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FOREWORD.

This year has found us with an almost full school. It has been a time of consolidation. The novelty of starting again has long since worn off, and we have so far proved ourselves that we are planning for early expansion and extension.

The Board of Governors has the deepest gratitude of the College for its keen desire to give us first-class equipment and facilities. To erect buildings at this time is no light undertaking, and the decision to put up new class-rooms, laboratory, and manual block in the new year is abundant proof, if such were needed, of the sincerity of the Board's interest.

This year has given us two great Victory Days. Cessation of hostilities has come. First one door has slammed—on Fascism; then another—on Nazism; and again a third—on Japan. Goebbel's prophecy for Germany applies now to the world—that the slamming of the doors would so shake the world that for a long time to come the nerves of men would be aquiver. The startling use made of Atomic Energy should cause Mankind to think, to place more value on wisdom than on skill, and to find true wisdom by the Spirit of God.

E. M. MARSHALL,

Principal.

GENERAL NOTES.

Staff.—It is inevitable, under war-time conditions—and recommencing as we did during a war—that it will take time for a permanent staff to be gathered together.

Last December we said farewell to Mr. J. W. Bennett, who had helped us for a year on the teaching staff.

We welcomed for the new year Mr. A. W. A. Parkes as Science Master, and Mr. M. C. Robbins, who specialised in Physical Education. Unfortunately Mr. Robbins had to leave in June for the Fleet Air Arm; but we were extremely fortunate in securing the services of Mr. G. P. Cooke, B.A., in his place. Mr. Cooke also is a specialist in Physical Education and Social Studies.

Roll.—We commenced 1944 with a handful, and finished the year with 53. Last year's pupils who did not attend this year numbered 12. Our Roll this year has been 92.

Health.—This has been excellent for the year. The Hospital has had to be used only rarely.

ACTIVITIES.

Sport.—Tennis, Cricket, Football, Softball, have been keenly followed; with Teniquoit, Boxing, and Swimming as conditions permitted.

- 1. Including the taking of the Census and the usual Rationing worries, we have had our full measure of excitements.
- 2. Huts.—While the younger boys built theirs by the plantation, the older ones waited until military huts were dragged on skids, for Hobbies and dressing-sheds. They will be a great boon to the Club enthusiasts.
- 3. Work on the Baths, under the direction of Mr. Knott, has been going on throughout the year. Slabs of concrete and spoil from excavations have been barrowed by his gangs; and the whole area should be most attractive by the opening of the season.
- 4. The Staffs have been meeting for discussion groups during the winter months. The meetings have been addressed and chaired by members, and a most profitable session has been held. The evenings have been not only informative and interesting, but have had a definite social and community value.

ADDITIONS TO THE CURRICULUM.

- 1. Crafts.—These have been taken up more seriously this year, and some splendid work has been done in clay, Plaster of Paris, painting, picture framing in passi-partout. When tools are available, carving will be added.
- 2. Woodwork.—A good course has been set up under the control of Mr. J. Bellhouse, of Patumahoe. Nearly all boys now have the opportunity to take it, and some useful and ornamental work has been done.
- 3. Music is now taking a more prominent place. In 1946 all boys will be taking Musical Appreciation and Singing practice, while Choir-work will be given more time.

V-E. AND V-J. DAYS.

No one, in his wildest dreams, would have thought in the May holidays that by the time of the next "break" we should be celebrating another Victory Day. But that is what happened.

Preparations had been made for Chapel service and other celebrations for V.E. Day, but it came when there was only a handful of boys at College. These, however, went to Pukekohe to hear the Proclamation read and were able to take part in the evening service.

V-J. Day came as the boys were about to depart for home. Their departure was hastened by a day, and most of the boys were able to celebrate at home.

May 8-9 and August 15-16, 1945, will not be forgotten for many a long day.

CHAPEL NOTES.

Chapel worship entails Prayers each evening, and services, both morning and evening, on Sundays. While a Sunday School meets in the Chapel on the Sunday afternoon, the Bible Class meets in the large Class-room.

Evening Prayers, conducted by the Principal, have taken the form of singing a hymn, consecutive readings from a Book of the Bible, and prayer. Sunday Services—conducted by the Chaplain, Rev. J. A. Daglish, in the morning, and by the Principal in the evening—follow the usual order, with boys reading the lesson, and the Choir assisting with an anthem or a hymn study. A serious attempt has been made this year to improve the singing; a list of suitable hymns has been compiled, and the boys are being trained to sing them in parts. The aim is not only that a boy will "have a good sing" at a service, but that he will find in a hymn an expression of his thought, and will be able to make it an act of worship. Thanks are due to Mr. Laurie, Choirmaster, and to Mrs. Gilling, organist.

During the year, special services have been held. At the end of Term I there was an evening devoted to William Cowper; at end of Term II, one on Chas. Wesley, when there were solos by Mr. Daglish, a trio by the Tongans, and an item by the Maori Singers—a memorable service; and at the end of Term III there will be special Carol Singing. One Sunday evening was devoted to a film presentation of "St. Paul before Agrippa." At the end of each Term, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been observed, when the majority of boys are communicants. In the 3rd Term, Preparation Classes for Church Membership are held by the Chaplain. Rev. E. Te Tuhi has visited the College on several occasions and has addressed the Maori boys.

Looking at the year's activity as a whole, one feels that there has been a healthy tone in the spirit of worship, and that the religious life has not been relegated to a set time or day, but has been related to every phase of College life. This can lead to nothing but good.

The thanks and appreciation of the College are tendered to Rev. Mr. Daglish for his constant, sympathetic work amongst us.



Every Sunday afternoon throughout the year Bible Class has been held in the Third Form classroom at 1.30 p.m., with Mr. Marshall presiding.

It was suggested early in the year that boys should take if possible all the service, under Mr. Marshall's supervision. This has been done, and the class has been in the boys' hands ever since.

Bible Class here is somewhat different from the usual. The first hymn is announced, and is followed by a prayer by one of the boys. Another hymn is sung, after which the reading is taken. After the next hymn the lesson is given or a talk. The talks this year have been based on great men such as Livingstone, Wilberforce and the Wesleys. Instead of a talk we sometimes had debates on subjects such as Liquor, Gambling, and the Parable of the Two Sons.

We then finished up the Class with another hymn and Mr. Marshall closed with the Benediction. The boys take a great interest in the Bible Class at the College, and have found the talks and debates very interesting and instructive.

On behalf of all the boys we tender our sincere thanks to the Marshall girls, who have always played the piano at our Bible Class.

C.D.D. & G.D.P.

EASTER CAMP, 1945.

On Wednesday, 29th March, six of our boys preceded the rest of us to the camp site in Henderson Valley as a working party and were followed the next day by the remainder of the 25 who represented College.

We went with the determination to achieve several things to win the Sports Banner, the trophy for the best concert item and that awarded for the best kept tent.

It was our fate that only one of the ambitions should be realized, though we came very near to achieving honour in the other two.

Under the able leadership of Mr. Robbins, and with George Palelei and other notable athletes on our strength, we proved on the sports field to be a superior group. In the Tabloid Sports Competition we entered three groups, and had two of them gain first and second places respectively, under George Palelei and Mr.

Parkes. In all three groups—Senior, Intermediate and Junior—our competitions did well, with Mr. Robbins and George Palelei figuring well to the fore. Phillips, in the Junior group, brought back to College the Herbert Smith Trophy and the whole party the Banner, now gracing the wall in the Third Form classroom.

