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Southland Boys High School

Herbert Street, Invercargill



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School Officers, 1956



Head Prefect :

G. H. NICHOLSON.

Prefects :

B. D. RUTHERFORD, C. H. FROBARTH, P. M. GALT, A. J. HARVEY, M. O. McLACHLAN,
P. A. SHARP, C. L. B. SOPER, C. E. WEBB, C. T. YOUNG.

Captains of Games :

Rugby—1st XV: B. D. RUTHERFORD; 2nd XV: R. B. MITCHELL; 3rd XV: L. R. BUNTING;
4th XV: N. W. CUFF; 5th XV: P. M. GALT; 6th XV: R. J. STEWART; 7th XV: E. R.
GILLER.

Cricket—1st XI: E. R. CURRIE; 2nd XI: P. SPEERS; 3rd XI: A. D. ROBERTSON; 4th XI:
J. PHILP; 5th XI: P. W. MILNE; 6th XI: M. S. MALCOLM.

Soccer—1st XI: E. B. MORRIS; 2nd XI: A. J. McKAY; 3rd XI: J. S. McMILLAN; 4th XI:
W. N. KINGSLAND.

Athletics—G. H. NICHOLSON (Senior); G. A. NIND (Intermediate); R. C. MORETON
(Junior).

Indoor Basketball—R. G. SINGLETON, A team; C. R. NICHOLSON, B team; G. R.
MUNRO, C team.

Magazine :

P. M. GALT, A. J. HARVEY, M. O. McLACHLAN (Editor), R. J. O'DRISCOLL, P. A.
SHARP, W. N. REID.

Tennis—C. H. FROBARTH.

Harriers—T. J. BUTT.

Fives—P. A. SHARP.

Hockey—W. A. COCHRANE.

Swimming—R. J. KNIGHT.

Fencing—R. J. DRISCOLL.

Lifesaving—M. N. WADDLE.

Shooting—R. MAYSTON.

Softball—R. G. SINGLETON, A
team; F. G. MUIRHEAD, B team.

Gymnastics—G. H. NICHOLSON.

Library :

B. A. McCALLUM.

Chess Club :

K. C. CARTER.

Bookbinding :

G. H. GIMBLETT.

Singing :

PREFECTS.

Tramping Club :

L. B. IMLAY.

Crusaders :

N. R. MELHOP.

Photographic Club :

W. N. REID.

Dramatic Group :

P. M. GALT.

Prize List, 1955

SPECIAL PRIZES, 1955.

Swimming—Junior champion, J. R. FLYNN. Senior champion (Wilson Cup), R. J. KNIGHT.

Athletics—Junior champion (cup and miniature), C. E. H. DAVENPORT. Intermediate champion (cup and miniature), T. J. BUTT and E. R. CURRIE. Senior champion (Len Hanan memorial cup and Sports Trust miniatures), G. A. F. CONDIE and G. H. NICHOLSON. 880 Yards senior championship (Sutherland cup), J. L. MITCHELL, Old Boys v. Present Pupils' Relay (Christophers Memorial Shield), Present Pupils: G. H. NICHOLSON (capt.)

Round-the-Park Races—Inter-form Challenge Shield, VIB., T. J. BUTT (capt.), I.A.A.C. Cups, Junior, T. J. BELL. Intermediate, J. D. NEILL. Senior, T. J. BUTT.

Inter-House Relay Race—(Auckland Old Boys' Cup), Blue House, G. W. KITSON (capt.)

Otago-Southland Secondary Schools' Tournament—Senior Relay Baton, G. H. NICHOLSON.

Southland Inter-School Cross Country Championships—Junior—S.B.H.S. "A," W. G. HODGETTS (capt.) Intermediate—S.B.H.S. "A," J. D. NEILL (capt.) Senior—S.B.H.S., T. J. BUTT (capt.)

Cricket—(1955 Prefects' Cup). Most improved cricketer, J. M. B. SMITH.

Fives—(Book Prizes). Junior singles, M. B. HOFFMAN. Junior doubles, M. B. HOFFMAN and W. A. ROBERTSON. Senior singles, J. M. B. SMITH. Senior doubles, W. S. M. DENHAM and R. G. SINGLETON.

Tennis—(Book Prizes). Junior singles, R. J. GOODALL. Junior doubles, R. J. GOODALL and J. E. JENKISON. Senior singles, C. H. FROBARTH. Senior doubles, C. H. FROBARTH and R. MAYSTON. Secondary Schools' Competition, C. H. FROBARTH, capt.)

GYMNASTICS—Junior champion, L. A. THOMSON and A. G. WATERS. Intermediate champion (Nicholson cup), J. T. BOYS. Senior champion (Mabson cup), G. H. NICHOLSON.

Rugby Football—6th Grade: High School "A," R. C. LITTLE (capt.) 5th Grade: High School "A," M. F. McHARG (capt.) 3rd Grade: High School, B. RUTHERFORD (capt.)

Association Football—5th Grade: Cup and Bell Shield, R. J. GOODALL. 4th Grade: Cup and Jubilee Shield, K. N. KINGSLAND.

Hockey—Lewis Shield: Intermediate Grade, N. L. WYETH (capt.)

Cadet Awards—303 Shooting, N. R. MELHOP. Shooting junior champion (cup), R. N. BECK. Senior champion (shield), R. MAYSTON. Inter-form shooting (Ritchie Shield), VIA., M. K. ROBERTSON (capt.) Best Platoon (cup), No. 2 Platoon, Sgt. R. H. FERRAR. Best N.C.O., Sgt. B. D. RUTHERFORD.

William Robert Friar Memorial Prize—W.O.1 G. H. NICHOLSON.

Inter-House Competition—Uttley Cup (athletics, games, shooting), Blue House, G. H. NICHOLSON (capt.)

Band Prizes—Junior drummer, G. J. MURDOCH. Senior drummer, K. D. HAY. Junior bugler, W. H. ANDERSON. Senior bugler, F. J. MUIRHEAD.

Public Speaking—Junior (Professor John Collie's prize), D. R. YOUNG. Senior (T. D. Pearce Memorial prize), P. M. GALT.

Singing—Junior (Mr H. W. Farley's prize) 1, L. J. MORRIS. (Mr Kennedy Black's prize) 2, W. S. FREEMAN. Senior (Old Boys' prize) 1, N. L. WYETH. (Mr Kennedy Black's prize) 2, P. S. A. HURD.

Chess Club Champion—K. W. CARTER.

Improvement in French—(French Legation prize), J. L. TATTERSFIELD.

Best All Round IVth Former—(1950 Prefects' cup), W. A. COCHRANE.

Deschler Cup—(Physical and Scholastic Improvement), A. J. HARVEY.

Head Prefect—(Award on basis of character and leadership), G. W. KITSON.

Librarians' Prizes—Head Librarian, A. C. MATHESON. Deputy, B. A. McCALLUM. Book Binding, G. H. GIMBLETT.

CLASS PRIZES, 1955.

FORM III.E

Prizes for Merit: D. J. McHARDY—2nd Mathematics, 1st Social Studies, 3rd Aggregate. R. M. McNEILL—1st Science, 1st Woodwork and Best Third Former, 3rd English, 1st 3rd Agriculture—MacKinnon Prize. G. L. HALL—1st English, 2nd Social Studies, 2nd Aggregate. A. J. ERICSON—1st Mathematics, 2nd English, 3rd Social Studies, 1st Aggregate.

FORM III.D

Certificates of Merit: C. B. HOLMES—1st Social Studies. R. J. GREEN—1st English, 2nd IIIB French.

Prizes of Merit: J. H. LAWRIE—3rd Aggregate. A. J. GLENNIE—2nd Mathematics, 3rd Science, 2nd Aggregate. A. G. FERGUSON—1st Mathematics, 1st Science, 1st Aggregate.

FORM III.C

Certificates of Merit: J. H. DUNLOP—1st Bookkeeping and Commercial Practice. D. R. STANWAY—1st Mathematics, 3rd Woodwork. G. I. McMILLAN—1st Social Studies. D. R. RICHARDSON—1st Science.

Prizes of Merit: J. R. TOMLIN—1st Third Art, 2nd Woodwork, 2nd Mathematics, 3rd English, 3rd Aggregate. R. W. SMITH—1st English, 2nd Science, 2nd Aggregate. D. J. BLAIKIE—2nd equal Social Studies, 3rd Science, 3rd Mathematics, 1st Aggregate.

FORM III.B

Certificates of Merit: D. L. GALT—1st III.B French. W. N. KINGSLAND—1st Bookkeeping. M. M. CLAYTON—1st III.A French. J. R. BLUE—1st Woodwork.

Prizes of Merit: J. R. CORLISS—1st English, 2nd Science, 3rd Social Studies, 3rd Aggregate. D. R. YOUNG—1st Mathematics, 2nd equal Social Studies, 2nd Aggregate. W. E. W. KIRK—1st Science, 1st Social Studies, 2nd Mathematics, 2nd English, 1st Aggregate.

FORM III.A

Certificates of Merit: D. C. SHARP—1st English, S. J. KITTO—2nd English, 2nd Social Studies. R. J. FAULKNER—1st Commercial Practice, 2nd Book-keeping.

Prizes for Merit: R. J. STEWART—1st Social Studies, 2nd French, 3rd English, 2nd Woodwork, 2nd Aggregate. J. S. MILNE—1st Science, 2nd Mathematics, 3rd Aggregate. A. C. BINNIE—1st Mathematics, 2nd Science, 1st Aggregate. J. L. TATTERSFIELD—Special prize for effort III Forms.

FORM IV.E

Certificates of Merit: C. G. DEANS—1st English.

Prizes for Merit: B. D. MATHESON—1st Woodwork, and Best Fourth Former. S. W. COOK—2nd English, 2nd Mathematics, 2nd Science, 2nd Aggregate. D. J. COOK—1st Science, 3rd equal English, 3rd Social Studies, 3rd Aggregate. J. D. WYLIE—1st Mathematics, 1st Social Studies, 3rd Science, 1st Aggregate.

FORM IV.D

Certificates of Merit: N. M. HORRELL—1st Woodwork. F. M. JOHNSON—2nd English, 2nd Book-keeping and Commercial Practice. L. H. FRAZER—1st Mathematics.

Prizes for Merit: R. D. GLYNN—1st Science, 2nd Aggregate. R. D. WILLIAMS—1st Bookkeeping and Commercial Practice, 1st equal Social Studies. D. S. McDONALD—1st English, 1st equal Social Studies, 3rd Science, 3rd Aggregate. E. G. GIESEG—2nd Mathematics, 3rd Bookkeeping, 1st Aggregate.

FORM IV.C

Certificates of Merit: A. B. MITCHELL—1st Fourth Art. J. F. SMITHIES—1st Social Studies. J. H. McEWAN—1st Mathematics. H. W. RICHARDSON—1st equal English.

Prizes for Merit: W. J. McEWAN—1st IV.B French, 1st equal Science, 2nd Social Studies, 2nd equal Aggregate. J. P. BRASH—1st equal Science, 3rd Woodwork, 1st Aggregate. J. B. FINN—1st equal English, 1st Woodwork, 3rd Science, 2nd Fourth Agriculture, 2nd equal Aggregate.

FORM IV.B

Certificates of Merit: P. W. MILNE—1st English. R. A. HOLLOWAY—1st Social Studies. J. E. JENKINSON—2nd French, 3rd Social Studies. D. A. HOLDEN—3rd equal Mathematics, 2nd Woodwork.

Prizes for Merit: A. M. PATERSON—1st Mathematics, 3rd English, 1st Woodwork. R. C. CHISHOLM—1st Science, 2nd Mathematics, 2nd Aggregate. J. D. GRAY—McKinnon Trust Prize 1st Fourth Agriculture. J. N. BIRSS—2nd English, 1st Aggregate.

FORM IV.A

Certificates of Merit: R. RUSSELL—1st Woodwork. L. K. COONEY—1st Bookkeeping and Commercial Practice. J. S. PERKINS—3rd English, 2nd Bookkeeping.

Prizes for Merit: W. A. COCHRANE—1st French, 1st Latin, 3rd Social Studies. R. F. CARSWELL—2nd Mathematics, 2nd Science, 2nd Aggregate. A. H. MANSON—1st equal Social Studies, 3rd Woodwork, 3rd Aggregate. D. F. YOUNG—1st English, 1st Mathematics, 1st Science, 1st equal Social Studies, 2nd French, 1st Aggregate. J. P. SCOTT—Special prize for effort, Fourth Forms.

FORM V.C

Certificates of Merit: L. D. LANTSBERY—2nd English, 1st V.B Geography. E. G. PARRY—1st Science. G. L. MOYLE—1st Mathematics.

Prizes for Merit: W. D. KNIGHT—1st English, 1st History.

FORM V.B

Certificates of Merit: A. H. CHURCH—1st Commercial Practice, 2nd Bookkeeping. K. J. LAWSON—1st Geography. G. E. GEORGE—1st equal English. A. J. CALVERT—1st Science.

Prizes for Merit: L. M. WENSLEY—2nd equal Bookkeeping, 2nd Commercial Practice, 3rd Mathematics, 3rd Science. K. D. HAY—1st French, 1st English, 2nd Science.

FORM V UPPER

Certificates of Merit: N. F. FLEMING—1st English. J. C. TAPPER—2nd Mathematics, 3rd Science.

Prizes for Merit: R. D. BRADY—1st Science, 1st Mathematics, 1st Bookkeeping, 3rd English, 3rd Geography. D. R. JOHNSTONE—Special Prize for effort, Fifth Forms.

FORM V.A

Certificates of Merit: B. M. WILLIAMS—3rd Chemistry, 2nd equal Science. K. W. CARTER—2nd Chemistry, 2nd equal Science. W. J. CALDER—1st Chemistry.

Prizes for Merit: J. L. ALLISON—McKinnon Trust Prize, 1st Fifth Form Agriculture. R. S. BOOTH—1st Mathematics, 3rd French, 3rd Latin. N. R. MELHOP—2nd English, 2nd Geography, 3rd Mathematics, 1st Science. G. D. G. BAILEY—1st equal French, 2nd Latin, 2nd History, 2nd Mathematics, 3rd English. P. M. GALT—1st English, 1st equal French, 1st Latin, 1st Geography, 1st History.

FORM VI.B

Certificates of Merit: B. D. RUTHERFORD—1st Geography. A. J. HARVEY—1st English. A. C. MATHESON—1st Bookkeeping. G. J. ALLISON—2nd Chemistry, 3rd Mathematics, 2nd Physics.

Prizes for Merit: C. T. YOUNG—3rd French, 3rd equal History, 2nd English. A. J. ANDERSON—2nd French, 3rd equal History, 3rd equal English, 1st Latin. J. A. GALT—3rd equal English, 1st French, 2nd equal Geography, 1st History. N. L. WYETH—3rd equal English, 2nd History, 3rd Bookkeeping. R. J. O'DRISCOLL—3rd Chemistry, 2nd Mathematics, 2nd Add. Mathematics, 3rd Physics. A. J. NEIL—1st English, 1st Chemistry, 1st Mathematics, 1st. Add. Mathematics, 1st Physics.

Endorsed School Certificates: G. J. Allison, A. J. Anderson, R. T. Brandt, D. R. Branks, W. G. Broughton, B. H. Christie, R. S. Fleck, C. H. Frobarth, J. A. Galt, O. J. Hamilton, I. K. Hill, L. B. Imlay, R. W. Jaquière, W. G. King, R. J. Knight, B. A. McCallum, M. O. McLachlan, C. G. Miller, J. L. Mitchell, A. J. Neil, G. H. Nicholson, R. J. O'Driscoll, W. D. Ogle, B. D. Rutherford, J. W. Somerville, P. Speers, M. N. Waddle, C. E. Webb, B. M. Woodfield, C. T. Young.

FORM VI.A.

Certificate of Merit: J. M. B. SMITH—1st Geography. G. W. KITSON—1st History, 2nd Geography.

Prizes for Merit: M. F. McHARG—3rd Mathematics, 3rd equal Add. Mathematics, 2nd Physics, 2nd equal Chemistry. R. I. YOUNG—2nd Mathematics, 2nd equal Add. Mathematics, 3rd Physics. G. A. F. CONDIE—1st English, 1st French, 1st Latin, 3rd Geography.

Higher School Certificates: K. Calvert, G. A. F. Condie, R. H. Ferrar, D. J. Hitchcock, G. W. Kitson, M. F. McHarg, M. K. Robertson, J. M. B. Smith, R. I. Young.

DUX OF THE SCHOOL: (Old Boys' Assn. Book Prizes): MURRAY KENNETH ROBERTSON—1st Mathematics, 1st Add. Mathematics, 1st Chemistry, 1st Physics.

School Roll 1956

FORM VIA

Harvey, A. J.	McCallum, R.	Waddle, M. N.
Imlay, L. B.	McCallum, B. A.	O'Driscoll, R. J.
Knight, R.	McLachlan, M. O.	Rutherford, B. D.

Young, C. T.

FORM VIB

Bailey, G. D. G.	Frobarth, C. H.	Logan, B. A.
Booth, R. S.	Fulton, D. B.	McLees, J. F.
Branks, R. D.	Galt, P. M.	McCallum, M. B.
Broughton, W. G.	Gellatly, N.	Mayston, R.
Butt, T. J.	George, G. E.	Melhop, N. R.
Calder, W. J.	Gordon, D. M.	Millar, A. J.
Calvert, A. J.	Hay, K. D.	Miller, C. G.
Campbell, D. R.	Johnstone, D. R.	Morris, B. E.
Carter, K. W.	Lawson, K. J.	Muirhead, F. G. J.
Cathcart, D. A.	Little, R. C.	Murdoch, V. C.
Duval-Smith, C.	Low, P. A.	Neill, J. D.

Nicholson, G. H.
Phillips, D. L.
Rassell, D. R.
Sharp, P. A.
Singleton, G. R.
Speers, P.
Tapper, J. C.
Webb, C. E.
Wensley, L. McDd.
Williams, B. M.

FORM VU

Barron, K. J.	Harvey, J. R.	McMillan, D.
Brown, E. J.	Jackman, W. G.	Malcolm, M. S.
Bunting, L. R.	Jackson, F. B.	Mitchell, J. R.
Currie, E. R.	King, B. A.	Mitchell, R. B.
Davenport, C. E. H.	King, W. A.	Moyle, G. L.
Dawson, B. S.	Lantsbery, L. D.	Nicholson, C. R.
Dunlop, J. W.	Macdonnell, G. S.	Parry, E. G.
Duthie, D.	MacKay, A. J.	Rance, J. J.
Greaney, B. A.	McLean, T. W.	Soper, C. L. B.

Thompson, H. J.
Thwaites, O. C.
Twemlow, J. R. H.
Waldron, G. A.
Wallis, M. S.
Webb, R. G.

FORM VA

Bell, T. J.	Cooney, L. K.	Milne, A. S.
Bolitho, D. J.	Gimblett, G. H.	Perkins, J. S.
Booth, K. N.	Johnstone, W. T.	Reid, J. J.
Boys, J. T.	Jowett, W. C.	Reid, W. N.
Buckley, D. A.	Lawson, W. F.	Robertson, A. D.
Carswell, R. F.	McMechan, J. P.	Russell, R.
Clark, A. M. G.	McPherson, I. J.	Squires, K. E.
Cochrane, C. A.	Manson, I. H.	Scott, J. P.

Stephens, R. A.
Stroud, A. T.
Tapper, H. B.
Tuson, R. G. A.
Ward, G. O.
Wear, R. G.
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FORM VB

Bailey, C. D.	Gray, J. D.	MacPherson, A. C.
Beck, R. N.	Holden, D. A.	Milne, P. W.
Birss, J. E.	Holloway, R. A.	Moore, C. F.
Chisholm, J. E.	Howe, D. F.	Munro, G. R.
Chisholm, F. C. R.	Hunter, J. S.	Osmond, M. G.
Clark, B. P.	Hurd, P. S. A.	Paterson, A. M.
Goodall, R. J.	Jenkinson, J. E.	Pollock, C. K.

Robertson, C. D.
Robertson, W. A.
Simmers, A. W.
Smith, G. B.
Tattersfield, T. M.
Troon, P. G.
Wood, D. W.

FORM VC

Brash, J. P.	Gieseg, E. J.	McEwan, W. J.
Campbell, P. R.	Glynn, R. T.	Milne, B. K.
Clayton, A. J.	Henderson, I. M.	Mitchell, A. B.
Clent, G. J.	Hoffman, M. B.	Nind, G. A.
Edwards, P. T.	Little, S. G.	Osborne, I. A.
Finn, J. B.	Macdonald, D. S.	Richardson, H. W.
Frost, R. J.	McEwan, J. H.	Robins, A. G.

Ross, A. E.
Scheele, T. N.
Scobie, J. R. A.
Smithies, J. F.
Stewart, L. J.
Wear, M.

FORM VD

Anderson, W. H.	Eade, D. F.	Matheson, B. D.	Telfer, M. E.
Auld, R. W.	Flack, R. A.	Neilson, J. D.	Varcoe, W. G.
Black, E. E.	Fraser, L. H.	Pagan, J. A.	Waters, M. F.
Calvert, N. J.	Hansen, A.	Pearce, C. F.	Williams, R. D.
Cook, D. J.	Jaquierey, M. J.	Ross, N. R.	Wills, J. B.
Cook, S. W.	Johnson, F. M.	Spence, I. N. G.	Wylie, J. D.
Crozier, R. G.	MacKenzie, R. G.	Strang, W.	
Deans, C. G.	McPherson, R. W.	Sutton, A. L.	

FORM IVA

Anderson, C. M.	Galloway, D. J.	Matheson, J. C.	Thomas, I. D.
Bailey, B. W.	Giller, E. B.	Meredith, J. D.	Thompson, D. J.
Binnie, A. C.	Grant, A. B.	Milne, J. S.	Walker, C. W.
Cantrick, W. R.	Hammonds, T.	Murdoch, G. J.	Walker, G. L.
Childs, C. W.	Kitto, S. G.	Sharp, D. C.	Watson, K. J.
Deaker, M. R.	Knuckey, E.	Stewart, R. J.	Williams, D. B.
Faulkner, R. J.	McMeeking, R. G.	Smith, J. C.	
Ferguson, D. M.	McMillan, J. S.	Tattersfield, J. L.	

FORM IVB

Allott, R. M.	Clayton, M. M.	Gray, K. R.	Morris, D. W.
Armstrong, S. N.	Corliss, J. R.	Harrington, D. L.	Ottrey, H. B.
Bedwell, B. A.	Field, D. T.	Houliston, B. A.	Rackley, A. T.
Bernstone, R. L.	Finkle, D. M.	Kingsland, W. N.	Rae, R. P.
Blampied, J. W.	Fletcher, W. D.	Kirk, W. E. W.	Robertson, N. J. W.
Blue, J. R.	Foster, D. A.	McPherson, A. B.	Shanks, W. R.
Booth, M. J.	Galt, D. L.	Moore, R. G.	Smyth, D. R.
Bragg, K. G.	George, G. W.	Moreton, R. C.	Young, D. R.

FORM IVC

Allison, P. R. R.	Fowler, H. M.	Maguire, H. F.	Simpson, E. A.
Bayne, B. G.	Freeman, W. S.	McMillan, G.	Smith, R. W.
Blaikie, D. J.	Gerken, W. J.	Nicholson, W. C.	Stanway, D. R.
Boyes, B. C.	Harborough, R. J.	Philp, J.	Thomson, L. A.
Broomhall, B. S. C.	Irving, A. V. C.	Pirie, M. W.	Tomlin, J. R.
Cuff, N. W.	Kennett, P. J.	Richardson, D.	
Dunlop, J.	King, L. D.	Robb, M. I.	
Egerton, K. J.	King, T. E.	Shanks, F. J.	

FORM IVD

Bunce, C. W.	Ferguson, S. G.	Hay, I. B.	Peake, J. T.
Calder, A. C.	Fisher, A. B.	Hemmingson, A. R.	Ramsay, C. W.
Cochran, B. G.	Flaus, R. C.	Holmes, C. B.	Shaw, R. N.
Couling, W. A.	Flynn, J. R.	Jenkins, V. R.	Walker, K. G.
Davies, W. A.	Fox, D. L.	Lawrie, J. H.	Waters, A. G.
Drain, D. E.	Glennie, A. J.	Lightfoot, I. W.	Watson, G. J.
Fenton, C. R.	Green, R. J.	Mackie, J. A.	

FORM IVE

Blomfield, R. J.	McCullock, N. W.	McNeil, R. N.	Smith, K. A.
Cowie, D. H.	McHardie, D. J.	McSkimming, L. J.	Smith, W. G.
Ericson, A. J.	McIntosh, G. A.	Mouat, S. M.	Tonks, J. J. P.
Hall, A. K.	McLennan, N. J.	Myers, J. T.	Wainwright, N. L.
Hall, G. L.	McLeod, G. A. P.	Price, D. E.	Wells, P. R.
Henstock, W. D.	McNaughton, D. W.	Roberts, D. R.	

FORM IIIA

Anderson, A. G.	Greene, P. M.	Lloyd, D. G.
Bell, R. J.	Harman, J. C.	McCall, G. D.
Berragan, J. E.	Harrington, J. A.	McKenzie, B. R.
Blee, A. J.	Hodge, T. J.	McKinnon, A. W.
Borland, K. L.	Holloway, R. J.	McMillan, B. W.
Brady, R. J.	Kelly, I. R.	Milburn, A. B.
Crane, D. F.	Ladbrook, K. C.	Orchard, G. M.
Dryden, M. C.	Leyden, P. A.	Peters, T. C.
Dunwoodie, I. R.	Littlejohn, J. W. F.	Pollock, R. D. F.

Richards, T. C.
Richardson, T. C.
Skeggs, K. M.
Smyth, A. J.
Walsh, B.
Weavers, W. J.
Wood, R. J.
Wyndham, C. R.

