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## FOREWORD

1955 will rank as one of the most significant years in the history of the College. The erection of the Assembly Hall in itself marks an important step forward, in that it will provide a means of giving that social and cultural emphasis which should always be characteristic of a boarding-school.

But from the erection of the hall springs inevitably the definite plan for enlargement of the College. The hall is built to seat 500; the class-rooms were erected (in 1949) so that extensions might easily be added; the sports fields (formed in 1953) are so placed that they are suitable for a larger school and may if necessary be enlarged.

Hitherto the Board of Trustees have considered expansion in indefinite terms. Expansion is now becoming increasingly prominent in their thinking. The building of the hall is regarded not so much as the goal at last reached, but the "kick-off" at the "half-way line" into "enemy territory". Reaching the ultimate goal will take courage, foresight, and very much money.

It will be necessary to provide extra hostel accommodation, a new dining-room block (with kitchens, laundry, domestic quarters), staff houses, and single masters' accommodation; with extra class-rooms and laboratories. I see no reason why we should not have a school of 250 boarders and at that stage be able to enrol 100 day-boys as well.

In this little magazine we record the doings of the year, and express thanks for the good work done by so many. We have possibly reached a peak in out-of-school activities, with boys travelling out to take part in church services, concerts, shows; and visitors coming in for functions, rallies and field days. The strain on some of the staff has necessarily been considerable, and this is a public acknowledgement of our appreciation to them. The Old Boys' Association have again been generous; and the Board of Trustees have spared no effort, even to the point of strain, to provide the School with all the facilities and amenities we ask for. It has been a good year.

E. M. MARSHALL,

Principal.

#### GENERAL NOTES

#### The Board:

The Chairman of the Board, Mr. J. S. Caughey, has been visiting England from March to November, 1955.

Mr. E. P. Salmon, Chairman of the College Committee, has been Acting-Chairman of the Board in the meantime.

Mr. L. Knight, for 32 years General Secretary to the Board, resigned from this office on account of ill-health.

Mr. G. C. B. Minogue has been appointed Acting-Secretary

in his place.

Two new members have been appointed to the Board during the year: Messrs. W. E. Donnelly (College Committee) and S. J. Clark (Farm Committee). Mr. J. T. Bryant resigned from the Board in October.

## Staff:

Since the publication of the last number of the *Collegian*, the following changes in staff have taken place:—

# Valedictory:

Mr. J. L. Ballantine, M.A., Assistant Master, on August 18th, 1955.

Mr. J. N. Ingham, Dairyman, on March 31st, 1955.

Mr. E. Maitland, Poultry and Orchard, on May 10th, 1955.

Mrs. E. Rogers, Matron, on January 17th, 1955.

#### Welcome:

Mr. J. L. Browning, Farm Manager, January 11th, 1955.

Miss P. Hubbard, Assistant Matron, January 19th, 1955.

Mr. D. H. Thompson, General Farm Hand (Senior), on May 1st, 1955.

Mr. D. Barkla, General Farm Hand (Junior), April 1st, 1955.

## Congratulations:

To the Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Marshall on the Silver Jubilee of their wedding, celebrated by family and staff on January 7th, 1955

To the Principal, on being elected District Governor Nominee for the 39th District in Rotary for 1956-57.

To Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Widgery on the birth of a son, and to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Burrow on the birth of a son.

To Miss P. Marshall on her graduation with Diploma in Music

To Mr. M. B. Knott on completing 28 years and Mr. E. Wadham on completing 25 years in the service of the Board; and to Mr. Claude Laurie on completing 20 years as Music Master at the College.

#### Roll:

There have been slight fluctuations during the year. As on October 1st it was 135—21 Maoris, 10 Islanders, 104 Europeans. In addition there were two boys attending Paerata Primary School, but residing at the College—1 Islander, 1 European, also 3 Student Workers, all Islanders (2 from Samoa, 1 from Tonga).

In 1956, the roll will reach 150, an extra dormitory being provided in the old Assembly Hall.

# Gifts and Purchases:

We have been singularly fortunate this year in receiving numerous valuable gifts for use in the College. We here place on record our thanks and appreciation to—

The Maori Affairs Department for £200, with which we have purchased an Epivisor with attachments, and a Grundig Tape-Recorder.

- Mr. A. J. L. Sheat for the gift of many books from the estate of the late Mrs. L. H. Sheat and Miss L. Sheat.
- Mr. J. L. Ballantine for Gramophone Records, 50 volumes of books for the Library, Radio, one Shorter Oxford English Dictionary.
- Mr. R. L. Lees, President of the Old Boys' Association, for a Brass Cross for the Chapel.

Mr. A. Bennett and Mr. C. Phillips, of Port Albert, for Port Albert soil, and transport of same, for the cricket pitches.

Messrs. Pitcaithley, of Northland College; R. A. Robson, and W. McGill for gifts of Pedigree Ayrshire Stock.

Messrs. A. M. Winstone, K. Gordon, W. Pryor and others for books for the Library.

Mr. W. Gummer for a guitar for the use of the boys.

During the year we have purchased a *Radiogram*, the boys' contributions being subsidised by the Board, £ for £.

The Old Boys' Association, at their annual meeting, decided to provide *Memorial Gates* for the College. It is hoped that these will be completed by the time the Assembly Hall is opened.

The Administration Office block was built and brought to the College by Keith Hay Ltd., and was occupied in May, 1955. In it are four offices (Principal's, Bursar's, General, Farm Manager's), Store-room and Toilet.

During the year the *Franklin Electric Power Board* have brought the main county power lines through College property in order to save the plantations, and have renewed the lines and poles to the College buildings, putting underground cable to the hall and class-rooms.

Some of our Brighter Moments:

A Form I definition: "A coffin is a box dead people live in."

When a 3rd Form was told that they would all no doubt be in an emaciated condition at the end of the term, the meaning of "emaciated" was given promptly as "happy or fit."

A Fourth Former was heard to explain the difference to some friends thus: "Hallelujah" means "Praise the Lord," and "Amen" is "So say all of us."

From Form V—"A constitutional king is one who eats a lot." In that case we certainly run the College on constitutional lines!

A mis-spelling in a Form VI essay could be embarrassing— "This is why he failed to reach his gaol." But this monitor's report shows promise: "Silence dominated the house after lights out bell." Another boy's explanation of "Full of wise saws (and modern instances)" was "full of people with voices like saws."

## THE COLLEGIAN

### THE COLLEGE MEMORIALS

By E. P. SALMON Chairman of College Committee.

Lost—a foundation stone.

That was my first thought for a title for this article. Perhaps someone knows what became of the foundation stone of the chapel at Wesley College, Three Kings, the stone laid by the Governor, Sir George Grey, on 6th April, 1848.

There is a story in these stones and in the brass and bronze plaques at the present College: the story of 111 years of earnest endeavour and of generous service and benefactions. Perhaps we could pause awhile and look at the record.

The story commences in 1844. A bronze was unveiled last Commemoration Day (9th October, 1955) in the College Chapel. Elsewhere in this magazine reference is made to the ceremony performed by the Rev. E. Te Tuhi, O.B.E., senior Maori minister of the Methodist Church, and to the address by the Rev. E. W. Hames, principal of Trinity College. The wording on the plaque reads:

In Commemoration of the original grant of land Made by

Governor Fitzrov

For the purpose of a
Wesleyan Native Institution
7th October, 1844,
and the subsequent Foundation
of the Wesley College Trust.

J. Stewart Caughey—Chairman.
E. M. Marshall B.A., Dip.Ed.—Principal.

9th October, 1955.