Our boys, feeling that they were in good trim for football, challenged the remainder of the Camp to a match. It proved that our confidence in our ability was well founded, for the final score, after a fast game, was 12—0 in our favour.

In the concert, we put on a show of Maori songs, hakas, etc., and, although it was generally acclaimed the most prepared and best performed item, we were only placed second, since an allotment for Humour was included on the scale for marking. We were disappointed, but we could do nothing about it—nor could the judge.

We were distributed between two tents, and much rivalry was exhibited, especially between Takapuna and Wesley College—old friends—in the competition for the best kept tent, but we were doomed to disappointment as Takapuna came in one point ahead of one of our tents in the final count.

It was our privilege to present, on the Sunday at the morning service, a play centred round the story of the Prodigal Son. Tom Finau as the father, Neal as the Mother, Te Tuhi, H., as the prodigal, Pou, A., as his brother, and George Palelei, Watling, and Edwardson as servants produced a moving depiction of the famous Gospel story, and long will the thrill of their sympathetic interpretation be with those who witnessed it.

The theme of the studies covering four days was "loyalty," loyalty in the various spheres of our lives, and was fittingly brought to a climax by the Communion Service conducted on the Monday by the O.C., Rev. J. Lewis, of Mission Bay.

Those representing College were: Messrs. Robbins and Parkes, Rogers, Palelei, Pou, A., Pou, P., Matiu, Irimana, Neal, Edwardson, Davis, W., Alo, McGee, Watling, Sneddon, Te Tuhi, H., Hames, M., Tata, Wilson, Tahere, Phillips, Charley, Anderson, Baker and Finau.

I. T. FINAU.

Form 5b.

TRIPS BY THE COLLEGE "CAMP" PARTY.

July 29th.—Easter Camp party travelled to Avondale and took the evening service at the Methodist Church. The play "The Prodigal," which was presented at Easter Camp, was repeated, and the service also included Maori and Tongan hymns.

September 23rd.—The programme, slightly changed, was presented at Pukekohe Methodist Church.

September 30th.—With Mr. Marshall accompanying and giving an outline of the College activities just prior to the play, we again presented our programme at Mt. Albert Church to another crowded congregation.

To Revs. Bycroft, Daglish and Parker of these three churches and to their congregations we wish to extend our thanks for the invitations and for the fellowship provided.

This link between College and the Church which fosters us will be continued on October 28th, when our party hopes to travel to Ponsonby Methodist Church at the invitation of Rev. H. Matthews.

REPORT OF WESLEY COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

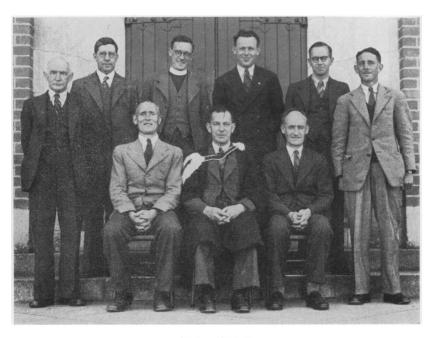
This year of Sunday School life has brought its blessings to both scholars and teachers. The children entered whole-heartedly into their work and worship, showing both keenness and interest. Four scholars entered for the Sunday School Union Scripture examinations. One was successful in winning a prize, two won seals for their Diplomas, and one won a certificate of merit, quite a pleasing result, considering we have only a roll of eighteen, most of whom are Primary age.

During the year we have farewelled Mrs. Mugridge, who has left the district. She was a faithful and devoted teacher and we we regretted very much losing her services. We wish her God's blessing in her new sphere. Miss White has recently joined the College staff and we welcome her into our midst. She is an experienced Sunday School teacher, and is very happy to find a place here in the work that she loves. At an evening service in the Chapel, the children presented a Christmas Pageant, "The Three Wise Men," each child bringing a gift, which was later sent to Sister Ivy for her Maori Sunday School Christmas Tree.

The Rev. Thompson, general secretary of The Mission to Lepers, visited us and delivered a most interesting and informative address illustrated by lantern slides on the Leper Mission work, also the Life of Christ. The memory of this visit will linger long, as it was greatly appreciated, not only by the Sunday School members but also by the boys of the College and friends.

The Youth Director, Mr. Bate, also visited the Sunday School and very kindly lent us some short New Testament film strips.

We give thanks to God that he has prospered us; and we have been able to make donations to Leper Mission Work, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Church of Lotu Readers.



STAFF, 1945.



SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1945.

THE PUKEKOHE SHOW.

During the first Term the whole College travelled in lorry relays to Pukekohe to attend the annual show. We were each given 2/- to spend, and with side-shows, ice-cream, popcorn, etc., our choice was a wide one. Most of us seemed to congregate round the merry-go-round and the "super-man" tent. However, there were dancing displays, horse-riding and cattle judging to occupy our attention and time went quickly till lunch time, and we ate picnic fashion round the truck. After a pleasant day we returned to school, having greatly enjoyed this break from the usual routine.

SOCIALS.

Wesley College was invited to attend a social in Pukekohe during the first Term. About 20 boys were conveyed in the lorry to the function, where they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In certain games the boys excelled. At the close of the evening an excellent supper was provided.

R. CATES.

On June 12th all Form One and Two were transported in the College lorry to Pukekohe, where a concert was held. We boys put on a play called "The King's Warrant." Later in the evening we said some poetry. The College film was shown by our Principal, after which we had supper. The last item was a mock court, in which our Principal acted.

The concert was held to commemorate an anniversary of the Methodist Church, to whom all admittance fees were donated.

We retired at a late hour that night very contented and sleepy.

B. CLARK.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF PUKEKOHE SCHOOL.

During the first Term a selected group of Maori and Tongan boys travelled to the anniversary day of Pukekohe School.

There they performed a number of action songs and hakas, and items by the boys from Tonga. At the conclusion of the boys' items they were provided with a cup of tea for their trouble and were waited upon by High School girls.

Besides the boys' entertainments, other activities helped to make the afternoon a success. These included a parade of the primary section and a game of basketball by the High School girls.

A number of shops and side-shows were sponsored by the School Committee.

The afternoon's entertainments were not yet over when the boys reluctantly returned in the lorry.

—K.M.D.



The year's entertainment began with a social on 10th Febru-A week later our film projector went into action and for three Saturday nights in succession pictures were on the programme. March 10th found us listening to a talk by Mr. Parkes on his experiences overseas with the Air Force. A further picture interlude carried us on to the Easter vacation. April 7th was marked by a visit to a Pukekohe Methodist Bible Class Social, where indoor games successfully accounted for another Saturday evening. No mention has been made yet of a Boys' Concert, but this was the order of the day for 21st April. Some good plays were staged, "Shivering Shocks," performed by 4A boys being ably produced by Messrs. Pickering and Cates. The Robin Hood play, performed by Forms I and II, had a good reception. These boys are showing more confidence on the stage now, and their use of spontaneous gesture shows them to be at home in the parts allotted to them. Another evening's pictures brought us to the end of the Term.

Early in the second Term Mr. Thompson's lantern lecture (referred to elsewhere) set the ball rolling, and later on we had the pleasure of seeing a very good film entitled "World of Plenty" from the American Legation Office in Wellington. A social at Pukekohe on the 30th June afforded an enjoyable outing for a party of boys—and then came the mid-term break. Films kept coming fortnightly, and our enthusiasm for them never waned. The boys were ready with another concert on 21st July. Then came one of the high spots in the year's entertainment, to wit, Mr. Laurie's choir, reference to which is already made in our visitor's column.