FORM IIIB

Allison, M. J. R.	Hopkins, R. C.	Oliver, I. A. N.
Allott, A. D.	Hughes, R. C.	Orbell, G. M.
Barrett, S. D.	James, A. W.	Oughton, G. E.
Boys, B. T.	Lamond, J. A.	Richards, N. W.
Burt, T. J.	Lane, M. J.	Ringembergs, A.
Butson, C. R.	McIlroy, J. L.	Rowland, J. R.
Buxton, L. McL.	McLeod, A. W.	Scott, D. M.
Clarke, T. W.	Millar, A. A.	Sharp, D. C.
Darby, D. J.	Morton, R. D.	Simpson, W. F.
Harrington, W. R.	Moyle, L. K.	Stewart, G. H.

Thomas, A. B.
Walker, D. A.
Watson, J. W.
Wensley, M. L.
Wilson, B. W. J.
Winter, D. R.
Young, J.

FORM IIIC

Ainge, W. G.	Dixon, A. S.	McEwan, N. A.
Blackmore, A. B.	Dryden, A. A.	McKenzie, J.
Beer, R. W.	Everett, L. J.	McNaughton, B. A.
Cahill, T. J.	Froggatt, A. G.	Mackie, L. D.
Clarke, L. G.	Halliday, M. J.	Melhaski, J. N.
Craddock, J. S.	Henry, W. F.	Metzger, G. J.
Croad, R. N.	Lindsay, M. W.	Newton, S. J.
Davidson, G. R.	Loudon, J. W.	Patton, D. B.

Richardson, M. D.
Rout, K.
Rowland, D. J.
Simmonds, D. L.
Simpson, N. M.
Strang, D. A.
Taine, J. H.
Watson, P. J.

FORM IIID

Arnott, D. J.	Diack, L. R.	McCallum, A. R.
Barron, R. J.	Daubrey, H. F.	McKinnon, V. A.
Burnett, E. A.	Duncan, J. L.	McNaughton, T. J. P.
Chirnside, M. A.	Genge, G. L.	Munyard, R. J.
Chisholm, B.	Glynn, C. J.	Richardson, K. G.
Clark, P. L.	Hamilton, D. H.	Richardson, L. G.
Crozier, G. W.	Hutton, C. L.	Robertson, K. W.
Dewe, R. A.	Leask, C. B.	Sim, N. G.

Scobie, N. G.
Soper, N. E.
Spence, R. W.
Stewart, P. E.
Thomas, P. C.
Wicks, J. H.

SCHOOL DIARY

FEBRUARY

Wed. 1: Indoctrination of new boys begins. The little mites get smaller and smaller each year. The sheep are separated from the goats.

Thurs. 2: The school year begins for all boys. The 75th opening in the history of our school. Platoons formed on cinders. Many budding generals. The appearance of microphones in the most unsuspecting places had many puzzled until, on the following Sunday evening, a programme was broadcast in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary Celebrations.

Fri. 3: Barracks. "Though this be madness yet there is method in it." A great deal fewer prospective generals.

Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon., 3, 4, 5, 6: Old Boys from all over New Zealand and overseas gather to celebrate the 75th anniversary of our school. A number of present-day pupils are delegated to represent us or assist in the various functions.

Mon. 6: Bad weather forces abandonment of proposed shoot at Otatara and disallows any further barracks for the day. School assembled and Rector tells us of the great success and spirit of the Old Boys' Anniversary Celebrations so far. The school is dismissed for the remainder of the day.

Tues. 7: A case of "After the Ball is Over . . ." The invaluable sixth are assigned to cleaning-up jobs, one of the results of the merriments of the Anniversary Ball held the night before. Barracks impossible because of inclement weather so classes are given a provisional timetable.

Wed. 8: High winds cause a further postponement of barracks. Prefects appointed. At last the guardian angels arrive. "Dear is the helpless creature we defend against the world."

School sees films and hears talk by Mr Alabaster on his tour of Pakistan and India with the N.Z. cricket team.

Thurs., Fri., 9, 10: The bad weather continues to make it impossible to do any further barracks training. Military films serve to somewhat relieve the monotony of our provisional timetable. Much excitement over Centennial Road Race to be held on Ryal Bush circuit next Saturday.

Mon., 13: Gale became even more vicious and tore off great strips of lead ridging from roof of main block and carried away a few tiles. It is reported that the strains of "This Ole House" could be

heard emanating from the prefects' room as the heroes remained at their posts while the debris came tumbling all around.

Tues., 14: The elements abate sufficiently to allow a much needed practice for the Battalion Parade which is held in the afternoon. In sweltering heat the Battalion parades and is then inspected and addressed by Wing-Commander O'Brien, the station commander at Taieri.

Yelled a voice, which it is advisable to leave unnamed: "Snap those heads back till you hear the vertebrates crack." The cracks, in reply, quietened him for a while. Guard of Honour for proposed visit by Governor-General selected, and proceeds to draw greasy rifles and begin long series of training sessions.

Wed., 15: We finally are able to settle into a routine system and begin to knuckle down to some honest work.

Tues., 21: Singing begins for the year under our new singing master Mr MacNamara.

MARCH

Tues., 6: Sports postponed. Gale again.

Wed., 7: We have a most successful sports day. The morning was taken up mainly with heats and the afternoon provided some high grade athletics. The March Past of all competitors was reinstated (won by School House), and houses paraded to hear a short talk by Mr Matheson, president of the Southland A.A.A. An encouragingly large crowd of visitors, including the usual contingent of our stalwarts from the Girls' High were present and were supplied afternoon tea by ladies of the Parents' Association.

Thurs., 8: Miles run off. Highlight was Butt-Neill duel. Neill won by a shade; Butt was not overshadowed.

Fri., 9: Guard of Honour for Governor-General supplied by school for the opening of the Agricultural Hall.

House points for sports announced—School won by 5pts from Blue, Red 3rd, then White. Visiting bands down for N.Z. Brass Band Championships practise on school grounds. Feminine blowhards included.

Tues., 13: Governor-General, Sir Willoughby Norrie, visits school and addresses assembled multitude, afterwards inspecting classes at work. Granted in

the name of the Queen, a holiday for next Wednesday. Turned out to be the next day which we got anyway.

Wed., 14: School party takes part in impressive Centennial Procession. March from Rugby Park to Victoria Avenue. Good position in procession (for front row boys.) Turn out in force. School closed for the celebrations.

Thurs., 15: Otago Boys' High School 1st and 2nd XI's play our teams on school wickets. Watch your caps and scarves as they goeth.

Fri., 16: Cricket against O.B.H.S. continues. 1st XI loses by 5 wickets and 2nd XI loses by 110 runs.

Mon., 19: General Motor's "Preview of Progress" demonstration comes to school after it had been on display at the Centennial Industrial Fair. Boys absorbed and masters "sent" by Benny Goodman's "Tiger Rag", the photo-electric cell way.

Wed., 21: 1st XI begins cricket match against King's.

Thurs., 22: King's match ends in draw. Mutual agreement.

Fri., 23: Athletic teams arrive from the many schools which participate in the annual Otago-Southland interschool sports to be held at Rugby Park tomorrow.

Sat., 24: The interschool sports are held, and for competitors and spectators alike, provide a memorable day's athletics. Much organization has been involved and the success of the function amply rewarded the work entailed. The morning was taken up mainly with heats and in the afternoon, after the march past of athletes, led by the school band, and remarks by the President of the S.A.A.A., the finals were run off. School teams performed very well, the senior and junior teams winning the respective shields for most team points in that section and the senior relay team winning the senior relay baton.

Mon., 26: The School swimming sports are held at the Tepid Baths after the usual debate about "acoustics" or "acoostics". Entries were comparatively large and swimming was generally of a high standard. Several records were broken and Thwaites' 58sec for 100yds freestyle was outstanding.

Wed., 28: School closes to begin Easter break. Oh joy!

APRIL

Wed., 4: Resume school. No comment.

Mon., 9: Swimming sports house points announced: Blue, White, School, Red.

Thurs., 12: Winter sports begin. Off to the pavilion to worship the mighty Rugby. Seniors stand aghast as several of the more bumptious juniors dare to enter the sacred precincts.

Wed., 18: Anzac Parade selected and begins series of route marches.

Mon., 23: Sir Geoffrey Scoones, accompanied by Lady Scoones, British High Commissioner to New Zealand, speaks to the school and a group from the Girls' High on the British Commonwealth.

Tues., 24: We hold our own Anzac Service in the Hall. The speaker was an Old Boy, Mr Bruce Peterson, whose address imbued many with a wonderfully rich new spirit.

Wed., 25: Anzac Day. The school band and a contingent of cadets paraded at the War Memorial and later through the streets.

MAY

Thurs., 3: Prefects organize a dance in the hall in aid of Corso. About £30 raised for appeal. Much fun was had by all.

Fri., 4: Presentation made to Mr Gilchrist, who is leaving us to take up an appointment at Gore High School. We thank him for his services indoor and outdoors and offer him our best wishes for the future.

Term holidays commence forthwith.

Tues., 22: School re-opened for the middle term. "Get stuck in".

Thurs., 24: Science block declared out of bounds at lunch time.

Fri., 25: Detentions introduced, and are to be held on Wednesdays.

"Diseases desperate grown
By desparate appliance are relieved."

Tues., 29: Borstal escapee at large. Three .303 rifles taken from the school armoury. Did Mr Roxburgh lose an overcoat? It appears that escapee's cadet commander failed to impress upon him that discretion is the better part of valour.

Thurs., 31: A keen house rivalry was present when the first round of the interhouse competition winter sports are held. In senior Rugby School beat Red and Blue beat White. Altogether a very colourful afternoons sport.

JUNE

Wed., 6: School 2nd XV travels to Gore High School and beats their 1st XV by 13-3. Afternoon tea and swimming pool provided.

Mon., 11: Alex Lindsay, performing in Invercargill with his String Orchestra, pays a visit to his old school and talks to us at Assembly.

Tues., 12: A school party attends a concert by the Alex Lindsay String Orchestra.

Thurs., 14: Traffic Officer lectures at school. "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we shall die."

Wed., 20: Our school teams at Dunedin in the three annual combats against corresponding teams of O.B.H.S. Much jubilation which reached a climax at dance in their hall at night. "None but the brave (and victorious) deserves the fair."

1st XV 20 v O.B.H.S. 3; 1st Soccer XI 1, O.B.H.S. 0.
2nd XV 14 v O.B.H.S. 9.

Mon., 25: Appeal for funds for N.Z. Antarctic Expedition launched.

JULY

Tues., 3: Builders arrive to provide sound effects for masters. "Never in the field of human endeavour has so much been attempted by so few." Although they set upon the school in a most ferocious manner we find them most amiable gentlemen.

Wed., 4: Matches against Waitaki played at Oamaru. 1st XV loses to Waitaki 28-14, after a very fine game. To complete our tale of woe the 2nd XV loses 6-3. We promptly tell them that "The essential thing is not in winning but in taking part."

Thurs., 5: Antarctic Appeal closes. Frozen assets total £27/15/-.

Fri., 6: Bicycle stands allocated for those living outside a radius of 1 mile from school. The boundary riders lost their stalls.

Mon., 9: The "feminine touches" arrive to study Chemistry and Physics with V1A. There is to be a larger VI.A next year.

Sat., 14: A school party travels to the 1st Springbok Test at Dunedin. Rugby players among them who wish for higher honours return with the killer look. Eventful journey.

Mon., 23: Exams. Red flushed faces, glazed eyes, not much else.

Wed., 25: King's 1st XV and 1st XI play our teams on Elles Road grounds, in splendid weather. That morning we had one of our more refreshing frosts and though the 1st XV game had been arranged to be played at Rugby Park providing there was no rain, the risk of dirtying the ground for the Springboks was considered too great, and at the

last minute the venue of the game was changed. School wins both games: 1st XV 21 v King's 9. 1st XI 3 v King's 2.

School's Centennial Exhibition opened in Agricultural Hall. School bay included.

Fri., 27: Springboks Nel and Howe visit school. Nel talks briefly and Howe answers some questions.

MON. 30: Exams begin. What did we do to deserve these?

Tues. 31: Exams continue. District finale of Overseas League public speaking competition held at Girls' High. George (3rd) and Miller competing from school.

AUGUST

Wed. 1: Exams concluded. Those free observed Arbor Day by planting shrubs around the new tennis courts.

Thurs. 2: "There was a sound of revelry by night"— The Annual School Ball was thorough enjoyed by everybody including the exhausted prefects. The success of the evening was apparent from the many happy faces, but even Shakespeare said :

"Must it is I set it down,
"That one may smile, and smile, and be a villain."

Sat. 4: Two teams from the 1st XV compete at Gorge Road R.F.'s jubilee 7-aside tournament. One team wins junior section.

Mon. 6: Inspectors heralded by masters and boys alike. We know they are working for the cause.

Thurs. 9: Otaki scholar visits school and talks to us on "The Character and Instincts of the Scot." Vocational Guidance Officer visits school. Girls' High Ball in evening.

Sat., Sun. 11, 12: Teams arrive for interschool Rugby tournament and are shown by billets our fair countryside during the weekend.

Mon. 13: First games of interschool tournament played at Rugby Park in good weather. Results: New Plymouth 15, Kings 8.
Southland 19, Timaru 11.

Tues. 14: Visiting teams are taken on tour of the Western District, and at Otautau afternoon tea and a warm reception is provided by the Western District R.F.S.U., the Otautau R.F.C., and parents of pupils from Otautau. Secretary of the Bible Society of Scotland gives a brief talk at school.

Wed. 18: Final games of interschool Rugby tournament played. Results:

Timaru 30, Kings 3.

New Plymouth 16, Southland 6.

Air Force display (including jet engine at school). Opening night of the school play "The Ghost Train."

Thurs. 16: Visitors farewelled. The tournament had been a valuable and memorable experience for all concerned. Final night of "The Ghost Train." Concluding round of interhouse sports played. In senior Rugby, White beat Red and Blue beat School.

Fri. 17: "The day they tore the goal posts down." School closed for August holidays. "For this relief, much thanks."

SEPTEMBER

Tues. 11: School commences for 3rd term. Linoleum found lying on floor. Wipe your feet ere the lustre fadeth.

Mon. 17: American Globemaster with "Operation Deep-Freeze" flies over school.

Tues. 18: Mr Atkinson, guest artist with the National Orchestra, gives a piano recital at school. Successful singing competitions held in Hall. The judge was Mr Charles Cox, whose constructive comments afterwards were appreciated by all.

Results: Unbroken voices: Blackmore 1, Rout 2.
Broken voices: Wear 1, George 2, Webb 3.

An Event of Note:

Wed. 19: Vulcan four-engined medium range, delta-wing, jet bomber makes several runs over school. Crashed at London Airport 14 days later—four killed.

Thurs. 20: "Round the Park Race" held in pleasant weather. Everyone competes!

Senior: T. Butt 1, J. D. Neill 2, J. McPherson 3.

Intermediate: G. Nind 1, M. Hoffman 2, E. Black 3.

Junior: D. Cowie 1, B. Bedwell 2, J. Corliss 3.

Under 14: D. Finkle 1, S. Kitto 2, J. Watson 3.

Fri. 21: 3rd and 4th formers pick up stones from topdressed playground. Wouldn't it rock ya!

Tues. 25: Tennis courts ready for play. Cost £4000. All that money for a little bit of courting.

Wed. 26: Masters play school 1sts at Basketball. Score 42-42.

Thurs. 27: Barracks commence for term.

Sat. 29: Secondary Schools cross-country championship run at Racecourse. School teams second in aggregate points for all sections—Senior, Junior, and Intermediate.

OCTOBER

Mon. 1: Bicycle missing from school since Friday. "Something is rotten in the State of Denmark."

Wed. 10: The speech competitions are held in the Hall. Mr Frazer judged and gave a valuable criticism of the competitors. Results:

Senior: Duval-Smith 1, Galt 2, Miller 3.

Junior: Childs 1, Philp 2, Moyle 3.

Thurs. 18: Talk on qualifications for R.M.C., Dunroon, by Major Webb during barracks period. Ya gotta be tough.

Mon. 29: Bicycles inspected by traffic-officer. Consternation in staff cycle-shed.

Wed. 31: The 3rd formers practise singing and the formation of the Union Jack at the showground in readiness for Southland Children's Centennial Day.

NOVEMBER

Thurs. 1: The Suez Canal crisis reaches a climax. At school some of the lower forms of life, unintentional wonders, attempt unsuccessfully to create trouble with seniors.

Fri. 2: The subversive element is obliterated once and for all.

Sat. 3: The Southland Secondary Schools' Tennis Championships are played on the School courts with much "hotness" and "blowing". School competitors are very successful and win three of the four junior and senior titles.

Tues. 6: Melbourne Cup day. "I'll lay two to one . . .".

Wed. 7: Children's Day, one of the province's most successful Centennial functions, was enjoyed by pupils of this school. In the morning, despite foreboding weather conditions, the juniors went to the Showground and took their place in the formation of a living Union Jack of 2500 children and later joined in massed singing. They then participated in a gymnastics display and were revived by soft drinks and ice cream, gratis. During the afternoon the seniors attended and took part in an impressive pageant and supplied some good burlesque entertainment.

Thurs. 8: Dr Paul, District Health Officer visits school and makes us familiar with T.B. Christmas seals. The school monogram is inset in the linoleum in the entrance vestibule.

Fri. 9: The day of destiny (D-day) arrives for VIB—the accrediting list is announced.

"And thus the native line of resolution
Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought."

Mon. 12: The "Southlandian" goes to press.

School Certificate begins—

"O that this too solid flesh would wilt
Thaw and resolve itself into a dew."

University Entrance and Scholarship still to come.

Third and Fourth form exams begin. "Why was Pythagoras?"

DECEMBER

Dec. 7: School break-up. A memorable year ends.

Seniors nostalgic, juniors jubilant.

LOOKING BACK

September—1902;

From The Editorial:

"We have been accused of being rather adventurous in beginning a Magazine in the S.B.H.S. 'Cold water pourers' are everywhere to be found. Having weighed the matter carefully, we have come to the conclusion that the accusation is a mistake."

November—1906;

"The Southland High School has a curiosity in the form of an unhurtable boy. This marvel is bruised and bumped, kicked and 'tortured' all day long, but he never turns a hair."

May—1913;

"The new khaki uniforms with which the Battalion was provided in October, have become popular in the school. The short pants seemed awkward at first, because of the novelty; but that has at last worn off, and we find our new equipment very serviceable."

November—1915;

"The school has once more decided to give up the school sport's prizes, and devote the money to the Wounded Soldiers' Fund."

November—1922;

"Nowadays we are repeatedly being told that sport is occupying far too prominent a place in the school curriculum."

November—1926;

"The opening ceremony in connection with the new Boys' High School took place in the Assembly Hall on the afternoon of Friday, March 19. There was a large assembly of parents and others interested in the school."

November—1929;

"Singing, in the Hall under the management of Mr Braithwaite, with Mr Robins at the piano, is now a regular part of the school curriculum. This should do much to encourage a love of music in the school."

February—1933;

"The school has recently been presented with 6 acres of land. This has been well drained and this year has been given to the unemployed for potatoe growing."

February—1935;

"The Assembly Hall was the scene of a very impressive ceremony on May 4, the last day of the first school term, when the newly-erected Fives Courts were dedicated to the memory of the late Professor J. W. Hinton, a prominent Old Boy of the school."

February—1938;

"During his visit to Great Britain with the Coronation contingent, Mr Lepper bought for the Board of Governors a new mower which now purrs its way about the grounds in place of the mechanical wreckage which was its predecessor."

February—1942;

"There have been three changes among the masters during the year under review. Mr J. C. Braithwaite was called into the Army during the third term and is now overseas. He carries our wishes for a safe return."

AVE ATQUE VALE

In 1954 the school learned of the retirement of Mr A. J. Deaker, M.A., Dip. Journ., Dip. Soc. Sci., after thirty-one years of service, the last six of them as first assistant. With the school facing a serious staffing problem, Mr Deaker, in characteristic fashion, agreed to stay on until some sort of replacement could be found. He did not finally leave us, then, until early last year.

An old boy of Otago Boys' High, Mr Deaker first turned his attention on leaving school, to an administrative career and with this in mind joined the Otago Education Board. It is lucky for Southland Boys' High School that he changed his mind, took a University degree, and plunged into the job of imparting knowledge to the young. While at Otago University, Mr Deaker figured prominently in the athletic team and was the University sprint and long jump champion. On graduating, his first teaching position was at John McGlashan College, until in February, 1923, when he came to Southland Boys' High School.

His own athletic prowess stood him, and the school, in good stead, because it was during his period as athletic coach, from 1928-38, that the school teams undoubtedly reached their greatest heights. Such names as K. F. M. Uttley, D. M. Page, W. Stewart, P. G. McLauchlan, I. Muirson and L. V. Blaikie all belong to the period of Mr Deaker's coaching the Senior Relay Team for the Inter-School Sports, which won first place ten consecutive times. In Rugby his success was no less outstanding. A devoted coach, he left no stone unturned to ensure that the teams which took the field between 1929-34 were always at the peak of physical fitness. He taught the finer points of Rugby to some of the most outstanding players the school has produced, including a future All Black in N. A. Mitchell. During this period the school won the 3rd Grade Banner on every occasion, and more than acquitted itself in the Inter-School Tournament.

Outside the realm of Rugby and Athletics, Mr Deaker gave great service to Tennis in the School. From the day he arrived in 1923, until he retired in 1954, he was master in charge of Tennis. Even after he had retired from active competition himself—and he was many times Southland Senior Champion—he had little difficulty in giving, not only a practical demonstration of every shot to be played, but also a beating to most of the School's senior players. For a short time he coached the 1st XI, and although he was somewhat unorthodox as a stylist himself, his teams were always well to the fore in the local competitions.

Off the sporting field, many will remember Mr Deaker as officer in charge of the Cadet Battalion,

with the rank of Major. Above all, perhaps, we know him as a first-class teacher of Mathematics, Geography and History; a Master with a broad knowledge, a forceful teacher. Many Old Boys owe their success in later life to lessons learned, even if unwillingly, in Room 12.

He gave full and valuable service to the community as an Elder of First Church, and as an organiser of exhibitions of paintings. In this latter realm, he was a pioneer as far as Invercargill was concerned, and was instrumental in bringing many fine art displays to the city. After his retirement, he continued to take an interest in the journalistic world by writing leading articles for the Southland Times.

But now, what of the man, Deaker? If I may be excused for misquoting Goldsmith, for the line from the poet does not entirely apply:

"Full well they laughed, with unaffected glee,
At all his jokes, for many a joke had he."

Perhaps many Old Boys will remember him for his wit, for the twinkling eyes, the smile quivering at the corner of his mouth, for the joke well placed, the pun well contrived. For there, perhaps, is Mr Deaker the teacher, human and understanding, never too stern, never too soft, always approachable.

The staff, perhaps, have other memories of him, of his companionship, his broad knowledge from which he was only too ready to give to those who asked, and perhaps above all, for a penchant for fresh air in gigantic quantities. Whatever our memories of him are, whatever line they take, he can be sure of one thing: the School does remember. We wish him well in his retirement and in any occupations he may be engaged upon.

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During the year we have had three changes in the staff. Mr W. K. Hounsell, B.Sc., came to us as a reliever for the middle term, and although his idea of discipline and that of IVB did not entirely agree, he gave us valuable service. Mr I. D. Payne, who for the past two years has been with us, off and on like some illusive will-of-the-wisp, also returned at the beginning of the second term to help out during the staffing shortage. His presence has been felt in the classroom and on the playing fields, especially with football and cricket teams, and he will be greatly missed when he leaves us. Mr A. W. Bristow arrived from England to take a permanent position here at the beginning of the second term. Mr Bristow is a highly experienced teacher, having resigned his position as headmaster of a large Grammer School in Birmingham to come out to us. We hope his stay with us will be both long and happy.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Centennial Year

This year Southland Boys' High School celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary and this coincided with the Southland Centennial. Boys from the school have done a lot to help make the centennial celebrations a success.

The first event of the year was, of course, the official opening of the celebrations and the finish of the car trials. This was followed by the road race and the industrial exhibition in the Centennial Hall. About this time, too, there was the procession along Tay and Dee Streets to the hall. School was represented by the band and a contingent of boys.

After the rush at the beginning of the year it seemed that the committee had exhausted their stock of ideas. But this was not so, as the schools' exhibi-

tion proved. Here the school filled some of the bays that would otherwise have been left vacant with part of the model display they were undertaking. These rarely failed to bring praise from the on-lookers. The motor-minded Southlander was given something to think about in the motor-show, as some of the new cars made even comparatively recent models look like antiques. The motor-cycle exhibition and the marching girls display were well attended, but the climax of the week was the fireworks. This £1000 display was something to be remembered, and even those who did not go to the showground for this event had a good view from almost any part of the city.

The Southland public should be well satisfied with their Centennial Year Celebrations.

The Governor-General's Visit

Bestowed upon the School for the second time in its history was the visit by the New Zealand Governor General. Sir Willoughby Norrie's visit on the 13th March, was the first in 31 years, since that of Sir Charles Ferguson in 1925. Sir Willoughby was welcomed by the Rector and official party at 2 p.m. and then proceeded to the Hall. After the singing of the National Anthem, the Rector presented His

Excellency, who then addressed the assembly. Later the prefects and masters were introduced and Sir Willoughby and Lady Norrie made a tour of inspection of the School.

Members of the School again had contact with the visitors at the opening of the Centennial Hall. The Guard of Honour came from the senior boys who were inspected, and performed creditably.

Mr Ryburn's Visit

On August 1 the school was honoured by a visit from the Rev. H. J. Ryburn, M.A., one of our five Rhodes Scholars. At present the Rev. Ryburn is Chancellor of the University of Otago and Warden of Knox College. The Rev. Ryburn's visit was the second from our Rhodes Scholars in recent years, Mr J. Dakin having spoken at last year's break-up ceremony.

The Rev. Ryburn's remarks to the school were addressed more perhaps to those boys, who intend

furthering their studies at the University in Dunedin. He made several general remarks about the establishment, and then stressed the importance of having the right boarding environment. Knox College provided ideal conditions to boys, he added, and he was always glad to welcome boys from his old school to the hall. The Rev. Ryburn concluded by wishing the school all the best in the examinations which followed.

Galt thanked the Rev. Ryburn on behalf of the school.

The Springbok Visit

Members of the staff and pupils alike, whether ardent Rugby followers or not—and who wasn't during last season—enthusiastically awaited the arrival of two members of the Springbok team on Friday, 27th July.