It takes us back to days when Auckland was young, when the first Methodist College was established for Maori youths and the children of Missionaries. The building stood in Grafton Road, where Trinity College now stands.

In 1848 the College was moved to a site at Three Kings, and for nearly seventy-five years provided for Maori youths and

for the training of candidates for the Ministry. The farm and buildings gave way to the expansion of the city and there remains only a cairn with this inscription:

This marks the site of the Three Kings Wesleyan Native Institution.

Foundation Stone laid by Governor Sir George Grey April 6th. 1848.

Transferred to Wesley College, Paerata, April 28th, 1922.

The College, from 1922 onwards, opened its doors more widely to European boys, and the new buildings at Paerata, with 730 acres of farm land, provided an education with "an agricultural bias," in addition to the academic course.

The first dormitory block was "Simmonds House" and near the door you will find this inscription:

Fide, Litteris, Labore, Laus Deo

Wesley Training College

This tablet was unveiled by
Rev. J. H. Simmonds

For 21 years Principal of the College
and

these buildings were publicly dedicated

on December 9th, 1922.

Members of the Board of Management Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A., Chairman.

 Rev. J. H. Simmonds
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 Mr. J. Veale
 Mr. W. S. Stone

 H. E. Simmonds, Secretary
 H. C. Nicholls, Builder

Well-known names, these, and worthy of remembrance. They are names of men who guided the affairs of the College through difficult years.

Within the next few years the College received many fine gifts, and today's boys benefit from scholarships established then. Among the gifts were two memorials, one the College Hospital, which records:

In Memoriam

William Henry Caughey

Who gave his life for others in the Great War

Buried at Cologne, Germany, 16th February, 1919

Aged 29 years.

Erected by his Aunt Marianne Smith April, 1927.

Wesley College is justly proud of its beautiful Chapel, the centre of its religious life. Two memorial plates bear witness, the one outside the door reading:

The Smith Memorial Collegiate Chapel

Opened for divine worship by Mrs. Marian Caughey Smith

Service of Consecration conducted by
The President of the Methodist Conference
Rev. J. F. Goldie

February 23rd, 1929.

In the Chapel is another plate:

This Collegiate Chapel was erected by

Marian Caughey Smith

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband

William Henry Smith

Who entered into rest August 31st, 1912.

Aged 61 years.

No history of Wesley College would be complete without reference to old boys. They have served their country in peace and in war and the bronze in the Chapel records the names of ten who gave their lives.

## In Memorian World War II, 1939-45

Anderson, R. W. Warbrick, B.
Baker, C. E. Moir, J.
Barriball, M. Pittendrey, N. L.
Common, R. W. Scott, L.
Houlton, F. Tirikatene, J.

These Old Boys gave their lives. Erected by the Old Boys' Association.

The College continued its development under the guidance of Board, Principals and staff. New buildings were added and the roll increased.

A new Assembly Hall is now taking shape and the foundation stone tells more of our history.

To the Glory of God and in the Service of Youth this Foundation Stone was laid by the Honourable Mr. Justice Stanton on the 13th day of August, 1955.

Principal: Rev. E. M. Marshall B.A., Dip.Ed.

Chairman: Mr. J. Stewart Caughey



Marking another stage in the Board's building programme, it pays tribute to Mr. Justice Stanton, who for many years guided the destiny of the College.

Other memorials there are, too, but not of brass or stone. The name of "Harding Park" at Mount Wellington records a gift of property by the late Mr. Maurice Harding, a gift which now aids the development of the College.

The buildings themselves are a memorial to the unstinting service of past chairman and members of the Wesley College Board; the lives of many men today are tributes to the work of principals and staff of the College.

Perhaps we have lost trace of that first foundation stone, but there is much to remind us of the past, of the first gifts of Maori and pakeha; of the devotion of such men as Lawry, Buddle, Reid and Simmonds; of the wise counsel of the trustees; of the service of old boys. We have glanced backwards, and we turn hopefully to the future, so full of promise because of the sturdy foundation on which we can build

## CHAPEL AND CHURCH AFFAIRS

The Services:

It is pleasing to note that every year for the special services the Chapel has been more and more crowded. Usually, the Principal has taken the evening services and Rev. T. Skuse, the morning ones, while Mr. Barnitt, Mr. Ballantine, Mr. Eric Beavis (an Old Boy) and the Mission Band have conducted services, too. During the evening services, short talks have been given by I. Barton and J. Peters.

Evening prayers on Tuesdays and Thursdays have been taken on a rota by Messrs. Barnitt, Bready, and Ballantine, together with some of the Divinity boys.

Again, there has been excellent singing by the choir, thanks being due to Mr. Laurie. The choir visited Methodist Churches at Pitt Street, Remuera, Mt. Albert, Sandringham, and St. Paul's Hamilton.



THE CHOIR.

## Helpers:

Society Steward: Miss P. Marshall.

Organists: Misses P. and J. Marshall, Mr. Barnitt, J. Marshall.

Flowers: Miss P. Marshall.

Chapel Stewards: I. Barton, J. Peters, J. Duncan, J. Marshall, J. Cheeseman, F. Cheyne, M. Hogben, W. Ramsey, I. Kimpton, J. Massey, R. Fletcher.

# Divinity Class:

The lessons on Wednesday afternoon have included study of the Bible and its development. We have also considered the faith of a Christian. Members have taken turns in Scripture reading on Sunday. From this group was taken the Mission Band, who have conducted services at Pukekohe, Karaka, Mauku and the College. Members are Peters, Barton, Marshall, Wanoa, Eruera. Sunday School:

This is ilourishing with a membership of 18, consisting of children of householders at the College and nine boys from Forms 1 and 2. The Superintendent is Miss P. Marshall, assisted by Miss M. J. Marshall.

#### General:

This year we have been glad to welcome to the Chapel and to share in worship with the Franklin Women's Missionary Union; the Auckland Men's Fellowships; the Auckland Local Preachers' Association; the Old Boys' Association; the Board and Parents in Commemoration. The climax is the Carol Services, afternoon and evening, on the last Sunday of the year. We have expressed appreciation to visiting preachers, notably the Vice-president of Conference, Mr. E. L. F. Buxton; Rev. Rangi Rogers, of Auckland; Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., Principal of Trinity College, Chairman of the District, and ex-President of Conference; Rev. E. Te Tuhi, O.B.E., Superintendent of Maori Missions.

—B.B., I.L.B.

# JUBILEE EASTER CAMP

This special Jubilee Camp to celebrate fifty years of Christian challenge to youth was held at the Boys' Brigade camp-site, Orewa. Four of us (Marshall, Miller, Taiepa and Armstrong), shared camping life with nearly two hundred others. We few made very good friends, as we took part with the others in the various sports, study circles, walks along the beach, and meals.

The Camp Padre was Rev. Harris Whitfield, of Ponsonby. The concert on Saturday night was most popular, while the impromptu and prepared speeches were excellent.

The weather was kind to us for the sports in which Miller gained several places in the finals for our group.

We listened intently to the Sunday morning service taken by Rev. S. Dawson. A visitor gave us an interesting account of the mission activities in the Solomons.

Early on Monday morning the Communion Service was held. In every way, we had a grand time and were sorry to leave camp at mid-day. We look forward to Easter Camp, 1956. —J.M.

