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PREFECTS' NOTES

Since Spotswood College opened with third form pupils only, it was decided to experiment with prefects and to make changes each term so that as many pupils as possible could be tried to see whether they were prefect material. Thanks from the staff to the prefects for their co-operation during the year.

Prefects appointed were:—

GIRLS

1st Term:

Carole Sweney (*Head*)
Annette Clegg
Raewyn Dryden
Suzanne Yates

2nd Term:

Carole Sweney (*Head*)
Alison Brunning
Bronwyn Newton
Dianne Rose

3rd Term:

Alison Brunning (*Head*)
Mercia Cassidy
Sherryn Irving
Glenice Nickson

BOYS

1st Term:

D. McNamara (*Head*)
W. Arthur
W. Baird
K. Daniels

2nd Term:

D. McNamara (*Head*)
W. Baird
G. Paul
R. Snell

3rd Term:

R. Snell (*Head*)
G. Paul
G. Thacker
D. Sole



SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE'S FIRST PRINCIPAL



MR. A. L. McPHAIL, M.A.

CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF GOVERNORS



MR. L. M. MOSS, B.A., LL.M.

MR. A. L. McPHAIL

Spotswood College's first principal is a man of wide experience and many interests.

Educated at Wanganui Technical College, he attended Wellington Teachers' Training College (1938-39) and Victoria University, and then began his teaching career in primary schools in Wanganui.

During World War II, Mr. McPhail served in the Middle East and Italy with the Medical Corps, 2nd N.Z.E.F.

He returned to teaching in 1946 and, after a period of sole charge primary work, took up his first post-primary appointment at Taumarunui District High School (1948). After graduating M.A. in History from Victoria University College, Mr. McPhail became Careers Adviser at Hawera Technical College (1950). In 1956 he became first assistant at Heretaunga College (Upper Hutt), a position he held until his appointment to Spotswood College.

Always an enthusiast for sport, Mr. McPhail has built up a fine record as player and administrator and coach. In Rugby he represented Wanganui, King Country, North Island Army, and various 2nd N.Z.E.F. sides in the Middle East. He served on the Rugby Union in Wanganui and was chairman of the Junior Management Committee in South Taranaki.

At cricket he represented Wanganui, Central King Country, and Taranaki, and served on Cricket Associations in Wanganui, Taumarunui and Hawera.

He has had considerable coaching experience in Rugby, cricket and boxing, culminating in coaching the 1st XV and 1st XI at Hawera Technical High School.

In addition, Mr. McPhail was on the organising committee of the Men's Fellowship Movement in Hawera and Upper Hutt, and has been active in church affairs as a Manager of the Presbyterian Church in Upper Hutt.

We hope that Mr. and Mrs. McPhail (herself a Wanganui basketball representative for eleven consecutive seasons) and family will find New Plymouth to their liking, and we are certain that Mr. McPhail will make every endeavour to make Spotswood College a school to be reckoned with.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

To be associated so closely with the establishment of the first post-primary school to be opened in New Plymouth for 75 years is at once an honour and a great responsibility. That the College is co-educational is a break with tradition, but it lies with us, staff and pupils, to show that this school has much to offer all who enter it.

We have been greatly occupied with material things this year, buildings, equipment and ground development, but this, our first magazine, will indicate other achievements, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual, which although difficult to measure, are no less real. These are the achievements which will, in the long run, mould character and nourish the traditions which we seek to establish. Traditions provide the vitality and inspiration which each generation of students must absorb and in turn add to and pass on. Our motto of "High Endeavour" demands of our students that they shall set themselves high standards in all things, and the red lion of Devon, which is the basis of our badge, indicates the past upon which we must build.

It is our hope that a tradition of scholarship will become firmly established from this first year, for, after all, that is the reason for our existence. We are here to provide and absorb instruction; that is our primary aim. In doing so we hope to inculcate that sense of responsibility in our students which will enable them to enter the adult world aware of their duties as well as of their privileges. To reach these high standards we depend on our teaching staff, for without well qualified men and women we can achieve little. We trust that such people will always be available and we must try to make it so.