The two players, the centre of all eyes, were Mr B. F. Howe, and Mr Jeremy Nel. Mr Nel spoke briefly on the historical development of Rugby in South Africa, then handed over to Mr Howe who faced a barrage of questions. With the exception of one question concerning geography, from a sixth

former, the questioners all took Rugby as their topic. The junior school was most vociferous, and it was a great pity that the senior members were content to sit and passively listen to what were too often, weak questions which deserved no answer, instead of biting deeply into the more provocative and interesting points made. In fact, but for the ready wit of Mr Howe—and how refreshingly pungent his replies were—the whole affair could have become rather embarrassing. We can only hope that our visitors left us with good impressions of our grounds, buildings, and 1st XV even if not of our intelligence.

Otaki Scholar

Once again Southland Boys' High School was honoured by a visit from the Otaki scholar, William S. Donald, captain of Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, where he had earned distinction in scholarship and sport.

His visit to our assembly on the ninth of August will be remembered for the fluency and wit of his talk to the school on the characteristics of the Scottish people and the history of his own school.

During the afternoon he visited Bluff, as the guest of the New Zealand Shipping Company, and was there shown the developmental work on the new port.

In the evening he was the guest of the Prefects of the Southland Girls' High School at their annual school dance. He greatly appreciated this opportunity of meeting the girls and boys of both schools at this pleasant function.

Next morning, before departing for Queenstown, he had morning tea with the mayor and councillors.

Associations, such as these with the Otaki Scholar, are a very valuable part of school life. As one who was privileged to meet him in my own home, and exchange ideas on school life in another part of the world, I hope that this school may long be privileged to have an annual visit from the Otaki Scholar.

Visit of Dennis Atkinson

During his visit to Invercargill as guest artist with the New Zealand National Orchestra some weeks ago, Mr Dennis Atkinson visited the school and gave a short recital. It is not often that we have musicians of Mr Atkinson's quality at the school, and his recital left us with the impression that New Zealand is not lacking in concert pianists.

His programme was well-chosen for the occasion. It consisted of a number of short pieces portraying the national character of various countries. Before playing each piece, Mr Atkinson told us something of its history, and also explained the important

features of the piece itself. In his playing, he emphasized the different rhythms of the countries, ranging from the rousing polonaise to the daintiness of modern French music. Many of the pieces had a special appeal to those boys who learn the piano and they perhaps, got more out of Mr Atkinson's recital than the rest of the school did.

But what impressed most of us was that such a comparatively young man could have achieved such versatility. He must certainly rank among the best pianists that this country has produced, if his recital at the school was any indication.

The School Project

To the great disappointment of two of the more sporting-minded masters of the school, Room 13 was declared out of bounds and the table tennis tables were put to another use. These stalwart Sansomian legs now had to hold complicated wooden frames, sheets of pinex and hardboard, odd tools, and piles of maps.

For a time the purpose of all these materials and the energy used in their assembly was a closely-guarded secret, known only to a select few, but in an interview exclusive to the magazine, Mr Martin told us all about it.

"The project is to portray the essential features of Southland, as a method of celebrating our centenary," he said. "It is a project to foster interest in Southland among the pupils of the school; a project to give the pupils an opportunity of doing creative work; a project which, if of sufficient merit, will be exhibited publicly."

Well, after this speech we immediately sent a reporter up to Room 13 to see what was happening. The sight which met his eyes as he entered the room was one of chaos. Against the wall lay sheets of hardboard and pinex, on the floor was a pile of 2 x 1 timber, and under the blackboard was the sturdy wreck of an old bench. All round the room were maps, tools, sawdust and wood scraps. From all this, was to arise our school project . . .

Originally the display was to be held in room 13 itself and was to contain models of: A sawmill (Vth History—Mr B. Braithwaite), a coalmine (IV Social Studies—Mr Ryan), the limeworks (VA—Mr Waterston), the Bluff Harbour scheme (VIth Geography—Mr Hunter), the water tower (IVA—Mr Martin), a typical Southland Farm (Mr Partridge) and the

Monowai Power Station (VIB Physics—Mr Roxburg). It was also to contain a large model map of Southland made mainly by Mr Martin. Round the walls there was to be placard displays on each subjects as: Southland's History, Fishing, Land Use, Fertilizers and so on.

Well, the work went on day after day, week after week, until some one suddenly realized they were a long way behind schedule. To make matters worse room 13 was no longer available as a work room, as it was to be renovated and split into a prefects' room and a book binders' room.

The projects were then enthusiastically transported to various parts of the school, one to room 5, one to room 16, another to room 18, but most of them were unfortunately taken to the garage where the band practices. I say unfortunately, because owing to the shortage of time, work went on during singing periods, and . . . well you've all heard the band practice as often as I have.

The enthusiastic "projecteers" were then informed that the projects were to be displayed at the Centennial Hall three weeks hence, so all efforts were redoubled, and many times in these three weeks action masters remarked on the greatly-diminished size of their classes.

They were completed just in time, and the required projects were loaded on to trucks and taken away. The projects displayed at the hall were:—Monowai, the limeworks, the coalmine, the water works, the farm and the Southland relief map.

For three glorious days these projects were displayed to the public in all their glory, with large signs to remind the public that it was the work of our school.

"Prefects 75th Jubilee Ball"

As a fitting climax to the School Jubilee celebrations, the Prefects 75th Jubilee Ball was one of the most successful social functions held in the school for a number of years. The usual lateness of names and required finance from the boys caused a certain amount of anxiety among the organizers but the general response at the request for foodstuffs was most gratifying. Expenses for the dance totalled to £35/10/-; a loss of £3/10/-.

We are indeed fortunate in having an attractive assembly hall and little in the way of decorations were required. In this respect valuable assistance was received from the display department of local firms and the hall was attractively decorated with stars and moons and various murals depicting the trend of the times.

Overall the Prefects' Ball was most enjoyable and provided ample reward for the amount of time and money spent in its organization.

The Library Year

The school library has come to be an active and important unit in our educational system. With its comprehensive material for all subjects it is now the main source of information of all; from I.I.D preparing a social studies project to VIA working for scholarship. Masters know what is on the shelves and prepare reference lists for their forms accordingly. Through its well-selected volumes the horizons of boys are widened and their standard of literary appreciation raised. New interests are aroused, old ones pursued; and finally, it offers a form of enjoyment and relaxation as important as the sports field. School libraries have advanced greatly from the locked cupboard days of some years ago when they were nothing more than lifeless ornaments.

This, our school's 75th Jubilee year has also been an important year for the library. The master in charge, Mr Somers, has adopted the policy of placing no restrictions on issues. Now boys are allowed as many books out as they wish, while under the old system they were restricted to one, or perhaps two. No longer do they have to turn to other libraries for numbers of books as they used to. The door to the library is never locked, valuable reference books and encyclopaedias are available for overnight issue. This open library policy is an important move which should be permanently adopted.

Because of this, issues for the year constituted a record, a feat which is the aim of all libraries. The figure for this year was 8602 as compared with 4389 for 1953, 6248 for 1954, 6850 for 1955 and makes an average of 19 books borrowed by each boy for the year. Term issues were as follows:—

	Non-Fiction	Fiction	Special Issue	Total
1st Term	1,776	1,528	153	3,457
2nd Term	1,565	1,401	26	2,992
3rd Term	1,112	1,026	15	2,153

An analysis of the books on loan indicates how the library is used: Fiction 140, Science 6, Applied Sciences 10, Arts and Sports 16, Literature 20, Geography-Travel 19, Biography 6, History 23, War 46.

We welcome the open-library policy but it has however, upset the smooth and orderly running which was possible in the one-boy one-book days, and now, especially with a shortage of librarians, it is difficult to keep trace of every book. Boys have been charged for overdue books they have either returned or have not had; issues have been delayed or made

impossible by the misplacement of date cards. We hope that these mistakes will be regarded as initial disruptions arising from our increased service to you.

Another highlight of the library year has been the large number of new books added. Figures are 315 (Fiction 131, Non Fiction 184), as compared with 290 for 1955. The cellulose coverings on additions greatly increases their durability, retains their appearance and brings light and life to the shelves. Dominant among the additions are junior fiction volumes for it has been the policy of Mr Somers this year to build up this section of the library. Until now, development there has been slower than in other sections and for their fiction junior boys have strayed to Commercial Libraries where unfortunately, their tastes are not encouraged to improve. We feel that the library should hold something for everyone, and that once having read Don Camillo, Geoffrey Trease, Rene Guillot and Ronald Syme, these boys will move to the more important fiction works, which are fully represented on the same shelves. The continuous movement of these new books is proof to us that they are appreciated.

Over the years the library has become warmer and more inviting. Firstly the new tables were added and then the two Island Book Cases were installed in the middle of the room. There was the recent painting with its intelligent use of colours, the paintings hung on bare stretches of wall and the cheerful effect of the cellulose covers. Dark corners have been brought to life by effective glowing displays while this year the whole room has been drawn together by the laying of a restful grey linoleum. It is now a pleasure to enter the library and escape from the bareness of the classrooms.

Running the library is a bigger job than most boys realize and that it has been done so well is a tribute to the enthusiasm of the small but loyal band of librarians. Much is owed by the school to these boys: McCallum (Head Librarian), Reid and McMechan (who were the originators of the many displays which appeared throughout the school), and Cathcart, McMillan, Parry, Tuson, Perkins, Johnstone, Smith, Ferguson, Deaker, Hammonds, Bailey, Edwards, McCulloch, Rout, McMillan, Kelly. Under Gimblett and Buckley, the book binders carried on their valuable work of repairing damaged books and of strengthening flimsy new volumes and magazines.

Would all those who donated books this year accept the thanks of the library and of the school for their most welcome gifts: R. Brady, A. J. Anderson, Professor Miles, A. G. Branks, D. S. Spencer, J. R. Rowland, A. Matheson, H. M. Marshall, R. Jenkins, D. Roberts, L. Morris, J. G. Galt, D. L. Ballantyne, W. Zimmerman, E. G. Andrew, Mackenzie, E. M. Smith, G. A. Condie, M. McHarg, Mr Pickard, Mr Hunter.

We wish to remind the boys who are leaving this year that there is no better way for them to show their appreciation of their enjoyable years spent at school, than to leave behind them in the library

a book with their name inscribed inside it as the donor.

Finally, the school as a whole, owes a great debt to Mr Somers for the way he has conducted the library. Too often boys have come to regard the master in charge as a bogey-man, intent only on punishing those who misuse books or keep them overdue. Mr Somers has been just as forceful as his predecessors in chastising offenders, but his liberal outlook and helpfulness at all times, together with his willingness to spend long hours making the library a happier place for us to study in, has earned him our warmest gratitude.

"The Ghost Train"

This year has seen a revival of the School Play, after a lapse of many years. Early in the first term, it was decided that a play would be a worthy effort for our Seventy-fifth Anniversary Year. Mr D. E. Somers agreed to be the producer, and chose "The Ghost Train" by Arnold Ridley.

This play, a comedy-melodrama in three acts, romantic in time, setting, and events, has all the stock melodramatic incident based on the fulfilment of superstition, such as mysterious knockings and lights. It can claim no literary merit, but was chosen for its undoubtedly advantages as a school play: the parts can be taken by inexperienced actors, since only Elsie and Peggy show any development of character, and there is no great depth of characterisation. Two elements which keep an average audience interested, are present—humour and suspense; there are no scene changes, which would be very difficult on that peculiarly small stage.

Towards the end of the first term, auditions were held, and the following cast was chosen:

Saul Hodgkin	D. M. Gordon
Richard Winthrop	P. M. Galt
Elsie Winthrop	D. B. Fulton
Charles Murdock	W. S. Freeman
Peggy Murdock	T. C. Peters
Miss Bourne	C. Duval-Smith
Teddie Deakin	G. E. George
Julia Price	B. W. McMillan
Herbert Price	D. J. Galloway
John Sterling	A. Matheson
Jackson	C. C. Miller

Readings, then rehearsals, were held throughout the second term, entirely out of school hours. Some members of the cast had difficulty in learning lines, but the play was presented with no serious hitches on Wednesday and Thursday, 15th and 16th August.

Well received by the audiences, "The Ghost Train" was also a financial success (largely because of Mr Blaikie's high pressure salesmanship). At a small gathering after the performances on Thursday night, the cast made a presentation to Mr Somers in recognition of his efforts.

Several of the individual performances reached a commendable standard. D. Gordon, as the slow-speaking old stationmaster, Saul Hodgkin, acted consistently and convincingly. P. Galt spoke well and acted soundly in the long role of Richard Winthrop, an outwardly irritable but basically well-meaning businessman. C. Duval-Smith, as Miss Bourne, the amiable elderly spinster, was most impressive and presented a fine understanding of the part. G. E. George, as the pseudo-dandified hero, Teddie Deakin, gave a fine performance. His portrayal of this self-centred, artificial character had few faults, and he carried off his jokes with assurance.

The cast thanks the Producer, and Mr A. R. Dunlop, for valuable advice and assistance, the Invercargill Repertory Society, for help with the set and costumes, Mr A. G. Pickard and others, for designing and constructing the set, P. A. Low, stage manager, Mrs E. H. Buckley, wardrobe mistress, Miss M. Miller and Mr P. J. MacNamara, make-up.

Our thanks also go to J. P. McMechan, prompt., E. G. Parry and D. L. Phillips, sound effects; B. M. Williams, lighting, Mr L. V. Blaikie, business manager; Mr Colin MacDonald and Station 4YZ for assistance with sound effects; Frank Holloway Ltd., and John Chambers Ltd., for help with properties.

It is to be hoped that the performance of a play will become an annual school activity, now that a little experience in acting has been gained, and a beginning made in attracting long-overdue interest in cultural activities.

Cadet Notes, 1956.

As usual our Barracks week was held at the start of the year. This year however the weather was even worse than we can generally expect it to be and consequently there were only two full days of training. These two days were used most intensively so after much thought it was decided that a march past would be held as arranged.

Much to the delight of the members of the A.T.C., Wing-Commander O'Brien from Taieri took the salute and it was obvious that enough of the fundamentals of military drill had filtered into the innocent minds of the third formers to provide an excellent parade.

This year again because of the weather, we have been unlucky with our shooting. The .303 shoot for the seniors had to be cancelled and up till the third term only one .22 shoot had been held. From the beginning of this term however trials have been held for the teams to represent the school in the annual competitions and a high standard has been reached by some.

During this, our 75th jubilee, and Southland's centennial year, groups of cadets from the battalion have been asked to attend more functions than usual. Most important was the Guard of Honour provided for the Governor General, the guard receiving very high praise from all those present. The same guard took part in the centennial procession through the streets of Invercargill and a group attended the annual Anzac Day Parade.

Band, 1956.

Drum Major: B. D. Rutherford.

Drum Sergeant: B. Matheson.

Drum Corporal: K. Hay.

Drum L/Cpl.: C. Boyes.

Bugle Sgt.: C. H. Frobarth.

Bugle Cpl.: G. Muihead.

The band this year was the biggest for quite a number of years. The total number was about 50, and although fairly young they have moulded to a good unit giving some fine displays.

The praise received for the guard and other groups reflect the work done by Major Braithwaite and his colleagues Capt. Dunlop and Lt. Hunter. Much credit is due to Staff Sergeant Williams and Corporal James of Area 12 Regular Force.

The Battalion is:-

O.C.: Major J. C. Braithwaite.

S U/O: G. H. Nicholson.

R.S.M.: P. A. Sharp.

B.O.S.: M. Waddle.

Headquarters Company—

C.S.M.: P. Galt.

No. 1 Platoon: Sergeant Harvey (Artillery).

No. 2 Platoon: Sergeant Imlay (Sigs & Mortars).

No. 3 Platoon: Sergeant Speers.

No. 4 Platoon: Sergeant Thwaites.

No. 5 Platoon: Sergeant Young.

No. 6 Platoon: Sergeant Little.

Intelligence Platoon: Sergeant Lawson.

"A" Company—

C.S.M.: J. Harvey.

No. 7 Platoon: Sergeant Cooney.

No. 8 Platoon: Sergeant Robertson.

No. 9 Platoon: Sergeant Jowett.

No. 10 Platoon: Sergeant Fulton.

No. 11 Platoon: Sergeant Telfer.

Armoury —

S/Sgt.: R. Mayston.

Cadets: McIntosh, McHardy.

All through this year parades have been numerous, due mainly to the centennial celebrations. At the beginning of the year the band paraded for the Old Boys' 75th Anniversary and was well commended for its work. Through the year the band attended centennial celebrations at Invercargill, Gore, Otautau and Mataura, as well as the usual parade on Anzac Day. The band was also on parade for the motor show, the Governor General and the Waikiwi Plunket Society. On all these parades the band was highly praised and it is fair to say it has attained a very favourable recognition from the whole of Southland.

Building Changes

During the second term the silence of examination preparation was shattered by the industrious noises made by the carpenters in the school. Alterations began in this term and finished in the term holidays.

Our school has changed its face quite considerably now, and only a few senior boys remember what the altered rooms once looked like. When the new science block was opened Rooms 5 and 6 on the ground floor and rooms 13 and 14 on the West wing upstairs became vacant for about half a year.

Room 6 is no longer the biology science room but a cloak room and room 5 has been serving as a temporary masters' room and is now as a storeroom for the projects made by the boys for the Centennial Exhibition.

The old preparation room between rooms 5 and 6 has been transformed into first aid quarters and the scheme in an excellent one.

Major changes have occurred upstairs, the masters' staff room has been enlarged to include the prefects

room and the space once occupied by the balcony. The balcony has been glassed in while the prefects' room supplies the kitchen for the masters.

Room 13 has undergone a transformation which has divided the northern half into an elaborate Prefects' Room and the southern half into a new book binders' room.

Mr Drees now has a new book room in the old preparations room between rooms 13 and 14. Sixth formers received room 14 for their study, but alterations made on their own initiative soon found them transferred to room 11 where renovations or dilapidations can not be made so easily.

The old book room has provided an office for Miss Webb and also a careers advisor's office. During the term holidays linoleum was laid in the corridors, masters' room, prefects' room and library. This, and recent painting of the interior of the school has made it enjoyable for us to work in as well as making the school very presentable to visitors who have come during the year.

Chess Club

The club began this year with a somewhat large number of inexperienced members because so many of the senior players left at the end of 1955. Meetings were held every Monday afternoon in the library, which Mr Somers very kindly put at the club's disposal, and were very successful.

Unfortunately we could not arrange the annual series of matches with the Girls' High this year, but we were honoured with an invitation to attend the Invercargill club's last meeting on the 23rd of October. Here, when Mr Roxburgh was unable to attend, Mr Bristow kindly stepped forward to lead the team of five. The evening started with a lightening tournament (ten seconds a move) and we did quite well when two of our number

reached the semi-finals. Supper followed, and then came the serious match play. Some of the team excelled themselves here and one or two of the Invercargill Club were forced to cede victory to their more youthful opponents.

The school championships have at last got under way, but at the time of writing, only one game had been played. K. Carter, last year's winner, must be easily the strongest contender for first place.

Once again the club wishes to thank Mr Somers for permission to use the library, Mr Bristow for his benevolent interest in our affairs, and Mr Roxburgh for the time he has devoted to the organizing of the various tourneys and functions, and for the encouragement he has given to all of us, at all times.

Fencing Club

This year the Fencing Club began with a lot of support but, as happened last year, membership dwindled until only a small group of enthusiasts remained.

The club was very unfortunate in losing its coach when Mr M. Sharfe left the school staff during the second term, but the seniors of the club continued training the junior members. A reasonable standard was reached by several juniors and credit for this must go to second-year members of the club for their efforts in coaching them.

Three members of the School club successfully competed in a Junior Individual match organized by the Invercargill Swords Club, first and second places being gained. O'Driscoll was first and Telfer gained second place with Beer also competing. The best bout of the evening was that between O'Driscoll and Telfer. Telfer made an early break to lead 3-1, but O'Driscoll levelled at 4 each and gained the next hit to win 5-4.

Camera Club

This year started off well with a good attendance of about 30 at a meeting presided over by Mr Martin. A committee of four was elected: A. T. Stroud VA, D. F. Young VA, J. J. Reid VA, and W. N. Reid VA. Stroud was later appointed secretary-treasurer.

The total membership for the year, including those who joined after the club started, was 32. The total was brought up to 35 by three masters who were bitten by the photographic bug.

Two competitions were held, "The School Sports" in the first term, and "Around the School" in the second term. The former was won by Buckley VA, in the senior section and Brady IIIB in the junior section. The latter was won by Stroud VA (senior) and Winter IIIB (junior). The competitions were judged by Mr Pickard in the first term and by Mr Pickard and Mr

Bear also performed creditably for a first-year fencer and made successful use of two novel attacks.

In a teams foils event against Southland Technical College, the School team was successful in avenging their defeat of last year. This year the match was held between teams of three. The School team consisted of O'Driscoll, Telfer and McMechan and won by 5 bouts to 4.

Individual results for the School team were:

R. J. O'Driscoll, 3 wins, 0 losses.

M. E. Telfer, 2 wins, 1 loss.

J. P. McMechan, 3 losses by default.

The School team was set an initial handicap when McMechan was unable to fence. With no replacement available, this meant that his three bouts were forfeited as losses and the School team was thus 3 bouts down before fencing commenced. The remaining members of the team rose to the occasion and lost only one further bout.

Martin jointly in the second term. The club is indebted to these two masters for their services.

One lecture was delivered to the club this year, by Mr Pickard. He talked on Composition, a subject which was of great benefit to all those fortunate enough to hear it.

The darkroom was well used this year, sometimes too well used to cater speedily for every boy. Four-hundred ounces of D76 film developer and 400 ounces of D72 print developer were used.

Over all our year has been good and the darkroom looks forward to next year when it can further increase its service to the boys. A darkroom has been incorporated into the hostel but there is no enlarger, so next year promises to be even a better one for the Camera Club finances when there will be hostel boys wishing to use the club's facilities.

The School Tramping Club

Early this year it was decided to form a School Tramping Club, the nucleus of which Mr Hunter had built in 1955, by organizing tramps in the holidays. In February, a meeting of all those interested was held, and a committee consisting of Mr Hunter, as master-in-charge; L. B. Imlay, as secretary; B. A. McCallum, as treasurer; along with M. O. McLachlan, C. J. Young, A. J. Millar and T. J. Butt.

At the invitation of the Invercargill Tramping Club it was decided to affiliate with this club to give the older members more scope and to encourage boys to join the main club after leaving School. So far, this year, except for a trip to Stewart Island, at Easter, for the younger members, all the tramps have been organized by the Invercargill Club and have all been of great benefit to those attending.

The Stewart Island Trip

Once again this year a party led by Mr Hunter, went tramping at Stewart Island. The expedition began when the Wairua left Bluff and set out to Foveaux Strait. However, a tremendous wind lashed the waves to such an extent that it was difficult to keep one's footing on the deck. How we didn't sink amazed us all, and only the calm face of Nicholson, an experienced sailor, assured us there was no danger. Eventually the boat turned back and we spent a comfortable night at the Bluff camping ground.

Next morning, we crossed to Stewart Island, on a heavy swell and in a very crowded Wairua.

The expedition proper began when we set off to Lee Bay from Oban. The pace was very slow at first, but we steadily improved, until everyone achieved a reasonable speed. At Lee Bay we camped and fished off the rocks. Cuff and Flaus were the fishermen and several sizeable species were caught. After tea a sports meeting was held.

Next day we began again. The track was excellent and the views magnificent, and the pace good as a result. At Maori Beach we lunched, and after our meal started to look for a track through to Port William. We found one, but only a very poor track,

Trip to Lake Hauroko

At midday on Easter Thursday, four stiff travellers, Mr W. K. Hounsell, J. S. Milne, D. Young and R. J. Stewart, were landed in the Lillburn Valley.

After sweltering for two hours, we reached the bush. Mist-shrouded Hauroko was reached in a rainstorm soon after. By the lake's edge the party met their host, Mr Henderson, and trudged a mile through the rain to his camp.

Following a quick brew-up and farewells to Rutherford, their driver, four pack-horses disappeared down the track.

Although he has only one arm, Mr Henderson has erected from Manuka, a 15-foot wigwam, and two smaller bunk-houses, all wonderfully warm and waterproof.

Into one of these bunk-houses piled four bleary-eyed trampers.

As the following day was fine, the opportunity was taken to investigate the points and inlets of the big bay.

which steadily became worse as we proceeded. When the beach was viewed at Port William, everyone clambered down through the bush until we reached the sea. We had arrived at last!

On Sunday afternoon everyone was talking about Young's magnificent catch. That morning we had gone fishing off the rocks as usual, and after a few minutes Young gave a yell of surprise (and terror). His bait had been taken by a large octopus which was on the rocks before he realized what it was. However, the shock and joy at his catch did not last long, as he did not have the strength to hold the brute and it slipped back into the sea.

As all of us now felt we were experienced trampers, we made the return journey in one and a-half days. At Oban some boys were very kindly taken by Pagan for a ride in his launch, but the weather was miserable, and only a few minutes were spent cruising around the bay.

Next morning being our last on the island we took down our tents, packed our rucksacks and made the camping site tidy.

The journey home was calm and uneventful, and a very tired party finally arrived back at Invercargill at 6.00 on Tuesday night.

In the evening, a party of deer-stalkers and a fisherman arrived at the lake.

Ten o'clock on Saturday morning, saw the party well on its way to climb Oblong Hill.

After following an expansive creek-bed for some distance, a sharp ascent through steep bush, brought the party to a high spur. From here an hour's push to the summit ridge, then an exhilarating scramble, saw them on top, 3,258 feet high.

For an hour, four trampers lay about in undignified positions, sunbathing and admiring the view.

Later, fortified by a quick cup of tea, we made good time back to camp.

On Sunday, the party took advantage of seemingly fine weather to make a voyage up the lake. A rising wind and tell-tale nor'-west cloud, however, forced them to return, when at the head of the South Arm.

Although it rained the following day, several excursions were made into the surrounding bush.

Tuesday, saw a hurried retreat to the Lillburn Valley, amid bad conditions.