### COLLEGE DIARY FOR 1955

- February 9—Boys came into residence.
  - 18-19—Senior Agriculture Students as Stewards for Franklin
    - 26—Picnic for Senior Pupils, organised by Old Boys' Asso-
- March 6—Scout and Ambulance Parade at the Chapel.
  - 9-Karaka School held Picnic at College
  - 12—College Athletic Sports.
    - Visit by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt and Dr. J. Manning Potts, of U.S.A.
  - 22-Y.F.C. Field Day-Stock Judging.
  - 23—Easter Service in Chapel, Franklin Branch of M.W.M.U.
  - 26—25 boys to Cricket Test, Auckland. 16 boys to Inter-Secondary School Athletic Sports, Pukekohe
  - 27—Visit of V.P. of Conference, Mr. E. L. F. Buxton, who preached.
- April 2—Concert by boys at College.
  - 16-Ambulance Division to Otahuhu.
  - 28-Senior boys to King's College to see "Henry V."
  - 30-25 boys to Lyric Harmonists' Concert in Auckland.
- May 1—"Honouring Age"—Afternoon Tea at College.
  - 5-24—Vacation.
  - 7-16-University Students (Geography II) in residence.
    - 28—Local Preachers' Convention Auckland and South Auckland.
- June 10-Visit of Rev. D. Mone, L.Th., of Tonga, Service in Chapel.
  - 18-Old Boys' Reunion and Dinner.
  - 26-Choir to Mt. Albert Methodist Church to take Service.
- July 17—Choir to Remuera Methodist Church to conduct Service.
  - 20—School to Pukekohe to present Concert in Masonic Hall.
  - 31-Choir to Pitt Street Methodist Church to conduct Service.
- August 7—Auckland Men's Fellowship Service. Preacher: Mr. E. L. F. Buxton, Vice-President of Conference.
  - 12—School to Auckland to present Concert in Concert Chamber of Town Hall.
  - 13—The Foundation Stone of Assembly Hall laid by Mr. Justice Stanton.
    Concert presented at Otahuhu in the evening.

 $\begin{array}{ccc} August & 18 \\ to & & \\ & & \\ September & 13 \end{array}$ —Vacation.

September 17—Maori and Island boys to present items in Concert at Mauku Hall.

- 24-25—5 boys to Te Awamutu to take part in Concert with Lyric Harmonists.
  - 25—Choir to Sandringham Methodist Church to conduct Service.

October

- 2—Choir to St. Paul's Methodist Church, Hamilton, to conduct Service.
- 8-30 boys to Auckland to sing in Lyric Harmonists' Concert in the Town Hall.
- 9—Commemoration Service—Plaque unveiled by Rev. E. Te Tuhi, O.B.E. Preacher: Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.
- 18—Senior Agriculture Students to Auckland to inspect Wool Stores.
- 28—Some students to Hamilton Show to take part in Shearing Competitions.
- 29—Also to inspect Dairy Factory, Paerata.
- November 20—Choir to Auckland to sing before Rotary gathering to welcome A. Z. Baker, President of R.I.

December

- 2-Annual Banquet.
- 4-Carol Services and Exhibition of Work.
- 7—Speech Day and Prize-giving.

## PICTURES SHOWN, 1955

February—The Square Ring; Everest; Storm in a Teacup.

March—Malta Story; Titfield Thunderbolt; Johnny on the Run; Changing of the Guard.

April—The Small Back Room; Top of the Form; Col. Blimp.

May-State Secret.

June—Cry, the Beloved Country; Seven Days to Noon; Sound Barrier: The Winslow Boy.

July—It's in the Air; Importance of Being Earnest; Kind Hearts and Coronets; Man from the Alamo.

August-Wooden Horse; Man in the White Suit.

September—Bush Christmas.

October—Scott of the Antarctic; Thunder Bay; Bend of the River; Winchester '73.

November—Mystery Sub.; Albert, R.N.; Genevieve; Where No Vultures Fly.

In addition to the regular programmes shown, there has been a supply of National Films every fortnight; films have been shown under the auspices of the Y.F.C., Swimming Club, and Ambulance; and "How the Bible Came to Us" was supplied by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

#### THE ISLAND BOYS

It is with great pleasure that we, the Island boys, bring you our annual report.

Although not as many as in previous years, we still have good representation from the Cook Islands, Tonga and Samoa.

In the classroom, as well as on the play-ground, we have done our best to blend with both the Maori and pakeha.

During the Second Term we were delighted in having a visit by the Rev. Mone, of Tonga.

We have taken part in two concerts with items which we hope were enjoyed by those who saw them.

We have no candidates for the School Certificate or University Entrance examinations this year, and we hope that those sitting next year will have success.

It is good to hear of Old Boys in the Islands and at University who are doing well. There are many now who are holding important positions and this is a great encouragement to those of us who are still at school.

—E.T.

### MAORI NOTES

We number 22, all from different parts of the North Island, some from as far north as Te Hapua, as far south as Hawke's Bay, as far west as Wanganui, and as far east as Te Araroa.

In the class-room and on the sports field we try to reach as high a standard as possible. This year we have nine School Certificate candidates and one University Entrance candidate. To them all we wish good luck. We were very well represented on the sports side of things, having 13 players in the 1st XV, five players in the 1st XI, T. Eruera as Senior Sports Champion; R. Rehu as Table Tennis Champion and J. Royal as Captain of the 1st XV.

During the Second Term we were very fortunate in being able to perform a number of traditional items at several concerts and all the boys would like to thank J. Royal, T. Eruera, and S. Wanoa for giving so much of their time in making our items a success.

Kia Kaha, Kia toa, Kia manawanui.

## THE COLLEGE LIBRARY

Without doubt the Library makes an important contribution to College life. While many are often found there, especially during the wet winter days, some have not yet discovered its treasures

During the year 133 books have been generously given by friends of the school, masters, boys and the College itself. We are grateful for the Children's Encyclopaedia, Countries of the World and Geographic Magazines from Mr. Arthur Sheat. We thank Tetley, Harris, Bolton, Green, Curran, McLennan and Mathieson, too.

Then periodicals go on to the reading table. The Young Elizabethan, Te Ao Hou, Maataapuna, World Communique (Y.M.C.A., Geneva), World Christian Digest, Auckland Scout Bulletin, Listener, Church and Community.

The Monitors who have loyally helped and supervised in the Library are greatly appreciated, but the need for them and the co-operation of every boy is shown by the fact that 16 books were purchased from Library (and Pound) fines.

Again, we record the most valuable help given each term, including requests, to the whole school by the Country Library Service.

## PREPARED SPEECHES

Senior, 1955:

This was held this year on July 27th. The subjects were:

- (1) I Look at the World.
- (2) "Lives of Great Men all Remind Us . . . ", i.e., the meaning of greatness.
- (3) The Importance and Significance of a National Leader whose Name has or will become a By-word in History.
  - (4) The March of Science.

There were six contestants, and their speeches reached a high standard. The winner was H. C. Keyte, who spoke on

"Winston Churchill." J. L. Peters represented the College in the Overseas League Public Speaking Contest held in Auckland.

Junior, 1954:

The subject was again "The Life and Work of Some Famous Person."

There were eight contestants, the winner, G. Tetley, beating his opponents by a narrow margin.

### THE OFFICE

Towards the end of the first term this year there was a minor upheaval in the otherwise even tenor of the College life when the new office arrived. It was an education in itself to see how this building—18ft. x 40ft. and complete with interior decorating, lighting, plumbing and glazing — was unloaded from the special truck carrying it and gradually lowered on to its foundations with no more serious mishap than a broken window (which was replaced the same day).

Now "office" is one of those nebulous words that may cover a multitude of sins. "I left it in the office" or "I was busy in the office" are glib phrases which are meant to sound important but give no real indication of just what they mean. Here at Wesley College prior to May, 1955, the word "office" was a glorious source of misunderstanding and confusion. We had the "lower office" at the end of School House, used mainly by the Principal for interviews with the boys; the "office under the house" (on Saturdays, the tuck shop) where most of the clerical work was done; the Bursar's office—the receipt of custom and ticket office—and finally "the study" where the Principal, surrounded by books, held meetings, interviewed parents, and pursued his daily tasks.

