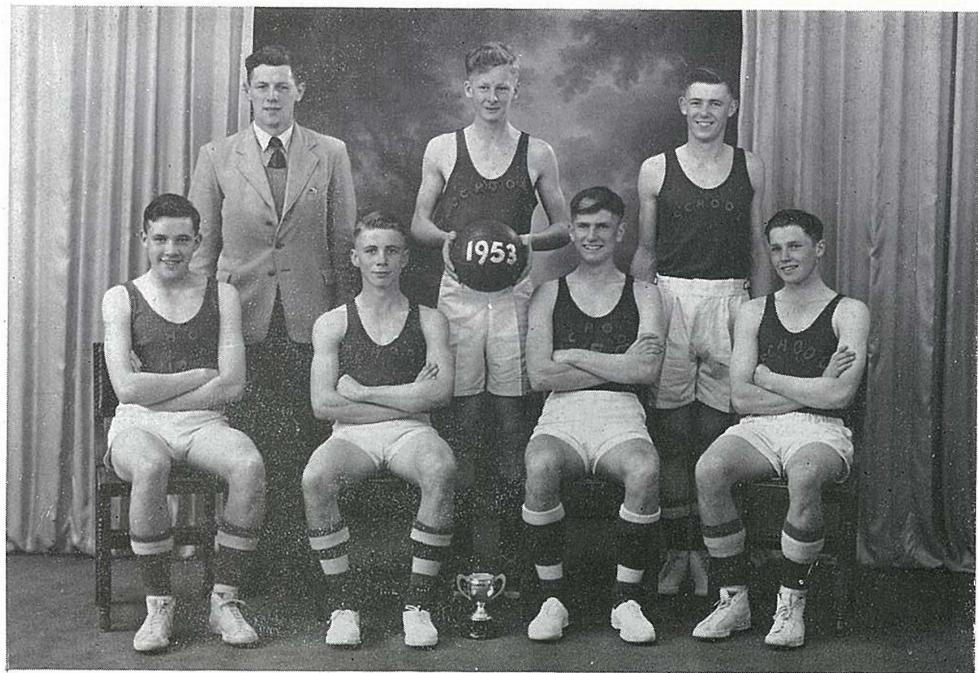


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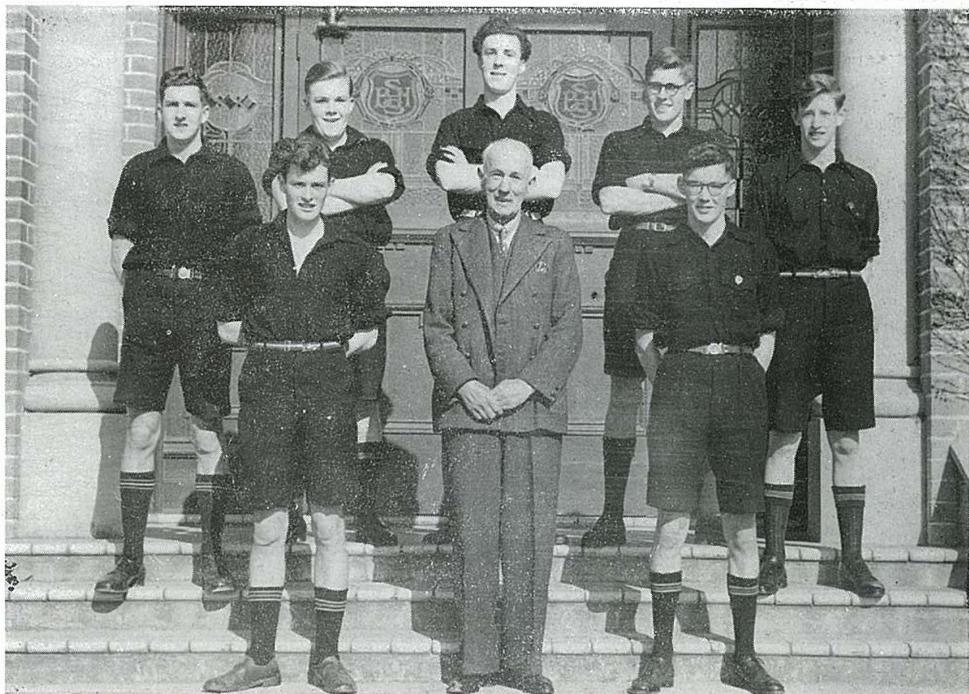
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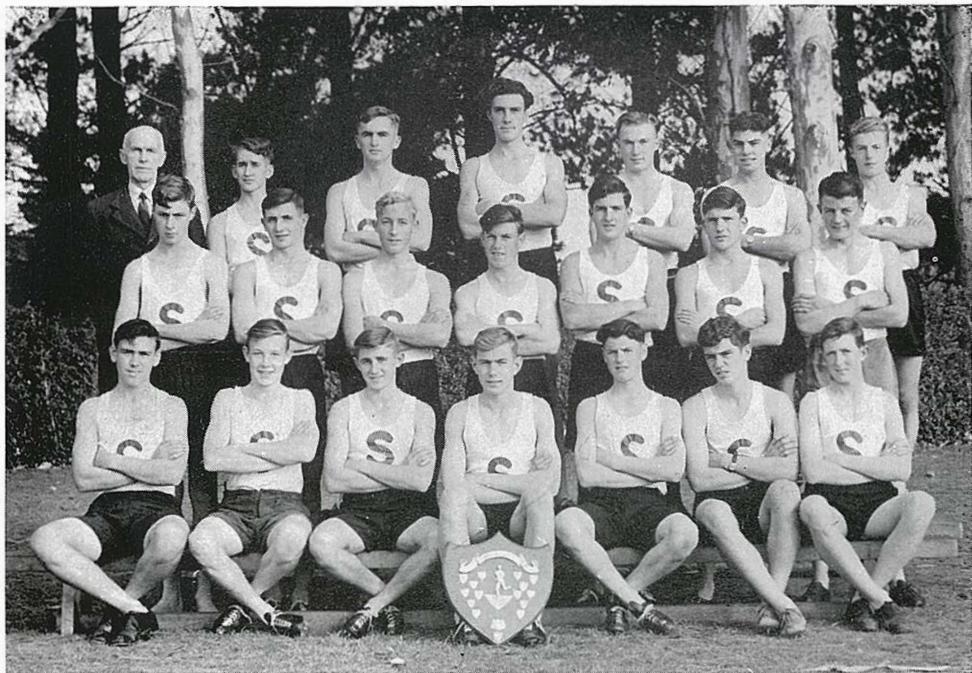
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Front Row : R. C. SCOBIE, A. G. JOHNSON, D. G. RUSSELL, G. W. KITSON.



SEPTET, 1953

D. R. BEALE, H. M. AITCHISON, D. S. KER.  
W. J. WEBB. E. D. FISHER  
J. D. MOIR, MR KENNEDY BLACK, G. F. REA.



ATHLETIC TEAM, 1953

Back Row : MR J. PAGE (Coach), D. N. HOWIE, W. P. HOLLOWAY, H. M. AITCHISON,  
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C. F. NEIL, G. R. SINGLETON, R. S. FLECK.

## FIFTH GRADE

The School entered two teams in the 5th grade competition and the A team acquitted itself well—winning 12 of the 14 matches played and scoring 173 points to 18 scored against.

Unfortunately, playing conditions during the season were not always conducive to open Rugby with the result that the backs were seldom seen to advantage. However, the A team often showed excellent combination.