And here, we had almost said, the curtain falls; but wait! a staff concert is on the horizon. Alas! it is too far a horizon for the printer to scan.

LAURIE HAD SOME LITTLE LAMBS.

There were three sheep who had three lambs,
And found them hard to feed,
And so to save themselves the work,
They leased the lambs to Reed.

J.C.P.-F. IV.



Late in March Mr. Reid and Mr. Houghton, from the Education Board, visited the school and spent the afternoon demonstrating new methods in physical drill. In the evening they showed films dealing with swimming techniques, and indoor gymnastics.

On May 28th Mr. Champtaloup, of the Automobile Association, came out and showed us two sets of coloured films, one on road safety and the other on European countries he had visited on world tour.

June was our lucky month in regard to visitors. Rev. F. A. Thompson, of the Mission to Lepers, gave us an interesting evening with photographic studies depicting missionary work among the lepers of Africa. The following morning the chapel service was conducted by Mr. Thompson, who went further into the life of a leper for his sermon.

Our next visitor was the Rev. C. H. Olds, of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton. His visit was conspicuous by its brevity. Many of us still remember Mr. Olds' parable of the train.

Our last visitors during the month were the Rev. A. H. and Mrs. Voyce. Mr. Voyce spoke on life in the Solomon Islands and showed us some interesting exhibits of native dress, ornaments and money. The speaker made references to the good work being done by Belshazzar Gina, an old boy of the College.

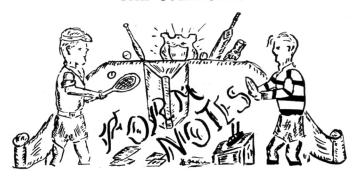
Near the close of the second Term we had the pleasure of a visit by the Lyric Harmonists under the baton of Mr. C. Laurie. His choir, which was 40 strong, gave us a splendid concert.

We started the third Term with having two visitors. The first, Mr. Woods, a professional boxer, who gave us a demonstration on boxing. His short visit was very valuable to the boxing club.

Less than a week later Mr. Smithells, director of Physical Education, gave us a short address.

Before the end of the year Mr. Laurie's Junior Choir is to visit us.





FORM V NOTES.

This is the top form of the College; we live and do most of our work in the Reference Library, which is hot in summer and cold in winter. This cramps our style a little in some respects, but we have boys without whom the College would be a good deal less on the map. We have a batsman who can bowl, play tennis and football better than anyone else in the school. We have the fast bowler of the First XI and had the crack wing three-quarter of the First XV, the half, the two five-eighths, and the full-back too. Our two five-eighths were picked to play the South Auckland Reps., which is not only an honour for themselves and the school, but also for their Form-Form V. All the prefects are in our Form, so that on the subjects of sport and rules we are the Brains Trust of the College. We sit at the head of the tables at mealtime and when: "There's a boy who's fond of butter. He finds the rations poor. So when he gets his share at tea, he tries to pinch some more." Well, we need the Wisdom of Solomon to keep the peace. We are not only tops in Sport, but as for school work, we prefer not to discuss controversial subjects. When the results of the Public Service Entrance come out they will speak for us. In our Form are the geniuses of the school, as the following will show:—

> There was a young fella from Tonga, Whose whiskers grew longa and longa. He started shaving in May, Now he shaves every day, But still they grow longa and longa.

FORM IVA NOTES.

At Easter Camp Alo attempted to break his neck by diving and hitting the bottom of the swimming pool. He failed miserably, and as a result he barred himself from his school studies for a while. In the Swimming Sports, which were held on the 7th March, R. Cates won the Intermediate Championship.

In the Annual Sports M. Lee, who won the Intermediate Championship, broke two records and so brought more honour to our Form.

We are fortunate in having as a member of our Form J. Pickering, the present holder of the Boyce Cup, and also R. Cates, who was runner-up.

Two members of our Form, Alo and Lee, fought their way up into the semi-finals of the Heavy-weight Boxing Championship.

W. Baker is the present holder of the Junior Tennis Cup.

We have four radio enthusiasts also in our Form who *might* at some future date rock the world with a new discovery. Three of our Form have played in the First XV and three in the First XI.

FORM IVB NOTES.

At the beginning of the year we found that Form IVB included boys from last year's Form IIIB and many new boys to the College. However, we soon found we were a happy Form, and pleased with the subjects we were to take during the coming terms we were to spend together.

During the course of the year Form IVB distinguished itself in sport. In our midst we had five First XV players and three First XI players. W. Davis, an outstanding player in the First XV, scored the most points in our competition matches and also quite a number in practice matches.

Many boys in our Form have made names for themselves during the year in different ways. For instance, the beauty of the Form is the glamorous Judy Garland from Hollywood. Next comes Mac. the arsenic eater, who spent many days in bed. Few will forget Sam, who eats Rawleigh's energy pills. All we can say is that his energy is used in talking. Clive Denize, from the often mentioned Coromandel, where even the roosters lay eggs, has always a laugh over Sam's great wit. Then there comes the one and only Daniel, who is always puzzled on any subject. Gilmore, who is one of our star cricketers, seems to take a liking to his bed during the winter months. Then we mustn't forget Edward Leef, who spends his holidays thinking up a reason, so that he may stay home an extra week, and then returns to College only to work harder, to make up for lost time.

—C.D.D.

FORM IIIA NOTES.

Calling all Forms! Calling all Forms! IIIA is here, wishing to present itself in this great parade of brains, pens, and words.

Indeed, we have good cause to boast, for we have many good men, in their own particular fields.

For instance, we will not lack for music while we have in our midst the singer of the age, "George Formby," at his work. I think the Form would like him to be presented to them.

Also we have the "Court Girter"; he and his neighbour are nearly always arguing over some trifle or other, and is nearly always at the "wrong end of the stick."

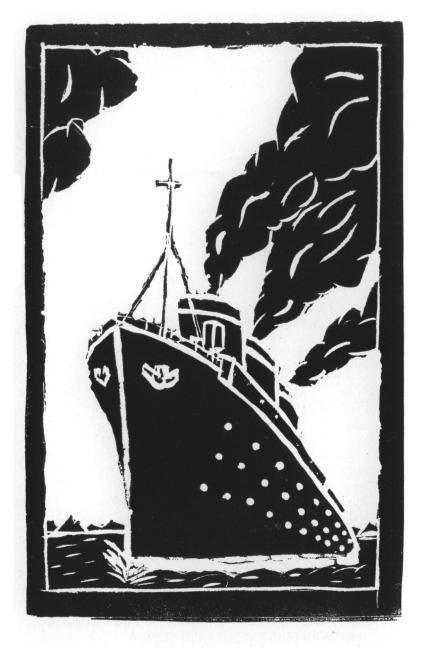
We must not leave out our "Brains Trust," S. Neal, who was top of the Form last exam. and, before that, came out second.

An outstanding group is the lot of boys who are good at athletics: S. Neal, runner; J. Piahana, J. Anderson, J. Charley, "Nobby" Clark, Dick Davis, all good footballers; B. Simpson, "Nobby" Clark, W. Royal, the world-famous cricket trio. In fact, Form III has not done so badly at all in sport (or in class either), considering that the other Forms (III upwards) have the advantage of us in weight and size.

In the IIIA-IIIB footer match in the second Term we played one man short, and although the score resulted at "nil all," it was a tough game, we stood out quite well.

FORM HIB NOTES.