But since then we have progressed and the office is now compact and handy, standing in the drive close to the main buildings and housing this quondam heterogeneous collection under one roof. It is easy to see and to reach, and the inquiring stranger no longer has to look about him in despair wondering which door to approach to find the information he seeks.

The Office has now become the central point of the College organisation and many meetings are held there throughout the year—the Farm and College Committees of the Board, staff, parents and boys meet the Principal in his room at various times to discuss their several problems. Nearly all the many activities of the College are in some way administered through or by the Office and it is at times a post office, telephone exchange, bank, general store, pay office, tourist bureau, printing and publishing office, cafeteria, lost property office and in case I have missed anything just the Office.

—H.C.S.

#### SCHOOL HOUSE

Under the guidance of the House Masters (Mr. Barnitt, Mr. Ballantine and Mr. Widgery) the Prefects and the Monitors, School House has maintained its high traditional standard. As in previous years we have acquitted ourselves well in the field of sport in the Inter-house Competition. Because of our great physical and mental exertions, it already looks as if we have foiled our opponents' attempts to gain the Winstone Cup.

In football as well as in athletics we were able to "breast the tape" of victory, "laps" ahead of our rivals. Is it any wonder, when the four South Auckland football reps. were chosen from our midst? Praise is deserved both for the sportsmanship of the players and for the spirited barracking of their supporters.

We were sorry to have to farewell Mr. Ballantine at the end of the second term. We sincerely thank him for the life and laughter he spread throughout the school. With the smoke of his pipe-stack receding in the distance we bid him a sad farewell and sympathise with Wanganui Technical College. He will long be remembered by us all.

The very able leadership of I. Barton, Head of both Houses, and E. Ngeru, House Captain, together with the Prefects Keyte, Royal, Schmitt; the able squad leaders Harris, Cosslett, Bennett, Rehu, J. Tipene, Fletcher, Puki, Cheeseman, Kukutai, and their deputies, plus the co-operation of the boys, has developed order, tidiness, and those loyal friendships which we miss so much when we leave.





We owe astremendous/amount to the Matrons, Miss Leslie and Miss Hubbard, who have done so much for the welfare and comfort of the boys.

To all, Christmas greetings.

#### SIMMONDS HOUSE

Now that the internal and external painting of our House is finished, its many windows seem to sparkle in glee, as if reflecting the blithe spirit of the jocund company who dwell within its stately walls. On daily house-parades, our hearts now fill with pleasure as we see it at its brightest and best in the sun of a morning.

Our boys still readily uphold the honour of their House, with as much distinction and success as in days of yore. In athletics we have the senior champion, Eruera; in cross-country running three major events were won by McGregor, Tredrea and Scott. In sport we had high expectations, won generous commendations, enhanced our reputations and had no recriminations! In draughts we have the College champion, Winiata.

In art, Tonga 2, Marshall and Mune have been outstanding. Tonga 2 again achieved distinction with his winning entry in the secondary schools "Kindness to Animals" poster competition, sponsored by the S.P.C.A.

Finally, in the senior speech contests we were worthily represented by three able orators in Peters 1, Tonga 2, and Farr.

Our squad competition has been as keenly contested as ever, with the honours going to Eruera's Squad 1, who have set a high standard in every way throughout the year.

All in all, it has been another happy and successful year to which Matrons, Housemasters, Prefects, Squad-leaders and boys have generously, readily and continually contributed. To those about to leave us, we tender our thanks for all your worthy efforts on behalf of the House, and wish you every success in your future careers.

## HOUSE-THOUGHTS, WE RECORD

Oh, to be in Simmonds
Or reside quite near
For, whoever lives in Simmonds
Enjoys its atmosphere.
Its illustrious sons, its noble ranks,
From far and near join in expressing thanks
That its boys in sport show the same old skill,
In Simmonds—still!

Oh, to be in Simmonds
With its fine boys there,
Rising early in the morning,
Without worry or a care.
To hear again the order, "On Parade!"
And see the squads awaiting, well arrayed,
Inspection, squad-marks, chiding, praise and drill.
In Simmonds—still!

—(Not Browning).

Squad Leaders.—Eruera (1), Wanoa (2), McGregor (3), Haddad (4), Neal (5), Tonga 2 (6), Peters 2 (7), Hall (8).

Prefects (Senior).—Peters 1, Duncan, Kereama and Hogben.

Housemasters.—Mr. A. G. Bready and Mr. R. W. Burrow. —J.L.P.

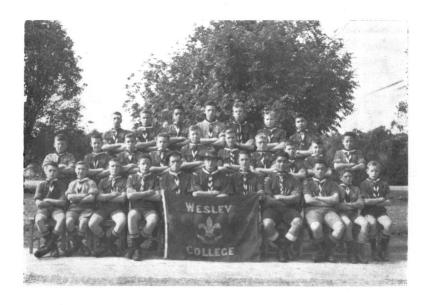
#### SCOUT NOTES

"A scout is a friend to all,
Wherever he may be."
He's such a friendly fellow,
No matter what country or creed,
He doesn't know the meaning of hate,
Nor selfishness, nor greed.
So if you see a scout
Somewhere along the way,
You'll be sure to know that his deed is done,
At the close of a strenuous day.

This year the scouts have played an important part in College activities. The training in scouting has been under the care-

ful direction of the "Court of Honour," Mr. Widgery, S.M., and his assistants, I. L. Barton, A.S.M., and H. Keyte, T.L.

The scouts served on duty on Sports Day, Old Boys' Day, and the Foundation Day. We have had three Church Parades, twice at the College and once at Waiuku. This year the Troop's representatives excelled themselves when a patrol under H. Keyte, for the second time carried off the Svendsen Shield for excellent scouting.



Part of the Wesley Troop attended a Camperaft Competition at Helvetia on Labour week-end. The Troop won the shield by a narrow margin of two points. The fact that competition was extremely close is noticeable as only about 20 points separated the first and the last of the nine troops competing. The College Patrol that competed deserves very special praise for their noble effort.

Last year the knife for the best scout went to J. Massey, and the axe to the Kotare Patrol under J. Royal, P.L.

Troop organisation is: Mr. E. Widgery, S.M.; Barton, A.S.M.; Kevte, T.L.

Kea: E. W. Rolfe. Kotare: J. N. Royal. Ruru: B. W. Ngatoa. Korora: A. A. Kereama.

Friendship, warmth, 'neath the wintry sky, May this be yours as the years go by. For Xmas and New Year all the best to you Arohanui, Farewell and Adieu.

-A.A.K., Scout Scribe.

### WESLEY COLLEGE CADET AMBULANCE DIVISION

1955 has been another successful year for the Division. Throughout it, a high standard of efficiency was maintained by nine seniors and twenty-two juniors.

The activities during the year have been varied. We commenced with the probationers studying for their First Aid Certificate, and some juniors for their Senior Certificate. Instructive talks were given by Dr. Howes, and the candidates were examined by Dr. Courtis. Our thanks go to both Dr. Howes and Dr. Courtis for their generous help.



This was followed by the re-examination of cadets. All passed and this enabled us to continue with the proficiency subjects: Clerical Ability, Public Service, Fire-fighting, Interpretership, Physical Education, Signalling, Handicrafts and a number of others. Our thanks go to Messrs. Marshall, Squier, Davis, Lloyd, Burrows, Browning and N. Brown, of Pukekohe, for their excellent tuition and for acting as examiners.