It is fitting that our close association with the Rangiatea Methodist Maori Girls' Hostel should be firmly established from the first, especially as, in time, all the girls will be attending the College. Already those from the Hostel have contributed much by their pleasant attitude, their eager participation in all our activities, and above all—because we would otherwise have missed it—by their revealing to us facets of Maori culture which we all need to know. We look forward to our increasing association with Rangiatea.

Although our first year is not yet over, we must look to the future. The roll next year will be 300, and with the administration block completed this year, accommodation will be ample. By 1962, however, a further two-storeyed classroom block will be needed for a roll of 450, and tenders for this building have been called for already. It is expected that the roll will be 800-1000 within ten years. The necessity for more playing fields is obvious and the Board of Governors is investigating

PREFECTS — 1960



Back Row: G. R. Paul, W. L. Baird, K. J. Daniels, G. J. Thacker, D. G. Sole.
Middle Row: R. E. Dryden, G. M. Nickson, B. L. Newton, D. C. Rose, S. M. Yates, M. Z. Cassidy, A. Clegg. **Front Row:** W. R. Arthur, R. J. Snell, D. R. McNamara, C. L. Sweney, A. J. Brunning, S. L. Irving.

STAFF



Back Row: G. A. Procter, Miss C. A. Scott, T. O. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. B. E. Emmett, P. Deerson. **Front Row:** Mrs. N. Francis, Miss A. Simpson, A. L. McPhail (Principal), T. Sweeney, Miss J. Foster, Mrs. B. M. Alley.

possible ways of adding to what we have. Materially then, the future of the College seems assured. For this happy state of affairs the New Plymouth High School Board is responsible. We are indeed fortunate in having behind us the wealth of experience and authority of such a governing body.

It will be our constant aim to see that the future in other things will be successful too. By 1970 we hope we shall have gained scholastic successes at the fifth and sixth form levels, and that on the sports field and in cultural pursuits we will have played our part. By 1964 some of our third formers will have completed their Upper Sixth year and by then a firm pattern of development will have emerged. It is stimulating to look forward to making the school's early history.

Throughout the year we have been deeply appreciative of the encouragement and help given by many people and many organisations. Especially do we acknowledge our debt to our Board, the Principals and staffs of the Boys' and Girls' High Schools and the Headmasters of contributing schools. Their co-operation has been outstanding and must surely be a characteristic of New Plymouth folk. Parents have supported us very well and have shown their interest in many ways. The building contractors, the clerk of works, and the representatives of the Ministry of Works have gone out of their way to provide us with what we want. To these our thanks. It is good to know we have so many friends about us.

We must now look forward with confidence, knowing we have much to do, but knowing too, that our task is worth our highest endeavour.

A. L. McPHAIL,
Principal.

STAFF NOTES

The College opened with a small staff—seven full-time teachers and three part-time teachers. Though small in numbers, the staff has worked enthusiastically during the year at the far from easy task of establishing a new school. The spirit and atmosphere of the common room have been most pleasant. Perhaps it would not be going too far to suggest that the school has been lucky so far in obtaining a staff with such a nice balance of youth, experience and beauty (?). (Guess who is writing these notes!)

An unfortunate and serious illness prevented Miss Foster from taking up her appointment at the beginning of the year, her place during the first term being most capably filled by Mrs. I. Johnston, to whom the school is most grateful. A most striking

feature of school life this year has been the tremendous enthusiasm displayed, in and out of the classroom, by our part-time and relieving teachers. Mrs. Johnston's lunchtime dancing classes, Mrs. Francis' and Mrs. Emmett's cheerful assistance at social functions, have been very much appreciated.

Our first student teacher, Miss L. M. Jackson, specialising in Commercial Subjects, spent three weeks with us in the second term. Nor has the stork been idle. It is with great pleasure that we report the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Procter during the first term. And in the third term, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Stoppard. Congratulations!