The Hollyford Trip

The bus moved off and once more began to grind its tortuous way over the dusty road which led to Milford. With a last backward glance as it disappeared round a corner, we shrugged our heavy packs over our shoulders and set out on the first stage of a journey which was to take us 120 miles through country which is unparalleled for its wild, scenic beauty anywhere in New Zealand. The almost oppressive stillness of Fiordland closed in all around us, the sheer-faced walls of the valley adding their sombre countenance to the scene. Below us, and to our left, came the faint roar of the headwaters of the Hollyford, above, the grey sky seemed to be frowning at our intrusion. That night we reached Hollyford Camp, and, struggling into our sleeping bags, we could only speculate on what the morrow would bring.

Next morning it was a race between ourselves and the sandflies to see which group could finish breakfast first. We won in the fashion that was to become all too familiar in the days to come—by tramping round and round in circles, spoons, knives and forks working at the double. Our slight advantage of being able to walk faster than the sandflies could fly, was more than lost by the fact that while they were trying to eat us, we were more intent on polishing off a heap of dehydrated beans than on killing sandflies. Also, they outnumbered us by a few million to four, and it was impossible for us to keep walking all the time.

The six miles to Hidden Falls hut were covered in a leisurely fashion, time being taken to follow a short, ill-defined track which led off into the bush to where the waters of High Falls Creek cascaded hundreds of feet over a cliff face.

The following morning we wobbled across the swing-bridge that had been slung over the river just below Hidden Falls, and began trudging our weary way along the muddy track which wound and writhed its way over the Little Homer Saddle. In contrast to the first two days, the sun shone brilliantly from out of a blue sky. Indeed, the weather, the sandflies, and Mr Hunter's cooking, were among the few reliable factors of the whole tramp.

It was about two miles from the Pyke hut that we had our first meeting with that almost legendary figure of the district, Dave Gunn. Slouched over the shaggy neck of his horse, unassuming and quietly-spoken, he seemed to leave the impression that to him, this rugged, bushclad run of 300,000 unfenced acres, was home.

From the Pyke hut we had a clear view across the Valley to where Mounts Madeline and Tutuko lifted their snow-capped peaks 9000 feet above the shores of Lake Alabaster. Because of the distance, the muffled roar of ice-blocks breaking off from the Donne Glacier came to us as an almost inaudible rumbling.

Breakfast over, we swung ourselves across the Pyke river by means of a two-man chair lift, and headed once more in the direction of Martin's Bay. With our packs lighter and ourselves fitter we were making good time so we by-passed the hut at the head of Lake McKerrow, and set out on the final lap to Martin's Bay.

We relied upon "Moir's Guide Book" for our directions, and for the most part found it quite satisfactory. Some of the times given by him for the various stages of the journey, however, came in for some sarcastic comment; it was generally agreed that when Moir made the journey he was either riding Phar Lap, or had parachuted from the Widgeon.

The snake-like turning and twisting of the track as it followed ridges high above Lake McKerrow, seemed very unnecessary. It almost appeared as if those who had hacked and blasted the track through the bush, had taken delight in ensuring that people such as we, would toil up and down countless back-breaking slopes. Being products of S.B.H.S., we brilliantly concluded that by travelling in a straight line we would reach our destination easier and faster than by following a track which seemed to wander all over Fiordland. We thus left the track and proceeded to put theory into practice. Everything went according to plan, and we spent the night on the lake shore, having gone a considerable distance further than we would have had we stayed on the track.

However, next morning we had barely tramped 100 yards when our progress was blocked by a rock face. There was nothing for it but to scramble on hands and knees up through a tangle of vines in the general direction of the track. The time and energy expended in reaching the sanctuary of the track, was far in excess of any gain that we made by leaving it in the first place. This was not the only mishap, as on the same day our Auckland companion lost his boots while fording a fast-flowing stream in bare-feet. This misfortune gave him the dubious distinction of being one of the few people to have tramped around Fiordland in a pair of Roman sandals.

Two days were spent at the Martin's Bay hut before we began the 20-mile tramp to Big Bay and thence round to the Pyke hut, which was reached four days later. It was from here that the journey back to civilization began, and we once more had the blue waters of the ice-fed Hollyford as our companion.

Back at Hollyford Camp, we again met Mr Gunn.

Roxburgh Hydro Excursion

On a sunny Saturday morning, a party of wildly excited 3rd, 4th and 5th forms accompanied by Messrs Hunter and Somers, left school at about 8 a.m. on a geography, sightseeing trip. Their destination was the Roxburgh Hydro.

At about 10.30 a.m. the party stopped for morning tea outside a farmhouse, where the energetic fellows enjoyed a good game of cricket on the side of the road, while the others drank tea and ate cakes and sandwiches.

The bus was unusually free of singers on the remaining lap to Roxburgh, and we finally arrived at the football grounds where we were greeted, most cheerfully, by a few frowning faces. Here we enjoyed a good game of cricket. Lunch was devoured on top of the hill that surrounded the grounds, or in the bus. After about an hour of sport on the already marked out cricket pitch, we continued on to Coal Creek, and the dam itself.

As we rounded the last bend, all eyes were automatically glued on a most fascinating sight. There it was—the biggest mobile dam in the Southern Hemisphere. Altogether the dam will produce 320,000 kilo-watts of power for the South Island.

The Speech Competition

The annual public speaking competitions were held in the assembly hall this year on Wednesday, 10th of October. Mr Colin Fraser judged the competitions and commented on the performances.

In the junior section this year the standard was exceptionally high. Twenty entries were received and unfortunately time necessitated the elimination of ten speakers.

Of those who spoke, their subjects were greatly varied, and no doubt presented quite a task for the judge. His chief comments were that the boys failed to speak up and used scrappy little notes which required time to read when floundering for words and presented a bad appearance.

He was almost ready to leave for the Pyke hut with a string of pack-horses. Little did anyone think that on that same morning he would fill an unknown grave—although unknown, it is not an unmarked grave, for the mighty peaks and bushclad ranges of Fiordland are his headstone. A fitting monument to New Zealand's last true pioneer.

C.T.Y., VIA.

As the bus slowly drew itself to a halt the boys clambered out to take photographs of the dam. We then moved on to take a close look at the water gushing down the massive spillways. After admiring the sight for some minutes we were shown inside the dam itself. First we were shown inside an enormous room, where generators were in operation, then inside one of the small rooms were a mighty turbine was in motion, and after being shown inside one of the penstocks, control room and various other rooms we headed for the top of the dam. The men, hundreds of feet below, appeared as flies as we looked down on them.

After a short while, we turned towards Roxburgh for refreshments, and finally started on the last lap for home. The boys' stomachs were complaining by this time, so Black Gully was reached in good time, and they settled down to a welcome tea.

We arrived at school at about 8 p.m. after a tiring, but most enjoyable and interesting day.

Our thanks go to Messrs Hunter and Somers for making the trip possible.

—R.T.B., IIIA.

This year's senior section numbered four entrants. Here the subject range was not as great, as could be expected. A more interpretative view was taken by the boys and good reasoning and arguing prevailed. This was especially so in the case of the winner, upon whom the judge commented as having the ability of thinking while speaking.

Results in the Junior Section were:

- (1) C. Childs—W. G. Grace.
- (2) J. Philp—If I were Prime Minister of N.Z.
- (3) L. Moyle—Youth clubs.

And in the Senior Section:

- 1st: C. Duval-Smith "Fine Arts in State Schools."
- 2nd: P. M. Galt "N.Z. Sport."
- 3rd: C. G. Miller "Black and White."

Singing Notes

This school has always been well known as possessing one of the finest four-part massed school choirs in New Zealand.

For many years Mr Kennedy Black maintained an extremely high standard which was the pride of the school. Consequently after his retirement it was difficult to find a singing master who could take the baton from Mr Black. Mr Partridge did sterling work until late last year.

At the end of the first term this year Mr P. McNamara joined the School staff and took over from Mr Partridge the position of singing master. Mr McNamara is well known in musical circles throughout Invercargill and has proved that in two terms he is capable of continuing the high standard of school singing. Under his care the massed singing has improved, a small choir flourished, while individual boys have received training.

Crusaders

Although this is the first account of Crusaders to be published in the "Southlandian", the S.B.H.S. Crusader Union has been functioning for many years. This union, in co-operation with 115 other Crusader Unions in various secondary schools up and down New Zealand, endeavours to show that the Christian life is worthwhile and that it is the kind of life which needs to be understood before it can be lived.

Crusader activity commenced this year in January with a ten day holiday camp at Wanaka. A Wanaka camp provides first of all sunshine, lots of it, hot variety, then lovely cool, but not too cool water to improve the effect of the hot sunshine—suntan. In addition, a number of dinghies (cheap hiring rates) were available with outboards fitted for plutocrats to visit the cabaret on Ruby Island, plus mountain air (particularly invigorating from 3 a.m. onwards). Mt Roy (5,203ft) is a favourite early morning run, and on the spot we had cricket, tennis and golf.

A Crusader Camp provides fun and games and good company from Secondary Schools all over Southland—Otago and also an opportunity to think about and learn more of the serious side of life. To this end carefully chosen camp officers, mainly secondary school men, or younger men from Varsity and Teachers' College, help at their own expense. The object in such camps is to point clearly to what is really meant by Christian standards of life and conduct. Hundreds of Secondary School pupils have voted a Crusader Camp "the best holiday ever".

The fruits of his work showed in the Singing Competitions. Entries in both sections were large but an unfortunate series of accidents reduced the juniors to only two entries—Rout and Blackmore.

In the seniors there were seven competitors which is a good field from the usually reticent senior school. They were George, Webb, Wear, Calvert, Wood, Hurd and Ward.

The judge of the competition this year was Mr C. Cox a well-known conductor and musical organizer in the city. A feature of his judging was his explanation of how he went about awarding marks to the singers. This and his remarks were much appreciated by the school.

The results were:

Junior: A. Blackmore 1, K. Rout 2.

Senior: R. Weir 1, G. George 2, E. Webb 3.

S.B.H.S. Crusaders meet each week in the dinner hour on Tuesday to discuss and study portions of the bible. Our thanks to Mr Roxburgh who gives many interesting and helpful talks which have been a great benefit to all of us. The studies follow those set out by the Scripture Union which is a close connection of the Crusader Union.

In the first term a social, better known to Crusaders as a "Squash" was held at the Southland Technical College. After a good selection of games, a few films were shown and then everyone partook of an excellent supper.

The highlight of the year was the Annual Crusader Rally at St Paul's. There over tea (and what a tea!) we met and made friends with Crusaders from the Technical College and the Girls' High School. After the tea a film was shown. The rally proper was addressed by Dr Paul White, commonly known as the Jungle Doctor, a famous missionary from Tanganyika. Dr White has written many books known as the Jungle Doctor books, and gave a very interesting address along the lines of one of his books.

A snow camp was held in the last week of the August holidays at Queenstown. Several boys from S.B.H.S. attended the camp where they learned to ski efficiently. All the campers travelled to Coronet Peak in the morning and spent the day ski-ing (or learning to ski).

Crusaders will finish this year with a meeting at which two members will receive badges. This will bring the number of badge-holders up to four.—N.R.M.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

GOOD AND BAD NOVELS

There are so many different kinds of "novels" that at first it might seem impossible to distinguish between the good and the bad. However, the number for consideration can be greatly decreased by excluding all those which emphasize character less strongly than some other element—those which are not true novels. No novel can have as its primary purpose the perpetuating of anti-Nazi hatred, or thrilling the reader, or describing the joys of angling, or activating sensual instincts without analysing them. Many war stories can be eliminated from the classification in this way—all those using war as anything but a testing ground for character; a good novelist makes further use of superficially-known things before he extends his consideration to cover romantic things.

Of the true novels, any one which has depth must be good. "Wuthering Heights" and D. H. Lawrence's novels are good through depth of feeling; "Mansfield Park" through depth in perception of character; Dickens' novels through depth of sympathy for mankind. The technical elements—structure, plot, background—need not be so carefully handled in a deep novel, in fact, too much attention to form can make a novel unconvincing, since thought does not flow according to rules. Ineffectiveness from the same cause may appear in the other Fine Arts or in religion. Character is a deep element in man, and the purest method of analysing it is the portrayal of deep emotions or processes of thought. The "Stream of Consciousness" technique does this—it meets character on its own insubstantial level.

But character can also be portrayed through realism. More technical skill is required, because character must be brought to the surface by physical expression. Jane Austen was one novelist who excelled in writing clever dialogue to disclose mentality. She did not probe the immaterial mind, but we can always see through her people from what they say. Most modern novelists attempt to expound character similarly, by writing dialogue.

But many realistic novels abound with "flat" characters and "types." They are failures because they are only physical descriptions—the jovial bartender, the colourless housewife, the swearing sergeant, the sexy blonde. "Types" are a sure sign of the bad novel. They lack individuality, and nowadays a novelist must be original and perceptive if he is to succeed.

Indeed there are few worthwhile functions of realism. The author gains the satisfaction of exactly recording life, but this is small satisfaction compared with that from writing satire, for example. And satire cannot be achieved through realism for exaggeration is necessary. One purpose which can be fulfilled is reforming social evils, as Dickens knew. But social reform is essentially a responsibility of non-fiction.

Social reform leads to the question of theme. A good novel always has a theme, because it always has a purpose. "Crime Never Pays" is one theme which most novelists should leave alone; in its usual form (immoral detective versus handsome crook, set in the alluring underworld of a big city), it is hopelessly unconvincing, because glamour appeals more strongly to human nature than moral lessons. A good novelist might expound this hackneyed theme in a more original way by writing, for example, the interior monologue of a prisoner. But even then, few people would see the point: We are now inured to deriving benefit from such morals.

And so a good novel has a worthwhile, serviceable theme, its second most important element. But to be truly successful, a novel must portray character effectively. This can be done either through realism, by suggestion, or through depth. A bad novel is one which fails to expound character or theme convincingly. It will always be on the physical plane.

C.D.—S., VIB.

PRIMITIVE MAN

How fortunate was the simple, illiterate, primitive man! For him, life was merely a battle of survival, finding his food, and providing some means of shelter. The rush and bustle of the modern so-called civilized world was unknown to the ancestors of our ancestors.

Let us take a day in the life of Og, an aged caveman, who has attained the ripe old age of twenty-five. Morning arrives, and the sun rises slowly over the hills. But wait! Silence lies across the land, no young rooster proclaims his might and no battered alarm clock rattles on a bedside table. Instead, Og sleeps on, until at last the first rays of light penetrate his gloomy, but nevertheless, weatherproof cave. At last, he arises from his bed of animal skins and dons his sabre-toothed tiger cloak. Immediately, he proceeds to devour the large slice of dinosour steak, which his wife had cooked the previous evening.

With a knowing grunt of approval, he throws the scraps outside, and takes up his stone axe and spear. There is no need to clean a barrel, or to refill a bandolier. His trusty flint axe has broken many heads, and killed many beasts, without the need of servicing. With another grunt to his wife, he saunters off into the forest. There is no need to rush for a bus, or to stop for the traffic lights.

By and by, Og comes across the tracks of a wild boar, and after following it for a brief time he surprises it in a clearing. A quick blow and the pig is his. What could be a simpler method of obtaining a pork supply for several days! With his prize over his shoulder, Og turns and heads for home.

However, on the way, he meets Ig, a neighbour who lives a quarter of a mile away. Now Ig has not been as lucky, and upon seeing Og's pig, he decides to have it for himself. A fierce duel ensues, but Og eventually finishes it, by slaying Ig. How much simpler than bringing a court action for assault and robbery!

By now, Og's stomach tells him it is noon, and after a satisfying meal, he settles down for an afternoon nap. What need is there to work on a fine sunny day, like this? Eventually, however, Og, being an extremely cultured cave gentleman, decides to spend a little time at sketching. Taking his flint chisel, he depicts the scene of the morning's conflict, on the wall of his cave, thus saving the need for expensive wallpapers and drapes.

The afternoon passes, and Og has little to do. Occasionally he has to explain to several passing families that his cave is occupied, and that they cannot live there. As the sun sinks again, Og lights a fire in the entrance to his home, and cooks his joint of pig for the evening meal. From time to time, wild animals slink up, but soon retire from the light of the blazing fire. Now Og has time to reflect, there is no blaring radio or flashing television. At last he retires to his bed, and again is soon lost in carefree slumber.

How happy and quiet the cave man's life must have been, in the days of no electricity, combustion engines, jet propulsion and the other so-called aids of the modern world. May the day soon return, when man can live his individual life, as he did in the days of Og, the primitive man!

—P.G., VIB.

AN AMBITION REALIZED

Silhouetted by the pale glow of the street lamp, a man stood, his tweed overcoat drawn up around his

ears, his hat pulled down at the front. There was something unusual about this man. Perhaps it was the fact that he had been standing there for two hours, standing and waiting patiently, or perhaps, because his eyes rarely shifted from the building on the other side of the street, the "Regency" theatre.

Margaret walked quickly down the main street. She had acted well that night, she thought. The audience had risen to her, and encore had followed encore. She might even be mentioned in the morning's paper. Perhaps even a contract from Hollywood. Her heart-beat quickened. No one would stop her then. She would be another Grace Kelly. Thoughts of fantasy flashed through her mind. Of course, she wouldn't have to play such parts as she had played tonight. In fact, the sadistic brutality of the plot rather sickened her. Thank goodness, she was not really a wealthy old spinster, shivering in bed each night, listening for, and hearing unusual sounds which might result in her death. Of course, although she lived alone, she had no fear of the night. It was a sign of weakness.

She had read with contempt the newspaper reports of a maniac who scoured the countryside, preying on innocent women. Just a lot of women after publicity, she thought. I will never get famous that way. I will earn it.

Suddenly, it started to rain, not violently, but an irritating drizzle. Only another three blocks, thought Margaret with relief. The flutter of the rain seemed to make the night gloomy. The moon disappeared, and the shadows of the street deepened. The only sound to be heard was the click-clock tattoo of her shoes on the pavement.

Involuntarily, Margaret glanced behind her. She could have sworn someone was there. Screwing her eyes against the drizzle, she peered through the darkness. There was no one behind her. She began to hurry, eager to reach her home. That damn play, she thought. It's made me nervy.

She reached her door, and rummaged through her handbag for the key. With a slam, she locked the door, and switching on the light lowered herself slowly into a chair. She looked with amazement at her hands. They were shaking as though struck by palsy. Gradually her nerves loosened, and chiding herself for her weakness she switched on the radio. It was silent. She remembered that the battery was flat. She glanced around the room. Everything was so neat, so tidy, but so silent. She could have screamed. Anything to relieve the monotony. She lit a cigarette, and drew the smoke deep into her



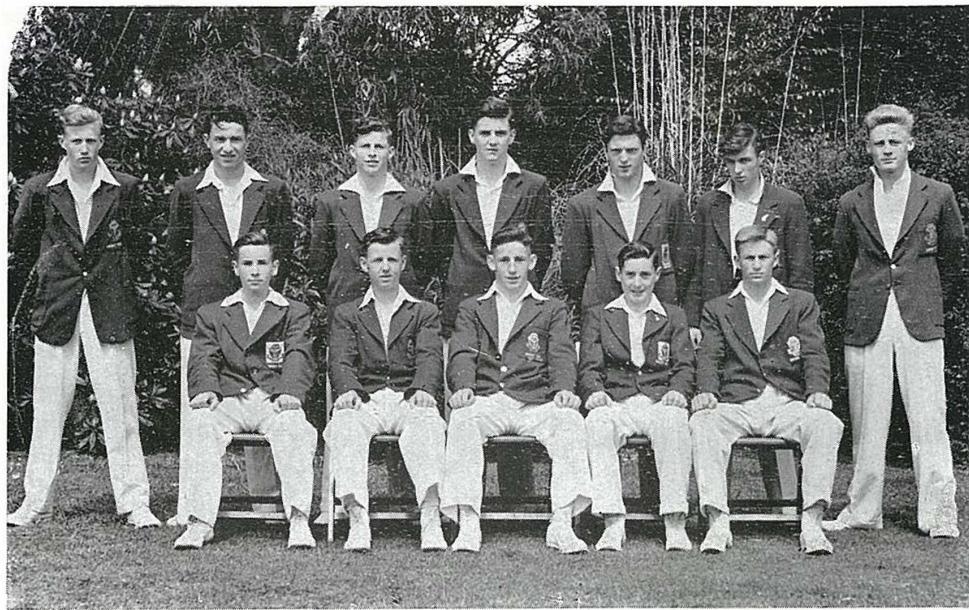
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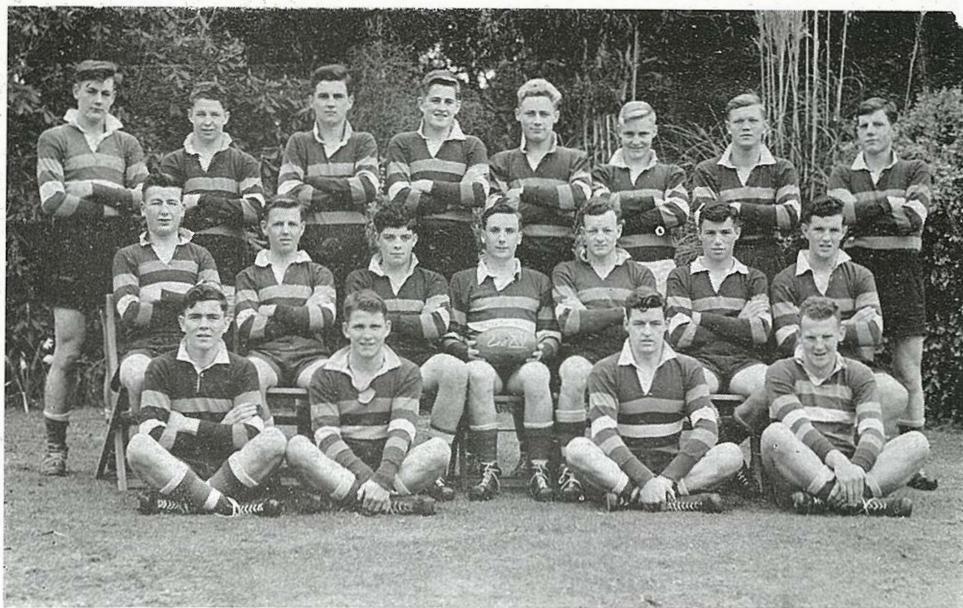
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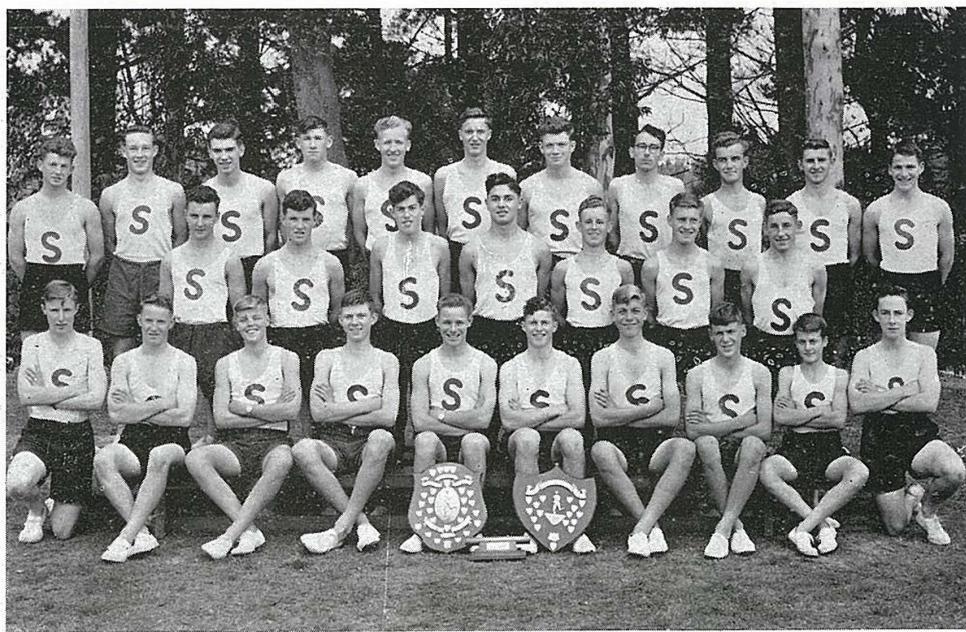
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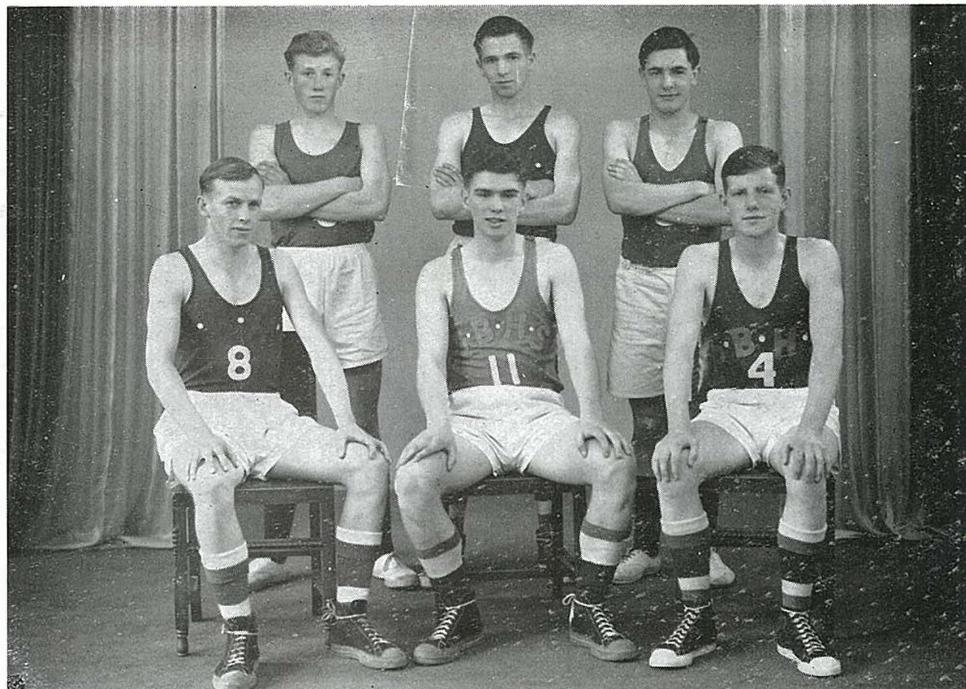
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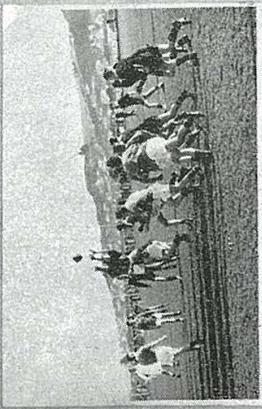
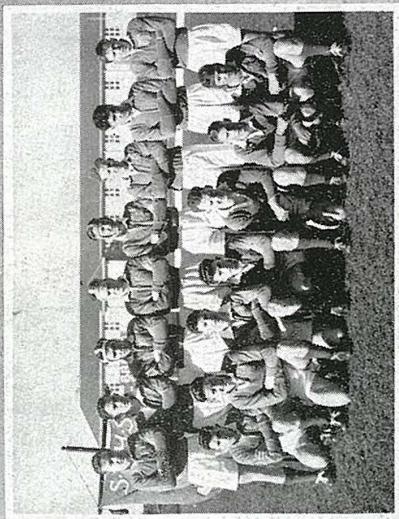
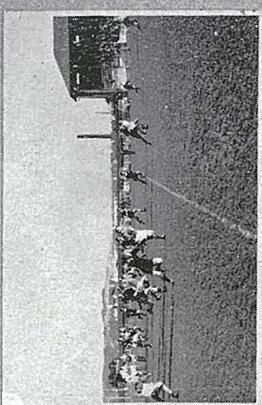
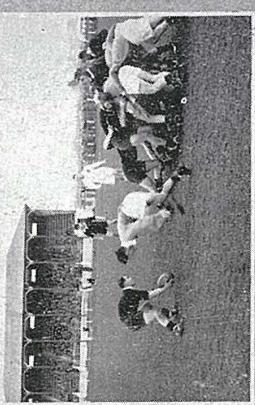
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 A. B. Grant, I. W. Lightfoot, J. R. Dunlop, A. Ringenbergs, R. C. Flaus, R. C. Moreton, L. J. Everett,
 J. Loudon, W. Nicholson, G. L. Walker.