Dropped passes and loose forward play were the main weaknesses of both teams. Too often a promising movement was spoiled by poor handling among the backs and a lack of cohesion in the forwards was responsible for much poor scrum and line-out work.

Thirty-three players formed the group. Although the few reserves available invariably ensured a game for every player each Saturday, the B team was frequently called upon to field an ill-balanced side. If the A team is to be congratulated on winning the competition, praise is also due to the B team which often played under adverse conditions and yet managed to work up a combination which enabled it to win two matches towards the end of the season.

## SIXTH GRADE

The sixth grade team played its way enthusiastically through its Saturday morning engagements ably captained by Soper whose future in the Rugby game ought to be a bright one. The team finished the season in third place on the grade table, but, had it enjoyed consistent coaching and help, would certainly have had to yield finally to none of its competitors. Kane, presumably enjoying this killer role on the right wing, ran spectacularly often being very hard to bring down. By defeating Marist in a closing game the team allowed Technical to go to the top of the points table.

## SEVENTH GRADE A

The season ended successfully for the seventh grade A team. They won their grade competition and finished with a record which was quite impressive. Nine games were played, seven won, one drawn and one lost.

There were only nine points scored against the side during the season.

Technical with a heavier and faster backline scored twice to make the final score in the only game in which the seventh grade team was defeated, 6-0. A feature of the game was the solid defence of the School team. It persistently broke up promising movements by the Technical inside backs and did at times show attacking ability.

There were no individualists in the team for consistent team-work was a contributing factor to the success gained by the side.

The three-quarters, though a little light, were fast. They handled the ball well, and their speedy passing rushes resulted in some excellent tries.

The inside backs were not particularly strong runners and could have perhaps used their kicking ability to greater advantage. More should be heard of two very promising players in Rance and Nicholson. The forwards were ably led by the captain, Spencer, who was always a sound and honest worker. King, who is a relatively tall lad, had considerable success in line-out work. However, all played good Rugby during the season and for the effort that was put into their match play the boys were rewarded by a convincing win in the competition.

The team owes much of its success to the coach, Mr Braithwaite, who gave sound advice when warranted and guided the team through the season with a careful hand.

## Soccer Notes

Fir the first time since 1908, School saw soccer again active during the winter. Owing to the increasing numbers of enthusiasts, permission was given, and soccer posts were set up on the old hockey ground, which although a little small, was used constantly throughout the season.

Four teams were selected to play on Saturdays and the remainder played House Soccer on Thursday afternoons. Two of the teams played in the 4th Grade Competition, and the others in the 5th Grade.

The First Eleven, fortunate in having nine players among them who had represented Southland, and who had played together before, finished the season without a loss. Ably coached by Mr Roxburgh, himself an ex-soccer player, the team, from start to finish of the season showed a snappy combination, although many chances were lost through erratic kicking at the last moment.

Singleton in goal played outstandingly throughout the season and at all times remained safe, bringing off some really excellent saves. He was well supported by the two hard-kicking backs, Rout and Sutherland, who backed each other up and proved very hard to get past. The halves, Hamilton, Ericson, and Hall, played consistently throughout the season, but owing to the lack of hard opposition in competition games, developed the habit of staying upfield, causing much confusion in the forwards. This in turn left the defence of the team weakened, and many times it nearly proved disastrous during the interschool games. Hamilton, Robb, Bickerstaff, Peters (capt.), and Crane, all at some time Southland Representatives, provided a forward line which many teams envied, and put the finishing touches to our team.

The B team was as follows :—Munro, Treeby, Smith, Bews, Retter (capt.), Jenner, Owens, Murrel, Nind, Anderson, Reid.

### **THE KING'S GAME**

Played at Invercargill on South No. 2 ground, onlookers saw an excellent game of fast, skilful soccer. Play was for the most part even, as indicated by the final score 2-2, although School, pressing hard at all times, was very unfortunate not to have more goals. Bickerstaff opened the scoring early in the first half after a neat passing movement among the forwards, but the score was equalised just before half-time, when, after a tussle in the goal-mouth, the ball was netted. Early in the second half Bickerstaff again netted, but after a runaway by the King's centre forward, an excellent goal was scored. And so, although the crossbar was hit and balls curved round the post in the last few minutes, School was unable to get the extra goal, and the match ended satisfactorily for both teams.

### **. . . . AND THE OTAGO GAME**

This game was played in peculiar conditions on Ellis Park, Dunedin. As the ground was partly shadowed by a hill, and there had been heavy rain and frosts previously, half the ground was frozen, and the other a sea of mud, while the goal mouths were miniature lakes, one with ice covering it.

School started off badly and had a goal scored against them in the first few minutes. Play ranged from one end of the field to the other, and it was just before half-time when Hamilton, right wing, netted with a high shot. Play in the second half was at all times scrappy, and Otago at different stages netted twice, and although towards the end School was unlucky when Bickerstaff hit the crossbar with a long shot, the game ended with the score: Otago 3; Southland 1.

#### 5th GRADE

Two teams in the hands of Mr Farrant, competed in the 5th Grade Competition.  
The teams were :—

"A" team—Zimmerman, Masters, Morris, Webb, Woodfield, Thwaites, Troon, White (capt.), McLean, Speers, Ogle.

"B" team—Morrison, Lantsbery, Stephens, Fulton (capt.), Smith, Poultney, Brass, Osbourne, Imlay, Twemlow, Elliott.

Of special note are the numbers of players who represented Southland in tournaments at Dunedin, Christchurch, and Invercargill during the season. They are as follows: Peters, Crane, Bickerstaff, Robb, Hamilton, Reid, Rout, Ericson, Familton, Singleton, Jenner, Stephens, Morrison, Woodfield, Zimmerman, Lantsbery, Fulton, Thwaites and Morrison, the last two also representing the South Island.

## Tennis Notes

*Nothing could be nicer on a perfect summer's day,  
Than to have a game of tennis in much the normal way.  
The only fault that I can find about this joyous sport,  
Is, darn the thing, I spend more time in chasing balls than playing  
on the court.*

#### FIRST TERM

In the first term of 1953 all interest was centred on the playing of matches against King's High School. With everyone striving for a place in one of the teams, trials were held and most players showed considerable improvement.

The match against King's resulted in a win for King's, although we were not disgraced against more experienced players.

Seniors: Jackson, Peters, Francis, Deaker.

Juniors: Mayston, Cartwright.

As usual the school teams acquitted themselves well in the Secondary Schools' Wednesday competitions. The Senior A and Junior A both won their grades.

#### THIRD TERM

The main attraction in the third term is, of course, the Secondary School Championships, and the school should do well in them.

This year the school is holding its own championships and these should prove successful and our thanks are extended to Mr Deaker for the time he has spent arranging the tennis programme.

# CRICKET



The team played in the Junior A section and was never fully extended; invariably the side had to declare. Although beaten three times, the team, on each occasion, was not at full strength. L. Familton, Ryder, Adam, a very successful fast attack, D. Anderson and Tait, two vigorous dashing batsmen, left at the end of '52 but their places were ably filled by R. Thompson, Clark, Noble, J. Anderson, Beale and N. Familton.