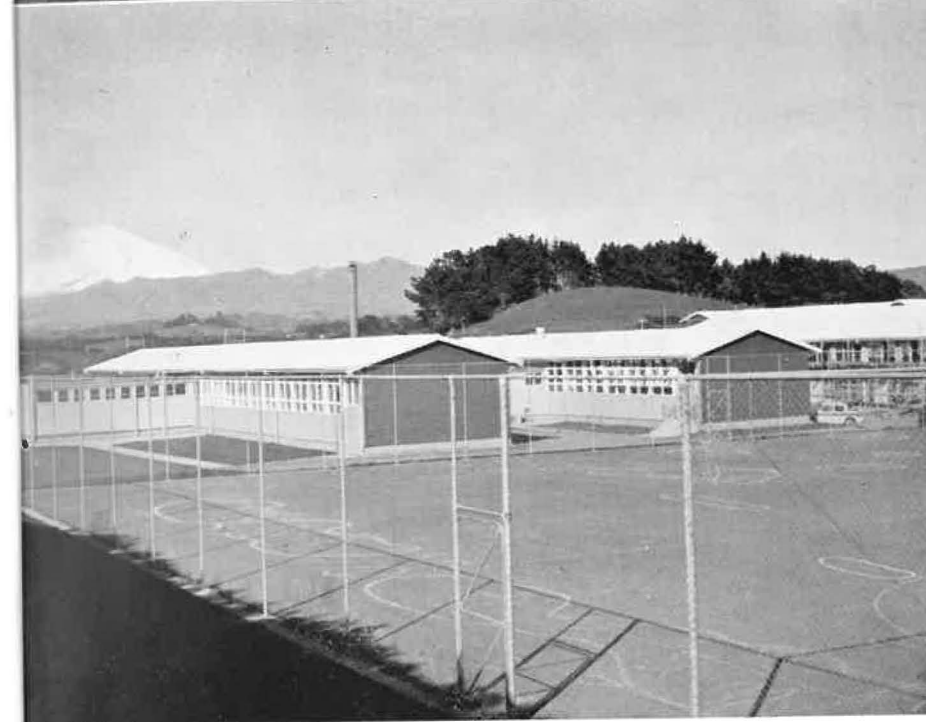
THE HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL

Spotswood College is nearly one year old. Yet the planning for a third State Secondary School in New Plymouth began almost eleven years ago. At a meeting of the New Plymouth High School Board on the 27th of February, 1950, a resolution was passed that the Grounds Committee be asked to investigate and report upon possible sites for a future secondary school in the city.

The rapidly growing western part of the city, being a considerable distance from the Boys' and the Girls' High Schools, seemed to be the best location. Two parcels of land on either side of the Bayly Road extension, between Blagdon Road and the Mangaotuku Stream, were considered. This site was very hilly, however, so the Board suggested that this area be exchanged for a part of the Marfell Block which had been set aside for State Housing. Since nothing came of this suggestion the Board continued its search.

By the beginning of August, 1952, the Board had inspected the land upon which the School now stands. This was part of an area of a little over fifty acres which had been purchased by the Rangiatea Maori College Trust for the purpose of establishing a Maori Girls' School and Hostel. By this time the Trust had abandoned its plan for a school but was proceeding with its plans to build a hostel. The Trust officials were sympathetic to the suggestion that they should sell part of the land for a school, so the Board agreed to approach the Department of Education to take the necessary steps to purchase the required portion of land. The members of the Rangiatea Trust and the High School Board realised that the proposal would be mutually advantageous; the Board would have a very suitable site in a rapidly growing western suburb; the Trust would have a Secondary School, with all the facilities such an institution can offer, very close to the Hostel. Such problems as those of transport and supervision would be much simplified.