From this Form will come the future champions of the school, not only in sports but also in classwork. IIIB stands for The Three Blessed. Jack Brown, with his book of wisdom, heads the class for work and speech-making. Then there is Jacob Rankin, who is at least 13 stone. Although this is a sign of laziness, on the football field he is the foundation of the scrum. There is Ben Solomon, who claims to be the wisest man in the world and proves himself at the dining table. There is John McGee, the lightweight boxing champ., and Bobby Burness, the good writer who has never been known to spell a word wrongly.



SHIP By W. T. Royal, Form IIIA.

FORM I AND II NOTES.

We commenced this year 24 strong. John Tata left us at the end of the second Term, and then Fred Robb joined our ranks.

At each school concert we have staged a Robin Hood play. For one of these plays, entitled "Robin Goes to Sea," we had a large scene done in chalks and charcoal by Hikuroa (assisted by Wilson). This gave a life-like background.

We have found some good clays on the farm and these keep us busy with our modelling.

A class library is now operating—different members of the class having donated books. We would like to know whether there are rooms to let in those huts down near the plantation.

A TONGAN LOOKS AT THE COLLEGE.

Dear —,

Let me first of all introduce myself. I am a Tongan Scholar. I came in May last year, and because I had not settled down to your cold weather I spent a couple of months in the Public Hospital in the Third Term.

As for the College, I have not the words to explain how beautiful it is. I do feel proud of it. It is the only College under the authority of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. It is widely known in the Islands, and the boys who were here before have become heroes in their native land.

Before I came, my aim was to follow one Course only; but I found that here we are taught matters to do with three things—the Spirit, the Mind, and the Body. We are taught to stand for ourselves, to fight for truth, to do all we can for the benefit of others.

Farm Work. I used to hear someone say, "It is useless learning it. I am not going to be a farmer." Neither am I. We do not have sheep farms in the Islands. But it is good for us to know something about animals, how to treat them and care for them.

The College monogram—notice the three crowns and the three words around them. We notice other three's here too. We have already mentioned the three things taught at College. There are three Races at College: Europeans, Maoris, Islanders.

Regards to you,

Your brother at Wesley,

A TOUR OF THE COLLEGE.

As we were distinguished visitors, we were met at the College gate by one of the more educated scholars, who was to conduct us on our tour. As we walked around he gave us much interesting information with regard to the various buildings. We have endeavoured to give descriptions in this article so that outsiders who have never had the pleasure of visiting Wesley College may have the benefit of reading of the experiences of those who have. Roughly, our guide's conversation ran thus:

"Here is the sacred Gothic structure within which the juvenile males congregate as twilight falls, and when the melodious music of the organ rises with its voluptuous swell they join in

singing hymns of praise.

"We are now approaching the 'Home of Good Cookery,' where thrice daily the boys partake of their sumptuous meals

which are intended to satisfy their voracious appetites.

"This is the important centre in this institution, the Chamber of Educational Advancement, where students of various kinds, some reluctantly, others willingly, spend their school hours, receiving and carrying out numerous instructions on various subjects, which not only enlarge their knowledge but also train them to live happily with one another.

"In yonder building scientific experiments are performed under the instructions of a pedagogic supervisor. Here, too, the

students often terminate the existence of some test-tubes.

"There are the courts where the adventurous boys depart to exercise their muscles in the noble art of shattering costly

racquets.

"You are now approaching a dormitory, a place divided into numerous cubicles, in which four or five beds are tidily arranged. Tired youths seek rest on these pieces of domestic furniture which serve them as a nocturnal resting place in preparation for the strenuous exertions of each day's morrow.

"On our way to the Office we passed a small room in which the conglomeration of miscellaneous articles announces the Prefect's presence. We pass on to the Principal's Office, where the College business transactions are carried out and where justice is administered to unfortunate perpetrators of evil, who are sometimes the recipients of painfully inflicted flagellation on the posterior region of their anatomy.

"Let us now proceed to the building in which the lactic fluid is extracted from the female bovine by means of an intricate

machine."

Leaving the dairy, we reluctantly made our way down the drive, greatly impressed by what we had seen, and somewhat staggered by what we had heard of charming Wesley College.

A TOUR.

On the day of PENTECOST the Field MARSHAL and his GRAY-SON strolled down the Olive GROVE and listened to the ROBBINS singing in the TREE. After this they enjoyed a meal of roast LAMB and a cup of COFFEE which had been prepared by the COOKE. And after GILLING—I mean filling themselves with this repast they took a trip in the BLACK and WHITE LAURIE to the River JORDAN. Having arrived, they took off their clothes and tied them in a KNOTT and dived from the CLIFF into the waters beneath. When the swim was over they visited the various PARKES and saw the place where ALEXANDER the Great was killed. R.C. & J.P.

BEWARE!

No sound in the air, not a word was said, The boys were as silent as if they were dead. The headmaster, with a stern, angry eye, Said, "Around to the office!" The boys could die. "No prep. done is an unpardonable sin, You'll get what's deserved," with a stroke of his chin, Along the black tarry path they went, For shame and for sorrow their heads were bent. "At four," he said, "your work you'll do, All of your Prep. and a little more too. If this foul deed is done once more, I'll tan your hides until you're sore." This stern statement by the Principal Will be remembered by large and small. The boys did their English in penitent sorrow, But better work was done on the morrow. So Beware, beware all my good friends, For bad boys come to tragic ends. Though your work and study be hard and long, Don't forget my little song. J.H.W.—F. IV.

ONCE BITTEN—TWICE SHY.

He hesitated at the threshold Of the dressing room forbid, And underneath a flannel shirt A pounding heart he hid. He looked to left, he looked to right, He looked before and 'hind, But not a prowling prefect His searching eyes could find. "Ha! Safe!" he murmured softly And boldly sauntered round. "It is a brave and noble deed To tread forbidden ground:" And when he'd satisfied himself, He'd made his act worth while, He turned to take his leave— Bas met him with a smile. "Shoes on in dressing room?" He didn't like "Web's" look, So at the afternoon parade His name had graced "The Book," He stormed and raged and howled revenge, His face was masked with gloom, And soon as school was o'er he went Back to the dressing room. He hesitated at the threshold Of the dressing room forbid, And underneath a flannel shirt A pounding heart he hid. He looked to left, he looked to right, And saw not one of his foes. And then he stooped down warily And took off—both his shoes.

—J.P., F.IV.

BUTTER.

I cut the butter,
But the bit was small,
I found it better,
Than none at all.
I took my share,
And passed it on,
To Hik, to Kerr,
And Sol-o-mon.

P.B.—F. IV.



MAORI CARVING By J. T. Piahana, Form IIIA.



One of the most successful clubs this year has been the Aero Club, which revived at the beginning of last year after a lapse of two years, and since has shown steady progress.

The members have built many models during the year, exhibiting care and patience in attending to details. The 'planes built were models of several of our famous fighter craft, the Spitfire, Typhoon and Mustang being popular.

An Army hut has now been provided for the use of the club and should prove to be a good club room. More and better 'planes should then be constructed, with the added facilities of a room devoted to the club's interests alone.

The membership at present stands at nine, the boys being: Clark, B., Freeth, Geraghty, King, Paterson, Royal, Taua, Thomas, Te Tuhi, D.

D. FREETH, Form II.

RADIO CLUB.

Having a modest beginning during the First Term, when a group of interested boys met regularly in the Lab, and expressed a desire to join the thousands of other boys in New Zealand in following the magic call of the mysterious blue ether, this club has blossomed forth in an enthusiastic era of set construction, our efforts being concentrated mainly on midget one-valve receivers, with more than pleasing results to the owners.

In spare moments the Lab. is filled with busy people bent on doing things, and things are done! How much the electric bill has soared up because of the amount absorbed by the soldering iron we do not know, but apparently it isn't too steep, or else we should have heard from Mr. Marshall.