N. Thompson batted brilliantly and steadily, scoring three fine centuries, and with an aggregate of 700 runs, won the J. S. Brass Memorial Trophy. He has proved himself one of the best batsmen produced by the school in recent years. With N. Thompson and Kitson forming a strong foundation, Holloway, Anderson, Johnson and Mitchell were able to attack the bowling. Noble, rather slow, has great concentration, while Beale, with his natural swing and timing, should, when he overcomes his initial "scratching around," score well. Kitson has perhaps the greatest potentialities; a conscientious cricketer, a prolific scorer when in form, and a slow bowler who tantalises flat-footed batsmen with his flight and break. However to achieve further success with his bowling he will have to sacrifice spin for pace. Johnson, quick footed and nimble is a most powerful and enterprising batsman; he should adequately replace N. Thompson, as wicket-keeper. J. Anderson has great natural ability, and when he curbs his natural impetuosity, should score prolifically. Mitchell, a pretty player had a lean season and did not strike form until the King's game; his fielding at cover was brilliant. Holloway batted better after Christmas, but his attraction for the "cow shot" repeatedly caused his downfall.

The bowling did not have the quality of the batting, but with the advent of the 1952-53 season the attack has matured. Clark has developed greater hostility and accuracy, and with his free hitting, is invaluable; R. Thompson has great consistency, and when he develops physically will be more difficult to play to. N. Familton has shown the greatest improvement; his off-spinners are deadly when he applies himself to the task. Holloway has greater consistency, but at times, tends to be defensive.

Finally we would like to thank Mr A. E. Dakin, whose enthusiasm and skill have benefited all who have been fortunate enough to have his coaching.

## THE KING'S GAME

After winning the toss King's batted on an easy wicket, which gave no help to the medium pace attack of Clark and R. Thompson; it was not until the spinners, Holloway and Kitson, came on that the wickets began to tumble—from 2 for 92 King's were all out for 127. Kitson flighted the ball well, and in forcing the batsmen to play the ball had success; Holloway's faster bowling formed, with Kitson's, an effective combination.

The Southland innings opened disastrously, which seems typical of the school in recent years. N. Thompson and Holloway both went with the score at 5, but the sure batting of Kitson, a vigorous 40 by Johnson, and an attacking 20 by Familton took the score to 142, 15 runs ahead.

King's second innings was more successful; the wicket was lifeless and with fluent stroke-making they scored 221 for 6 wickets declared. Clarke, with a devastating spell after lunch, was the most effective bowler, although all bowled steadily. With 150 minutes left Southland required 207 runs to win; a sporting declaration by King's, Southland accepted the challenge and at stumps had scored 194 for 8 wickets. N. Thompson, Holloway, Mitchell, Anderson and Johnson, hit the ball hard and showed the batting strength of the team. On the whole a very thrilling match.

**SOUTHLAND**                  1st                  2nd

W. Holloway	0	33
G. Kitson	23	1
N. Thompson	0	42
W. Mitchell	12	31
J. Anderson	10	27
D. Beale	17	0
G. Noble	6	7
A. Johnson	40	24
N. Clark	2 (N.O.)	5
N. Hamilton	20 (N.O.)	2
R. Thompson	(N.O.)	2
Extras	10	22
Total	142	194 for eight

Bowling:—

1st Innings                  2nd Innings

Pearson	4 for 49	0 for 34
Swanson	4 for 21	1 for 25
Spencer	2 for 25	3 for 43

**KINGS**                  1st                  2nd

Swanson	58	32
Williams	24	53
Pearson	6	1
Stewart	0	48
Reeve	0 (N.O.)	37
McGrath	6	0
Tomkins	9	5
Procter	1	
Reid	16 (N.O.)	27
Spencer	0	
Harford	(N.O.)	2
Extras	5	18

Total	127	221 for six.
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Bowling :—

1st Innings                  2nd Innings

N. Clark	0 for 24	3 for 39
R. Thompson	0 for 9	0 for 29
D. Beale	0 for 22	0 for 22
W. Holloway	5 for 32	2 for 43
G. Kitson	5 for 35	1 for 47

### THE OTAGO GAME

This game was abandoned after three hours' play; a disappointing finish to a game which showed promise of becoming a great struggle. After a morning's train journey, the team took the field at 3.30 p.m. and Otago with characteristic dash set about dealing with the bowling. Beale and R. Thompson bowled steadily, but rather jaded fielding, assisted by a fast outfield and short boundaries, produced an inevitable rise in the score. Kitson came on and immediately had success but the short boundaries were to his disadvantage. N. Familton replacing him, bowled well. Holloway tied one end up successfully.

Play was started again on the third morning; Holloway took a wicket with his first ball and Otago declared. Beale and Noble opened but a further downpour ensued and the game was abandoned.

OTAGO	1st
	191 declared.

Bowling:—

R. Thompson	1 for 35
D. Beale	0 for 44
N. Clark	0 for 17
W. Holloway	2 for 25
N. Familton	0 for 17
G. Kitson	1 for 52

SOUTHLAND	1st
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D. Beale	4 (N.O.)
G. Noble	2 (N.O.)
Extras	2

Total	8 for 0 wickets.
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### SECOND ELEVEN

The Second XI was unlucky at the beginning of the year as practically a whole new team had to be built up. Carnahan, Ericson, Andrew and Welsh, the only members left from the 1952 team, together with Scobie, Lindsay, Russell, Ashby, Robertson, Hunter, Wood and Duston from the dissolved Colts' Team formed the 1953 second eleven.

At the end of the previous year the team had been doing very well in the Junior B Grade, but during the Christmas holidays when the team did not field a side it lost all chances it had of winning the competition. The new team developed into a side which could hold its own against most teams in the grade and by the end of the season it was defeating teams which previously had had the upper hand.

Scobie, Ericson, Lindsay and Wood formed the nucleus of a rather undependable batting side. Scobie behind the stumps was always reliable and had to be very active to stop some of the bowlers' deliveries. The team relied mainly on the medium-fast attack of Carnahan, Ericson, Russell and Lindsay. Ashby, Hunter and Robertson, all slow spinners, often removed batsmen who had defied fast attack. The fielding was not up to standard, although at times brilliant catches were taken.

With Mr Grant coaching the team, and Bickerstaff, a medium-fast bowler from the 1952 1st XI, and Clark, a newcomer from Balclutha, to strengthen the batting, the team is looking forward to a successful season.

### THIRD GRADE A

In the first term of 1953, this team lost one game only, against Georgetown. With only five of the original team's players left, there were a number of new hands and, unlucky to lose the first game before the new team was moulded, they should do well in the 1953-54 season.

The principal bowlers are Currie, a medium pace out-swinger, Smith, slow-medium, Officer, R. Nicholson and Sharp. Most of the players showed flashes of form in batting, with Marshall, G. Nicholson, Currie and Officer ending with the best figures.

The team is :—Marshall (captain), Smith, Officer, Robb, Currie, Sharp, R. Nicholson, G. Nicholson, Stevens, Barron, Woodfield and Millar.

### THIRD GRADE B

Last season the 3rd Grade B team had rather a poor record and finished fifth in the competition. Cartwright headed the batting averages, followed by Pope and Singleton. Best of the bowlers were Pope, Singleton, and Maitland, with others trying their hands at times.

This season the team is under Cartwright's leadership. It has lost several good players, notably Singleton, to outside sports. However, several new players fill the gap; the best being Mitchell, Boylan and Leask.

Although the team is not as strong as last season, it has great hopes, and if these can win games it should have an excellent record.

## Softball, 1953

Under the watchful eye of Mr Rout, of Old Boys Red Sox, softball has once again been introduced into the school.