A VIEW OF THE MAIN BLOCK



MOUNT EGMONT SETS OFF THE SPECIALIST BLOCK

After lengthy negotiations about the amount of land to be bought, and about the exact situation of the land, the purchase of 26 acres was finalised by the Land Purchase Officer in April, 1956, five years after action to find a site had first been taken.

The Officers of the Department of Education decided upon the use of the "Porirua" design for the school, catering for an ultimate roll of 800 pupils and opening in 1958. This plan, known as the "cluster" or "exploded" type, consisted of separate single-storeyed blocks of classrooms. However, the High School Board, experienced as it was with the administration of two large secondary schools over a long period, and concerned for the welfare of future generations of pupils, had serious objections to this design. The chief reasons why an alternative plan was thought very necessary were: the harmful effects to pupils' health in their movement from one block of classrooms to another in New Plymouth's very wet climate; the loss of time involved in this movement; the congestion in locker rooms; the unsuitable position of pupils' lavatories; the loss of valuable playing grounds by the excessive space to be taken by the classroom blocks; and excessive maintenance costs.

After much discussion, which involved a visit of Departmental Officers to New Plymouth on the 5th of December, 1956, and a deputation from the Board to the then Minister of Education, Mr. Algie, on the 30th January, 1957, the building of the school was postponed. Mr. Algie assured the Board that it would be fully consulted upon the design of the school, its siting, and upon the development of the grounds.

There were still many delays for, although Mr. Moss, the chairman of the High School Board, announced on the 5th of May, 1958, that tenders would soon be called, it was not until the 14th of April, 1959, that Mr. Skoglund, the Minister of Education, announced the acceptance of the tender of Boon Bros. This came three years after the Cabinet Works' Committee had approved the building of the school.

The design now chosen for the school was the "Nelson" type, so called because it had been developed by architects of the Nelson Education Board. The objections to the Porirua design were to a large extent answered in the new plan. Double-storeyed classroom blocks with a single-storeyed administration block were to be provided for.

Many suggestions were received by the Board for a suitable name for the school, but the Board finally decided to name the school Spotswood College after the district in which the school is situated. The name also has a special interest for it commemorates the Spotswood family, one of whom, Louisa Jane, married Richard John Seddon, a great figure in New Zealand history, who was Prime Minister from 1893 to 1906.

THE SCHOOL OPENS

THE FIRST ASSEMBLY, 2nd FEBRUARY, 1960

This morning 63 boys and 73 girls, all third formers, and all wearing their new uniforms, attended the first assembly held in the Woodwork room, which was used as an Assembly Hall during the first term.

Official Guests were:—

Mr. L. M. Moss (Chairman of the New Plymouth High School Board) and Mrs. Moss.

Mr. F. V. Morine (member of the Board).

Mr. O. H. Burford (Secretary of the Board).

Mrs. McPhail (wife of Mr. A. L. McPhail, Principal).

Mr. J. H. Boon (representing the contractors).

Mr. R. G. Parsons (Clerk of Works).

Sister E. Marriott (Matron of the Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel).

As an opening Bible reading Mr. McPhail chose a reading from the New Testament, choosing the parable of the sower, and expressing the hope that the College would "bring forth fruit a thousand fold."