BASKETBALL TEAM 1956

P. A. Sharp, A. J. Millar, B. E. Morris.
 C. H. Frobarth, R. G. Singleton (Capt.), W. G. Broughton.





(Top Left)
Stewart Island Trip.

(Centre)
Youngest and oldest living duxes,
at the Anniversary Celebrations.

(Top Right)
Stewart Island Trip.

M. K. Robertson (1955) and John A. Fraser (1894).

(Bottom Left)
Messrs B. Howe and J. J. Nel.

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MAJOR PRODUCTION

"The Ghost Train"

lungs. Suddenly she stiffened. That ashtray! She had emptied it before leaving for the theatre. But those two butts—how the—the sentence was left unfinished. The curtains at the French windows were moving. She grasped a vase and tiptoed over to them.

What a relief! It was only the wind blowing through the open window. But she had closed that window hadn't she? Her mind was in a turmoil. If only she could remember. Oh well, it didn't really matter anyway.

Outside, the rain had not slackened in tempo, and a breeze had risen. It whisked through the gardens, and over the lawns, over the fences, and around the buildings. It was an eerie wind.

Inside the house, Margaret prepared to go to bed. Slowly she undressed, folding her clothes neatly. Picking up a magazine she went into her bedroom. She put on the light and swung into bed. She began to read, trying to concentrate on the article, but despite herself, she kept glancing up and around the room. She began to worry about the newspaper reports. Could there be something in them? She couldn't forget the ashtray! She may have left the windows open, but that ashtray! She started to read again, but it was impossible to concentrate. She looked at her watch, 1.30. It would soon be time to get up. She would have to get some sleep, but she didn't want to switch off the light. Common sense, and tiredness conquered intuition, a click, and darkness. The darkness obliterated everything. Margaret lay back in bed and listened to the wind. Slowly her eyes became accustomed to the darkness. Something was moving at the window. I'd better shut those windows, she thought. Yawning deeply, she walked over to the window. Before she could draw back the curtains, they parted, and there framed by the window, was a man! One high piercing scream, and his hand was over her mouth. Desperately she clawed at the hand, but now it was around her throat. Her struggles weakenend as pressure was applied. A red film covered her bulging eyes and her throat was all tongue—a blinding light, and darkness.

Her last thought, strangely enough was that her name would at least be in the evening's paper.

—E.R.C., VU.

THE FINAL

"Hello, Mr Campbell, you're late, almost too late for dinner. How are the results?"

Mr Campbell smiled, sat down and picked up the menu, then, after he had ordered, sat forward and

beamed. "Well, you are both in the final. Johnny in number four and you Owen, in number three."

I put down my spoon. I couldn't stop the grin that formed on my lips. I had known that I should probably be in the final, but Mr Campbell's statement struck me like a smart slap in the face. I looked at my watch. Only six hours! I excused myself and went out on to the verandah to clear my head. Six hours!

No sooner had I sat down than I got up. I sat down again and picked up the paper, then threw it down again. I was in the final, now, to win. I've got to win! I have to start quicker, kick deeper, pull stronger, sprint sooner. I've got to get in the lead and go, go, go! Already I had swam that race over and over. Now was the time to get some sleep. Mr Campbell had said, "Relax, take it easy this afternoon, stay in the hotel, don't even go to the pictures."

Relax! How would I relax with my mind in the state it was?

Johnny came out with some draughts and we sat, determined to forget swimming. The games were slow and we both lacked interest, but we kept playing. It was at least taking up some of the time. Johnny moved and said: "Listen, I can hear the noise of the baths." I stood up and walked to the edge of the verandah. "Can't you get the sound of water out of your head for a little while? I'm going to lie down, coming?" He laughed.

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Johnny sat up. "That was the tea bell, let's eat."

"Who me? I couldn't."

"Yes you can, you'll have to. You can't swim on nothing."

"I hope you choke."

Johnny laughed. "I hope you do too," he said.

Why did he have to laugh? It wasn't funny. I felt ill.

We were all assembled in the lounge. Every evening we gathered there for a team talk before going to the baths. The room was quite warm, but I was shivering. I had to concentrate to absorb what Mr Campbell was saying. Even then it wasn't much use; my head was in a whirl. The starter's gun and the sound of water was all I could hear. Suddenly Mr Campbell stood up. "Right," he said. "No questions? Good! Oh, Owen, I'll give you that rub down. You had better get changed."

Mr Campbell's hands worked away on my legs and then my shoulders. Perspiration glistened on his brow and he had to take off his spectacles because they steamed up, but after a brief pause he began again, steadily loosening up my body. I took a deep breath and closed my eyes. The rubbing sent a warm glow along my shoulders and down my legs. I let my breath go with a long sigh and took another. I could hear my heart thumping away on a slightly faster beat than usual. My skin was now smouldering and the palms of my hands and the soles of my feet had pins and needles. Mr Campbell stood up panting. "If you don't win now," he said, "you'll be walking home." He opened the door and we went out.

Four races to go. The starter raised his gun, another race had begun. Only three to go. I clenched my fists and drew my knees into my stomach, but it didn't help any. Even with my head between my knees and my eyes hard shut I could not escape that sinking feeling.

Around me my team-mates cheered for Mary—she was swimming well. I just sat there, too scared to open my mouth for fear someone would hear my pitiful yell. The race finished, and the excited crowd sat down. My legs felt stiff, and I set to and began to rub them gently. Carefully I rubbed each muscle and compared it with its partner in the other leg. Never had I been wound as tight as this. I felt as if I would suddenly spring open like a stiletto. A hand touched my shoulder. I jerked upright. "Let's go." I stretched and standing up followed Mr Campbell. The worst was over. I was on the move at last.

Down at the end of the pool the six finalists huddled together listening to the starter. "Now boys," he said, "is everybody here." He read off the names. Six husky voices replied. At last my mind was clearing. The starter ran through the rules. "Three lengths of the pool . . . touch with one hand and one foot . . . the rope will fall in the event of a false start . . . anyone who breaks twice will be disqualified." Suddenly he had finished and I was behind my mark.

The crowd hushed as we stood ready. The clear voice of the starter echoed around the baths as he gave the order. "Up on your blocks." I stepped forward and looked down the pool. I blinked. It looked a long way. That water looked cold too. I wished the lights weren't so dazzling. While my mind had been taking stock of these things I had found a comfortable position and I now stood ready. Take your marks.

I crouched down, and rocked forwards to my point of balance. Now was the time to unleash that spring. I must throw myself up and out . . . ! O.T., VU.

THE FIRST BOOK OF JERICO

1. As a novice I entered the most venerable and ancient institute founded in the eleventh year of the reign of Caeser Julius. Great was the consternation and lamentation of the occupants there of, but I was humble and provoked them not.

2. Passing through many portals we came unto an great arch where under stood an aged but learned man whom the occupants called the Father. The Father presided over the multitude that inhabited the labyrinths, and was a master and father in the art of teaching.

3. Passing on into the inner chambers we came unto an vast and spacious hall, whereupon we were commanded to take a seat with the multitude here in.

4. Yea, and upon the call of prefects did the multitude rise and pay homage to the Father and the Lords and Nobles that did follow the Father on to an rostrum.

5. And verily I say unto thee the Lords and the Nobles did sit around the Father, and some faced unto the back of the Father, and some faced unto the Father's left side, and some faced unto the Father's right side.

6. But nay, some of the Lords and some of the Nobles did watch not unto the Father but onto the multitude for signs of mirth and merry-making.

7. And unto the sons of the land did the Father tell a prayer of God, whereon the sons of the land did repeat a prayer for the Lord.

8. Yea! At dawn would an prefect toll on set of bells to call the multitude to work.

9. And upon the sound of the bells the crowd would disperse into the labyrinths and chambers of the edifice, and therein wage battles until the arrival of the Lords and Nobles.

10. And too upon the sound of bells would the Lords and Nobles and men of culture leave off supping wine and go into the labyrinths and chambers of the edifice to teach unto the multitude the ways of life.

11. Unto an chamber would an Baron go to teach the novices how to swindle their fellow men.

12. Of't this learned Baron did rise and vent his wrath upon the inhabitants of the Lower East Wing Portals who were late for learning.

13. Another Noble did teach the sciences, and tell the sons of the land how to till the soil. Yea to obtain twice and even thrice fold the numbers of the ears of corn.

14. Another mighty and learned one did tell the apprentices how to speak and read and write.

15. In the portals of an chamber by number of four did dwell an man who there in had dwelt since the eleventh year of the reign of Caesar Julius. But verily I say unto thee, that the dweller was wise and did know many long ages of thine ancients.

16. And in chamber twelve did dwell an Noble of great honour who had to make an long and tiresome journey, and verily I say unto thee there was much sorrow and lamenting on his departure.

17. On the peal of bells the multitude did rise from the house of knowledge and depart unto their homes, but some did not depart unto their homes. Yea some departed unto an eating house run by an goodly woman. Here in the eating house they did gorge themselves and drink vast quantities of shaken milk and some departed into the portals of the West Wing where they did eaten of their lunches while not batteling on the furniture.

18. On the apex of the vast pyramid stood an huge and vast and lofty chamber. This chamber is is an house of books for the novices to further their knowledge.

19. Yea! but upon the exit of learned ones, did the novices wage battles and feuds with the books. T'was in this manner that the Dictionary written by Oxford come to be regarded as a great and mighty weapon.

20. Yea! T'was a sad day when I had to leave the edifice. But verily I say unto thee, as I looked back into the mists and saw the pyramid of bricks standing, steadfast among the swamps of Southland that therein did dwell an race of fine and goodly people.

—D.D., VU.

MEN AND FILMS

The Masses lead their grey suburban life—
“This sameness! Money worries, whining wife.
Where's adventure? Big game? Parisian vice?
Romance? Forget the boring and the nice!”
And so the films, by human traits endowed
With money rich, attract their motley crowd
Of those who have, at home, their minds sunk deep

In dismal lives of “Work, then Eat, then Sleep.”
At glaring posters, Average People gape;
The studios know what people want—escape.
The chord of G resounds, all slowly stand,
Most disregard the place of foot and hand;
What restlessness and careless levity —
Habitual, blatant insincerity!
And while they settle in, still others come,
But do not mar the newsreel, for minds numb
From weekly watching strange and violent views,
No longer can appreciate the news.
“It's interval! Come on! No longer look,
But let's stampede towards the Nibble Nook!”
Their habits honoured and their stomachs filled,
They can at last be scandalised and thrilled.
And soon the screen lights up, their dull eyes turn—
No longer dull—for three half hours they burn
While watching scenes of murder, passion, hate,
The chasing of a crook, his gruesome fate.
But few perceive the faults therein, few care,
Since crude enjoyment makes perception rare
The last protracted kiss has faded now;
The “patrons” rise, if blankness will allow,
And go to glist'ning streets, to mundane laws,
Along those mundane ways to mundane doors.
The glaring posters now bring only frowns;
The studios gain what bored men lose—half-crowns.

C.D.—S., VIB.

DETENTION

A grim-faced master sat on guard
The doors and windows bolted hard.
While from within came scratch of pen
As boys wrote screeds within that den.

They copied Shakespeare, line on line,
As many watches ticked off time
That from the start did creep and crawl;
It heeded not those sufferers all.

Macbeth, Othello, Richard Third,
The ink flowed on, word after word,
As page on page was left behind,
Those boys were thinking thoughts unkind!

Upon his chair the gaoler sat,
His grim face smooth now, like a cat,
Who watches with a gleaming eye
The mouse who's going soon to die.

Just ten minutes now remain.
A flush the boys' cheeks now regain
At thought of seeing life once more
Which scuttles past that ink smeared door.

Meanwhile, in the other block,
A bunch of youths have had the shock
Of having, in a big black book,
Their names and forms, and ages took.

They tremble with foreboding fear,
And shiver as they dazedly hear
That they will soon be giving up
Their time, to spend in School's lock-up.

The time has come, the scratchings die,
As pens on paper cease to fly.
The gaoler, with his clanking keys,
Those inmates from the prison frees.

They scramble out and join the crowd
That then around them cheers aloud,
And gladly welcomes those to whom
The fresh air spells release from doom.

EPILOGUE.

It's recently been noticed that
The boys with socks down, and no cap,
Have somehow ceased their evil ways;
The School looks forth to better days!

—D.A.C., VIB

SIR ISAAC NEWTON

Sir Isaac Newton, you all know,
Who lived two hundred years ago,
Brought fame upon his nation.
An apple falling on his head,
He picked it up and calmly said,
"The cause of gravitation."

In mathematics he was skilled,
The scientific world was thrilled,
By problems he kept solving;
For it was he, who found out why,
The planets all stayed in the sky
While round the sun revolving.

—D.P., IIIA.

THE BEGGAR

Hands in pockets, chin on chest,
Ragged clothing, mind at rest.
Unwashed trousers, shirt all torn,
Clothes the beggar, greeting dawn.

Sleepy mongrel at his side,
Even he has beggar's pride.
Chasing rabbits with all zeal
In his search for their first meal.

Rising from his bed of straw,
Plodding on his way once more.
Unwashed trousers, shirt all torn,
Clothes the beggar, greeting dawn.

—B.McM., 111A.

THE HUNTER

O, to be a hunter, and roam the hills at will,
To wake up in the morning with the tingling and the
thrill,
The rushing of the breakfast, the starting of the van,
Speeding through the cities with rifles, every man.

Arriving in the dawning, with a slight glow in the east.
The darkened mountains looming, not caring in the
least,
E'en though our teeth are chattering with the chill of
early morn,
While tying up our-pack-straps, all tangled up and
worn.

Setting off at last now, on the slightly dampened
ground,
Peering at the track at first, then staring all around,
Jumping 'cross the tiny streams and creeping through
the fern,
Wond'ring if the deer are hiding round the coming
turn..

What was that behind that bush, higher up the slope?
Something big, something red, it is a stag I hope.
Checking up the rifles, and then commence the stalk,
Keeping to the wind-ward, don't you dare to talk.

Crawling up behind a rock, to get him in our sights,
Squeezing on the trigger we're quite within our rights.
Down he goes, and he is dead, as dead as dead can be,
Never more to roam those hills, bounding wild and
free.

—C.R., IIIA.

THE BAY

A great bay, somewhere in the North,
Sleepy-moving in the heavy summer heat.
The waves assemble
In their curving ranks,
And carelessly ride forward, through the rocks . . .
At the shore, sudden change of state:
Inevitable, sinking, rearing up, surging, release—
Water slides up the beach,
Rattling gravel skims its soapy foam,
And it recedes
To slooch around the rocks
And wrestle with the seaweed,

Base, rubbery masses,
That ripple, and pulse, and heave in spasms.
Twisted whitening driftwood
And beds of pebbles, apple-green and pink,
On the wrinkled sand
In the heat.
The beach stretches around to the distance
And seems to evaporate
In the simmering haze.
The dense air dissolves out
All sound from far-off waves;
Only the nearest breakers roar.
Solid, bulky hills are behind,
Heaped-up blocks of olive-green,
Enduring, powerful, one with the heat.
Some deep-green blobs in gullies:
Karakas, unmistakable.

Out to sea, the sun burns rivers of gold,
And the horizon is misty with vapour—
There—now nearer—
Porpoises.
Bobbing black arcs, unpredictable.
A few are left, the last sinks away,
And the blanketing heat rolls down again
To dull the shapes in unglazed colour.

—C.D.S., VIB

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SIGHT I HAVE EVER SEEN

"It never rains but it pours."

"Too true," I thought bitterly, as I remembered the proverb while struggling on the heaving deck of the Wairua. The rain was being lashed into our faces by the wind as we stood gazing at the waves that seemed to be threatening to swamp and sink our ship.

No one had cared much when the captain announced we were turning back.

Most of us were soaked to the skin, everyone was cold and miserable, far too miserable to be worried by the prospect of spending another night at Bluff. Tempers were frayed and it was not uncommon to see people usually the best of friends snapping at each other like bitter enemies.

A faint cheer was raised when Bluff Hill loomed up on the horizon and spirits became slightly better. However it had already taken two hours to do about four miles and I knew we had at least another half an hour ahead of us.

Suddenly like a chink of light in a darkened cell we saw the lighthouse on Dog Island flashing its

beam only a few miles to our right. "Only twenty minutes now, miss," I heard the first mate murmur reassuringly to a young lady who had been hanging over the rails for the better part of the journey.

Two minutes later I saw the flickering lights of Bluff appear ahead of us. They seemed to be as an oasis in the desert appears to a band of footsore travellers. Nothing could have looked more beautiful to us. Gone was the cold and misery, its place taken by the pleasant thought of warm fires, hot teas and cosy beds. The young lady at the rails raised her head and smiled faintly. Everyone stared happily at those lights that meant home. "Soon," I thought happily, "we will be stepping off the gang-plank on to land.

People began to trickle out from the shelter cabins to gaze at the warm and friendly lights of Bluff. Forgotten were thoughts of the misery of trudging wearily through the sleet and rain to their homes. Even the usually solemn captain smiled happily, thinking of the warm cup of tea that awaited him at his home.

The lights were growing larger every minute, and one could trace the outline of streets stretching up the hill.

I thought, along with many other passengers, that surely the flickering lights of Bluff township on that cold and wintry night were the most beautiful sight we had seen. I felt like laughing at everything and everyone, so relieved did I feel.

"It never rains but it pours."

I could laugh at that, too, for even the rain had stopped.

D.S., IVA.

THE WEAKER SEX

As my wife had a very bad cold I volunteered to do the shopping for her.

"This is what I want," she said as she lay in bed. "A pound of butter and some eggs. Also some material this colour from the sale at Blythes"

Soon I was in town and had procured the butter and eggs.

"Now for the sale," I muttered to myself.

On reaching the door of the shop I saw a mass of women piling in. After fighting my way in I was suddenly pulled back and on turning round saw an old short-sighted lady who had hold of my coat and was saying, "Nice material. How much is it?"

Now and then through the swirling mass of vicious women I saw a poor attendant being swamped with questions, or an unfortunate husband like myself trying to find a gap in the wave of women who swept past. Finally I summoned all my strength and plunged towards the material counter. Strange as it may seem I reached it and received the material but before I could pay I was collared by two hefty women (one wore a crash-helmet), who both wanted the material I had. They tugged, pushed, screamed, and bit, until the material ripped and before I knew what to do the remaining bits were pounced on and I was left with nothing. Going back to the counter again I was told there was no more material left. I let myself then be carried by the crowd to the door and out on to the street, and then went to the grocers for some more eggs and butter, for in the shop I had lost the last lot.

Returning home again without any material I told my wife what happened. "I don't believe you tried," she said.

I deny that women are the weaker sex!

—D.S., IIIA.

A GREAT INNINGS

The great day had arrived. On this date the annual cricket match between Barcoft and Smitzburg was to be played. The ground was in a small village town called Dannburg and already the seats which were placed all the way round the boundary were packed with excited people. In the pavilion all was ready, Barcoft having won the toss and elected to bat. Suddenly everyone realized that Barcoft's number one batsman, Sir Smedely D. Wills, had not arrived. With the clock at half a minute to one (the match was to start at one) a large black sedan car pulled up outside the gate. A well-dressed chauffeur opened a rear door and in a most gallant, lazy and yet charming way out stepped Mr Wills. Quickly he was ushered into the dressing rooms where he changed into his neat-fitting, well-cut, white flannels. At that moment his servant entered carrying his master's cricket gear. Quickly Sir Smedely donned his smooth, shining pads and his slim, green, gleaming batting gloves, both of which had been bought for the occasion, picked up his well-oiled, expensive bat and in a most gracious manner made his way to the wicket. For exactly 5 minutes and 42 seconds he pottered around, watching the field, patting down bumps, and taking centre. At last the crowd sat up expectantly as the bowler came running up. But no, the sight screen had to be shifted. Once again in he came, but this time

his lordship politely asked the umpire to step to one side as he could not see the bowler approaching. At long last after a wait of some length (8 minutes to be exact) the bowler delivered a slow googly. As it came nearer Sir Smedely D. Wills came forward prodding anxiously, but realizing his mistake, he went back only to trip and tangle himself up in the new pads he had bought. He heard the bright red leather ball clang against the stumps. Picking himself up he tottered off, not happily or charmingly, but with a fixed look in his eye as if to say, "wait till next year."

—D.L., IIIA.

MY RESULTS

I nervously opened the door, walked into the room and found a seat near the back of the room. There was a definite air of tenseness as the others silently entered and took their seats. Windows clanged open but this did little to cool the atmosphere.

I surveyed the scene about me. Anxious faces, all looking blankly ahead of them. In a few moments some of these faces would brighten, others would take a more serious appearance.

Suddenly the silence of the room was broken by the scraping of a chair. Heads turned to find the master commanding the front of the room with a neat bundle of papers in his hand. He spoke to two pupils in front desks and they began to distribute the papers.

Gradually, very gradually they worked their way to where I sat, chewing my fingernails industriously. Two sheets of paper were placed before me. Hurriedly I made sure they were mine. Satisfied I looked at the mark for the first answer. Nought! "Quelle horreur!" I glanced down the rest of the sheet, and was confronted with four more "noughts." I snatched up the other sheet, and was partially relieved to find a large "one" decorating my answer to the sixth question. But my relief was short lived, for, to my horror, three more red "noughts" were written beside my other answers.

I pushed the papers away from me and leant back in my chair. I had failed.

—C.C., IVA.

THE SEA BELOW

With a heave and a push, he crouched pantily softly, on a narrow ledge.

Five hundred feet lower a hungry sea heaved against the wet rock.

This was where Bill had died. Knifed by the very prey he sought. Down into the waves.

It seemed a very long way up.

He shuddered and moved further round the wall. His fingers felt torn and blistered; the warm blood tingled on his bare arms. The rock was unbearably hard and painful. Yet, above, the moon still brooded impassively down.

The rope from his friends offered little comfort now.
There was a killer at large. A fanatic with a
knife. He looked down.

The sea was there listless, eternal, waiting.

A wave of dizziness overtook him and he clung desperately to the cliff. He looked at his battered fingers.

He was the third. Perhaps, the lucky third. The others had not been lucky. One dead, one dying. Now, he had been sent down to die.

Bitterly he crawled on. The rocks, the sea, and the sky whirled before his eyes. In a sudden panic he clutched at the rock; and leaned whimpering against it.

Further to his right lay safety. A small cave-like depression. He staggered blindly forward and groped his way into the tiny haven.

Where now? The madman should be close! He looked at his watch. Twelve-thirty.

Then out of the inkiness came the glint of steel. He whirled around. A curved knife swung up—and down. A pair of red eyes stared into his. Then the sound of tearing flesh and blackness, invaded his world.

Five hundred feet lower a body bumped gently against the wet rock. Two eyes stared sightlessly at the moon. The sea seemed strangely still. Satisfied.

—R.S., IVA.

SPORTING NOTES

Rugby

FIRST XV 1956

This year the team had an extremely successful season. Under the excellent guidance of Mr Braithwaite the team moulded into a good combination. The team was unbeaten in the 3rd Grade A competition and out of the five interschool games three were won, two lost. As a fitting end to the season the team went to the Gorge Road seven-a-side tournament, where one of the two teams entered won the trophy.

The firsts were remarkably free from injuries this season, apart from a few minor ones. Harvey was the only member to miss the season's play. This was a blow to the team, for his hooking was invaluable.

The highlight of the season was the interschool tournament. Four teams were present, Timaru, King's, New Plymouth and School. The games were played over three days, in matches where open play was for the most part seen. The climax of the tournament came when school met New Plymouth, but a dull game resulted much to the disgust of the large crowd present. However the tournament was very enjoyable to all concerned, and many friends were made.

CRITIQUE OF 1st XV, 1956.

Rutherford.—Full-back: A captain who led by example. Handling and tackling first-class. Used good judgment in joining in attacks.

McLauchlan.—Prop. Dep. Capt.: Also led by example. A strong and determined player. Had the forwards working well.

Hoffman.—Wing: Fast and keen. Tackled well. Much improved at covering and being in position.

Moreton.—Wing: Lacks real pace, but has the other attributes of a most promising back. Should go far.

Nicholson.—Centre: Fast, elusive, with a clever change of pace. A first-class attacking centre.