Other events of note during the year were the manning of a casualty tent on Sports Day, the supply of boys on duty during the football season, and a team competing in the annual Ambulance Competitions at Otahuhu. In November the Annual Inspection is being held in the Domain. This massed parade of all cadets in the Auckland area is the highlight of the year.

To Cadet Superintendent H. C. Squier go our thanks for his encouragement and work during the year. Other officers were Sgt. J. Peters, Hon. Sgt. J. Duncan and Corporals S. Wanoa and D. Peters.

Some of our members are leaving this year and with them go our best wishes, particularly to Sgt. J. Peters, who has led the Division so well during the last two years. Those who remain will always endeavour to live up to the highest traditions of the Division.

## YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB NOTES

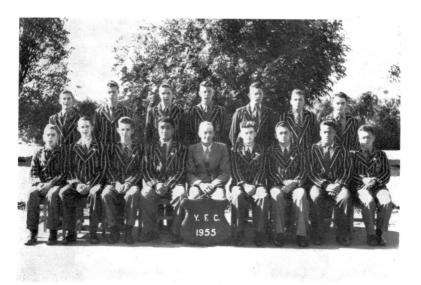
This year marks the eighth year in the history of our club.

Since it was re-established on the 12th June, 1947, with W. Davis as Chairman and R. Skipworth as Secretary, it has gone from strength to strength. 1955 sees us with a record membership of 19.

Since 1953 we have made it a practice to admit boys into the club who are not taking an agricultural course. This year there at six of these, four from Form 6, two from 5A B.

These members enable the club to gain a wider knowledge not only of farming, but also of other spheres of industry relevant to the land.

The successes of the club this year have kept up the standard set by past members. In shearing we are represented to date by I. Barton, although most of the club intend to shear at later shows.



In stock judging our most prominent representatives are: R. Hammond, J. Bennett, D. Pollard, J. Peters and E. Mortenson.

This year they carried off the district Y.F.C. Dairy Cattle Shield—the second time that it has been held by this club. At the Provincial Stock Judging held at Warkworth, J. Bennett gained third highest total of individual points.

In debating we have not had our previous successes, but are proud of the fact that a large number of the members have received valuable training in this very important art.

#### A Grade Team:

I. Barton (leader), H. Keyte, J. Peters.

1. Defeated Old Boys by 12 points. W. Storey, J. Keyte, M. Legge.

College took negative.

Subject: "That the appearance of milk bar cowboys is a direct result of the modern system of education."

2. Lost to Pukekawa A by three points.

College took negative.

Subject: "That the N.Z. farmer is progressive."

B Grade Team:

Members taking part: D. Ackerley, D. Peters, M. Hogben, members of A Grade. We were unable to compete in all debates. Of those we took part in we won one, and lost two.

This year we welcomed as our Senior Advisory Member Mr. J. L. Browning, the new Farm Manager, and to him we extend our grateful thanks for all that he has done.

Our thanks also go to the following for lectures and films during the year:

Mr. Brackenbridge, Vet.; Mr. Pryor, Clerk of Works; Mr. E. Austen, A. and P. Society; and Mr. Walbram, Pukekohe Department of Agriculture.

We must not forget Mr. A. M. (Snow) Platt, Franklin Wool Board instructor, for the very valuable shearing instruction which he gave members.

Officers for the year are: Chairman, Mr. J. Royal; Vice-chairman, Mr. M. Hogben; Secretary, Mr. I. Barton; Treasurer, Mr. J. Peters; Senior Advisory Member, Mr. J. L. Bowning.

Our sincere thanks go to all supporters and friends.

—I.L.B., Hon. Sec.

#### THE FARM

The College farm exists for the two-fold purpose of producing revenue, and affording to pupils concerned not only a means of gaining practical experience, but as a means of obtaining a definite link with their work in the classroom.

Believing that the holding of a pupil's interest is the first essential in all educational training, it is felt that agricultural subjects are made to live if taught in the closest association with the working of the College Farm. For instance the principles underlying the breeding of animals should have a far greater appeal, when directed towards improving a particular flock of sheep or breed of cattle.

This year has marked the introduction of Pedigree Ayrshires, and in this respect generous donations have been received in the way of stock. It is pleasing to see such goodwill existing.

Mr. D. Thompson joined the farm staff early in the year as Senior Farm Assistant, and he, with Mr. D. Barkla, had their share of a severe drought, and the resulting urgency to overcome shortages in feed for the ensuing winter.

However, this can all now be viewed in retrospect. Production has been increased despite all these difficulties, and it does show to staff and boys alike that the material troubles in life can be overcome; and that "whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," was never more applicable than when applied to agriculture.

—J.L.B.

#### ART NOTES

During the course of this year, art classes have been conducted on Saturdays, in the Agriculture Room. In all, about 50 boys have been attending, and have been grouped into three classes: a senior and a junior group, doing general art work, and an examination class, who have been concentrating on School Certificate material.

The general classes have been large, and have therefore raised problems of accommodation and activity, because of rather crowded working conditions. Because of these difficulties, many interesting and valuable activities have had to be foregone, but, nevertheless, a large proportion of the work has been of a very high standard, in comparison with work done in other schools.

This year, we have concerned ourselves mainly with painting, drawing, and clay work, although lino cuts, collage, and wire sculpture have also been attempted. However, next year, with better conditions, and more space available, it should be possible to cover a far greater variety of work.

#### THE SUN

From out the clouds and their showers, Shines the sun on trees and flowers. There she appears, a dazzling sight, Grandly bestowing warmth and light.

#### ALONE

Out in the woods I love to go, But where to find me you won't know, In a cubby-hole big enough for me, In the dark shade of an old Pine Tree.

-S. DULEY, Form II.

### NIGHT ERRANTRY

"In Days of Old When Knights were bold And lovely ladies grew on trees,"

a knight errant was a person of some standing in the community. He was the district constable, so to speak, and it was his job to go out rescuing tender maidens from fierce dragons.

Several hundred years ago this went out of fashion, but today the sport of night errantry is coming back into its own.

There are two classes of night errants. Most persons are to be found in the first class of "apprentice night errants," or, as they were called in Arthur's Hall—Squires.

The squires of Arthur's day were well acquainted with the art of maiden-rescuing, but the squires of the present day seek fruit of a different quality. To students here the perfect sphere of the ripe orange affords first-rate reflection for geometrically-minded young men—before it is consumed.

The second class of night errant is the fully-fledged Knight-at-arms. On moonlit nights—while the whole world slumbers—their tread is heard. The humble orange is disdained by them—they seek passion fruit.

As our age progresses night errantry will begin to die out. Man becomes more and more staid. Tied to the apron strings, or rather the tea-towel of the one he once courted in the pale moonlight, he finds that those romantic memories of his days as a night errant die away.

Passion fruit dries up and becomes a hardened shell—but the seeds within will blossom forth again.

New generations come with the Turning of the Wheel and Knight Errants will once more tread the Path of Life, tasting its sweetness, until they, too, pass to dust and seek sweeter pleasures in Paradise.

—Anon.

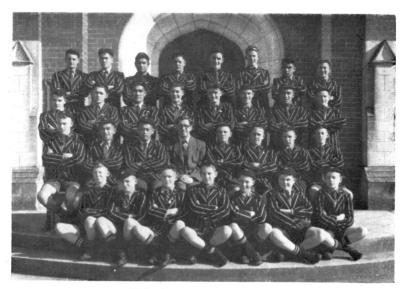
#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I looked from the window, and what did I see? Four juicy big apples on a big tree.
I thought and I wondered, I pondered, I sighed—
I then thought no longer, but got out and tried—
I succeeded in getting them all in my hand,
First one, then another, the best in the land.
Next morning the Head was as wild as could be,
For someone had taken the fruit of his tree.
He questioned and argued, but that did no good,
For the apples were gone, they were gone to be food.