There are two teams entered in the inter-secondary schools' competition. The A team in this grade has had a lot of success while the B team has won more than one half of its games. Out of these two teams a team is picked to play in the Saturday 2nd Division and considering that this is the first year these boys have played together they have done remarkably well. Following is a review of the team:

First base is occupied by Allen Pay, who is rather slow in his movements, but is a consistent batter and fielder. On second base is one of last year's Panthers Team. McPherson is a very consistent bat, and he hits many homers. The third base position is filled by G. Singleton, who played out-field for Old Boys Red Sox last year, and also this year. He is the team change pitcher and occasionally gets a strike-out. However, his batting is erratic.

At short stop the school is lucky to have M. McLachlan. Last year McLachlan was selected for the Southland Colts (under 21) training squad. He is extremely safe and would be a credit to any senior team.

S. Maitland is pitching. He is a slow but accurate pitcher, but he often throws illegal pitches. Despite this he gets some strike-outs.

At the beginning of the season B. Masters was catcher, but he had to give up the game for athletics. Now filling this position is R. Branks. Branks is a good player on all parts of the field.

Playing in the outfield J. Rout, A. Harris and B. Rutherford stand perhaps a little too shallow and some hits are missed in this way. Rout is a big hitter, as is Rutherford, but Harris attempts to bunt too much.

Also turning out on Saturdays are G. Spencer and Kingsland. They are both consistent batters.

## **Rowing Notes**

Although the 1952-53 season was a particularly successful one for rowing, with the ever-increasing and well-deserved popularity of the sport in the school there is no doubt that even more fruitful years lie ahead. The number of school boys who take it up must of course be limited by the number of boats which the Railway Rowing Club has very kindly placed at our disposal, but a good and untiring coach is always available in Mr Braithwaite, to whom the thanks of the rowers are due. In December, 1952, the "A" four—J. Shaw (stroke), J. Deaker (3), G. Rae (replacing McNabb, at the last moment unable to row, at 2) and J. Braithwaite (bow) beat teams from O.B.H.S., King's and King Edward Tech. in a Secondary School half-mile at North End Rowing Sheds (Dunedin), and were presented with the Gibson Challenge Cup; Mayston was cox. This same team later defeated Southland Tech. in a demonstration race on the Oreti River. The second half of the season, in the first term of this year, saw the inclusion of L. Christie in place of Braithwaite. After a short training period, occasionally in some very rough water, this team was not in very good shape when it left to compete for the Interschool Rowing Shield at Port Chalmers on March 7. Unfortunately when they got there they found that owing to an argument between the Otago schools and the Regatta Committee the race had been called off, and in an impromptu race against Southland Tech. the school team was beaten. It lost again to the same team a few weeks later on the Estuary when competing for the Ritchie Cup. There is some talk of holding a Secondary Schools' Regatta in the future and S.B.H.S. should be well represented. Twenty-two boys have signified their wish to take up the sport this term. With rowing entering its third season at the school it seems a pity that the members of the "A" four do not win blazers for their efforts.

## **Fives Notes, 1953**

### **JUNIOR**

The junior fives section this year has had a very good year with many players, most of whom come from the fourth form. In the third form many boys are just beginning to play. Among the best are Rance, Stephens, and Payne. Among the best fourth form players are Burns, Denham, and Cook.

The junior fives' championship has shown keenness and sportsmanship among the players. In the semi-finals of the doubles, Cook and Heenan defeated Denham and Singleton, and White and Woodfield defeated Spencer and Boulton. The final between Cook and Heenan and White and Woodfield resulted in Cook and Heenan winning two straight games, making them the 1953 doubles champions.

In the semi-finals of the singles, Burns narrowly defeated Cook, and Denham, who was not showing much effort, defeated Singleton, who did not strike top form.

The two finalists, who are Burns and Denham, are evenly matched and the final between them will be worth seeing.

### **SENIOR**

Senior fives this year appeared to have waned, but entries in both senior and junior competitions were approximately the same.

The senior singles started slowly. G. Johnston has surprised many with his form, but Hall, last year's junior champion, failed to show the form expected of him. Pay and O'Connor must be considered two of the better players who will probably reach the finals or semi-finals. The doubles have got away to a better start, with Smith and Officer, two third year boys, reaching the final. The other finalists, Hall and Pay, have teamed up well and are considered likely winners.

### **SELF-HELP**

If sports were rated by the numbers playing them, Fives would probably rank as a major sport in the school. For some years now the pressure of customers on the two courts available has been great, and this year it was decided to add three courts alongside the existing two.

The construction of the courts has been entrusted to boys of the school, using equipment supplied by friends of the school, including the contractor engaged on the new block. Mr Rout and the physical education classes have undertaken the excavation and levelling of the site. The actual building has been left to senior boys under the supervision of Mr H. B. Wilson. By the time this magazine appears, the results of their activity should be apparent also.

The Parents' Association, which is sponsoring the project, intends to hold a grand fair in March, 1954, to raise the £500 necessary to meet costs. The school owes a great debt to the Parents' Association for its interest and support.

## *The Athletic Sports*

The School sports were held on Monday, March 9th, in fine overhead conditions. A strong westerly wind swept over the ground hindering competitors and slowing times. Owing to the extreme cold, the traditional march past of houses was eliminated. Only two records were broken, the senior mile by D. G. Holloway, and the junior high jump, by D. B. Masters.

Competition in the Championship events was fairly good and Mr Page was able to choose a comparatively strong team of young athletes for the interschool tournament.

W. P. and D. G. Holloway tied for the Senior Championship, and W. Mitchell won the intermediate. D. B. Masters and C. F. Neil tied for the junior.

For the sixth year in succession, Red house proved its superiority on the athletic field and won easily with over 100 points to spare.

The following are the results :—

### SENIOR EVENTS

100 Yards.—A Grade: W. P. Holloway 1, W. R. Jackson 2, R. M. Carnahan 3. Time, 10 4-5sec.  
B Grade: G. Haywood 1, S. W. Jones 2, J. R. Neil 3. Time, 11 4-5sec.

220 Yards.—A Grade: W. P. Holloway 1, W. R. Jackson 2, R. M. Carnahan 3. Time, 25sec.

440 Yards.—A Grade: D. G. Holloway 1, W. R. Jackson 2, W. P. Holloway 3. Time, 55 2-5sec.  
B Grade: R. M. Carnahan 1, G. Haywood 2, E. Bremmer 3. Time, 61 4-5sec.

120 Yards Hurdles.—H. M. Aitchison 1, R. M. Carnahan 2. Time, 19sec.

Shot Putt.—G. R. Singleton 1, J. G. Latham 2, I. J. Christie 3. Distance, 29ft 2in.

High Jump.—H. M. Aitchison 1, E. M. Smith 2, J. A. Deaker 3. Height, 5ft 2in.

### INTERMEDIATE EVENTS

100 Yards.—A Grade: W. H. B. Mitchell 1, G. H. Nicholson 2, D. H. Duston and W. J. Webb equal 3. Time, 11 1-5sec. B Grade: R. Alcock 1, J. Howe 2, R. Read 3. Time, 11 2-5sec. A Grade: R. F. Nind 1, M. McLauchlan 2, K. Calvert 3. Time, 11 3-5sec. D Grade: D. P. Miller 1, N. I. Baxter 2, P. McKay 3. Time, 12 1-5sec.

220 Yards.—A Grade: W. H. Mitchell 1, J. C. Turnbull 2, G. H. Nicholson 3. Time, 25 3-5sec.  
B Grade: R. F. Nind 1, R. Alcock 2. Time, 26sec. C Grade: G. Miller 1, Read 2, P. McKay 3. Time, 28sec.