The art of rigging aerials to supports has not been neglected, and often has there been a number of boys on the roof stringing copper wire through space.

A nucleus of a good technical library has been assembled and will be steadily added to during the future, mainly through the generosity of Mrs. Cotter.

The members of the club are: Baker, Carson, Clark, B., Clark, H., Cotter, Freeth, Geraghty, Gribble, Hikuroa, Holden, Paterson, Pickering, Robb, Simpson, Watling, Wiseman, P.

—D. CARSON, Form II.



All the land east of the Clay Road, that is, D and E blocks, was sold in January along with most of the sheep. As a result of this the No. 2 Dairy herd was combined with the No. 1 as from the beginning of March, and Messrs. E. Mugridge and G. Arvidson were lost from the farm staff.

In January the College sent a crop of peas to the Dehydration Works at Pukekohe.

In February the College purchased a hundred-guinea Southdown ram from the Punchbowl Stud and six hundred Romney ewes for fat lamb breeding. As well as this a successful potato crop was harvested.

In June a stud Friesian Bull was bought from Major Wilson's well-known stud at Bulls.

Additional concreting was done to the race at the No. 1 cowshed and a new yard and new rails were constructed. In May, our friend Mr. Jim Price left, his successor being Mr. D. Grayson, a former member of the farm staff.

The Army authorities have closed the camp on the College farm and the land will soon be in use again. Some of the Army huts on the site have been bought by the College and the others have been removed. The main bore on the camp site, together with pump and tanks, has been purchased and is now connected with the existing water supply.

This spring, three paddocks have been prepared for supplementary crops, one for rape, one for swedes, and one for chou moellier.

Autumn this year was one of the wettest on record. Eight inches of rain fell in May. The winter was the coldest locally recorded, and in June one frost of twelve degrees was registered.

—P.W.

KITCHEN DUTY!

Owing to labour shortages boys have had to work in the kitchen since the end of the First Term. Three of our boys are appointed each day for this work, so that one boy has a turn once in three weeks.

It has also been proved that the boys are very capable and reliable and do the work as well as anyone can. And to encourage us to work more thoroughly, a prize is awarded to the best set of boys in the cycle of three weeks.

—G.D.P.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Librarian: Mr. Gilling.

Assistants: Mitchell, Macdonald, O. Gray and L. Hames.

The Library period every week is probably the most popular period for each Form and the best books are well read and passed round. The reference section is being used more and more in connection with the work in other subjects. We have not the books we would like simply because they are too scarce and too dear. Early in the year a good number of new books were bought, and one result has been that a number of the boys have become enthusiastic admirers of Alexander Dumas and "Q." The bound volumes of Geographical Magazines provide good reading for boys who are not interested in the lesson being taken. The teachers, however, are not keen to take lessons in the Library as time is wasted going backwards and forwards and the boys take more interest in the bookshelves than the blackboard. In addition to the weekly Library periods pupils can go over and change books between four and five in the afternoon whenever a librarian is available, so that there is ample opportunity for obtaining library books. When boys are taken over to the Library, there is a tendency for them to sit on the benches instead of the forms, and there have been times when boys have gone to sleep on them. When a boy takes out a popular book, such as "The Three Musketeers," there is usually a long waiting list, so that such books are kept in circulation.



This year the First Fifteen played in the Pukekohe Rugby Union's Junior competition and put up a very good record. They played 12 matches won 7, drew 4 and lost 1. The team were runners-up in their division of the competition.

The Second Fifteen played three matches and won them all. They showed that with practice and age there will be many boys to pick from for the First Fifteen next year.

Two of the College boys played for the Pukekohe Senior Reps., Rogers and Palelei. Rogers also played earlier for the Junior Reps. Davis and Hayward were picked for a trial match for the Junior Reps. Rogers and Palelei played for the Maori team that beat the Pakehas at Pukekohe.

Results:-

- May 26—v. Puni. Drawn, 8—8. A try by Hayward converted by Rogers. Penalty goal by Davis. Irimana the best back on the day's play.
- June 2—v. Patumahoe. Won 13—9. Tries by Palelei, Rogers and Lee. Converted by Davis and Rogers. Forwards played well.
- June 9— v. Wanderers. Won, 10—0. Tries by Palelei and Rogers. Won more by Wanderers' mistakes than any virtue of ours. Forwards played well, but backs rather ragged. Te Tuhi played well.
- June 16—v. Puni. Won, 5—3. Try by Palelei, converted by Davis. Lucky to win. Thomas at full-back saved the game.
- June 23—v. Patumahoe. Won, 12—3. One try each. Penalty kicks by Davis and Rogers (2). Try by Rogers, and such a try!
- June 30—v. Wanderers. Lost, 10—6. Two penalty goals by Davis. A good game when another five minutes might have given a different result.
- July 7-v. Puni. Won, 6-0. Tries by Palelei and Hayward.
- July 14—v. Patumahoe. Won, 12—6. A game in the mud and rain, miserable enough even for Mr. Knott and the other spectators. However, Hayward scored three tries and Rogers one.
- July 21—v. Wanderers. Drawn, 0—0. The best game of the season, a good, hard, clean game.
- July 28—v. Puni. Drawn, 3—3. Try by Palelei. Bad luck and a silly mistake gave Puni a free kick under the goal. Just too bad, as Finau would say.
- August 4.—v. Wanderers, Drawn, 3—3. A penalty goal each, ours by Davis. A good game, but the draw put the College team out of the competition.

The following boys played for the First Fifteen during the season: G. Palelei (Captain), H. Te Tuhi, K. Bedggood, W. Davis, G. Hayward, P. Rogers, H. Irimana, P. Pou, A. Waugh, K. Dewes, J. Rankin, E. Leef, J. Anderson, B. Webster, A. Mortensen, G. Phillips, M. Lee, T. Sneddon, D. Thomas, W. Baker.

The following boys scored points in the competition matches:—Davis 23, and all with his boot.

Rogers 22, three tries and five goals.

Palelei 15, five tries.

Hayward 15, five tries.

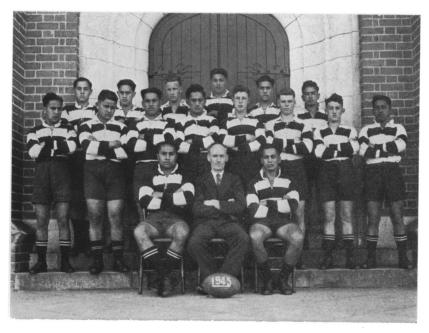
Lee 3, one try.

The team was coached by Mr. Gilling.

Juniors-

- v. Wanderers Thirds: Won, 6-0.
- v. Waiuku D.H.S. at Waiuku: Won, 41-5.
- v. Waiuku D.H.S. at College: Won, 32-3.

The College team was too heavy and fast for the Waiuku boys, but both teams enjoyed their trips.



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1945.



FIRST ELEVEN, 1945.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Senior---

- 1. School won, 19-3.
- 2. Simmonds won, 11-8.
- 3. Simmonds won, 11-4.

Junior-

- 1. Simmonds won, 14-0.
- 2. Simmonds won, 6-3.
- 3. School won, 7-6.

The Senior games were refereed by Mr. Gilling and Mr. Cooke, and the Junior by Palelei and Irimana.



We have had a very successful season. The First XI won all their games and the local competition. Our long expected game with Otahuhu Technical High School was played and was an outright win for us.