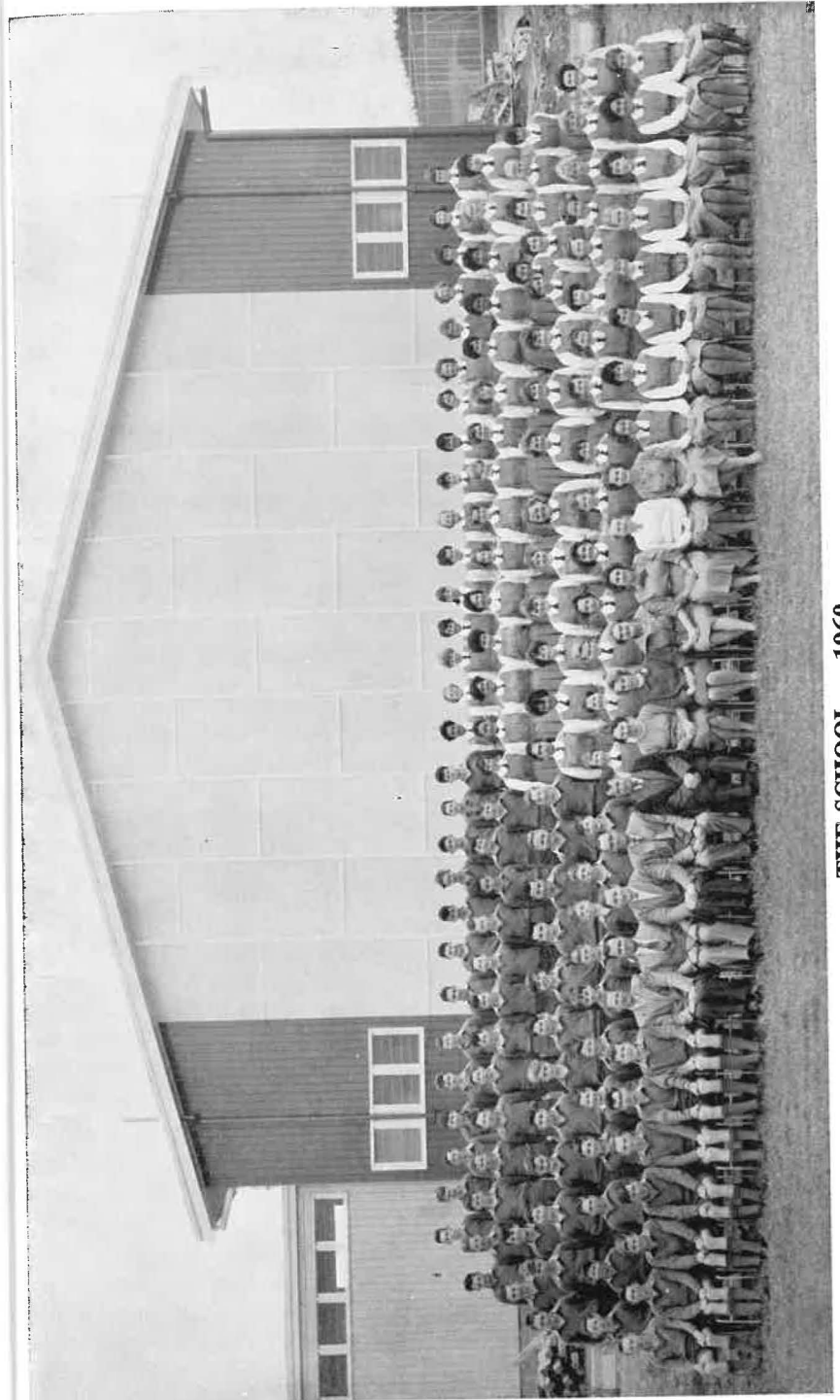
After prayers Mr. McPhail congratulated all those who had helped plan and construct the College.

Mr. Moss then spoke to the gathering.

"It is you pupils who are the school, and not the buildings," said Mr. Moss. He was very impressed with the buildings and equipment provided and told the pupils that they were, in fact, pioneers.

Mr. Moss then introduced each member of the Staff to the pupils, thanked the contractors, and wished the School, pupils and staff, good luck.

Messages of good wishes from Miss R. Allum and Mr. J. Webster were read.



THE SCHOOL — 1960

THE OFFICIAL OPENING*25th MAY, 1960*

During the first term, the main two storey block was not available as it had not been completed. During this period, the technical drawing room, metalwork shop and a double pre-fabricated room had been used as general classrooms.

However, the main block was occupied on the first day of the second term, and on May 25th, Mr. P. O. S. Skoglund, Minister of Education, arrived to open officially the new College.