90 Yards Hurdles.—A Grade: W. Duston 1, B. P. Dawson 2. Time, 14sec. B Grade: C. T. Young 1, J. C. Bruce 2, R. Price 3. Time, 14 2-5sec. C Grade: J. C. Howe 1, L. Ballantyne 2, D. J. Shaw 3. Time, 15sec.

Long Jump.—A Grade: W. H. Mitchell 1, D. H. Duston 2, G. H. Nicholson 3. Distance, 18ft 7in.  
B Grade: C. T. Young 1, R. J. Read 2, N. I. Dunlop 3. Distance, 15ft 10in.

440 Yards.—A Grade: J. C. Turnbull 1, W. J. Webb 2, W. H. Mitchell 3. Time, 59sec. B Grade: D. D. Miller 1, J. S. Howe 2, R. Alcock 3. Time, 62sec. C Grade: G. H. Nicholson 1, J. P. Hunter 2, B. A. McNaughton 3. Time, 63 2-5sec. D Grade: D. Howie 1, J. R. Hall 2, J. Crane 3. Time, 64 2-5sec.

High Jump.—A Grade: R. T. Peters 1, W. J. Coates 2, N. R. Thompson 3. Height, 4ft 7½in.  
B Grade: B. P. Dawson 1, J. Duston 2, J. Crane 3. Height, 4ft 7½in.

### JUNIOR EVENTS

100 Yards.—A Grade: First heat: B. Masters 1, C. F. Neil 2, R. Branks 3. Time, 11 3-5sec.  
Second heat: B. Denham 1, J. Anderson 2, B. Rutherford 3. Time, 12 3-5sec. Final: Masters 1, Neil 2, Branks 3. Time, 11 2-5sec. B Grade: First heat: C. Brown 1, G. Mackie 2, Macpherson 3. Time, 12 3-5sec. Second heat: M. Heenan 1, J. Cartwright 2, R. Thompson 3. Final: Mackie 1, Heenan 2, Cartwright 3. Time, 12 2-5sec. C Grade: First heat: R. Haywood 1, R. Brady 2, B. Woodfield 3. Time, 13 2-5sec. Second heat: C. H. Frobarth 1, J. Poultney 2. Time, 12 4-5sec. Third heat: F. B. Jackson 1, B. A. MacCallum 2, R. Smithies 3. Time, 12 3-5sec. Final: Frobarth 1, Jackson 2. Time, 12 3-5sec. D Grade: Lantsbury 1, J. H. Thompson 2, I. D. Robson 3. Time, 13 2-5sec.

80 Yards Hurdles.—A Grade: R. Branks 1, D. R. Thomas 2, A. Miller 3. Time, 11 3-5sec. B Grade: First heat: R. P. Fraser 1, G. V. F. White 2, R. Brady 3. Time, 12 3-5sec. Second heat: J. D. Neil 1, Webb 2, K. Kingsland 3. Time, 11 3-5sec. Final: Neil 1, Fraser 2, White 3. Time 11 2-5sec. C Grade: First heat: R. Mayston 1, J. L. Stevens 2, R. Alcock 3. Time, 15 1-5sec. Second heat: G. A. Waldron 1, M. McMillan 2, W. J. Calder 3. Time, 14 2-5sec. Third heat: J. C. Poultney 1, R. J. Peterson 2, Marshall 3. Final: Peterson 1, Waldron 2, Poultney 3. Time, 14 2-5sec.

220 Yards.—A Grade: First heat: D. B. Masters 1, R. Branks 2, O. Leask 3. Time, 26 2-5sec. Second heat: C. F. Neil 1, B. P. Rutherford 2, R. Currie 3. Time, 25 4-5sec. Final: Neil 1, Masters 2, Rutherford 3. Time, 26sec. B Grade: First heat: F. B. Jackson 1, C. G. Mackie 2, A. J. Blue 3. Time, 28 1-5sec. Second heat: C. H. Frobarth 1, J. Robbie 2, L. D. Lainchbury 3. Time, 28 1-5sec. Final: Mackie 1, Frobarth 2, Jackson 3. Time, 27 3-5sec. C Grade: J. Cartwright 1, R. B. Mitchell 2. Time, 28sec. D Grade: D. Frazer 1, C. P. Williams 2, W. G. King 3. Time, 31 2-5sec.

880 Yards.—A Grade: S. Fleck 1, R. Knight 2, R. Philpot 3. Time, 2min 26sec. B Grade: F. B. Jackson 1, A. J. Blue 2, T. J. Butt 3. Time, 2min 35sec. C Grade: E. Webb 1, C. B. McLay 2. Time, 2min 39 2-5sec. D Grade: J. D. Neil 1, R. Alcock 2, M. Malcolm 3.

High Jump.—A Grade: D. B. Masters 1, B. Rutherford 2, W. McLean 3. Height, 5ft 0¾in—a school record. B Grade: A. Heenan 1, P. Fraser 2, C. E. Webb and Dennis, equal 3. Height, 4ft 9in. C Grade: C. T. Payne 1, C. H. Davenport 2, L. Varga and L. Stevens, equal 3. Height, 3ft 11in.

440 Yards.—A Grade: C. F. Neil 1, B. Rutherford 2, R. Knight 3. Time, 61 3-5sec. B Grade: L. Bunting 1, R. Price 2, D. Ogle 3. Time, 68 3-5sec. C Grade: J. D. Neil 1, E. Webb 2, J. Earl 3. Time, 71 4-5sec. D Grade: B. B. Fulton 1, R. A. Brass 2, J. Stevens 3.

## SECOND DAY RESULTS

A feature of the second day was the mile run by D. G. Holloway in 4min 42 2-5sec. This time was 2sec better than the previous record established by Paul McLachlan in 1933.

Results were:—

One Mile.—A grade: D. G. Holloway 1, D. G. Howie 2, D. B. Ker 3; time 4min 42 2-5sec.

B grade: R. Philpott 1, J. Bruce 2, J. Deaker 3; time, 5min 31 2-5sec.

C grade: R. Knight 1, D. Powley 2, S. Fleck 3; time, 5min 47sec.

D grade: J. D. Neil 1, R. Peterson 2, T. Butt 3; time, 5min 52sec.

House relay: Red 1, Blue 2, White 3.

Javelin (senior):—A grade: G. H. Nicholson 1, K. Welsh 2, H. M. Aitchison 3. B grade: G. A. F. Condie 1. C grade: J. B. Rout 1.

## Interschool Sports at Invercargill

This year the Interschool Sports were held in Invercargill where eleven schools from as far north as Oamaru took part. The weather was fine but a moderate easterly wind which faced the runners in the home straight affected performances.

In the senior section we had only five competitors, but were third for the Macassey Shield, only three points behind King's the winners. D. G. Holloway was the outstanding athlete on the day, winning both the 880 yards and the mile, and breaking the five-year-old record in the latter event. His time was 4min 41sec. W. P. Holloway gained third place in the 220 yards while Aitchison won the high jump. Southland won the Mile Medley relay. The team was W. R. Jackson, W. P. Holloway, R. M. Carnahan, D. G. Holloway.

W. Mitchell won the intermediate 100 yards in the good time of 11.2sec. and J. C. Turnbull was placed third in a particularly fast 440. Our intermediate relay team was a close second.

The school had a strong contingent of juniors this year and was successful in winning both the junior shield and relay baton. D. B. Masters won the high jump and was second in the 100 yards. C. F. Neil, B. Rutherford and R. Branks were all successful in gaining places. The junior team can be justly proud of its 1953 achievement.