At the start many of the team were very green and George Palelei, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Robbins had to make the runs. Towards the end of the season, however, thanks to the coaching of Mr. Robbins, the tail was able to contribute a fair share.

Mr. Alexander captained the side in the competition games and Palelei in the others.

We had some exciting games, especially our first game against Pukekohe, which was our closest rival. In the first innings they made 123 and we were all out for 117. But in their second, Mr. Alexander got among them with the "benders" and they were all out for 10, leaving us only an easy 17 to make.

The First XI had made a good name for the College and we will do our best to maintain the same standard in the coming season.

MATCHES PLAYED.

- College v. Glenbrook B., at Glenbrook on 27/1/45. Glenbrook 157. College 174 for 3 wickets.
 - Result.—Win on first innings for College.
- 2. College v. Glenbrook A., at Glenbrook on 3/2/45. Glenbrook 52. College 152.

Result.—Win for College on first innings.

3. College v. Pukekohe, at College on 24/2/45.

First innings: Pukekohe 123. College 118. Second innings: Pukekohe 10. College 31. Result.—Win for the College on the total.

Thanks to the great bowling of Alexander we managed to have an outright victory.

- 4. College v. Mauku, at College on 3/3/45. Mauku 70. College 174 (first innings). Mauku (second innings) 43.
- Result.—An outright win for College.
- 5. College v. Waiuku, at Waiuku on 10/3/45. Waiuku 64. College 151.

Result.—A win for College on the first innings by 87 runs.

- 6. College v. Glenbrook A., at Glenbrook on 20/3/45. College 130. Glenbrook 74.
 - Result .- A win for College on first innings by 56 runs.
- 7. College v. Waiuku, at College on 27/1/45. College 103. Waiuku 86.
- Result.—A first innings win for College by 27 runs.
- 8. College v. Glenbrook, at Glenbrook on 3/4/45. College 98. Glenbrook 70.

Result.—A win for College on first innings by 28 runs.

Batting.			Bowlers.			
Name.	Runs.	Innings.	Average.	No. Wkts.	Runs.	Average.
Palelei	384	9	42.6	31	124	4.0
Alexander	158	7	22.5	49	326	6.6
Robbins	188	6	31.3	_	_	
Alo	76	7	10.9	_	-	
Finau	51	7	7.2	19	77	4.0
Davis, W.	39	5	7.8	_	_	
Phillips	26	5	5.2	-	_	_
Webster	21	4	5.2			
Te Tuhi, H.	1	4	.25		_	
Gilmore	15	6	2.5	7	49	7.0
Rogers	8	3	2.6	_		

As we were very busy playing for the local competition, Otahuhu Technical High School was the only school played. Their team was very confident at the beginning, but when George Palelei made a century in the first hour, we felt sure to win. It was a good game, and we hope to meet them again.

Otahuhu-

First Innings, 49 (Palelei, 6 for 7; Finau, 3 for 6; Gilmore, 1 for 9. Second Innings, 60 (Palelei, 4 for 5; Finau, 3 for 11).

College-

First Innings: Palelei 160 (retired), Alo 15, Davis, W. 2, Finau 2, Webster 1, Gilmore 4, Royal 0, Lovegrove 11, Te Tuhi, H. 1, Simpson 25 not out, Pickering 2; extras 23. Total, 248.

An outright win for College by an innings and 139 runs.



These were held on Saturday, March 24th, on College grounds, but, owing to the fact that the weather during the previous 24 hours had been anything but promising, the attendance of parents and other interested persons was disappointing.

The Cross Country events and eliminations were completed during the previous week.

The results were as follow:-

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

100 Yards.—Senior: G. Palelei. Intermediate: M. Lee.

220 Yards.—Senior: G. Palelei. Intermediate: M. Lee.

440 Yards-Senior: G. Palelei. Intermediate: B. Simpson.

880 Yards—Senior: G. Palelei. Intermediate: G. Phillips. Junior: S. Neal.

Mile—Senior: G. Palelei. Intermediate: G. Phillips. Junior: S. Neal.

Cross Country—Senior: P. Rogers, D. Thomas. Intermediate: G. Phillips. Junior: S. Neal.

120 Yards Hurdles—Senior: G. Palelei. Intermediate: H. Irimana. Long Jump—Senior: G. Palelei. Intermediate: M. Lee. Junior: M. Carey

Hop, Step, Jump—Senior: G. Palelei. Intermediate: H. Te Tuhi.High Jump—Senior: G. Palelei. Intermediate: M. Lee. Junior: C. Gribble.

Pole Vault—Senior: T. Finau.

Putting Shot—Senior: G. Palelei.

Cricket Ball-Senior: G. Palelei. Intermediate: H. Te Tuhi.

Junior-

75 Yards-W. Rice.

150 Yards-F. Edwardson.

90 Yards Hurdles-F. Edwardson.

Winners of Championships and runners-up were: -

Senior-

G. Palelei, 55 points, 1; P. Rogers, 26 points, 2.

Intermediate-

M. Lee, 20 points, 1; G. Phillips, 19 points, 2.

Junior---

S. Neal, 15 points, 1; F. Edwardson, 14 points, 2.

HANDICAP EVENTS.

Senior 100 Yards—W. Davis.
Intermediate 100 Yards—P. Bennett.
Junior 75 Yards—A. Tutara.
Senior 220 Yards—B. Webster.
Intermediate 220 Yards—M. Lee.
Junior 150 Yards—F. Edwardson.
Senior 440 Yards—W. Davis.
Intermediate 440 Yards—G. Phillips.

In the Tugs-o'-war, School House beat Simmonds House in all three events, whilst in the Relays, Simmonds House achieved victory in the Junior event.

The Houses gained the following points in the three grades:-

		School	Simmonds
Senior		107	15
Intermediate		42	63
Junior	• •	39	37
Total		188	115

A. W. A. PARKES.

SWIMMING.

The construction of the College baths was the big event this year as far as swimming is concerned. The mishap which rendered them useless after a week or two was most unfortunate, but their popularity for the first month of the year was an indication what their value will be in the time to come. The Annual Swimming Sports were held in the Pukekohe Baths on March 7. Some preliminary events were held in the College pool a few days before and others should have been decided. Intermediate events were added to the programme this year for the first time and the result was that there were some left undecided. The results were as follows:—

SENIOR.

- 25 Yards Freestyle.—Tata, 1; Haawe, 2; Thomas, 3. Time, 15 secs.
- 25 Yards Breaststroke.—Webster, 1; Hayward, 2; Leef, 3. Time, 25 4-5 secs.
- 50 Yards Freestyle.—Tata, 1; Tahere, 2; Lee, 3. Time, 35 3-5 secs. Dive.—Thomas, 1; Tata, 2; Webster, 3.
- 100 Yards Freestyle.—Leef, 1; Haawe, 2; Tahere, 3. Time, 1 min. 39 1-5 secs.
- 25 Yards Backstroke.—Leef, 1; Hayward, 2; Haawe, 3. Time, 21 secs.

INTERMEDIATE.

- 25 Yards Freestyle.—Taua, 1; Cates, 2; Burness, 3. Time, 15 4-5 secs.
- 50 Yards Freestyle.—Cates, 1; Taua, 2; H. Te Tuhi, 3. Time 36 4-5 secs.
- 75 Yards Freestyle.—Burness, 1; H. Te Tuhi, 2; Rankin, 3. Time, 1 min. 8 4-5 secs.

Dive.—H. Te Tuhi, 1; Cates, 2; Hohepa, 3.