It had been intended to hold the ceremony outside, where both parents and pupils could have participated fully, but frequent heavy showers forced a sudden alteration of plans and the ceremony was transferred to the library. Since about 150 parents had to be accommodated, only the prefects attended the ceremony.

Mr. L. M. Moss, Chairman of the New Plymouth High School Board, opened proceedings. "This ceremony," he said, "marks the opening of the first post-primary school at New Plymouth for 75 years." He referred to certain difficulties the High School Board had had with the Education Department over the plans for the school in 1956, but believed that Spotswood College and other post-primary schools were benefiting from the discussions that had taken place in 1956. He hoped that the Minister would be able to do something about having the playing areas expanded.

Short addresses were then given by Mr. E. P. Aderman, M.P. for New Plymouth, and Mr. A. G. Honnor, Mayor of New Plymouth.

"I believe that every school is entitled to what every other school gets," Mr. Skoglund replied. The question of extra playing fields was under review, he stated. He pointed out that it would be about a year before any conclusions could be drawn from the Nelson plan, which was the design used in building Spotswood College.

After a year it might be possible to deduce any imperfections in the layout. He was well aware that the school would expand quickly, and stated that the next two-storey block of eight classrooms would be built as quickly as possible.

"Years of planning and the work of very many people have made this day possible," stated Mr. A. L. McPhail, headmaster of Spotswood College. He wished to record publicly the debt owed to the High School Board for their efforts in providing New Plymouth with a school of which all might be proud, and felt that the School was fortunate in having such an experienced

board in control. He thanked the very many people who had contributed towards the establishment of the school, and concluded with these words:—

“Now, girls and boys, it is our job, yours, the staff’s, and mine to cherish this place, to establish such traditions that in the years to come the College will be held in high esteem by all who know us.”

Included also in the official opening party were the Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr. A. G. Honnor, the member of Parliament for New Plymouth, Mr. E. P. Aderman, Mr. Moss, and the Headmaster, Mr. A. L. McPhail.

Before the opening ceremony bouquets were presented to Mesdames Honnor, McPhail and Aderman.

Afternoon tea was served in the Staff Room to official guests.

School Activities

FIRST ANNUAL SWIMMING SPORTS

Our first Swimming Sports were held at the Municipal Baths on the afternoon of the 23rd of February. A pleasing feature of the sports was the large number of pupils who entered races.

The results of the inter-form relay were as follows:
(1) 3B; (2) 3C; (3) 3A.

Here are the detailed results:

Boys—Junior:

- 33 1-3 Breaststroke: W. Arthur 1, M. Wolland 2, I. Campbell 3, 39.3s;
33 1-3 Backstroke: W. Arthur 1, I. Campbell 2, M. Wolland 3, 30.2s.
33 1-3 Freestyle: J. Halliday 1, I. Campbell 2, W. Baird 3, 22.2s.

Girls—Junior:

- 33 1-3 Breaststroke: R. Dryden 1, G. Nickson 2, M. Rae 3, 27.6s.
33 1-3 Backstroke: S. Yates 1, R. Mills 2, M. Morris 3, 31.0s.
33 1-3 Freestyle: R. Dryden 1, S. Irving 2, G. Nickson 3, 23.5s.

Girls—Intermediate:

- 33 1-3 Backstroke: A. Okeroa 1, 27.7s.
33 1-3 Breaststroke: M. Shrimpton 1, 32.2s.
33 1-3 Freestyle: A. Okeroa 1, M. Shrimpton 2, 23.7s.

Boys’ Dive:

W. Arthur 1, N. Thomson 2, M. McAlpine 3.

Girls’ Dive:

R. Dryden 1, G. Nickson 2, S. Yates 3.

Novelties—Boys:

Learners’ Race: J. Fernee 1, A. James 2, W. Gundeson 3.
Catch the Train: I. Campbell 1, W. Macdonald 2, W. Arthur 3.
Plunge: J. Macdonald 1, W. Macdonald 2, W. Arthur 3.