-E.T., Form III.

## THE NINTH ANNUAL CONCERT. 1955

This year we dropped the special "Feature" type of concert because of presenting it in places other than Auckland. It was well received in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall on August 12th and was repeated at Pukekohe and Otahuhu. Our sincere appreciation goes to Mr. Claude Laurie, chief organiser, and in charge of music and Choral Speaking.



THE CHORAL SPEAKERS.

The concert in Auckland is probably the last that will be presented in the Concert Chamber for some time. We hope that to the new hall will come as many, if not more, friends when we present the annual concert there from now on. Details of items are:

# CHOIR . . . "Recruiting Hussars"—Hungarian "Good Fellows, Be Merry" "Good Fellows, "Britain" - - - C. S. Christopher "E'en as a Lovely Flower" - - - arr. Robertson "Hey Robin, Jolly Robin" - - - G. Shaw "The Piper of Dundee" - Scottish - - - arr. Wvnn JUNIOR PLAY . . . "The Wish" by Richard Parker CHORAL SPEAKING . . Or singing (from "How Green Was My Valley") Psalm 23 The Quality of Love. SENIOR PLAY . "The Proposal" - - - - Anton Chekhov Action Songs and Hakas MAORI ITEMS : . . Remarks by the Principal. CHOIR . . . "Ge Forth With God" - - - - - - Martin Shaw "Care and Sorrow Flee Before Thee" - - J. S. Bach "With a Voice of Singing" - - - - - Martin Shaw "Begin, My Soul, Some Heavenly Thome" - W. H. Parry "Te Deum Laudamus" - F. H. Wood

#### END OF YEAR FUNCTIONS

## The Sixth Annual Banquet

This was held in the College Dining Hall at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 3rd. Our sincere thanks go to the matrons, cooks, and all helpers who made it such an enjoyable occasion.

The "toast-list and programme" is as follows:

MASTER OF CEREMONIES - - - - THE PRINCIPAL WELCOME TO GUESTS

#### TOASTS-THE QUEEN

- The SCHOOL - Mr. H. C. Squier Seconded - - Mr. H. J. Barber
- The STAFFS - - The Principal The Reply - - Mr. B. Barnitt
- SCHOOL SPORTS - - Mr. A. G. Bready The Reply - - - - T. Heteraka
- "The PREFECTS and MONITORS Mr. J. L. Ballantine The Reply - - - K. Gordon
- ., PAST PUPILS
- .. ABSENT FRIENDS
  - PUPILS LEAVING - Mr. M. B. Knott The Reply - - - Representative of Old Boys' Assn.
- ", WINNING GROUPS (Tables, House Squads, Inter-house Contests) -
  - Inter-house Contests) - Mr. I. S. J. Lloyd The Reply - - - I. Barton
- " SCOUTS, AMBULANCE,
- Y.F.C. and other CLUBS - - Mr. E. G. Widgery
  The Reply - - D. McKenzie

#### "AULD LANG SYNE"

Prize-giving and Speech-day was held on Wednesday, December 8th, 1954. The speaker was the President of Conference, the Rev. C. O. Hailwood. The programme was:

#### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

HYMN-"Praise, My Soul"

SCHOOL-Item: "Angels from the Realms."

REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD—J. S. Caughey, Esq.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL-The Rev. E. M. Marshall.

CHORAL SPEAKING—"Christ's Bell."

PRESENTATION OF BOOKS. TROPHIES and CERTIFICATES.

GUEST SPEAKER—The President of the Conference of the Methodist Church of N.Z., the Rev. C. O. Hailwood.

TREBLES—"Praise the Lord."

COLLEGE CHOIR—"The Holly and the Ivy."

HYMN-"Lord, Dismiss us with Thy Blessing."

BENEDICTION

# BOOK AWARDS, 1954

Dux, 1954—K. Gordon.

Class Awards: Form VIA-K. Gordon.

Form VIB-I Barton

Form VA-J. Daglish.

Form VB-J. Peters.

Form VC-D. McCaw.

Form IVA-W. Harris.

Form IVB-R. Needham

Form IVC-R. Hammonds.

Form IIIA—G. Bolton.

Form HIB-G. Tetley.

Form II-D. Tupou and M. Hall equal.

Form I-N. McConnell.

Head Prefect.—T. Heteraka.

Rotary Prize.—D. McKenzie.

Aaron Best Prize for Farming.—D. McCaw.

Forms I and II Special.—I. Kimpton.

Divinity Award.—A. Tupu.

Old Boys' Award (Senior).-H. Keyte.

Maori Award.—J. Peters.

Special Maori Award.—J. Tipene.

Maori Award for Farming (Junior).—D. Peters.

Maori Award for Farming (Senior).—T. Ratana.

Ambulance Award.—R. Sims.

Public Speaking (Junior).-G. Tetley.

Public Speaking (Senior).—I. Barton.

Horticulture.—K. Hayman, N. Ross, J. Wyllie.

#### CUPS AND TROPHIES, 1954

Junior Swimming (Herbert Smith).-J. Schmitt.

Intermediate Swimming (E. F. Mills Cup) .- C. Bryon.

Senior Swimming (Herbert Smith).—A. D. Brown.

Junior Athletics (Herbert Smith) .- N. Ross.

Intermediate Athletics (Stuart Cup).-E. Ngeru.

Senior Athletics (Herbert Smith) .- T. Heteraka.

Junior Steeplechase (Leslie Scott Cup).-N. Dryland.

Intermediate Steeplechase (Whaimutu Dewes Cup).-R. Hamilton.

Senior Steeplechase (Herbert Smith),-R. Williams.

Junior Tennis (John Court Cup).-D. Tupou.

Intermediate Tennis (Griffith Bowl) .- J. Schmitt.

Senior Tennis (Trounson Cup).—R. Hemi.

Table Tennis Doubles (N. Cheal Cup).—A. Kereama and N. Royal.

Table Tennis Singles Champ (A. M. Cliff Cup) .-- J. Schmitt.

Inter-house (Winstone Cup).—School House.

Senior Speech (J. J. Boyce Cup).—I. Barton.

Junior Speech .- G. Tetley.

Y.F.C. Shearing Cup.—R. Williams.

# EXAMINATION SUCCESSES, CERTIFICATES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Higher School Certificate, 1954.-K. Gordon.

Endorsed School Certificate, 1954.—I. Barton.

University Entrance, 1954.—I. Barton, T. Heteraka, D. McKenzie.

- Gained School Certificate, 1954.—G. Bryon, B. Cosslett, J. Daglish, J. Duncan, H. C. Keyte, J. B. Marshall, J. L. Peters, T. Royal,
- Primary Leaving Certificate. 1954.—L. Allcock, H. Brown, J. Brown, A. Calvert, J. Crosbie, B. Curran, F. Dick, N. Dryland, M. Farquharson, M. Hall, I. Hammon, L. Kimpton, D. Nyberg, B. Plowman, P. Prescott, R. Sharples, E. Tredrea, D. Tupou.
- College Scholarship Holders, 1955.—I. Barton, J. Cheeseman, W. Harris, J. L. Peters, H. C. Keyte, B. Cosslett, J. Duncan, A. McGregor, D. J. Ackerley, V. Kukutai, T. Royal.
- Maori Government Scholars, 1955.—4th year: T. Royal, J. Tipene, E. Ngeru. 3rd year: A. Lazarus, W. Pita, W. Pukunui. W. Wanoa. 2nd year: M. Peter. W. Ngatoa. 1st year: G. Taiepa.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL NOTES

The Rugby season just concluded saw Wesley College team playing in three separate competitions. The College 1st XV played in the fourth grade of the newly-formed South Auckland

Counties' Union. The 3A, 3B, IV, V grade teams played in the South Auckland Secondary Schools' competition, while the Primary boys played in the Saturday morning competition run by the Pukekohe Iunior Boys' Club.