Backstroke.—Simpson, 1; Cates, 2; Hohepa, 3. Time, 19 3-5 secs. Breaststroke.—Simpson, 1; Cates, 2; Burness, 3. Time, 21 3-5 secs.

JUNIOR.

- 25 Yards Freestyle.—Phillips, 1; Edwardson, 2; Carey, 3. Time, 17 1-5 secs.
- 33 1-3 Yards Freestyle.—Phillips, 1; Carey, 2; Pickering, 3. Time, 23 2-5 secs.
- 50 Yards Freestyle.—Phillips, 1; Edwardson, 2; J. Hardie, 3. Time, 42 1-5 secs.

Dive.—P. Hardie and Phillips, 1; J. Hardie, 3.

Breaststroke.—Phillips, 1; D. Te Tuhi, 2.

HANDICAP EVENTS.

Senior 25 Yards.—Tata, 1; Palelei, 2; Thomas, 3.

Junior 25 Yards.—Phillips, 1; Carey, 2; Pickering, 3.

Form Relay.—Form 4a, 1; Form 3, 2; Forms 1 and 2, 3.

House Relays.—School House won the three relays.

The Senior Championship was won by J. Tata, 13 points, with E. Leef, 11 points, runner-up.

The Intermediate Championship was won by R. Cates, 17 points, with B. Simpson, 10 points, runner-up.

The Junior Championship was won by G. Phillips, 24 points, with Edwardson, 6 points, runner-up.

House Points—	School	Simmonds
Junior	33½ points	$41\frac{1}{2}$ points.
Intermediate	39 ,,	24 ,,
Senior	45 ,,	12 ,,

BOXING NOTES, 1945.

Boxing classes were held in the winter term, culminating in a tournament before break-up. The ring was erected in the Third Form Class-room. There were five different classes, ranging from light-weight to heavy-weight. Cotter acted as timekeeper and allowed for three 1-minute rounds for Juniors and three $1\frac{1}{2}$ -minute rounds for Seniors. Thomas was announcer and Mr. Alexander and Mr. Summerell kindly acted as judges. After some very interesting bouts these were the results:—

Light-weight.—D. Te Tuhi; runner-up, King.

8-9 Stone.—Burness; runner-up, W. Macdonald.

9-10 Stone.-McGee; runner-up, H. Clark.

10-11 Stone.—This class provided some of the best boxing of the evening. H. Te Tuhi had a very narrow win over Tahere after a most exciting bout and won the final from Matiu in another fine exhibition.

Heavy-weight.—Some terrific punching was exchanged here, but finally George Palelei was acclaimed a good-natured winner, Lee being runner-up.

We must congratulate these winners and also B. Clark for the pluckiest exhibition of the evening.

No injuries were suffered by anyone. Mr. Cooke was referee.

Boxing has not been held in the College for many years, and we are grateful to Mr. Cooke for taking the classes. After the successful tournament we anticipate some good boxing at the College next year.

We would like to record our appreciation to Mr. Grayson for the interest he has taken in the club and to thank his friend, Mr. Wood, for an interesting evening's tuition.

PRIZES AND TROPHIES. Won in 1944.

TROPHIES-

- 1. Boyce Cup.—Best Prepared Speech: J. Pickering.
- 2. Herbert Smith Trust.—Senior Cross Country: M. L. Bennett.
- 3. John Court Cup.-Junior Tennis Championship: W. Baker.
- 4. Herbert Smith Trust.—Senior Sports Championship: W. Rogers.
- 5. Horticultural Shield.—Form Competition: Form III.
- 6. Herbert Smith Trust.—Senior Swimming Championship: G. Hayward.
- Herbert Smith Trust.—Junior Sports Championship: H. Te Tuhi.
- 8. Stembridge Cup.—Best All-round Cricketer: G. Palelei.
- 9. Trounson Cup.—Senior Tennis Championship: G. Palelei.
- 10. Winstone Cup.—House Competition: School.
- 11. Herbert Smith Trust.—Junior Swimming Championship: R. Hohepa.

PRIZES-

Form I.-I. Wiseman.

Form II.—G. Running.

Form IIIA.-M. Hames.

Form IIIB .- W. Tahere.

Form IV.-G. Hayward.

Form V.-M. Bennett.

Head Prefect.-Wi Rogers.

Gardening.—Best Gardener: K. Dewes.

Science Note Books.—Form III.: M. Lee. Forms IV. and V.: Pe Rogers.

Handwork.-Forms I. and II.: T. Hikuroa.

War Memorial (Maori).—Senior for Farming: Wi Rogers. Junior for Farming: E. Leef. Best Maori: Wi Rogers.

Primary School Certificates.—G. Running, W. Paikea, R. Burness.



Once again the Old Boys' Association has become an active body.

We hope it will grow, enabling it to become something both of use to the school and a pleasure to those who spent their school days at Wesley.

Many of our members have been overseas, and some have made the supreme sacrifice. We honour their memory; to most of us they seem to be still the comrades and team-mates of the classrooms and playing fields of the Old School. Some won awards for meritorious service; we congratulate them. To all those who went away we extend a hearty welcome home again.

Although lists of our members are very small we hope they will grow as soon as contact can be made with other Old Boys.

ROLL OF HONOUR KILLED IN ACTION

Ivor Moir
Malcolm Barriball
Fergus Hulton
Perry Morgan
Charlie Baker
L. Scott.

Bob Anderson
Dave Metherall
Barney Warbrick
John Tirikatene
W. Robb
C. Johnstone

ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR

A special meeting was called by Mr. Marshall, and on the 20th July twelve of us met and discussed the re-establishment of the Association. It was at this meeting we decided to hold a Reunion on Labour Day.

On that day 30 members were present. In the afternoon we played the boys at baseball, and at 5 o'clock the Annual Meeting was held.

At 6.30 p.m. we had a very enjoyable dinner.

The next Reunion is to be on the Saturday preceding the King's Birthday Holiday in June.

DECORATIONS

Leslie Scott, D.S.O. Trevor G. Dill, D.F.M. Julius S. Oien, A.F.C. W. Swanson, M.C. and Bar.

STILL OVERSEAS

Major G. T. Marsden
John Ruka
William Karina
Rodger Minhinnick
Kelvyn Curel
Edgar Hollay
M. G. Dill
2nd-Lieut. Doug. Powell
Frank Storey
Graham Dixon
L. Tuita

Major Chris Sorensen Robert Ruka Corporal Maori Marsden Murray Sinclair Melvin Pritchard Captain D. D. West Jim Cowan Lieut. E. L. Kidd Pavid Paul Albert Tubou H. Cant

IN THE SERVICES.

C. A. Phillips in 34th Army Troops Salvage Coy., N.Z.E.F. L. W. Bennett, hoping for release from Air Force. Fred Fleming, Official Archives, Army H.Q., Wellington. Trevor Dill has just returned from overseas. Louis Turner at Papakura Military Camp.

FARMING

F. Nelson, Waerenga. Jack Turner, Te Poi. R. Parker, Mangatawhiri. H. O. Bennett, Port Albert. Rex Phillips, Port Albert. J. and E. Busbridge, Port Albert. F. H. Dudding, Maramarua. Brian Dudding, Maramarua. Joseph Hayward, near Manurewa. Jim Halliday, near Te Kuiti. Stan Holmes, Ngaruawahia. Wally Phillips, Tuakau. L. Corkhill, Aratapu. T. and I. Becroft, Te Hana. Tev. Bickers, Te Kopuru. L. and K. Storey, Waitarimu.