Currie.—Second five-eighth: Some handling lapses at the beginning of the season, but later in top form. Seldom went too far after a cut in.

Soper.—First five-eighth: A lovely handler. Almost too unselfish. Fast off the mark. Kicking rather unreliable.

Rance.—Half: Tried hard and practised hard. Threw out good passes, if not very long ones. Rather hustled by fast-breaking forwards.

Lawson.—No. 8: Never very spectacular, but always in position when wanted. A sound No. 8.

Webb.—Side-row: Fast and determined. Good in the lineout. Spoiled some good work by being in front of the ball.

Young.—Side: Good lineout forward. Made up for lack of weight by being always on the ball.

Singleton.—Lock: First year at Rugby. Very promising, but didn't always realize that a lock's first job is to bind and push.

Waddle.—Lock: Once fit was a grand forward, able to do his work in the tight, and also join in the open. At his best when the team was in difficulties.

Frobarth.—Prop.: Very fast, and linked up well with backs. Made, and scored, some good tries.

Harvey.—Hooker: First-class hooker who gave the backs almost a monopoly of ball. Inclined to become lost in the open.

Thwaites.—Wing: A very promising player, who will be good when he realises that, for a wing, pace is more important than elusiveness.

Knight.—Prop: New to Rugby. No one tried harder, and no one improved more.

A "happy" team.

THE OTAGO GAME

The game was played at Littlebourne on a dry ground. The school team failed to run as a unit in the first few minutes of the game, but settled down later. The scoring was opened by Southland, as the backs swept through with Nicholson going over for a good try. Moreton converted. Play became very drab at this stage, the forwards were winning the majority of rucks and scrums, and the backs were handling well but failing to penetrate. This continued until just before half-time when Otago kicked a goal from a penalty. Half-time score was 5-3 to School.

After half-time, play remained listless with the Southlander's having a feast of the ball but failing to put it to good use. However after about 15 minutes the School team sprang to life. Currie took the ball from the hands of an opponent to score between the posts. Moreton converted easily. Two minutes later Nicholson showed extreme pace to score wide out. Moreton converted with perhaps his best goal of the season. Then again Southland came and Frobarth cut through, handed on to Nicholson who went over. Moreton converted to bring up the final score 20-3.

The game, although disappointing at first, became a field day for Southland in the latter stages, indicating that the team could be moulded into an excellent side.

THE WAITAKI GAME

Although beaten by 28 points to 14 this was one of the brightest, most open games the team played during the season. Reports ranked it as one of the best games seen at Oamaru for many years. Both teams opened up play at every opportunity, and both sets of backs turned on brilliant displays of clean handling and fast, straight running. In the forwards the Waitaki pack had the edge on Southland, nevertheless the School pack played extremely well and gained a good share of the ball, even though they were somewhat outweighed. Perhaps the biggest blemish of the match was the frequent infringing of the Southland pack. This lead to a loss of at least 12 points in penalties. Another disappointing feature was the weak tackling around the Southland scrum.

During the match points came quickly. Waitaki opened their account with a penalty by McKenzie after 5 minutes. Five minutes later C. E. Webb scored a fine try, as the result of good following up. He caught the full-back in possession and went over. Mears scored for Waitaki and McKenzie converted. This attack and counter-attack went on all through the game, but it was McKenzie's sure boot that won the game for Waitaki. The final score was 28-14 to Waitaki. Southland's other scorers were Nicholson, Currie a try each, Moreton a penalty and a conversion.

THE TIMARU GAME

This was the first game of the tournament and proved an excellent one. Both sides were well matched and played hard, fast Rugby. In the first 40 minutes neither side gained an edge, until Nicholson, playing his best game of the season, scored a brilliant try. He ran three-quarters of the field, showing extreme pace to score beneath the post. This was the turning point of the game.

The Timaru forwards, heavier than the School side, played as a unit, but their backs played patchily with bad lapses of handling. On the other hand the Southland backs looked extremely dangerous whenever in possession. Special mention should be made of Moreton in this game. The most promising back in the team, he scored 13 of the side's 19 points with a try, two conversions and two penalties. The other scorers were Nicholson and Frobarth. This last scorer, playing at hooker, linked up with winger Moreton, and showed a turn of speed to score between the posts.

NEW PLYMOUTH GAME

This was the last game of the tournament and it was looked forward to with great interest. However people were disappointed for the game proved drab and uninteresting.

New Plymouth chose to keep the game in their forwards, who were both heavy and fast. By this method they held a territorial advantage and killed the game as a good open spectacle of Rugby. At half-time the score was 5-3 in New Plymouth's favour yet they did not look convincing winners ever with their great territorial advantage.

The home side played hard all through and at every opportunity tried to open up play by sending the ball along the back-line. However the Southland backs were very handicapped by slow heeling and the very shallow stance the New Plymouth backs adopted.

New Plymouth continued their forward rushes through the second half and scored two more tries, kicked a penalty and converted one of the tries. Southland's other three points came in the second half with a penalty by Moreton. Final score New Plymouth 16, Southland 6.

KING'S GAME

This was a very scrappy, unsatisfying game. The School team had no combination or decisiveness and even with the vast amount of ball the team had there was not much use made of it. Few good clean back movements were seen and generally the team lacked fire and determination.

In the first half the game dragged and though the Southland team had an advantage it was not decisive. In the second half however play was brighter and some good movements by the Southland backs resulted. Moreton scored a try that was a good team effort. From a quick ruck the ball passed along the back line. Rutherford was in as extra man and Moreton went over in the corner. However, apart from this the play was scrappy and tries were purely opportunist.

In the last quarter hour of the game the School team seemed to tire easily. Kings made repeated attacks at the Southland goal-line and on two occasions succeeded in scoring. However the home team held too big a lead at this stage and remained fairly comfortable winners. Southland 21, Kings 9.

The team would like to convey grateful thanks to Mr Braithwaite for his instructive and enjoyable coaching. There was not a member of the team who did not enjoy the practices and games. Under his guidance the team became a good combination yet was not mechanical and overworked. All played to enjoy the game and we are grateful to him for all the time he spent in coaching.

SCHOOL v. VARSITY OLD BOYS

The first Thursday of the second term proved an exciting day for Rugby players of the school. On that day an XV of former school players took the field against this year's 1st XV. 'Varsity Old Boys' won by 15 points to 9.

The game was played under excellent conditions and in the style characteristic of the school's Rugby. It was obvious that the game provided much enjoyment for the teams as well as the spectators.

The Varsity forwards, with such fiery veteran terrors as E. G. Andrew, D. Beale, W. Holloway and J. C. Alabaster (of cricket fame) proved a handful for the school forwards, and gave their scrum half A. Tait, Old Boy's and Southland's half, a fair share of the ball.

Outside Tait was 'Varsity A's first five C. Prain, who with Tait did much to give the 'Varsity side their victory. At second five was I. D. Payne, another of the school's worthy masters, whose tactical kicks started many dangerous movements. G. Condie at centre ran hard, but was not up to last year's form. 'Varsity, it is said, can break the strongest. On the left wing was the old man of the team, ex Waitakian S. G. Hunter whose style of running made tackling difficult, but lack of speed cancelled this advantage. On this other wing was J. O'Brien, who made several good but unproductive runs. One cannot fail to mention the ever reliable M. Pope as full-back.

'Varsity scored three converted tries, Prain (2) and Tait (1), to a penalty goal and two tries for school.

SCHOOL v. RAKAIA

A game which was decisive in its result from the start was that between the 3rd XV (and 1st XV) and a XV from the merchant naval training ship Rakaia. In the first half the 3rd XV played the visitors and in the second half the 1st XV opposed them. The scarlet jerseyed Rakaians before the game presented a formidable team and the 3rds were far from confident when they took the field. It was found out later however that the boys from the Rakaia had not played Rugby before, consequently the 3rd XV were able to score a fantastic—for them—20 points with only 9 scored against them.

In the second half the 1st XV took over and, although they played poorly and well below their usual standard, managed to win by 21 points to nil.

One of the amazing gifts which these novices possessed was their ability to go down on the ball in face of a heavier and more experienced pack. The school teams would do well to copy this example.

In face of the defeat suffered by the Rakaians one cannot help but admire the attitude and spirit in which they played. They never gave up fighting back and must be congratulated for this.

THE INTERSCHOOL TOURNAMENT.

The Southland Rugby Union had decided early on in the 1956 season that to celebrate Centennial Year a special Rugby feature should be held. This "special feature" eventuated into the very successful Interschool Rugby tournament.

Schools were approached about sending down their first fifteen, but unfortunately, the date of the Tournament clashed with some of their other inter-school fixtures and many had to decline the invitation to participate. Finally it was finalized that the four competing teams were to be King's High, Timaru Boys', New Plymouth Boys' and the host team Southland Boys'.

The most discussed team was naturally New Plymouth Boys' who were an unknown quantity, and many stories circulated before the event about their ability on the football field. The School 1st XV were not daunted or disheartened by these rumours until a newspaper report about a certain Taranaki Interschool match made them think that perhaps those North Islanders might be a little tougher than usual.

The first teams to arrive were New Plymouth and Timaru, who came by train on Saturday night. They were met by members of the 1st XV and their billets.

Sunday was free for the Timaru and New Plymouth boys, and many took advantage of this to view the city. Also that night our old opponents, King's, arrived by train and general impressions of the teams suggested some keen struggles on Rugby Park.

The four teams arrived at School on Monday morning and after looking round the grounds, congregated in the Prefects' Room prior to Assembly. Here we all exchanged views on Rugby and talked about our respective Schools. It was in these informal gatherings such as in the Prefects' Room and not at organized entertainment that we really got to know our visitors. At Assembly the Rector formally extended a welcome to the teams and their coaches. After Assembly many visiting boys joined in the School singing lesson which they seemed to enjoy.

The games in the afternoon were between New Plymouth and King's and Timaru and Southland. The former game was a fine game, with New Plymouth winning 15 to 8. The latter game turned on bright Rugby, rising in places to great heights, with Southland Boys' winning 19 to 11.

That evening one hundred boys took the Embassy Theatre by storm.

Tuesday was fine and clear, and we were thankful that it was a day of entertainment rather than of Rugby. Even so, in the morning the three visiting teams went through their paces doing some serious training, especially New Plymouth.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon all players and bileters bundled into three buses for a trip round Western Southland. The trip included Riverton and Otautau coming back by side roads to Invercargill, through some of the finest farmlands in Southland. At Otautau we were the guests of the Western District Rugby Sub-Union and the Otautau Football Club at afternoon tea at the R.S.A. Memorial Hall, Otautau.

Speakers were Messrs R. E. Grant, chairman; A. H. Lindsay, former President of the Western Sub-Union, and A. S. James, president of the Otautau Football Club.

B. Rutherford, captain of the Southland Boys' High School first fifteen, replied on behalf of the teams.

Mr J. Stewart, coach of the New Plymouth first fifteen and co-manager, with Mr Lindsay, of the New Zealand Colts' team during its tour of Ceylon, also replied.

In the way of thanks, King's, Timaru and Southland Boys' High School preformed their hakas, while New Plymouth rendered a song.

That night was free and I am sure many of the visitors spent a quiet night around their billets fires.

Little was seen of our visitors on Wednesday morning, but all were present at Rugby Park in the afternoon.

After the games afternoon tea was provided under the grandstand. The atmosphere was one of good-fellowship and the speeches were in praise of the Rugby Union in running the tournament. The captain of the New Plymouth team presented to Barry Rutherford a framed photograph of the New Plymouth Boys' High School, which now hangs in the corridor of our School.

With the cares of Rugby over, all the players unofficially rallied at St Mary's dance, and had a good night's dancing.

On the bleak, windy, platform of Invercargill station on Thursday morning we said farewell to our visitors. Even in the short time they had been with us we had learned to appreciate them as fine sportsmen, and we hope that they, in turn, took away with them, many pleasant memories of Invercargill and the School..

SECOND XV

This team, with almost last year's backline and a compact set of forwards, showed great promise of success. Unfortunately this failed to eventuate. Although at times the team showed real ability, lapses were frequent and the team finished third in the 4th Grade competition. They played 17 games for 11 wins, 4 losses and 1 draw. Altogether through injuries and supplying requirements, when needed, to

the 1st XV, 22 members played for the team during the season. The team was: Mitchell R. B. (capt.), Thwaites O. C.; King W. A.; Campbell; Neil J. D.; Waldron G. A.; Paterson A. M.; Mayston R.; Howe D. F.; Jackson F. B.; Webb R.; Broughton W.; Squires K.; Holloway R. A.; Robertson W. A.; Price E. (vice capt.); Knight R.; Alison M. J.; Branks R.; McLees J. F.; Crozier N.; Johnstone D. R. The forwards at times played excellent football, but the loose forwards were too slow on to the opposition backs. Although fairly heavy, they wilted at times against lighter packs, who had the fire the School team lacked. Robertson, Knight and Webb worked tirelessly in the tight, but unfortunately the team lost Robertson through injury, which was a sad blow, as he has the makings of an excellent prop., and Knight who went up to the 1st XV. Jackson and Johnstone were two fast-breaking forwards while the No. 8 Howe was the best forward in the pack with his good cover defence and deadly tackling. Price, the hooker, was the team's main kicker and gained many points. Mitchell at full back was cool and safe, easily the most consistent back, and he put fire into the backline when he came into passing movements. Thwaites on the wing ran hard and capped some good movements. Waldron ran with determination and Neill stood out for his hard tackling which prevented many pending attacks. Paterson made some good openings but could have kicked more. Mayston's service from the base of the scrum was usually fast and sure.

Against Gore 1st XV on a fast dry ground School won 13-3. The hard tackling by forwards and backs was a pleasing feature of the game. The forwards rucked well and showed dash in the loose.

Against Otago, on a greasy ground, the team staged a fine recovery after a disappointing first half when they were down 9-0. The backs tackled well on defence, especially Neill. In the second half the forwards showed more fire and gained a fair share of the ball. The backs combined better but some tended to hold on too long.

Waitaki gave the team a lesson in hard forward play and fast running when they beat the school side 6-3. The school forwards could not cope with the loose forward play of the opposition and for the greater part of the game played lethargic football. Excellent defence by the backs prevented the score being much greater.

To Mr Waterston the team offer their thanks for his untiring coaching and enthusiasm.

THIRD XV

This team, composed of players unable to gain places in the 2nd XV put up some good performances, and was generally an improvement on last year's

team. Nearly every Saturday the team had a different combination, but it was only by the top teams in the competition that it was completely dominated. The backs were fast, but owing to changing positions, the backline lacked cohesion. Jackman at second five-eighth was the best back and his grubber kicks were well directed. The backs, received a fair share of ball from Russell and Brown in the lineouts, and from hooker Calder, but many chances were lost through lack of determination. Fast-breaking by the forwards usually had the opposition backs worried but poor tackling let too much away. Crozier was the main kicker in the team, and through him the team gained one of their two wins. On the whole the team enjoyed themselves and their thanks go to Mr Alabaster for his coaching.

FIFTH GRADE

The 1956 season again saw school win the Fifth Grade Competition. School has now established a most enviable record having rarely been beaten in post-war years. This year was no exception, both teams acquitting themselves well. A group of almost 40 players was available at the start of the season, thus ensuring ample reserves for both teams.

By winning eleven of its thirteen games, the A team took the competition from old rivals, in Star. Cuff showed his worth as a captain, and combining well with Jenkins at half-back he made full use of the team's strong three-quarter line. Here, both Chisholm and Dew proved themselves potent point-scorers. Robertson at full-back was virtually a Rock of Gibraltar. His tackling and rush-stopping were first-class, and on occasions he showed himself a strong runner. The forwards were far from outstanding, but nevertheless mastered most other packs which they encountered during the season. Little, Jenkinson, Blue and Milne were all hard toilers.

The B team started the season with a rush, beginning with two decisive wins. However, enthusiasm waned somewhat after the lengthy break for the Springbok games, and the team finished the season in fifth place, with three wins and a draw. The forwards, undoubtedly, were the strength of the team. No team overwhelmed them, and at times they dictated play to all concerned. Generally, however, they lacked the essential final burst of fire to capitalize on their gains. Davies and Smythe were both great toilers, and the team was unfortunate to lose them to the As for vital matches. The backs, however, were weak. Handling and tackling was poor, and there was a tendency to stand too shallow on attack. Nevertheless, Bragg at half-back proved he has real football brains, and Flaus at first five saved the day many times with reliable touch-finders.

Messrs Pickard and Harland again gave much valuable time to both teams, and to them go the team's appreciation for a job well done.

SIXTH GRADE A RUGBY TEAM

The team finished the season runners-up in a closely contested competition having recorded six wins, one loss and one drawn. Throughout the season the side scored 226 points as against 35.

Two matches were played with Winton D.H.S. and decisive wins were scored by the School team.

The climax of the season for the team came when it played the main curtain-raiser to the Springbok-Southland match. This game with Technical A resulted in a draw, six all, but most agreed that playing more constructive football, the School team deserved a win.

The team fielded a fast, enterprising backline with some most promising players. Childs played intelligently as first five-eighth. Holden, although sluggish in attack at times, was a devastating tackler, Nicholson was a fast, elusive centre, Pagan and Watson were determined wings who scored many fine tries, Milburn and Richards alternated for the half-back position and both showed much promise. Munro was normally a safe full-back and a good kicker.

The forwards, although always working hard as a team, lacked the vigour of Technical A in the loose play. Their lineout work and set scrummaging were, however, particularly strong and they were never outplayed in these departments. Bedwell and Stewart were perhaps the best all-round forwards, while Holmes, Deaker and Philp shone in the lineouts.

Our thanks to Mr Hunter for his skilled and enthusiastic coaching.

The team was: Stewart (capt.), Munro, Pagan, Watson, Nicholson, Holden, Childs, Milburn, Richards, Rae, Young, Sharp, Burt, Milne, Deaker, Holmes, Philp, Bedwell, Harrington.

VITH GRADE B

The Vith Grade B, although not enjoying many victories, attempted to play constructive football. The forwards were light and little ball was won in the set scrums and lineouts, hence the backs had little opportunity to show their paces.

Rae, Sharp, Green and Harrington led a hard-working pack which was particularly effective in loose dribbling rushes.

Milburn and Giller developed a fine understanding and proved to be the best of the backs.

Association Football

The past season was probably the most successful one yet seen in soccer since its restoration in 1953. Although failing to win the competition which the First Eleven might have done, had it not been for the deleting of almost a complete round, they notched their first two inter-school wins beating O.B.H.S. 1-0, and King's 3-2.

On paper the team was the weakest fielded since the rebirth of soccer, but because organized practices were held, the team performed much better than expected of it. Practice was the foundation to the team's successes. Next year, with two people who attended the coaching school held in Dunedin, the players should receive much more benefit.

Sharp, in goal, was reliable at all times, while in some games, outstanding. The full-backs, Fulton and Clent, were both new to the team, and although weak at the beginning of the season, improved towards the close of it. The two wing halves, Frost and Beck, worked the whole 90 minutes of every game, giving valuable service on both defence and attack. The former improved rapidly throughout the season. Because of his height and defensive attitude, Morris played at centre half for most of the season, where he developed a good understanding with his goalie. The team is greatly indebted to Morris, the Captain, who, was in many games the difference between victory and defeat. The forward line of Wear, McLean, Lantsbery, Speers, and Carter, was rather unreliable at shooting. Their movements towards the goal, however, were good. Although both wingers were inclined to sacrifice ball control for speed, especially Carter. Speers and McLean worked hard as inside forwards making many openings. Lantsbery, if hustled, was erratic, but if not was a deadly shot.

The Second Eleven had a most successful season too, being stronger than usual. Team work and not individualism must be stressed to these players. McKay, Stewart, Kirk, Goodall and Bell stood out. Their team which won the third grade was: Twemlow, Imlay, Rackley, Edwards, Malcolm, Tattersfield, Bell, Kirk, McKay (Capt.), Goodall, Stewart, Nind.

The Fifth Grade teams, although not very successful because of the even strength of their teams, were most promising. With improved training facilities next year there should be a noticeable improvement in their soccer. Some may be contenders for next year's first eleven.

"A" Team: Broomhall, Holloway, Ringenbergs, Rout, McMillan (Capt.), Sharp, Spence, Lane, Sharp, Dryden, Wicks.

"B" Team: Darby, Orbell, Wells, Lindsay, Kingsland, Berigan, Kelly, Williams, Croad, Simpson, Stewart, Peters.

INTER-SCHOOL GAMES.

v. O.B.H.S.

The O.B.H.S. team was a particularly strong one, including an Otago senior representative player, A. Canadizch.

The ground was surprisingly firm after a wet Dunedin week and conditions were conducive to good football. Otago attacked from the kick-off, threatening Schools' goalmouth, but their shooting was wild. After three minutes Lantsbery received the ball at the half-way mark, and catching the Otago defence on the wrong foot, raced away to score a copybook goal—a low, hard drive in the corner of the net. This goal gave the School eleven new confidence. For the rest of the first half there were many more moves of promise by our forwards, but they just couldn't shoot when in front of the goals. Otago pressed hard on occasions, but outstanding saves by Morris, the captain, and Sharp in goal, kept the score in School's favour at half-time.

School was forced to take on a defensive role in the second half, owing to continuous attacks by Otago's forwards and halves. But it was here that School excelled. Our half line of Beck, Morris and Frost broke up the many attacks of Otago, who tried to centre their play on Canadizch too often. On many occasions it was only the splendid play of these three, particularly Morris and Sharp, which kept Otago out. Otago had an enormous territorial advantage, but failed to make use of it. School's one goal lead proved to be sufficient.

v. KING'S

School defeated King's 3-2 in an even tussle to give us our second inter-school game. On defence, apart from the wing-halves, the home team gave one of its worst displays this year, but the inside forwards, McLean and Speers, did grand work covering up for these deficiencies. Morris opened the score with a penalty after about 10 minutes of play. Soon after, however, King's opened their score with a goal which gave Sharp no chance, mainly because of poor full-back play. School's second goal started in its own penalty area, Sharp throwing the ball to Morris who passed to Frost. He made ground, then handed on to Carter. Lantsbery finished the movement off with a good goal. However, King's were not to be outdone and minutes later drew level again.

After half-time, School settled down quickly but the forwards missed many chances. Carter put School in the lead, 3-2. King's remained on attack for the rest of the half, but Morris, Frost, Beck and Sharp stopped any movement which might have given King's a chance to equalize.

Hockey, 1956.

It would have been a fitting gesture to the school's 75th anniversary had the 1st XI managed to capture the Lewis Shield again. This was not to be, and for the first time since hockey has been reintroduced to the school we have lost the Intermediate Championship.

The season began with a youthful team, only five of last year's team returning. One of these, a key man, left during the season, sadly weakening the team. Towards the end of the season his replacement, Wood, in goal, was playing so creditably that the original boy's absence was hardly noticed. Two new fullbacks played for the team, and both performed well. Next year should see them a force to be reckoned with. The half line took a great deal of punishment during the year, and continual changes and reshuffling of positions only served to disrupt an already shaky combination still further. The same degree of shuffling marred the forward line where only Stroud and Clark played in their original positions

for the whole season. Cochrane was moved to centre where he settled in to play constructive hockey, but consolidation of combination came too late in the season.

Next year's team could well profit by the mistakes of this year's 1st XI and begin practices earlier, concentrating on team play. Realization is also necessary on the part of every member of the team that energy and enthusiasm are necessary in every aspect of play and of organization. Too often this year co-operation was languid, that is, when co-operation was forthcoming at all. If these pitfalls are not avoided it is difficult to see hockey remaining as a winter sport within the school.

The team extends thanks to Mr McNamara for his supervision of our activities during the year.

1st VI: W. Cochrane (captain), C. Miller (vice-captain), J. Allison, W. Anderson, O. Clark, D. Duthie, G. Gimblett, Jaquiere, McMechan, Stroud, Wood.

Reserves: K. Booth, K. Hay, J. Tomlin.

Harriers, 1956.

The harriers benefitted by the large number of fine Thursdays during the winter term with the result that many of the younger and less experienced runners improved greatly.

It was a good season for the School group and the enthusiastic manner in which the harriers were conducted by Mr Robins, the master-in-charge, did much to arouse interest.

A variety of runs were made, including several paper chases, and much cross-country running. Most of the "trips" were held in Thomson's Bush and Rosedale areas with an occasional run around the park and over to the racecourse.

The annual harrier event, the "Round-the-Park" race, was held in enjoyable weather and as usual harriers were well placed. This year a new section for boys under 14 was introduced.

Results were:

Senior: T. J. Butt 1, J. D. Neill 2, I. J. Macpherson 3; time, 12min 13sec.

Intermediate: G. Nind 1, M. B. Hoffman 2, E. E. Black 3; time, 13min 29sec.

Junior: D. H. Cowie 1, W. Bedwell 2, J. Corliss 3; time, 13min 19sec.

Under 14: D. M. Finkle 1, S. G. Kitto 2, J. W. Watson 3; time, 13min 35sec.

Six teams represented the School at the Southland Secondary Schools' Cross-Country Championships at the Invercargill racecourse.

The teams were:

Senior A: T. J. Butt, J. D. Neill, I. J. Macpherson, G. L. Moyle, C. E. Webb, M. B. Hoffman.

Senior B: R. J. Knight, W. T. Calder, M. N. Waddle, G. H. Nicholson, B. A. Greaney.

Intermediate A: G. A. Nind, B. A. Bedwell, W. D. Henstock, H. B. Tapper, A. R. Chisholm.

Intermediate B: J. D. Neilson, A. M. Patterson, L. D. King, R. L. Bernstone, J. H. Wicks.

Junior A: D. H. Cowie, D. M. Finkle, S. G. Kitto, W. Watson, J. A. Harrington, A. B. Grant.

Junior B: W. F. Henry, D. G. Lloyd, R. W. Beer, R. M. Skeggs, T. W. Clark, W. E. Simpson.

Although the school lost the three team trophies which it won last year, it was not disgraced. Every runner gave of his best with the result that School teams were second in the Junior, the Intermediate and the Senior sections, the Senior team being beaten by only one point by the Gore team.

Credit must be given to those boys who, although not in the higher placings, ran hard to be in as good a placing as possible so that their team might not be disgraced.