Generally, the season was a satisfactory one, the biggest improvement being the players' general approach to the game. The three senior teams played good, fiery football and it is this

type of hard, clean Rugby that distinguishes College Rugby from some of the more dour types of Club Rugby that is often seen today.

Congratulations are to be extended to August, Kukutai, Royal and Ngeru on being chosen to represent South Auckland Counties against Thames Valley.

Simmonds House deserves a word of praise for their approach to inter-house series. Although well out-gunned in the senior section, they met School House with good football, determination, and the will-to-win and almost defeated the overconfident(?) School House team!

The First XV results are as follows:

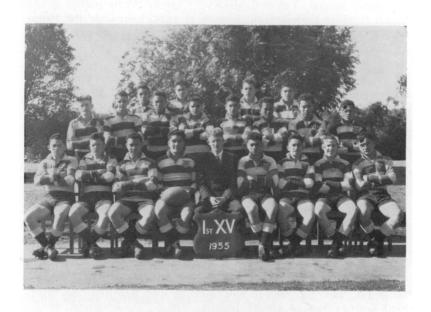
v. Te Kohanga. 26—6. v. Onewhere, 41—0, 40—0. v. Ardmore, 0—13, 6—13. v. Port Albert, 3—8, 5—6. v. White Star. 21—6. v. Tuakau, 6—3, 19—0. v. St. Stephens, 3—14. v. Patumahoe, 27—6.

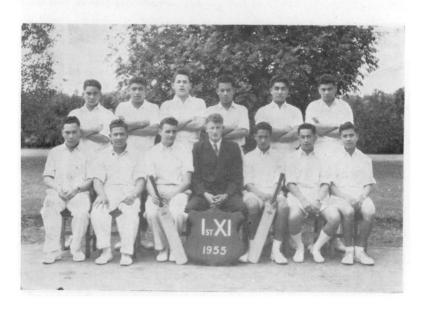
The First XV played bright, open football as is evidenced by the fact that the outside backs scored over half the tries.

The highlight of the season was the Old Boys' match, which College won 19-6. A 75% possession of the ball allowed school backs to throw the ball about in fine style and four excellent back tries resulted.

The junior teams developed well over the season, some of the more talented members promising to be the nucleus of solid senior teams in the years to come.

To the coaches, jersey and ball boys go the thanks of the playing team members.





## CRICKET

After a lapse of several years, competition matches were again played. The school fielded two teams, the First XI playing in the Town Section of the Franklin Cricket Association, and the Second XI playing inter-school matches. Playing conditions were rather difficult, with the matches being played on matting over turf. For the coming season, the school has two excellent Port Albert wickets and we wish to thank Mr. Phillips for donating the soil, and Mr. A. Bennett for bringing it down to us.

#### FIRST XI

The First XI played 11 matches, won 3, drew 3, tied 1, lost 4—a very satisfactory result, considering that most of the team had played little cricket for several years.

#### AVERAGES

| AVERAGES      |             |                           |             |         |  |  |  |
|---------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------|--|--|--|
|               | BATTIN      | $\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{G}}$ |             |         |  |  |  |
| Innir         | ngs Not Out | High. Score               | Aggreg.     | Average |  |  |  |
| Mr. Burrow 10 | 1           | 52                        | <b>23</b> 0 | 25.6    |  |  |  |
| Schmitt 14    | 1           | 47                        | 234         | 18      |  |  |  |
| Fagaloa 11    | . 2         | 44                        | 139         | 15.4    |  |  |  |
| Rehu 14       | -           | 53                        | 172         | 12.3    |  |  |  |
| BOWLING       |             |                           |             |         |  |  |  |
| Ov            | ers Maidens | Rung                      | Wickets     | Average |  |  |  |
| Schmitt 53    | 9           | 159                       | 19          | 8.4     |  |  |  |
| Fagaloa 135   | 23          | 401                       | 32          | 12.5    |  |  |  |
| Rehu 73       | 13          | 282                       | 21          | 12.4    |  |  |  |

The members of the team were:

J. Schmitt (Capt.), Fagaloa. J. Folau, V. Kukutai, R. Rehu, S. Ratana, A. Brown, C. Farr, E. Ngeru, J. Royal, R. August, D. Tupou and Mr. Burrow.

The team was exceptionally strong in bowling, and seldom did the opposition get on top; also fielding; but the batting was very unreliable. Congratulations to Mr. Burrow, who represented Franklin A, and to Fagaloa and Folau, who represented Franklin B.

#### SECOND XI

The Second XI had a most successful season, winning five out of their six matches. R. Hall proved a very efficient captain. The fielding and bowling were first class, with D. Tupou being the outstanding performer. He claimed 51 wickets at an average cost of 3.5 runs each—an excellent performance.

Members of the team were:

R. Hall (Capt.), J. Axtens, D. Tupou, R. Tupou, Brown II. Brown III. Wood, Dryland, Bennett, McGregor, H. Keyte.

## HOUSE MATCHES

SENIOR: School House-Two wins.

INTERMEDIATE: School House-Two wins.

JUNIOR: School 1 Simmonds 1.

The highlight of the house series was the excellent century by Schmitt in a senior match. Congratulations, Schmitt.

#### OTHER MATCHES

Two other matches, versus Papakura H.S. Second Xt and Pukekohe Primary School, were played by what will be the Third and Fourth XI's for the new season.

## SWIMMING CLUB NOTES

This season the Wesley Club was represented by ten boys, who were: J. Schmitt, J. Peters, I. Mune, A. Chappell, A. Pankhurst, R. Pollard, N. Pollard, J. Edmondson and P. Green.



S. R. Fletcher

A. McGregor

Although the club attended only six carnivals they did well.

On the 16th March the championship carnival was held and once again Wesley took many honours, by winning the inter-club relay and coming second in the primary relay. Schmitt and Chappell both created new records and a number of boys received certificates.

The College Swimming Sports were held on March 1st, School House once again being victorious by winning easily from Simmonds

The School Champions are—Junior: Tupou 1. Intermediate: Schmitt. Senior: Brown 2.

### ATHLETICS

Many entries and very keen competition helped largely in the success of our Sports Day this year. It was held on Saturday, 12th March, 1955, and ended the third decade of our annual athletics. The following results were tabulated:

|                     | Senior                     | Intermediate                | Junior         |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 100 Yards           | I. Barton                  | R. Fletcher                 | A. Miller      |
|                     |                            |                             | (equal record) |
| 220 Yards           | <ol> <li>Barton</li> </ol> | R. Fletcher                 | A. Miller      |
| 440 Yards           | E. Ngeru                   | R. Hammond                  | s N. Dryland   |
| 880 Yards           | J. Duncan                  | A. Chappell                 |                |
| Mile                | I. Barton                  | R. Fletcher                 |                |
| 120 Hurdles—100yds. | <ol> <li>Barton</li> </ol> | <ol> <li>Kimpton</li> </ol> | Miller/Dryland |
| High Jump           | T. Eruera                  | R. Fletcher                 | I. Iles        |
| Long Jump           | T. Eruera                  | R. Fletcher                 | N. Dryland     |
| Hop, Step, Jump     | T. Eruera                  | R. Fletcher                 | D. Keyte       |
| Cricket Ball        | T. Eruera                  | J. Schmitt                  | D. Tupou       |
| Relays:             |                            |                             |                |
| Junior:             | School 1                   | Simmonds 2.                 |                |
| Intermediate:       | School 1                   | Simmonds 2.                 |                |
| Senior:             | School 1                   | Simmonds 2.                 |                |
| Cross Country:      | Junior:                    |                             | A. A. Miller   |

Intermediate:

Senior:

Junior Intermediate Senior

Champion: Miller/Dryland R. Fletcher, 18 pts. T. Eruera, 14 pts. Runners-up: 12% pts. C. Farr, 5 pts. I. Barton, 13 pts.