The tournament was Mr Page's last great effort for the school athletics and his arrangements could at no stage be faulted. It was a fitting conclusion to his 40 years' service, for the school to win two relay batons and one shield. The whole team sincerely thanks Mr Page for his valuable assistance in their training.

## *Swimming and Life-Saving*

During the first term a life-saving class was formed under the leadership of Ferrar, and though no awards were won, several boys were trained in the basic principles. However, during the third term, life-saving work had a new lease of life. Mr Rout and Mr Waterston have taken the matter in hand, and at the time of writing had six classes, each of six boys. These boys train at the baths two mornings a week and at a school session on Friday after school. With such a large class and with the enthusiasm and excellent organization of Mr Rout and Mr Waterston, good results in this activity can be expected.

The swimming sports held on March 31st produced excellent performances on the part of B. W. Treeby, senior champion, and R. Knight, junior champion. Knight lowered the school junior 50 yards backstroke record by four seconds, and set a new record in the 100 yards junior medley.

Detailed results are as follows:—

### CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

50 yards, senior—Heat 1: B. W. Treeby 1, W. J. Webb 2, R. Sutherland 3. Time, 30sec. Heat 2: D. Francis 1, A. P. Gieseg 2, G. H. Nicholson 3. Time, 32 3-5sec. Final: Treeby 1, Webb 2. Time, 31 3-5sec. Junior—Heat 1: I. Clark 1, Dawson 2, I. Robson 3. Time, 38sec. Heat 2: G. Singleton 1, Kingsland 2, B. Smithies 3. Time, 33 2-5sec. Heat 3: R. Knight 1, O. Thwaites 2, E. Eggers 3. Time, 32 4-5sec. Final: Knight 1, Thwaites 2, Singleton 3. Time, 29 2-5sec.

100 yards medley—Junior: R. Knight 1, E. Eggers 2, J. C. Tapper 3. Time, 1min 14sec (a record). Senior: B. W. Treeby 1, J. Deaker 2, Gieseg 3. Time, 1min 21sec.

100 yards freestyle, senior: B. W. Treeby 1, J. A. Deaker 2, A. P. Gieseg 3. Time, 1min 20 1-5sec. Junior: R. Knight 1, O. C. Thwaites 2, W. Zimmerman 3. Time, 1min 12 3-5sec.

50 yards backstroke—Junior: R. Knight 1, E. Eggers 2, J. Crane 3. Time, 32sec (a record). Senior: J. A. Deaker 1, W. J. Webb 2. Time, 37 3-5sec.

50 yards breaststroke, Junior: C. Frobarth 1, G. Singleton 2, J. C. Tapper 3. Time, 46 4-5sec. Senior: B. W. Treeby 1, A. D. Pay 2, J. A. Deaker 3. Time, 40 2-5sec.

Dive, junior: B. Woodfield 20pts 1, G. Branks 18pts 2, R. Thompson 13pts 3.

### GRADED EVENTS

33 1-3 yards freestyle, junior—A grade: A. Thwaites 1, G. Singleton 2, B. Rutherford 3. Time, 20 2-5sec. B grade: K. Kingsland 1, B. Smithies 2, I. Robson 3. Time, 23 2-5sec. C grade: Osborne 1, M. Harris 2, G. Branks 3. Time, 22 3-5sec. Open—A grade: W. J. Webb 1, D. G. Russell 2, E. G. Andrew 3. Time, 20 1-5sec. B grade: N. Dunlop 1, D. Francis 2, D. M. Excel 3. Time, 22 2-5sec. C grade: D. R. Beale 1, E. D. Fisher 2, P. McKay 3. Time, 20 4-5sec.

66 2-3 yards freestyle, junior—A grade: O. C. Thwaites 1, L. Clark 2, I. Robson 3. Time, 52 3-5sec. B grade: N. Fleming 1, W. Broughton 2, B. Smithies 3. Time, 56 1-5sec. Senior—A grade: D. G. Russell 1, W. J. Webb 2, R. Sutherland 3. Time, 46 3-5sec. B grade: E. D. Fisher 1, N. Dunlop 2, Beale 3. Time, 50sec.

33 1-3 yards breaststroke, junior—A grade: Robson 1, J. C. Tapper 2, M. McHarg 3. Time, 31 2-5sec. B grade: W. Broughton 1, J. Smith 2. Time, 35 2-5sec. Senior: J. Latham 1, A. D. Pay 2, W. T. Clayton 3. Time, 28 2-5sec.

33 1-3 yards breaststroke, junior—A grade: R. Knight 1, D. J. Armstrong 2, G. Branks 3. Time, 21sec. B grade: W. Broughton 1, D. Fulton 2, L. Maxted 3. Time, 30 3-5sec. Senior—A grade: W. J. Webb 1, Russell 2, McKay 3. Time, 35 3-5sec. B grade: A. G. Johnston 1, Pay 2, Francis 3.

## *Notes About Harriers*

There has been no lack of enthusiasm this year in the harriers. The junior and senior packs sometimes encouraged, or discouraged by a paper trail, invaded Thomson's Bush, Waverley and Rosedale. In contrast to some previous years there has been real and keen competition in the race home, after a run. Some members were even keen enough to run twice round the Park in succession, before the Big Race. It should be noted that harriers did do well in all grades in the Park Race.

Our thanks go to Mr Deaker for his interest in the club.

## *Indoor Basketball, 1953*

During the 1953 season the 'School I' team gained the Giller Cup for the Y.M.C.A. Men's Indoor Basketball League's annual competition, winning every game they played. The team's success was due to the strong combination and the excellent coaching of Mr Rout. The only disappointing feature of the season was the omission of the annual fixture with the Dunedin Y.M.C.A. Gym Boys' Team.

Thompson, playing at left shoot, was at times outstanding both in shooting and court play. He directed the attack. Kitson's shooting at right wing improved steadily throughout the season and he holds the individual record of 26 points in one game. At centre, Johnson played well but was inclined to go too far on his own. His court play was good.

In the rearguard, Hamilton, Scobie and Russell were hard to penetrate—their only fault was hesitation to jump under the basket. They combined very well with the attacking line. Hamilton was the only guard who really jumped beneath the hoop, using his height to the best advantage. Scobie was inclined to play a bit roughly at times, but otherwise he went quite well. The other defence, Russell, was kept out of the game most of the season with injuries. His main fault was shooting from too far out. However, this policy gained many valuable points at times.

1953 was the first time for four years that a school team has won the cup. Congratulations to the team and Mr Rout for a very successful season.

The number two team was handicapped by lack of knowledge of the rules. The team was :—Maitland, Ericson, Noble, Smith, Welsh, Read and Officer.

# *Southland Boys' High School Old Boys' Association*



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All Old Boys wishing to join the Association, or interested in its affairs,  
should communicate with the above.

# Old Boys' Notes

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**Social.**—In all, six functions of varying types were held and without exception they were all great successes. Numbers in attendance keep increasing and we will soon be faced with the problem of finding suitable accommodation for the large number of members wishing to attend. John Page's farewell—Back to School Evening—New Year Party—Winter Social Evening—what pleasant memories these bring back of the fine speakers, comedians and musicians from our ranks who entertained us so well.

**Finance.**—Increased membership 380—575 means increased subscriptions and increased expenses, but once again a reasonable surplus is shown.

**School.**—The close affiliation between the Association and the School grows with each year, and we feel that we are truly serving our purpose in this direction. Naturally we can only succeed with the help of the Rector and Staff, and to them we convey our thanks.