Indoor Basketball

During the past season, the School First team came second in the Y.M.C.A. "A" grade while the Second team was third in the "B" grade. Because of the increased number of enthusiasts, it was decided to enter a Third team in the "B" grade. Although finishing second last in this section the boys gave promising displays and, at times, were unlucky to lose.

The First team played well for the first half of the season, but then had a run of several defeats. In the final few games the team came back on to form and won all by considerable margins, including a game with the eventual competition winners, Hacks, who won the competition by only two points. At times the team played excellent basketball, slicing the opposing defence with well timed passing movements, while in other games they failed badly with poor passing and an overindulgence in long shooting. Frobart was the pick of the forwards and gave the opposition no rest with his harrying tactics. He was at his best with set shots from the corners. The other two shoots, Sharp and Broughton, were accurate without being outstanding, and were content with being links with the defence, and Frobart. Sharp made many interceptions, drew the defence, and then passed to another shoot to score when it appeared he could have done so himself. Broughton played at guard for some of the season and appears to be better suited to this position. Singleton, the centre, was an erratic player, playing brilliantly in one game and missing easy lay up shots

in others. Usually his defence was sound. He has great potential at this sport. The two guards, Millar and Morris, were outstanding on defence, at times outjumping players much taller than themselves to gain possession. In several games their inclination to join the attack swung the decision towards School.

At one stage of the competition, the Second team was winning the B grade, but upon losing Barron, and for a short spell Nicholson, the team appeared to lack the final touch and consequently lost its position in the grade. When Barron left School he was replaced by Cochrane, who, with Nicholson and Waldron, bore the brunt of the scoring. The team was: Nicholson, Waldron, Cochrane, Barron, Soper, George and McKay.

The Third team was very young and in the main consisted of fourth formers. Some of these boys showed definite promise and should develop into good players. The team was: Munro Sharp, Pagan, Little, Philp, Jenkinson and Broomhall.

As a conclusion to the season the First team played a team of Masters, and a very enjoyable game eventuated. The score of 40-40 flattered the School team as the Masters had the better of the exchanges but appeared too slow the game up to give the boys a better chance. The Masters team was comprised of Mr Alabaster, Mr Payne, Mr Ryan, Mr Harland and Mr Waterston.

A team: G. A. Singleton (Capt.). B team: R. Nicholson (Capt.). C team: R. Munro (Capt.)

Cricket

FIRST XI.

This year the First XI played in the senior competition again after an absence of several seasons. It was thought that the team was too strong for the Intermediate grade and that the experience gained would be valuable. As expected the team did not exactly carry off the competition, but it finished fifth and fully justified its promotion.

Until the Christmas spell the team was fortunate in having the services of Mr Payne who acted as a fine inspiration to the team, particularly in the field. His forceful batting and good running between the wickets also livened the team considerably.

The team this year was a particularly young one, and with all the team returning next year, it promises a most successful season.

THE TEAM

CURRIE.—Although his batting weakened because of the added cares of captaincy and increased bowling, he was nevertheless an inspiration to the team. He bowled consistently well and his fielding was outstanding.

SHARP, P.—With Holloway he took part in a number of sound opening partnerships, but he seldom reached the higher scores. When he concentrated his off-break bowling was valuable, especially in the Otago game.

HOLLOWAY.—The experience he has gained this year, together with his powers of concentration will develop his batting to a large extent. His leg breaks are also most promising. This player will be a valuable member of the side for future years.

ROBERTSON.—Having improved greatly since last year, he developed into a fine middle batsman heading the School averages. Particularly, towards the end of the season he played some good innings.

COCHRANE.—Opened the bowling after Nicholson's injury and bowled steadily without a great deal of success throughout the season. His bowling was valuable particularly when the team was in a tight spot.

MORETON.—One of the youngest members of the team. He was one of the most successful. Although not possessing a great variety of strokes his ability to use the hook shot brought him many runs. His bowling and outstanding fielding will also serve the team well for the next few years.

BLUE.—Has great potential as a middle batsman, being particularly aggressive, but he lacked the match temperament and concentration necessary for the higher scores. He will, however, improve in future years, as he is still young.

CUFF.—Another forceful young batsman, who has a great variety of attacking shots. He was usually out going for the big hit, and when he settles down will be a regular rungetter.

NICHOLSON.—Started the season magnificently, but, unfortunately, a back injury prevented him playing for much of the season. When fit his bowling was very fast and hostile. Often caused the tail of the team to wag vigorously.

MUNRO.—A diminutive wicket-keeper, who was a most valuable member of the side. His batting, however, was not so successful, although as he is young yet he will improve in this department.

MAYSTON.—Promoted from the Seconds for the School games, his bowling, although seldom required, was always liable to take wickets when they were needed most. His fielding was at all times excellent.

CHILDS.—Came into the team late in the season. He will benefit greatly from his experience and his batting, already based on a sound defence, will improve vastly.

SHARP, D.—This young player was 12th man for both School games, but although showing much talent has yet to play regularly for the team.

VERSUS O.B.H.S.

School won the toss and batted on an easy wicket, but soon found themselves in trouble. Most of the batsmen started well, but then threw their wickets away to rash strokes particularly to the medium out-swinger Brown. However, some spirited batting by Cochrane and Cuff boosted the total to the three figure mark.

Otago started well in their innings, but good fielding by School enabled Currie and Sharp to break through and regain the initiative. Six of the Otago

players were caught and one was run out which shows the high standard of fielding reached. Outstanding in this department was Mayston, who took two good catches and played an important part in the running out. Currie bowled consistently well throughout the innings, with some particularly good balls and Sharp, although throwing in some loose balls, did enough to worry most of the batsmen. Consequently at 5 o'clock Otago was out, only, 42 runs ahead.

The last hour before stumps, was disastrous for School, because first Sharp, and then Holloway, Childs, and Moreton were out for only 23 runs. Robertson and Cochrane were the night watchmen, and in the morning they started again, slowly, but very surely. An hour later Robertson was out after a sound knock, and it was left to Cochrane, well supported by Blue and Cuff, to bear the brunt of the batting. This he did admirably, and he was second last out after a fine and very much needed innings. At half-past two we were out, leaving Otago 94 to make and two hours to do it in.

Good bowling by Currie gave School some glimmer of hope at the start, but after being three down for 46, the fourth wicket fell at 80 only 14 runs behind. At this stage the Otago batsmen were on top, but still School's fielding was keen and sound, seldom giving away anything. A most enjoyable match ended in a unique way. Cochrane bowled to Martin a ball which beat him, went completely through the stumps without dislodging the bails and Munro, the wicket-keeper, was so surprised, he missed it—the resulting 4 byes giving Otago a win by 5 wickets.

SCOREBOARD.

Versus OTAGO.

	1st	2nd
Sharp	11	9
Holloway	0	5
Cochrane	19	56
Robertson	11	8
Currie	3	2
Moreton	5	0
Blue	11	13
Cuff	21	n.o. 1
Munro	8	8
Childs	2	7
Mayston	5	n.o. 0
Extras	4	17
Totals	100	135
Bowling	O	M
Currie	17.5	4
Cochrane	8	1
Mayston	3	1
Sharp	20	4
Moreton	3	1
	R	W
Currie	48	5
Cochrane	21	0
Mayston	5	0
Sharp	47	4
Moreton	7	0
	O	M
Currie	12	2
Cochrane	9.5	4
Mayston	0	0
Sharp	2	0
Moreton	0	0
	R	W
Currie	42	3
Cochrane	24	2
Mayston	0	0
Sharp	16	0
Moreton	0	0

VERSUS KING'S HIGH

The most disappointing feature of this match was the weather which stopped play on the first morning and was always unfavourable for cricket. Consequently the bowlers of both teams had a very unenviable task, this being reflected in the high scores.

King's won the toss and batted on a wet wicket, but were soon in trouble. Off the third ball of the day Mayston held a good catch after Currie had beaten one of the King's openers. The remainder of the side batted very solidly however, making the most of the inaccurate bowling which, because of the chill, wintry conditions, was not supported as well as usual in the field. Half an hour before the end of play King's declared with 198 for six wickets, in the hope of capturing a School wicket before the finish.

They managed to do this when Holloway played a weak stroke to a ball outside his off stump. Cochrane and Sharp managed to hold out and the next day continued in a sound partnership, with Cochrane scoring quickly until caught, going for the big hit. A number of good scores followed, the highest of which was a very comfortable 61 by Moreton. He treated the King's bowling with the ease which it merited using the pull shot to great advantage, and with Currie, 28, Robertson 26, Sharp 22 and Blue 21 not out, succeeded in passing the King's total with four wickets standing.

Three-quarters of an hour before the close of play with no result possible, Currie declared to give the King's batsmen some practice before their match against Otago. On the whole it was a disappointing match, only because of the weather, but it was good to see the School batsmen scoring heavily off the bowlers' loose balls.

SCOREBOARD

Versus KING'S

Sharp	22
Holloway	1
Cochrane	35
Robertson	26
Currie	28
Moreton	61
Cuff	7
Blue	n.o. 21
Munro	n.o. 5
Totals	206

Childs and Mayston did not bat.

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Currie	24	5	66	1	7	1	10	0
Cochrane	16	3	50	2	6	0	13	1
Sharp	12	1	33	0				
Mayston	4.3	0	14	2				
Moreton	2	0	22	0				
Blue	2	0	11	0				

THE SECOND ELEVEN

The Second Eleven experienced a good season, but was unfortunate to lose some of its best players after the Christmas break. Up till then, the bowling attack had relied on Smith and Mayston. The former may be regarded as one of the unluckiest bowlers not to gain First Eleven honours. For the first time in many years the Second Eleven played an Otago Second Eleven at the beginning of the year. Although overshadowed by a superior team the home eleven fought gamely. Much of the credit must go to the lower batsmen for their inspired batting. The success of this match should assure its being an annual fixture in future. This season has got away to an excellent start with practices being treated more seriously. The team scored an early victory again the Colts and this win should give them encouragement for competition matches. After examinations there will be more players available and with these additions the team should be a force to be reckoned with in the junior competition. We were unfortunate to lose the services of Mr Gilchrist early in the year when he left for Gore. His place has been taken by Mr Harland, who should serve the team well.

The team was:—A. Harvey, P. Speers, C. Miller, G. Bailey, M. Telfer, B. Morris, A. Millar P. Campbell, R. Beck, D. Fulton, P. Milne, B. Mitchell, R. Mayston.

THIRD GRADE A.

Last season the Third Grade A team was not as successful as usual. Although it won every game the team was pushed into second place by the School B team, which won more games outright. After Christmas the team lost most of the experienced players and was left with almost a new eleven. Bragg scored the only century, and Lloyd took the only hat trick. The team was:—Robertson (Capt.), Wear, Jowett, Bragg, McMillan, Sharp, Ramsay, Milburn, Loudon, Lloyd, Dunwoodie and Oliver.

Thanks are due to Mr A. Dakin for his enthusiastic coaching, and for the great interest he has taken in the team.

THIRD GRADE B

The team, coached by Mr Hunter, had a most successful season. For the first time in many years it won the Cricket Association Third Grade competi-

tion, losing only one game on the first innings and winning the remainder outright. A feature of the team was the enthusiasm of the players, and it was only very rarely that anyone missed a Saturday match.

Accurate bowling was, perhaps, the team's strongest point, and here Rae, King, Philp and Nicholson were prominent. Of the batting it could be said that everyone was capable of making runs once they concentrated, but some were very erratic. Philp and L. King topped the averages, while Fowler scored the only century of the season. Flaus showed much improvement behind the stumps. The fielding improved throughout the season and only seldom were catches dropped.

The team was:—Philp (Capt.), Fowler, L. King, T. King, Rae, Broomhall, Nicholson, Young, Flaus, Deaker, Williams, Holloway.

THIRD GRADE C.

The team had an enjoyable season, and won about half of the matches. An enjoyable type of cricket was

Athletic Notes

A stocktaking of the school's athletic talent a week before the school sports, would not have made for very deep impressions. Apart from the proven ability of Nicholson, Butt and Neil, there was nothing to indicate that there were numbers of boys well able to chase the records set in previous years. However, a training programme was instituted, and under the guidance of Mr Ryan, boys intending to take part in the sports were able to improve their performances.

For once the sports were held under ideal conditions, (despite the grim forebodings of Messrs Dunlop and Martin), and as a result, the track was dry and fast. The first event was the senior high jump, in which C. Young gave a polished exhibition of the Western Roll, clearing 5ft 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ in to equal a record that has stood for many years. G. H. Nicholson carried off three firsts in the 100 yards, 220 and Javelin, returning in each case performances of a high standard. This effort won him the senior title for the second year. Once again the senior middle distance events proved to be the highlight of the day. These races seem to be the most looked forward to and enjoyed events in the sports. A large field left the starting blocks in the 440, and W. A. King, a tall easy-striding runner, set the pace. He surprised boys and masters alike by maintaining the pressure, and he won in the fast time of 54sec—in gym shoes! In the half-mile, T. P. Butt and J. D. Neill strode clear of the field and came into the straight racing stride for stride. Neill won by a narrow margin but their times were given as being equal, 2min 5sec, a creditable and exciting

played and many pleasant hours were spent either at practice or in games.

Special thanks are due to Mr Somers for his help, given unsparingly throughout the season.

The team was:—Milne, Grant, Bell, Buckley, Cantrick, Rackley, Wills, Wylie, Wilson, Tomlins, Booth, Jenkinson, Kirk, Paterson, Barret, Richardson, Spence, Wood.

THIRD GRADE D

This team was not particularly successful as far as scoring competition points was concerned, but it did have an enjoyable season, playing the game. There are high hopes that this season the team will finish higher on the local ladder. The team is considerably indebted to Mr McNamara for his coaching.

Team:—Milne, Reid, Holmes, Spence, Sharp, Lindsay, Simpson, Crozier, Wood, Robb, Peters, McMillan, Henry, McHardy, Pollock.

performance by two outstanding runners. The following day Neill won the mile in exactly the same fashion. In the 120 yards hurdles, C. Young and E. Webb sprinted clear of the field, with Young winning in 16.4sec, just .2sec outside the record. G. Singleton once again showed his superior strength and talent in winning the shot putt with a putt of 38ft 1in.

Showing brilliant form in the intermediate section was G. Nind, who won both the 220 and the 440 (the latter in 57sec, breaking the existing record by .1sec). Hoffman gave an excellent exhibition of hurdling in winning the 90 yards hurdles.

This year the junior section was very strong, but one boy, R. Moreton, was outstanding. His strong, clean style, led him to win the 100 and 220 sprints in a convincing manner, and showed himself as the best sprinter on the day in all grades. He also shared the honours with Everett in the high jump, both clearing the good height of 4ft 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

1956 must be rated as one of the most successful athletic years in the history of the school. Times were faster, distances further and higher, entries were larger, and interest was greater. These facts can be attributed to many influences, not the least being Mr Ryan's coaching. His untiring interest in the progress of the boys, and the long hours of his own time which he devoted to the marking and preparation of the track, in themselves assured the success of the sports.

Training is an absolute necessity for success in athletics, and it was a pleasant sight to see groups of boys out each night after school practising for their various events. Many practised not only for a few nights, but also every night, and this probably accounts for supposedly dark horses surprising both themselves and everyone else by putting on excellent performances on the day.

SENIOR

100yds.—A grade: G. H. Nicholson (B) 1, R. D. Branks (B) 2, I. J. McPherson (W) 3; time 11.2sec. B grade: P. A. Sharp (W) 1, M. Waddle (B) 2, B. Lawson (S) 3; time 12sec.

220yds.—A grade: G. H. Nicholson (B) 1, R. D. Branks (B) 2, C. Frobarth (B) 3; time, 24.4sec. B. grade: M. O. McLachlan (S) 1, P. Sharp (W) 2, K. J. Lawson (S) 3; time, 26.3sec.

880yds.—A grade: J. D. O'Neill (W) 1, T. J. Butt (R) 2, W. A. King (R) 3; time 2min 5sec.

120yds hurdles.—A grade: C. Young (R) 1, C. E. Webb (S) 2, R. D. Branks (B) 3; time, 16.4sec.

Long jump.—A grade: C. E. Webb (S) 1, G. A. Waldron (B) 2, R. G. Singleton (W) 3; distance, 18ft 6in. B grade: T. W. McLean (R) 1, M. Waddle (B) 2, D. R. Johnstone (W) 3; distance 17ft 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

High Jump.—C. Young (R) 1, C. E. Webb (S) 2, G. Waldron (B) and G. Singleton (W) equal 3; height, 5ft 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

440yds.—A grade: W. King (R) 1, J. Neill (W) 2, B. Rutherford (R) 3; time 54.2sec. B grade: C. L. B. Soper (B) 1, R. McLean (R) 2, B. A. Logan (R) 3; time, 59.4sec.

Javelin throw.—A grade: G. H. Nicholson (B) 1, G. Singleton (W) 2, M. Waddle 3; distance 129ft 10in.

Shot putt.—A grade: G. Singleton (W) 1, M. Waddle 2, M. McLachlan (S) 3; distance 37ft 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

880yds.—A grade: Grant (R) 1, B. A. Bedwell (S) 2, R. A. Dewe (W) 3; time, 2min 21.2sec. B grade: D. N. Cowie (S) 1, J. Oliver (B) 2, W. S. Freeman (W) 3; time, 2min 28.2sec. C grade: R. C. Hopkins (B) 1, G. T. McMillan (B) 2, B. A. Houlston (S) 3; time, 2min 36.2sec.

80yds hurdles.—A grade: A. Ringenberg (W) 1, J. N. Dunlop (R) 2, J. W. Loudon (B) 3; time, 12.4sec. B grade: Williams (R) 1, Pirie (S) 2, McNaughton (B) 3; time, 14.2sec.

Long jump.—A grade: Loudon (B) 1, R. C. Flaus (R) 2, D. A. Holden (S) 3; distance, 16ft 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. B grade: G. R. Munro (W) 1, J. Philp (B) 2, J. Oliver (B) 3; distance, 13ft 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. C grade: A. R. Hemmingson (R) 1, A. B. Fisher (S) 2, P. R. Wells (B) 3; distance, 12ft 7in.

High jump.—L. J. Everett (S) and R. C. Moreton (W) equal 1, J. Dunlop (R) 3; height, 4ft 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Hop, step and jump.—A grade: Loudon (B) 1, Smythe (B) 2, Dunlop (R) 3; distance, 34ft 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. B grade: Ottrey (R) 1, Deaker (S) 2, Manson (B) 3; distance, 30ft 4in.

INTERMEDIATE

100yds.—A grade: G. A. Nind (B) 1, E. R. Currie (S) 2, M. B. Hoffman (B) 3; time 11.4sec. B grade: W. A. Cochrane (R) 1, W. C. Jowett (B) 2, V. R. Jenkins (W) 3; time 12.2sec. C grade: J. D. Neilson (R) 1, — 2, A. McPherson (S) 3; time 12.6sec. D grade: A. G. Robins (S) 1, A. E. Ross (R) 2, C. D. Robertson (R) 3; time 12.8sec.

220yds.—A grade: G. A. Nind (B) 1, E. R. Currie (S) 2, M. B. Hoffman (B) 3; time, 24.4sec. B grade: M. B. Jowett (B) 1, G. L. Moyle (W) 2, A. C. McPherson (S) 3; time, 27sec. C. grade: D. Duthie (R) 1, A. G. Robins (S) 2, C. D. Robertson (R) 3; time, 28.3sec.

440yds.—A grade: G. A. Nind (B) 1, L. R. Bunting (S) 2, M. B. Hoffman (B) 3; time, 56.3sec. (a record). B grade: B. A. King (S) 1, A. Hansen (R) 2, D. Duthie (R) 3; time, 64sec.

880yds.—A grade: D. F. Howe (S) 1, A. R. Chisholm (S) 2, A. J. Calvert (R) 3; time 2min 23.4sec. B grade: M. F. Waters (W) 1, M. Malcolm (B) 2, K. J. Barron (B) 3; time 2min 25.6sec.

90yds hurdles.—M. G. Osmond (B) 1, Jowett (S) 2, R. T. Glynn (B) 3; time, 15sec.

Long jump.—A grade: E. R. Currie (S) 1, W. G. Jackman (W) 2, R. Morris (B) 3; distance 16ft 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. B grade: D. S. McDonald (W) 1, L. D. Wensley (B) 2, A. L. Sutton (S) 3; distance 15ft. C grade: W. Anderson (W) 1, W. G. Varcoe (W) 2, T. Tattersfield (B) 3; distance, 14ft 6in.

High jump.—R. D. Stephens (W) 1, R. Russell (B) 2, N. W. Cuff (B) 3; height, 4ft 8in.

Shot putt.—A grade: W. A. Cochrane (R) 1, R. A. Stephens (W) 2, F. B. Jackson (S) 3; distance, 30ft 9in. B grade: J. R. Blue (W) 1, A. T. Rackley (S) 2, M. Osmond (B) 3; distance, 28ft 2in.

Javelin throw.—A grade: R. A. Holloway (R) 1, J. R. Tomlin (W) 2, S. M. Malcolm (B) 3; distance, 112ft 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. B grade: A. T. Rackley (S) 1, J. D. Wylie (S) 2, E. W. Kirk (B) 3; distance, 94ft 10in.

JUNIOR

100yds.—A grade: I. W. Lightfoot (S) 1, R. C. Moreton (W) 2, G. L. Walker (B) 3; time, 11.4sec. B grade: D. B. Williams (R) 1, M. W. Pirie (S) 2; L. D. King (B) 3; time, 13sec. C grade: J. C. Smith (R) 1, W. N. Couling (B) 2, C. W. Ramsay (R) 3; time, 13.2sec.

220yds.—A grade: R. C. Moreton 1, W. Lightfoot 2, A. B. Grant (R) 3; time, 26.1sec. B grade: D. B. Williams (R) 1, L. King (B) 2, D. M. Ferguson (W) 3; time, 29.1sec. C. grade: C. D. McCall (B) 1, M. Richardson (S) 2, C. W. Ramsay (R) 3; time, 36.2sec.

440yds.—A grade: A. B. Grant (R) 1, R. Dewe (W) 2, R. Bernstein (W) 3; time, 60sec. B grade: W. D. Henstock (W) 1, L. King (B) 2, D. M. Ferguson (W) 3; time, 64.2sec.

UNDER 14

100yds.—A grade: Galloway (B) 1, Finkle (B) 2, Watson (S) 3; time, 12.1sec. B grade Burt (R) 1, Orbell (B) 2, Boyes (R) 3; time, 14.1sec. C grade: Wyndham (S) 1, Peters (R) 2, Clark (W) 3; time, 13.2sec.

220yds.—A grade: Watson (S) 1, Finkle (B) 2, Kitto (S) 3; time, 29sec. B grade: Weavers (R) 1, Wensley (S) 2, Bell (B) 3; time, 31.1sec. C grade: Wyndham (S) 1, Clark (W) 2, Peters (R) 3; time, 30sec.

440yds.—McMillan (W) 1, Richardson (S) 2, Weavers (R) 3; time, 70.2sec.

80yds hurdles.—Sharp (R) 1, McMillan (R) 2, Walker (W) 3; time, 14.4sec.

Long jump.—A grade: Rout (B) 1, Wensley (S) 2, Richards (S) 3; distance, 14ft. B grade: Winter (S) 1, Crane (S) 2, Beer (B) 3; distance, 13ft 2in. C grade: Clark (W) 1, Harrington (B) 2, Wood (S) and Hughes (W) equal 3; distance, 13ft.

Interschool Sports 1956.

With the School sports over, a large athletic team went into training for the inter-School Athletic Championships, held this year at Rugby Park. The obvious feature of the team was its all round strength in the senior and junior sections.

The championships began under ideal conditions, although a breeze developed in the late afternoon, and a well-organized programme of events was successfully completed. With most of the heats run in the morning, the afternoons finals provided an interesting and sometimes exciting entertainment, for the comparatively large crowd in attendance.

Keen competition was supplied by the many Schools taking part, from as far north as Oamaru, all combined to make the meeting one of the most successful yet held. It was a tribute to Southland's Centennial year. During the day four records were bettered and two existing records were equalled. Two Southland junior amateur athletic records were also broken. Several other records were bettered or

High jump.—Galloway (B) 1, Hopkins (B) and Holloway (S) equal 2; height, 4ft 4in.

Hop, step and jump.—Galloway (B) 1, Watson (W) 2, Winter (S) 3; distance, 32ft 6in.

Mile.—Intermediate: A. R. Chisholm, D. T. Howe, W. D. Henstock. B Grade: R. B. Mitchell, B. A. Bedwell, D. McMillan 3. Senior: J. D. Neill, T. Butt, A. J. Millar. B Grade: K. W. Carter, T. W. McLean, R. Imlay.

Leading championship points were:

Senior: G. H. Nicholson 15, C. E. Webb 11, C. Young 10.

Intermediate: G. A. Nind 15, E. R. Currie 11, R. D. Stephens 8.

Junior: R. C. Moreton 12, A. B. Grant 11, J. W. Loudon 11.

Under 14: D. J. Galloway 15, P. J. Watson 9, B. W. McMillan 8.

HOUSE RELAYS

Senior: Blue 1, School 2, Red 3.

Intermediate: School 1, Blue 2, White 3.

Junior: School 1, White 2, Blue 3.

House Points:-

1 School	205
2 Blue	200
3 Red	156
4 White	139

equalled, but unfortunately could not be allowed because of the wind.

The march past, as usual, provided the highlight of the day. Ably led by the School Band, an impressive parade of athletics was witnessed, which drew several complimentary remarks from the President of the Southland Amateur Athletics Association, in his speech of welcome.

As predicted, School was very successful in the sports. Our senior competitors, gaining places in every event except the broad jump, had a particularly satisfactory outing. Outstanding on the day were Nicholson, Young, Webb, Neill, Hoffman and Moreton. Apart from these stars due credit must be given to the boys who did not win their events, but who collected many valuable points by being placed second or third. School's trophies for the day included the Senior and the Junior Shields, as well as the Senior Relay Baton.