House Points: School, 136 pts.; Simmonds, 47 pts.



During the year our athletic team attended two sports meetings at which our boys enthusiastically competed. The first was the Inter-Secondary School Sports held at Pukekohe, and although the College gained only one place (T. Eruera in the high jump) many boys showed great promise for the future. The second event was at Papakura, where the College did better and gained four wins (J. Duncan, 880 yds.; T. Eruera, high jump; I. Barton, 120 yds. hurdles and the senior relay team).

The team's sincere thanks go to Messrs. Burrow and Widgery for their able assistance at all meetings.

# TENNIS, 1955

We would like to express our thanks to Mr. Knott and his assistants for providing us this year with three hard-surface courts. Yes, the dirt-courts have now been tar-sealed, so that with this improvement in facilities we can confidently expect an improvement in our tennis players.

In February and March this year, 16 of our players enjoyed two "away" matches against St. Stephens' teams at Bombay School courts, and in another match at Waiuku eight of our players met a High School team. All matches were keenly contested and aroused great enthusiasm. Great expectations were also aroused, that similar matches would become an annual fixture in College tennis.

As we end these comments, interest and rivalry are as keen as ever in the impending House and Championship contests. Can School House win for the sixth consecutive time? Will Schmitt again meet Rehu in a final, and if so can he maintain his winning sequence against his formidable opponent? Order your copy of next year's magazine NOW if you want to have the answers to these highly controversial questions of 1955 College tennis!

—A.B.

#### 1954 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior: Hemi beat Kereama, 7—5, 4—6, 6—3. Intermediate: Schmitt beat Rehu, 6—3, 9—7. Junior: Tupou 1 beat Ackerley, 6—1, 6—1.

# 1954 INTER-HOUSE MATCHES

| SCHOOL SIMMONDS | Senior<br>- 4<br>- 2 | Intermediate 1 5 | Junior<br>4<br>2 |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| DOUBLES-        |                      |                  |                  |
| SCHOOL          | 3                    | -                | 3                |
| SIMMONDS        |                      | 3                | _                |

Comments: The two finalists in the 1954 Intermediate Championships also met in the finals of the 1953 Junior Championships. Schmitt, who beat Rehu in both these events, also won the finals of the 1952 Junior Championships.

## TABLE TENNIS

Graduation day for many keen students of this College was achieved on October 1st.

After many months devoted to theory and practise of table tennis in the laboratory of the shelter shed, they successfully qualified to the exalted ranks of Common Room tournament graduates.

Master of ceremonies was again Mr. E. Cheal, who was ably assisted by 1953 graduates: Cheal 1, Chauvel, Chamberlin and Regan, in the presence of a large, well-behaved, and extremely interested audience.

Results of the 1955 Table Tennis Tournament:

#### SEMI-FINALS

Singles: Rehu beat Royal, 20—22, 21—12, 21—11; Schmitt beat Brown 2, 21—18, 20—22, 21—16.

Doubles: Brown 2 and Tipene 1 beat Royal and Kereama, 14—21, 21—16, 21—18; Schmitt and Rehu beat Joseph and Tupou 2, 21—15. 21—15.

#### FINALS

Singles: Rehu beat Schmitt. 21—15, 20—22, 14—21, 21—19, 21—18.

Doubles: Schmitt and Rehu beat Brown 2 and Tipene 1, 21—13, 21—14. 21—16.

—A B

#### THE OLD BOYS

The Old Boys' Picnic—Once again the Association entertained 25 senior boys at Maraetai on February 26th. A most enjoyable outing it was, and much appreciated by the boys.

The Reunion and Association Affairs-

Following are extracts from the report sent out by the Secretary on August 22nd:

"Even if you did not attend last Reunion, you will surely have learnt by now what a great success it was. The Executive is grateful to the one hundred Old Boys of every year since 1925 who travelled from as far as Kaeo in the north and Christchurch in the south, for supporting the programme and helping to make it the best Reunion yet. Although we managed to lose the Hickling Cup, "Snow" has promised to do better next time and is already look for his team.

"It has long been felt that the cramped entrance-way to the College property is neither elegant nor suitable, and through the years various members have suggested that its improvement be a suitable project for the Association. At last Annual Meeting, we undertook to erect brick gate surrounds with bronze lettering on either side of the driveway. At the time of writing, drawings are being prepared and in the meantime, a target of £250 has been decided upon.

"The fullest co-operation exists between the Board of Governors and the Association. The Board has already agreed to undertake, itself, all the bulldozing and earth-working necessary. As it is hoped to have the entrance-way complete by the time of the opening of the Assembly Hall next year, we are anxious to get our side of the project—raising the money—over promptly so that payments will not drag on over the years. Accordingly, it has been decided to send a special appeal to all Old Boys, whether financial members or not, with whom we can make contact. If there are any in your district or of whom you know that do not receive our letters, we would be glad of their addresses.

"While this is no mean task that we have set for ourselves it is a worthy, lasting and suitable gift that past pupils can make to their old school and we look to your interested and willing contributions to get this fund subscribed.

"Several items of news of the College will be of interest. Our Patron, Rev. E. M. Marshall, has been elected as a District Governor of Rotary. This important position will necessitate a lot of travelling in the next year, and while we congratulate him most heartily for the honour, we are sorry that he will not be able to attend next Reunion.

"The secretary to the Board of Governors for 32 years, Mr. Leonard Knight, has retired.

"On Friday, 12th August, the College boys gave an excellent concert in the Auckland Concert Chamber. The following day, the Foundation Stone of the Assembly Hall was laid by Mr. Justice Stanton in the presence of a large crowd of visitors and Old Boys. The next concert will be at the College itself, in the new hall."

For the information of all concerned, the Secretary's address is: C/o P.O. Box 8522, Symonds Street, Auckland, C.3.

# SCHOOL ROLL, 1955.

#### FORM I

Massey, A. R. Nixon, R. G. Pollard, N. C. Tonga, G. A. G. Murray, R. L. Pollard, R. C. Shaw, D. G.

#### FORM II

Beatty, J. L. Galloway, I. M. Morgan, S. A. Southee, B. R. Bryon, P. N. Madsen, T. B. McConnell, N. A. Thwaites, Noble, M. J. J. W. H. Duley, S. M. G. Mayes, T. R. Seales, J. M. Winstone, R. A. Edmondson, J. R.

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Allcock, D. T. Dick, F. G. Hill, P. H. Tredrea, E. G. Anderson. Dickinson. A. G. Mune, I. B. Turner, B. H. I. E. M. Foreman, P. T. Pankhurst, A. J. Tupou, D. Fulton, D. N. Becroft, R. I. Robinson. Walker, H. C. Cheeseman, R. W. Fyers, I. B. R. J. L. B. Winiata, T. T. Curran, B. D. Green, P. J. L. Stokes, F. A.

#### FORM IIIB

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## FORM VB

August, R. J. Eruera, T. U. Kereama, A. A. Tipene, J. Beazley, N. A. Fari, C. A. McLennan, J. W. Tipene, R. Brown, A. D. Joseph, J. W. Schmitt, J. M. Tonga, I. F.

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