**Sports.**—To all our five affiliated sporting clubs we extend our congratulations—they did not all reach the top in their respective spheres, but we do know that they played the game as true Old Boys. In all sports Old Boys represented their province, and, in doing so, showed team spirit and enterprise—they did not let us down.

**Branches.**—In addition to the independent branches in existence in Wellington and Auckland, the Dunedin branch was revived during the year. It is hoped in the future to establish much closer relationship between ourselves and the branches, and to be able to report on their activities.

## **SPORT**

A member of the N.Z. University hockey team this year was G. G. Haase. He also played for Otago, as did I. Kerr, still at Otago Boys' High School, and D. R. Keane.

Members of the N.Z. indoor basketball team selected this year were B. Bradley, G. McKenzie and M. McDougall. J. Alabaster played for the South Island. Playing for Otago, N.Z. provincial champions, were Bradley, McKenzie and G. Alabaster.

## **PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS**

### **OUR FIRST PRIME MINISTER**

An Old Boy is now Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia. He is Mr Reginald Stephen Garfield Todd (1922-24-25), 45-year-old ranch owner and superintendent of the only New Zealand Missionary Society in Southern Rhodesia.

Mr Todd, who has been a member of the Southern Rhodesia Legislative Assembly for the last eight years, was a pupil at the Southland Boys' High School. A son of the late Mr Thomas Todd, of Waikiwi, and of Mrs Todd, now living in Dunedin, he visited Invercargill in 1950.

Mr Todd succeeded Sir Godfrey Huggins, both as Prime Minister and as Leader of the United Party.

### **BRONZE STAR MEDAL**

An Old Boy serving with the Royal Air Force is one of the three New Zealanders in the R.A.F. awarded United States decorations by President Eisenhower for bravery in Korea.

He is SQUADRON-LEADER VICTOR BRETTON DE LA PERRELLE, aged 34, of Winton, and he has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for providing essential aerial photographic coverage with a reconnaissance squadron.

Squadron-Leader de la Perrelle is a member of a well-known Southland family. He is the youngest son of the late Hon. P. A. de la Perrelle, a former Minister of Internal Affairs and proprietor of The Winton Record.

Born at Winton he received his secondary education at the Southland Boys' High School. In 1939 he trained at Taieri and Wigram before taking up a short service commission with the R.A.F. just before the outbreak of the Second World War.

When war broke out he was flying Hurricanes and was wounded about the face and head over France. He later served in the Middle and Far East before being taken prisoner by the Japanese in Java.

Nothing was heard of him during the last two years of the three years he was in Japanese hands. Following his release he returned to New Zealand for a brief visit, before returning to England where he obtained a permanent commission with the R.A.F.

Squadron-Leader de la Perrelle trained a squadron of jet fighters and then went to Korea. He went back to England after service in Korea and is now in Cyprus.

### **LICENSING TRUST MEMBER**

One of the two new members of the Invercargill Licensing Trust, MR F. W. G. MILLER, was at School in 1918-19.

### **NEW MAYOR**

The new Mayor of Invercargill, MR A. L. ADAMSON, was at School in 1897-98. He came from Orepuki.

**Mr A. J. Campbell** (1916-20). A former pupil of the Southland Boys' High School, has been appointed headmaster of the new Papakura High School. After leaving the Dunedin Teachers' Training College, Mr Campbell taught at primary schools in Southland and Otago and the Waitaki Boys' High School. He later lectured in history at the Christchurch Teachers' Training College and in history and education at Canterbury University College. In 1946 he went to the University of London as a Carnegie Scholar. He returned in 1948 as vice-principal of the new Ardmore training college, Auckland, and was acting-principal for two years.

**J. G. Hunter** (1932-36), twin brother of W. C. Hunter (the two are in a dental partnership in Westport) was recently elected Mayor of the town.

# Scholarship in Music

## V. G. C. JONES (1954-1947)

Mr Jones, who graduated M.A. (Hons.) 1951, and Mus. Bac., 1952, from the University of Otago, was in 1952 awarded the post-graduate Fanny Evans travelling scholarship in music from the University of Otago.

This scholarship enables Mr Jones to have two years' study at King's College, Cambridge, England, where he will study for his Music Tripos.

Gifted with exceptional musical talent, Mr Jones, before entering Otago University at 17 years of age, had done a phenomenal amount of music. At 13 years of age, he gained with distinction his harmony for the L.R.S.M. Diploma of the Royal School of Music, London, and at 15 years of age his L.R.S.M. practical pianoforte performer's Diploma, with distinction, playing his entire programme from memory. At 16 he passed in one year his art of teaching paper, higher rudiments, and harmony paper, and the practical work required for his L.T.C.L. Teacher's Diploma, Trinity College, London. He also did advanced study violin and singing.

While at High School he took an active part in the musical life of the school. He played first violin, and was leader of the school orchestra, sang in the High School choir, and "special choir" and septet.

In 1947 he was proxime accessit, at the Southland Boys' High School.

In 1948, his first year at Otago University, Mr Jones was awarded the Charles Begg Scholarship in music, and also the Robert Parker Memorial Prize in music. In 1949 he was awarded the Jeannie Macandrew Prize in music.

Mr Jones left New Zealand on August 7, sailing from New Plymouth on the Paparoa, and arriving in England on September 10. He entered King's College, Cambridge on October 1, the beginning of the academic year.

**David Firth Reid**—Chief auditor of the Bank of New Zealand since 1942, whose retirement after 59 years in banking was announced recently, is an old boy of the Southland Boys' High School. A native of Arrowtown, he attended the school in 1892-94. He was manager of the Bank of New Zealand branches at Dargaville, Feilding, Palmerston North, and Wellington.

**Mr T. P. Davin (1925-27).**—Of the Department of External Affairs, who has been serving overseas for the past five years in London, Paris and New York, has been posted to the position of official secretary to the New Zealand Legation at Canberra. Before he left New York, he was secretary-general of the New Zealand permanent delegation to the United Nations in New York. He is a brother of Mr Dan Davin, of Oxford, England, the New Zealand author. After being educated at the Marist Brothers' and the Southland Boys' High Schools, Mr Davin joined the Railways Department and while employed there studied law. He gained his LL.M. and transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs, and later to the Department of External Affairs.

**D. A. Watson (1911-14).**—Has been promoted to succeed Mr J. F. Ericson as district traffic manager of the Railways Department in Invercargill. Mr Watson joined the railway service in Christchurch, and after serving at many stations in the Otago, Canterbury, and Nelson districts, was transferred in 1925 to the position of relieving stationmaster in the Canterbury section. From 1926 to 1946 he was attached to the staff of the district traffic manager in Christchurch, first assistant wagon supply officer and later as train running officer. In 1947 and 1948 he was stationmaster at Otira, and moved from there to assistant transport officer in Dunedin. In 1951 he was transferred to Invercargill to take up the position of transport officer for the Southland district.

**H. D. Morgan (1916-19).**—Is now headmaster of the new school at Riselaw Road, Dunedin. He played for Otago and New Zealand at Rugby and won the N.Z. 440 yards hurdles championship in 1926.

**R. C. Tuck (1923-27).**—For some time a teacher at the Southland Boys' High School, is now at the Hawera Technical High School as head of the department of mathematics and science.

**J. C. Dakin (1922-26).**—Has resigned from the position of Commissioner for Community Development in the British Colonial Administrative Service, Uganda Protectorate, Central East Africa, and is at the moment in New Zealand, thinking vaguely about a new job.