Results of the 30th Otago-Southland Secondary Schools Aathletic championships:-

JUNIOR

100 Yards.—R. C. Moreton (S) 1, R. Lee (T) 2, S. Ingles (K) 3. Time, 11.6sec.

220 Yards.—R. C. Moreton (S) 1, I. Lightfoot (S) 2, T. Holland (SO) 3. Time, 25.6sec.

440 Yards.—E. Thompson (O) 1, W. Dunlop (W) 2, E. Robertson (SO) 3. Time, 57.4sec.

440 Yards Relay.—King Ed. Tech. 1, O.B.H.S. 2, S.B.H.S. 3. Time, 50sec.

80 Yards Hurdles.—N. Reddington (K) 1, A. Familton (W) 2, G. Craik (O) 3. Time, 10.8sec.

High Jump.—A. Familton (W) 1, R. C. Moreton (S) 2, L. Everett (S) 3. Height, 5ft.

Long Jump.—J. Watts (W) 1, N. Reddington (K) 2, B. Torrence (K) 3. Distance, 18ft. 2in.

INTERMEDIATE

100 Yards.—C. Macquire (KE) 1, T. Pullar (T) 2, M. Pfahlert (St.K) 3. Time, 10.6sec.

220 Yards.—C. Maguire (KE) 1, W. Perriam (W) 2, T. Pullar (T) 3. Time, 23.6sec. (Record).

440 Yards.—W. Perriam (W) 1, D. Priest (O) 2, G. Mind (S) 3. Time, 55sec.

880 Yards.—D. Priest (O) 1, M. Jones (KE) 2, L. Hocking (K), 3. Time, 2min 9.9sec.

880 Yards Relay.—King's High 1, St. Kevin's 2, King Edward College 3. Time, 1min 44.4sec.

90 Yards Hurdles.—M. Hoffman (S), 1, A. Merrilees (O) 2, R. Cassidy (O), 3. Time, 12.2sec.

Long Jump.—P. Auckram (St.K. 1, M. Scott (K), 2, B. Mason (KE) 3. Distance, 18ft 9in.

High Jump.—M. Creighton (O) 1, J. Leckie (KE) 2, G. Lucas (K), 3. Height, 5ft 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

SENIOR

100 Yards.—J. McKenzie (W.) 1, G. H. Nicholson (S) 2, B. Merrilees (O) 3. Time, 10.8sec.

220 Yards.—G. H. Nicholson (S) 1, I. Bassett (K) 2, B. Merrilees (O) 3. Time, 24.2sec.

440 Yards.—W. King (S) 1, B. Cooper (O) 2, H. McCrostie (O) 3. Time, 53.8sec.

880 Yards.—J. Davies (O) 1, B. Cooper (O) 2, T. Butt (S), 3. Time, 2min 3.8sec. (Record).

Mile.—J. Davies (O) 1, J. D. Neil (S) 2, P. Brockleband (W) 3. Time, 4min 31.2sec. (Record).

Mile Relay (440, 220, 880).—S.B.H.S. 1, O.B.H. 2, Gore High 3. Time, 3min 53.8sec.

120 Yards Hurdles.—B. Burn (K) 1, F. Clarkson (K) 3, C. E. Webb (S) 3. Time, 15.6sec.

High Jump.—C. Young (S) 1, C. E. Webb (S) 2, L. Pearce (K) 3. Height, 5ft 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Javelin.—M. Speden (G) 1, G. H. Nicholson (S) 2, H. Jourdain (O) 3. Distance, 175ft 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Long Jump.—W. McAuley (S.O.) 1, E. Lloyd (S.O.) 2, I. Bassett (K), 3. Distance, 19ft 8in.

Shot Put.—R. G. Singleton (S) 1, G. Townsend (W) 2, E. Ward (St. K) 3. Distance, 36ft 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

SCHOOL TEAMS POINTS

Senior: Macassey Shield.—Southland Boys' High School 39 points; Otago Boys' High School 23 points; King's High School 13 points.

Intermediate: Oswald Smith Shield.—King Edward Technical College 18 points; Otago Boys' High School 17 points; King's High School 10 points.

Junior: Arthur Barnett Shield.—Southland Boys' High School 18 points; Waitaki Boys' High School 16 points; King's High School 15 points.

Softball

After a short period in recession it was decided, because of the increased number of enthusiasts, to reintroduce softball into the school. Although most of the players are young the future of the game for the next few years seems assured. Some of the boys have represented Southland in junior grades while another, Singleton, has gained senior status. Other boys are at present playing in local senior teams.

At the time of writing, the pitcher, Singleton, and catcher, McCallum, had not been tried as battery mates in a game but if practices are any indication then they should combine well. McCallum can field

a ball consistently and will have to be on the alert to catch Singleton's deliveries. The infield, composed of Galt (1st), Patton (2nd), Rance (3rd), and Kirk (short stop) has not been tried but appears very solid. Rance and Galt are safe and deliberate in their movements while Patton and Kirk field capably but are inclined to throw wildly when hustled. The outfield of Squires, Soper and Walker is sound and all players cover well.

Players such as Muirhead, Roland, Rackley, Smythe, Thomas and Boyes form the nucleus of a better than usual B team.

Swimming and Lifesaving

It is indeed unfortunate that lifesaving in the school was practically non-existent at the beginning of the year. There were no awards won by any boys from the school but by the efforts of a few individuals the prestige of our lifesaving has not been allowed to fall.

In the realm of swimming Flynn was outstanding in winning five national titles at the New Zealand championships. This was remarkable for a boy who is still a junior and he seems to have an exceptional future ahead. Thwaites, Knight, and the Hamilton brothers also swam with distinction at national meetings, all reaching the finals for their respective events.

The school swimming sports were held on Monday, March 26th, at the Tepid Baths and were notable for the closeness of the championships. In all grades there were several boys in the running and there were some particularly hard fought races. Highlight of the afternoon was the senior boys' 100yds freestyle in which Owen Thwaites smashed the existing school record by nearly two seconds with a fine time of 58sec. Ron Knight also set a new record in the 50yds senior backstroke but he did not gain enough aggregate points to retain his senior championship which was won by Flynn after a fine swim in the 220yds.

In the Junior section D. Foster was outstanding in winning three races giving him the championship by a clear margin.

Results were:

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

50yds Freestyle.—J. Flynn 1, O. Thwaites 2, W. Broughton 3; time, 26.6sec.

100yds Medley.—R. Knight 1, O. Thwaites 2, P. Edwards 3; time, 69.4sec.

100yds Freestyle.—O. Thwaites 1, J. Flynn 2, W. Broughton 3; time, 58sec (record).

50yds Breaststroke.—M. Waddle 1, R. Knight 2, W. Broughton 3; time, 38.8sec.

50yds Backstroke.—R. Knight 1, O. Thwaites 2, H. Tapper 3; time, 30.4sec (record).

220yds Freestyle.—J. Flynn 1, O. Thwaites 2, R. Knight 3; time, 2min 26sec.

Dive.—N. Crozier 1, M. Waddle 2, G. Moyle 3.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

50yds Freestyle.—D. Foster 1, T. King 2, D. Hamilton 3; time, 31.4sec.

50 yds Breaststroke.—D. Foster 1, T. Richardson 2, L. Everett 2; time, 43.4 sec.

50yds Backstroke.—L. King 1, T. Ringenbergs 2, R. Bernstone 3; time, 34.8sec.

100yds Medley.—D. Foster 1, J. Smithies 2, T. Richardson 3; time, 79.6sec.

100yds Freestyle.—D. Hamilton 1, J. Ringenbergs 2, T. King 3; time, 73.2sec.

220yds Freestyle.—D. Hamilton 1, L. King 2, D. Patton 3; time, 2min 59sec.

Dive.—A. Waters 1, B. Boys 2, M. Deaker 3.

HANDICAP EVENTS

SENIOR

33½yds Freestyle.—A grade: M. N. Waddle 1, W. Kirk 2, G. H. Nicholson 3; time, 18.8sec. B grade: B. S. Dawson 1, J. R. Scobie 2, B. K. Milne 3; time, 19.8sec. C grade: C. E. Webb 1, D. L. Phillops 2, M. G. Osmond 3; time, 20.2sec. D grade: G. L. Moyle 1, N. W. Cuff 2, A. J. Calvert 3; time, 19.4sec. E grade: G. S. Macdonnell 1, P. W. Milne 2, D. R. Campbell 3; time, 20.4sec.

66½yds freestyle.—A grade: W. Kirk 1, C. Davenport 2, W. A. King 3; time, 44sec. B grade: G. L. Moyle 1, J. R. Scobie 2, A. J. Calvert 3; time, 44sec.

33½yds breaststroke.—A grade: C. H. Frobarth 1, S. C. Tapper 2, R. G. Webb 3; time, 28.6sec. B grade: A. S. Mackay 1, R. Melhop 2, L. M. Wensley 3; time, 25.4sec.

33½yds backstroke.—B. S. Dawson 1, A. J. Calvert 2, C. E. Webb 3; time, 25sec.

JUNIOR

66½yds freestyle.—A grade: A. B. Milburn 1, D. R. Smythe 2, R. N. Croad 3; time, 51.8sec. B grade: D. R. Young 1, D. R. Patton 2, L. D. Mackie 3; time, 36.2sec.

33½yds freestyle.—A grade: J. Dunlop 1, D. Smythe 2, D. W. Wood 3; time, 22sec. B grade: D. R. Young 1, J. Harrington 2, R. C. Moreton 3; time, 24.4sec. C grade: W. C. Nicholson 1, B. W. Bailey 2, G. R. Davidson 3; time, 23sec. D grade: D. J. Galloway 1, B. G. Cochrane 2, D. B. Patton 3; time, 22sec. E grade: K. G. Walker 1, S. G. Kitto 2, M. I. Robb 3; time, 20.8sec. F grade: J. A. Oliver 1, S. G. Little 2, G. N. Orchard 3; time, 24sec. G grade: R. S. Frost 1, I. Barrett 2, J. L. McIllroy 3; time, 22.2sec. H grade: J. N. Mehalski 1, D. N. Ferguson 2; time, 25.8sec.

33½yds breaststroke.—A grade: D. J. Galloway 1, G. D. Thomas 2, G. R. Davidson 3; time, 27.4sec. B grade: K. E. Squire 1, J. Harrington 2, J. W. Watson 3; time, 30.4sec. C grade: B. A. Houlston 1, N. M. Simpson 2, J. Philp 3; time, 34.6sec.

33½yds backstroke.—A grade: J. Harrington 1, A. W. McKinnon 2, D. B. Patton 3; time, 26.4sec. B grade: S. G. Kitto 1, J. A. Mackie 2, W. J. Weavers 3; time, 26sec.

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS

Open two widths.—3rd forms: J. W. Littlejohn 1, S. D. Barrett 2, T. J. McNaughton 3. 4th forms: R. J. Bloomfield 1, D. H. Cowie 2, R. Stanway 3. 5th forms: J. T. Boyes 1, E. J. Gieseg 2, G. A. Nind 3.

Novice dive, open.—D. R. Stanway 1, T. E. King 2, G. J. Clent 3.

Inter-form relay.—3rd forms: 3A 1, 3B 2, 3C 3. 4th forms: 4D 1, 4B 2, 4C 3. 5th forms: 5Up 1, 5C 2, 5A 3.

Interhouse relay.—Junior: Red 1, White 2, Blue 3. Senior: Blue 1, Red 2, School 3.

Tennis Notes

In the first term the only outside event in which School teams were entered was the Secondary Schools' Competition which was played every Tuesday against teams from the Southland Technical College and Marist High School. Four teams were entered from School—two senior and two junior—with the respective A teams winning their grades.

The teams were:

Junior A: R. Goodall, D. Holden, J. Jenkinson, G. Smith.

Junior B: W. Kirk, I. M. Henderson, B. Matheson, J. Dunlop.

Senior A: C. Frobart, R. Mayston, G. Waldron, C. Young.

Senior B: M. McLachlan, R. Wear, G. Moyle, L. Lantsberry.

The third term has started with gusto since the school at long last has its own tennis courts. A greater number of boys are playing, and it is pleasing to see the courts full during intervals and lunch times. We are indeed very fortunate in having these lovely new courts in such imposing surroundings.

Fives Notes

This year it has been possible to play fives more than usual because of the exceptionally fine weather. Consequently the standard has improved considerably and a number of players, previously not in the top flight, have appeared. Many of the top players have therefore been beaten and almost all the games have been very interesting.

In the Junior Section, Moreton has dominated both the singles and the doubles. With only the finals to play it seems certain that he will win the singles and he and Sharp would be very unlucky to lose the doubles. They have played consistently well and are comparable with winners of other years.

The Senior Section has been much more interesting. Hoffman was expected to win the singles and it still seems as if he will as it has to be a very

Mr Waterston has now got a large class of boys together in preparation for lifesaving awards. All are reasonably competent, and in this, the last term of 1956, we can look forward to the possibility of having a record number of Bronze Medallists from the school. It is hoped that those boys who already have this award will endeavour to obtain the Surf Association Bronze Medallion and thus further their participation in the humanitarian aspect of swimming.

Swimming classes for third formers are being held on Monday afternoons and the large entries from the juniors in this year's swimming sports is proof that their tuition is beneficial.

Mr Blaikie, the master in charge of tennis, has started competition ladders, senior and junior, which should produce a keen competition in the school.

The main attraction this term will be the Secondary Schools' Championships. School seems to stand an excellent chance, and the boys who will be entered could possibly win one or two titles. Teams will be: Senior: C. Frobart, R. Mayston, G. Waldron, C. Young, R. Goodall, D. Holden. Junior: B. Chisholm, E. Knuckey, E. Giller, D. Young, A. Ringenbergs, S. Kitto. The School Championships will again be played later in the year, probably after the exams, by which time an accurate ladder will have been compiled in each grade.

The results of the 1955 Championships were:

SENIOR

Singles: C. Frobart.

Doubles: C. Frobart and R. Mayston.

JUNIOR

Singles: R. Goodall.

Doubles: R. Goodall and J. Jenkinson.

good shot to beat him. However Matheson, Jenkinson and MacKay rose to the top, defeating a number of the "name" players. Matheson beat Jenkinson and if Hoffman beats MacKay the final between Hoffman and Matheson should be very interesting.

In the doubles Hoffman and Robertson have improved greatly from their shaky start and when they beat Currie and Singleton they showed that they will be not easily defeated. Morris and Sharp had a number of close games at the start but have also improved with practice and the final should produce some excellent fives.

It has been proposed that a fives ladder should be introduced into the school next year and although not definite yet it seems a very sound idea and should raise the standard further still.

eventually end up in the same place. In addition, the more time you spend in one place, the more you will learn about it. This is true for both physical locations and people. If you spend a lot of time with someone, you will learn a lot about them. This is why it's important to have a good support system of friends and family. It's also why it's important to surround yourself with positive people who can help you stay focused and motivated.

Another key factor in achieving success is having a clear goal. When you know exactly what you want to accomplish, it's easier to stay focused and motivated. It's also important to have a plan in place for how you will achieve your goal. This means setting specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART) goals. By breaking down your goal into smaller, manageable steps, you can make progress and stay motivated along the way.

How to Achieve Your Goals

1. Set Specific Goals
2. Break Down Your Goals
3. Create a Plan of Action
4. Stay Focused and Motivated
5. Celebrate Your Success

Finally, it's important to remember that success is not always linear. There will be setbacks and challenges along the way. It's important to stay positive and keep pushing forward even when things get tough. This means having a growth mindset and believing that you can overcome any obstacle. It also means seeking out support from others and learning from your mistakes. By staying focused, having a clear goal, creating a plan, and staying positive, you can achieve your goals and reach success.

Conclusion: Achieving success requires a combination of hard work, persistence, and a positive attitude. It's important to set clear goals, break them down into smaller steps, and create a plan of action. By staying focused and motivated, you can overcome challenges and reach your goals. Remember, success is not always linear, but with a growth mindset and support from others, you can achieve anything you set your mind to.

Conclusion

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Final Summary

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Old Boys' Notes

HERE AND THERE

The eagerness of old boys in the teaching profession to return to the school can be seen by looking at the present staff. There are eight old boys at present teaching at the school. They are Messrs H. D. Ryan, J. C. Alabaster, I. D. Payne, A. G. Pickard, L. V. Blaikie, C. R. Robertson, P. J. McNamara and H. M. Harland. Up until half way through the year Messrs A. W. Gilchrist and M. Sharpe were also on the staff but both left to take up teaching appointments elsewhere.

The school has long been famed for its Rugby, but of late cricketing old boys have been having more success than their Rugby counterparts. The Alabaster brothers, J. C. and G. D., have been well to the fore, Jack as a New Zealand representative in the test team which defeated the West Indies, and Gren as an opening batsman for Otago. N. R. Thomson toured Australia with the N.Z. Colts team and later played for this team against the West Indies. Perhaps our growing prowess at cricket is due to the fact that Don Luzmoor is President of the Southland Cricket Association. The only member of the Old Boys' Football Club to gain representative honours was A. Tait, who, it seems, will be the replacement for J. T. McKenzie, at half-back. Jack Hamilton is once again President of the S.R.F.U. In athletics, R. W. Webb won the N.Z. Hop, Step and Jump Title while the Skelt brothers, P. D. and A. T. toured Australia with the national badminton team. Later in the year they won the N.Z. doubles title. In softball, A. Bell and J. Lyall were both selected for the N.Z. team.

Russ Page was down on a tour of inspection from Army Headquarters, Wellington. The tour may not have been successful from a military point of view but we have no doubt it was for other reasons. The Springboks kept popping up in the very towns the Brigadier inspected, and just at the exact time he was present.

J. C. ISRAEL returned to N.Z. for a short vacation. He is at present Professor of Chemistry at Hong Kong University.

75TH ANNIVERSARY

Friday, 3rd February: Social Evening—

The Old Boys' celebrations began with an informal meeting in the Red Cherry Cabaret. Emphasis was on conviviality and the result was a successful and pleasing evening. The sight of old boys parted for from five to fifty years, meeting each other again, brought out the true meaning of the school

motto. Memories of past athletic glories, of scholastic successes, and above all, of the masters who taught them; their foibles and eccentricities; were subjects of conversation for all the generations of old boys. The rooms were packed—learned judges rubbed shoulders with young men on the threshold of their careers—but above all, on every side could be heard the words, "Remember when . . ."

Saturday, 4th: PHOTOGRAPHS—

10.15 a.m.: Old boys assembled in Queen's Park for the march, in decades, to the school. At the head of each group marched a present-day pupil bearing a sign on which was listed the years of the decade which followed. There were three first-day pupils in Messrs C. B. ROUT, A. J. RAMSAY and JULES H. TAPPER, and three other old boys of the first decade in Messrs M. J. FORDE, J. W. G. McINTYRE and J. A. FRASER present. The group which represented the boys of 1890-99 was comprised of Messrs H. T. SHAND, D. F. REID, H. L. HAY, H. C. MacGIBBON, A. LYALL, J. C. WOODWARD, A. L. ADAMSON and B. CLEARWATER.

The largest groups were naturally those between 1930-39, and 1940-49, but the older pupils were still well to the fore. At the school official photographs were taken.

1.30 p.m.: ROLL CALL AND ASSEMBLY—

MR H. W. SMITH, chairman of the Jubilee Committee, welcomed the assembly in the school hall. Mr Smith said that the function would revive memories of old friends who had died, and of things their school friends had done—some of them things which should not have been done. The masters would be remembered too, for varying reasons. He also announced that eleven Old Boys in London would be holding their own celebrations at exactly the same time. Among apologies received were those from former pupils in South Africa, the United States, Australia and Europe.

The Mayor, MR A. L. ADAMSON, formally welcomed old boys who had returned to the province. He apologized for not granting the old boys the freedom of the city, but he thought it would be too dangerous. He went on to say: "I don't know what the city would be like by the time the weekend was over, but I hope all the visitors will feel free to enjoy themselves during their stay here."

MR D. H. LECKIE, president of the Old Boys' Association commented on the pride all ex-pupils had in the school and remarked that the large number present at the celebrations was indicative of this.

He continued by referring to the companionship to be found in the affiliated sports clubs which helped to give guidance to the boy just leaving school.

MR D. A. McDONALD briefly traced the history of the school from the constituting of the school in 1878 by special Act of Parliament. Of special interest were his remarks concerning the Hostel which was originally approved in 1913. The war, and then the economic conditions during the 30's followed by the Second World War held up building until this year. The hostel will finally open in 1957, with accommodation for 80 boys. The rector since 1950, MR D. G. GRANT, then introduced the pupils of the first and second decades and some prominent scholars of other years.

MR J. L. CAMERON (a former master and until last year senior inspector of post-primary schools in the South Island) traced the history of the school from 1930. He commented briefly on when the school had 179 pupils. There were five full-time teachers and two part-time gymnastics and drawing teachers. The masters had no common-room and their only meeting places were the corridors or grounds. They were not permitted to smoke on school premises. "Now the trouble seems to be to keep the boys from smoking." Mr Cameron also made mention of the beginnings of swimming in the school in the Devil's Pool on the Waihopai, and introduction of a school uniform in 1926. He ascribed the great success of old boys in later life to the Scotch tradition of education in the school and the bracing climate. The afternoon assembly concluded with speeches by Messrs J. FLANNERY and JOHN PAGE, both for many years masters at the school.

7 p.m.: DINNER—

At the dinner held in the Drill Hall, MR T. L. MACDONALD, Minister of External Affairs, and a distinguished old boy, proposed the toast to the school. He stressed the importance of the fact that a school was not only buildings and books, pupils and teachers. Atmosphere was vital to the well being of the school. After looking at the records of Southlandians throughout the world one could only deduce that the school atmosphere had been a good and healthy one. The bond between old boys was extremely strong and was a great power for good in the community. Mr Macdonald recalled the early duckings in the Otepuni Creek as an initiation ceremony and the tragedy when Ian Galloway and Cyril Soare were drowned at a school picnic at Greenhills.

In replying to the toast, "The School," MR D. G. GRANT, the present rector, said, "It is not my school but your school. The school has

a spirit, a tradition, a name. I have been feeling that spirit today." He commented on the admiration he had felt for the school as an observer from a distance—from Gore High School, to be exact. He said that on his appointment he had been able to sincerely declare that he knew of no other school in New Zealand to which he would prefer to go. In conclusion, Mr Grant said, "Today has been a great thrill. I can see why the school has got its name—I can feel it, and I hope that I'll be asked to come back in 25 years."

MR HANAN, Minister of Health, proposed the toast of past rectors and staffs. He commented particularly on Mr T. D. Pearce, the man who probably laid most of the foundations for the school. He said that the school had been fortunate in having fine rectors who had stayed long enough to form lasting attachments to the school.

MR M. LEADBETTER, a former rector replied. He traced the important contributions made by old boys of the school to the social services of education, especially the inspectorate. He mentioned the names of WILD, LOPDELL, BARNETT, MURDOCH, CAMERON, DILLARD, COCKROFT—all in office at the same time. The reason for this was that the staff had always been ready to give of themselves at all times. Rectors had come and gone, as had staffs, but each had added something to the tradition of the school, and had taken with him something of that tradition. Tradition was dynamic not static; tradition was to be lived up to, not leant on.

Speakers for the various decades were 1881-89 MR A. L. ADAMSON, 1900-09 MR J. N. MILLARD, 1910-19 MR R. D. COX, 1920-29 MR RUSSELL REID, 1930-39 MR J. W. McCHESNEY, 1940-55 MR J. G. MORTIMER. Anecdotes were well to the fore here and each speaker had some particularly humorous incident of school life to relate. MR ADAMSON could remember a boy who had climbed the wall into the girls' playground to retrieve a ball and had been rolled in the snow for his temerity. When cross-examined he had refused to divulge the name of his amazonian attacker. His reward came in the form of a box of chocolates from the grateful girl. "If Jules Tapper were to be here tonight, he might remember who she was," concluded Mr Adamson.

MR MILLARD'S greatest thrill was helping to beat Otago Boys' High School for the first time at Rugby. MR COX recalled some of the older masters and their great scholarship. Mat Alexander in mathematics, J. Dakin in Latin, and J. McGrath in English had all been outstanding. Their names also revived nostalgic memories of Mrs Peterson and her

tuck shop. MR REID said that boys at the school were given a series of passwords for life. He remembered the passing of the mighty T. D. Pearce. He had addressed the school, then walked for the last time from the hall, his head erect and body straight, but with tears running down his face. "That was greatness," said Mr Reid. He also remembered the day J. C. Dakin won his Rhodes Scholarship. His father was congratulated by the whole school. After the speeches of praise were over he rose and gave a lecture on numerology, the gist of which was that either numbers seven or ten were lucky to J. Dakin. He could not quite remember which it was so had never been able to use the system at the races.

MR McCHESNEY reminisced on his school days, and particularly on the performance of Paul McLachlan in breaking the mile record. The second runner, Dave Hudson, gave a great exhibition of sportsmanship on that occasion by breaking from the field and cutting across to the beginning of the straight, to shout encouragement to McLachlan in his sprint to the tape. MR MORTIMER said that the work of the last generation of old boys lay ahead of them. They would have to jealously guard the traditions and reputation forged by their predecessors. Finally Messrs J. FLANNERY and J. PAGE addressed the five hundred guests. Both were received enthusiastically.

Items were given during the evening by the Old Boys' choir and orchestra.

Sunday, 11 a.m.: Church Service—

A church service was held in the school hall. The Revs. L. JONES, of Dunedin, and J. T. GARDINER, of Balclutha, conducted the service and Mr V. G. C. Jones was the accompanist.

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We are indebted for the basis of our report on the Jubilee Celebrations to the Southland Daily News.

9.15 P.M. BROADCAST—

Mr A. R. Dunlop, the present first assistant and a master at the school for thirty years was master of ceremonies for a broadcast entitled "Non Scholae sed Vitae" from Station 4YZ. The Old Boys' Choir, under the conductorship of Victor Jones, sang the school song and a rebroadcast was made of the present Rector's address to the new boys of 1956. Later Mr S. G. Richardson spoke on the school's athletic and sporting record, and Mr J. R. Mills referred to the proud record of the school in two world wars. A highlight of the programme, was a recording taken during the working of an ordinary class in the gymnasium under the direction of Mr John Page, for many years the school's gym. instructor. Mr Del Ryan, an old boy and the present instructor, also assisted. Finally Mr S. T. Barnett, Commissioner of Police, gave a short address.