Jack Winter, Te Aroha West. C. R. Becroft, Port Albert. Des. Reid, Port Albert. G. McLeod, Port Albert. Jack and Evan Farr, Ourawharo (near Port Albert). Hugh Sutherland, near Pokeno. Jack Parris, near Pokeno. W. L. Walker, Waiuku. D. T. Woolfield, Waimana, Bay of Plenty. Rongi Reihana, Mongonui. B. McBurney, Glenbrook. Bob Eves, Matangi. C. Smith, Wharehine. G. D. and Ron Slatter, Waitakaruru.

OTHER NEWS

Rev. E. Te Tuhi, Maori Superintendent Home Missions (Methodist).

R. Rogers is a Methodist Minister.

Pekham Tapsell is at 'Varsity.

David Clark is a third year 'Varsity student.

Arthur Eustace also at 'Varsity; also won New Zealand Junior Hurdles Championship and holds record.

Alec. Clark goes to Auckland Grammar School.

Dick Bedggood, Sports Supervisor and Instructor, Teachers' Training College, Auckland.

Keith Henderson, school teacher, Waiomatahini.

Eopi Nabour Veisusei, School, Fiji (teacher).

Belshazzar Gina, still in the Solomons after Jap occupation.

Nathan Kera, still in the Solomons after Jap. occupation .

Ron Treloar in business in Hamilton.

Jack Russell, 5 Charlton Road, Mount Eden.

Albert and Walter Oborn, 53 Victoria Street, Devonport (Furniture

Harold Eastwood is a carpenter at Papatoetoe.

Eric Cowan, carpentering in Huntly.

Owen Copeland, after six years away, is suffering ill-health. At Waimauku.

A. G. Bennett, driving mail and delivery van at Port Albert.

M. L. Bennett, working in father's store at Port Albert.

J. S. Oien, working in L. Bennett's store at Port Albert.

Eddie Malietoa, of Samoa, we see has just visited New Zealand on a trip.

Harold Denton, working at Tasman Airways.

W. Busby, Rehabilitation Department, Whangarei.

R. H. Limmer, Convalescent Hospital, Rotorua.

R. Colebrook, fruit farmer, Henderson.

R. Knight, bus driver, Waiuku.

Hugh Wheatley, Native Medical Probationer.

G. H. Logan, working in store at Otahuhu.

A. Fredricksen is selling tractors, so we hear.

L. Fredricksen is in an engineer's works.

Peter Becroft is an apprentice at A. G. Price's Engineering Works.

Mick Walters is working in a sawmill near Aratapu.

R. Russell, 48 Bellvue Road, Mount Eden.

A. Archibald, working in Auckland, living at Y.M.C.A.

D. Wright is continuing studies in Australia.

THOSE CROWDED YEARS

[A vivid account by an Old Boy, just returned from overseas.]

If it be true that "one crowded hour of glorious life is worth an age without a name," then the young men who left New Zealand to serve with the armed forces abroad have accumulated the worth of some thousands of ages. Wesley contributed generously to their ranks, on land, on the sea, and in the air, and there are many Old Boys who can look back upon years packed with a crowded host of experiences such as only war could have produced. Some of the host were things best left undisturbed by memory, scenes and emotions whose like, one most earnestly hopes, lads at College to-day will never see, never know. Yet there was much to remember with both pleasure and profit.

Camp life, new to most of us, was a thing of harrying and hustling as we were put through the not altogether painless business of being transformed from citizens into soldiers. The war had hardly begun then, in 1939, and civilians were not quite sure whether to be proud of us or merely irritated by the presence of

so many men in khaki. Departure soon followed, departure for the unknown, since both our destination and the exact nature of our task were kept secret.

In early February part at least of the secret became clear as we landed in Egypt to join the first little handful of men contributed towards the Allied might that was later assembled in that country. The air of mystery and romance with which schoolboy reading had shrouded the land of pyramids and sphinx was sadly disturbed by reality. Much of the so-called glamour of the East soon faded revealing a troubled land where great poverty and great wealth were in violent contrast. Eventually we came to know a good deal about Egypt, its people, the life-giving valley of the Nile, and the burning desert wastes about it.

Much hard training was done in the desert, while some New Zealand units experienced the terror bombing of England, but it was not until April of 1941 that the Division as a whole saw battle. Another secret move had taken place, to Greece. By contrast with the heat-soaked sands this was a green and pleasant land, with tumbling hills, snowy mountains, clean cities and quaint country villages. Its people were friendly and courageous, worthy of our admiration. Their welcome was so sincere, their hospitality so warm, that when we were forced to withdraw before the hordes of the modern Hun, we could not help but feel a very real share in their tragedy.

In Greece we had seen enemy bombers at times black against the sky like a flock of monstrous birds, had watched their bombs bursting on defenceless villages in great clouds of smoke and fire, and had heard their guns hammering at roads packed for mile on mile with trucks and guns, vehicles and men. Crete, to which many of the New Zealanders were taken by the Royal Navy, proved an infinitely more testing affair. German aerial might had full play. After a shattering bombardment of bombs and machinegun fire, fully armed and equipped men were dropped from the sky by hundreds, giving to the scene the unreal yet terrifying atmosphere of a nightmare.

A long chapter of changing fortunes in desert battles followed. From among its memories some pleasing thoughts occur—the glorious swimming off the Mediterranean coast, holiday trips to Alexandria, and short but happy visits to the Holy Land. Then came Syria, and after this pleasant interlude the desperate fighting at Minqar Quaim and El Alamein. The tide of battle was changing then, and beginning to set strongly against the enemy, until at last New Zealand troops followed the German retreat across some 2000 miles of desert to final defeat in North Africa.

Yet another chapter of war experience opened with the move to Italy. A new people was encountered, new ways of life, and too, new hard fighting. As a member of the Medical services my personal experience of actual fighting was very limited indeed, but I was at least present in Italy when the war in Europe ended. Some New Zealanders were later fortunate enough to visit Austria and even parts of Germany itself.

Many long and interesting books could be written on Italy alone, or for that matter, on any phase of the Division's battles, on Greece, Crete, Libya, Syria, Palestine, Tunisia, or Egypt. Here it is possible to do no more than give a brief and flickering glance at a tiny fraction of the changing facets of memory. Even so, however, no returned soldier could leave unexpressed his delight at being home once more, nor yet refrain from stating his conviction—earned by real experience—that whatever foreign lands may have to offer the traveller, there is none that can compete with his love for New Zealand.

—F.F. (2nd N.Z.E.F.).

GINA IN THE NEWS.

EX-WESLEY COLLEGE STUDENT: SERVICE IN THE SOLOMONS. LONG SWIM UNDER WATER.

In the course of an address at Wesley College on Breaking-up Day, 1944, the Rev. J. F. Goldie told some interesting stories concerning College Old Boys in the Solomon Islands. On one occasion an American airman was forced down in the sea and was debating with himself whether it was better to let go and drown or to give himself up to the "cannibals." He decided to hang on, and shortly a canoe was seen paddling out towards the airman and he was rescued and taken to his station. The "cannibal" in the canoe was a Wesley College Old Boy and was a teacher in his village.

Another boy swam out to a Japanese anti-aircraft unit, under water practically all the way, and then back to the Americans with the information they desired. The same boy brought a concert party to entertain the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific in pre-war days, and was congratulated by the gentleman on his performance. As a return favour it was suggested that the taxes on the village should be remitted, but naturally that request could not be granted. This boy was B. Gina, who represented the College 15 years ago at cricket, and who thrilled crowds at Pukekohe swimming carnivals with his long-distance underwater swimming. Gina was well known and extremely popular in Pukekohe.

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