**Dr Roland F. Wilson (1917-23).**—Son of Mrs E. R. Wilson, of Invercargill, has been elected a member of the Thoracic Society of Great Britain. Dr Wilson, who is in charge of the Otago Hospital Board's chest clinic, recently returned from a study tour in the United Kingdom.

A reunion of old boys of the Southland Boys' High School was held recently at Raratonga Island. Those who attended the gathering included Mr Douglas Berry, chief survey draughtsman at Raratonga, Mr W. Allison, headmaster of the Awarua School, Mr Cyril Porter, chief postmaster, Cook Islands, and Mr John Springford, second in command of the Agriculture Department. The guests included Chief Justice McCarthy, formerly of Invercargill.

## ***Obituary***

### **R. D. YULE**

Wing-Commander Yule (1932-34), a holder of the D.S.O., D.F.C. and Bar, and a pilot in the Battle of Britain was killed when his Meteor fighter collided with another during a rehearsal for the Battle of Britain fly-past in September. With great courage he piloted his fighter away from the buildings of Woolwich Arsenal which were packed with explosives and died after having been pulled from the wreckage.

Wing-Commander Yule was the third son of the late Dr. G. J. Yule, of Invercargill, and Mrs Yule. He was educated at the Middle School and the Southland and Timaru Boys' High Schools. Upon leaving school he went to England where he entered the Cranwell Air College for an aviation class and when the war broke out entered the R.A.F. He gained distinction early in the war years flying Spitfires in the Battle of Britain and was elevated from the rank of Squadron-Leader to Wing-Commander, at the age of 24.

He accepted a permanent commission in the R.A.F. at the end of the war and became one of Britain's crack flying commanders in jet aircraft and his work received further recognition when he commanded one of the seven wings of aircraft which saluted Queen Elizabeth on her Coronation day in May of this year.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Anthony and Michael, by his mother, and by his brother, Dr. Owen Yule (1924-28), of Toronto, Canada, and a sister, Mrs Richard Barrer, of Aberdeen.

### **DR. W. H. BORRIE**

Dr. W. H. Borrie (1886-89), one of the oldest members of the medical profession in Dunedin, died in March. He was aged 82.

Dr. Borrie was born in Roslyn in 1871, the son of one of the early pioneers, Mr John Borrie. He was educated at the Southland Boys' High School and at Otago University and Edinburgh University, from which he graduated in 1894. He was a medallist in clinical medicine at Edinburgh.

After short periods as assistant in hospitals in Yorkshire and London, Dr. Borrie was for two years resident medical and surgical officer at Gravesend Hospital, England. He then returned to New Zealand to take up private practice.

Dr. Borrie was a life member of the British Medical Association, having had 50 years' membership, as well as being a past president.

He was a practitioner at Port Chalmers for 26 years and in Dunedin for 20 years.

He was elected to the Dunedin City Council in 1934 and again in 1938. During these periods he was chairman of the Library Committee. In 1938 he was chairman of the Dunedin Citizens' Association.

In his younger days Dr. Borrie was a fine lawn tennis player, representing Otago on several occasions. Later he was president of the Dunedin Lawn Tennis Union and a life member of the Otago Lawn Tennis Association. He was also interested in badminton, being an able administrator of the Otago Badminton Association for some years.

### **MR ROLAND TAYLOR**

The death occurred in Invercargill in June, of Mr Roland Taylor (1901-2) at the age of 66 years. He was one of the best-known sporting and business personalities in Southland.

He was educated at the Southland Boys' High School and joined the staff of J. G. Ward and Co., Ltd., in Gore. He was transferred to the Invercargill office of the company a few years later, where he remained until the time of his death. His fiftieth anniversary with the company was celebrated last year. He was produce manager of the branch.

Mr Taylor was the sixth son of the 20 children of Mr and Mrs Thomas Taylor, of Waikaia, pioneer settlers in the district. His mother came to New Zealand as a girl from Cork, Ireland, and his father as a young man from Chiffnall, England. Mr Taylor, sen., joined the Colonial Bank and later the National Bank, with which he was associated for 70 years, having been appointed a branch manager at the age of 22.

Mr Roland Taylor was a keen cricket fan and was president of the Cricket Association for some time and an umpire for many years. He was a member of the old Southland Boxing Association and was auditor of the present association up to the time of his death.

### **MR EUSTACE RUSSELL**

By the death of Mr Eustace Russell (1882-87) Invercargill has lost one of its leading citizens. He was for many years a prominent member of the legal profession in the city, and the services he gave to the Southland Acclimatization Society over many years and to the promotion of such games as tennis and golf will long be remembered.

Mr Russell was born in Invercargill in 1872, and he had the unusual distinction for a man of his years of being a second generation New Zealander, for his father, William Russell, was born in Auckland in 1840, the year the Treaty of Waitangi was signed and New Zealand became a British colony. Mr William Russell came to Invercargill in 1862.

After completing his education, the secondary part of which he had at the Southland Boys' High School, Mr Russell joined his father's legal firm and was admitted as a partner in 1897. In 1905 Mr Russell was sworn in as a notary public before Mr Justice F. R. Chapman, and it is a coincidence that his father had been sworn in as a notary public in 1864 before the father of this judge, Mr Justice N. S. Chapman. Mr Russell thus followed in his father's footsteps.

Mr Russell had a long and distinguished career in the legal profession, and in his day was recognized as the leading criminal lawyer in Invercargill.

His father was one of the first men in Southland to take an interest in acclimatization, and with a few other enthusiasts he brought the first trout ova imported into this country. They came from Tasmania. Following in his father's footsteps, as he had done in deciding on the legal profession, Mr Russell had a unique record of service with the Southland Acclimatization Society. He was a member of the council of the society for 45 years, a record unequalled by any acclimatization society member anywhere in New Zealand. In 1942, in recognition of his services, he was elected a life member of the society.

#### **MR W. N. DUNNAGE**

The death occurred in Dunedin in August of Mr W. N. Dunnage (1916-19) who was formerly a well-known journalist in Eastern Southland.

Mr Dunnage was educated at the Southland Boys' High School and began work with the Commercial Bank of Australia in Invercargill. Later he was transferred to Wanganui, but on leaving the service of the bank returned to Gore and became a proof reader for The Mataura Ensign. He became the paper's resident reporter at Mataura and after some years was appointed to the staff of The Otago Daily Times on which he was a proof reader at the time of his death.

#### **MR RODAN THOMSON**

Rodan Thomson, 1900-01, a well-known and respected member of the business community, died in Invercargill in February. He was the last surviving member of the family that founded the present Tay Street drapery firm of Thomson and Beattie, Ltd. Mr Thomson had been managing director of the firm since the death of his brother, Mr John Thomson.

Mr Thomson's father, Mr John Thomson, was born in Kirkcudbrightshire and came out to New Zealand as a youth. After several years in business in Palmerston South, he opened a small store in 1869 at Flint's Bush. The business was later shifted to Winton, which was then a railway construction camp, and Mr James Beattie was taken into partnership. Mr Beattie attended to the country trade and Mr Thomson confined himself to Winton. On August 21, 1873, the firm, whose premises were used for an exhibition before the stocks were moved in, opened in Invercargill, where it has been in business ever since.

One of three sons, Mr Rodan Thomson, was born at Invercargill and received his education at the Middle School (then known as the Central School) and the Southland Boys' High School. He became managing director of the drapery business after the death of his brother John.

Mr Thomson took a close interest in the affairs of the drapery trade, and in his earlier years he was a keen fisherman.

## Autographs