Novelties—Girls:

Learners’ Race: C. Sweny and D. Manning equal 1, A. Clegg 3.
Catch the Train: R. Dryden 1, G. Nickson 2, H. Hammonds 3.
Plunge: S. Irving 1, M. Rae 2, H. Gatenby 3.

On Thursday, the 3rd of March, we had a very pleasant contest with the Junior pupils of Inglewood High School at the Inglewood High School baths. We very much enjoyed the informality of the meeting and the friendly rivalry.

INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING SPORTS

The Taranaki Inter-secondary Schools Swimming Sports were held at the New Plymouth Boys’ High School Baths on Saturday, the 5th of March. The following pupils represented Spotswood College: R. Dryden, J. Halliday, I. Campbell, S. Yates, G. Nickson, R. Heatley, M. Rae, R. Mills, M. Shrimpton, M. McAlpine, M. Wolland and W. Arthur.

All these pupils performed very creditably. In the heats, R. Dryden, J. Halliday, I. Campbell and M. Shrimpton gained places. R. Dryden was second in the final of the 66 2-3 Girls’ Junior Breaststroke and J. Halliday was third in the final of the 33 1-3 Boys’ Junior Freestyle.

SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS

There were several features about our first athletic sports meeting, held on the top ground on the 10th March, that will be remembered for a long time by those who were present.

First we were fortunate in having a day most suited for such an event. Secondly, the interest shown by pupils and staff was in itself a guarantee for a successful meeting. This interest was reflected in the large number of entries received in both track and field events. Finally, the parents and friends who were present added colour and atmosphere and their enthusiasm no doubt encouraged the competitors.

The following are the results of the finals:

Boys under 13½ years:

Long Jump: B. Reeve 1, G. Paul 2, D. Sole 3. 12’ 10½”.
Discus: B. Jeffries 1, G. Paul 2, R. Snell 3. 84’ 5”.
100yds: B. Jeffries 1, J. Winter 2, R. Snell 3. 13.1sec.
220yds: B. Reeve 1, R. Snell 2, J. Winter 3. 32.0sec.
80yds Hurdles: N. Thomson 1, T. Fitzpatrick 2, N. Falconer 3. 15.1sec.
440yds: R. Snell 1, J. Winter 2, I. Campbell 3. 1m. 21.6sec.
High Jump: T. Fitzpatrick 1, A. Wilson 2. 3’ 10½”.
Shot Put: A. James 1, J. Winter 2, D. Sole 3. 23’ 7”.

Boys’ Junior:

Long Jump: W. Baird 1, R. Gudopp 2, R. Krutz 3. 12’ 7”.
Discus: P. Cox 1, K. Charles 2, D. McNamara 3. 89’ 10”.
100yds: R. Egarr 1, R. Gudopp 2, A. Stewart 3. 12.7sec.
220yds: W. Autridge 1, R. Egarr 2, D. McNamara 3. 31.6sec.
440yds: W. Gundeson 1, R. Gudopp 2, D. Wilkins 3. 1m. 26.3sec.
80yds Hurdles: A. Stewart 1, B. Reeves 2, A. Narbey 3. 13.8sec.
Shot Put: P. Cox 1, J. Smith 2, G. Thacker 3. 23’ 8”.
High Jump: D. McNamara 1, A. Stewart 2, D. Wilkins 3. 4’ 0½”.
880yds: D. McNamara 1, B. Reeve 2, P. Falconer 3. 2m. 39.6sec.

Boys’ Intermediate:

880yds: M. Wolland 1, A. Culling 2. 3m. 5.7sec.
Long Jump: A. Culling 1, M. Wolland 2. 11’ 9½”.
Shot Put: M. Wolland 1, A. Culling 2. 21’ 4½”.

Girls under 13½:

Long Jump: R. Heatley 1, E. Mace 2, C. Smith 3. 13' 5½".
 Discus: C. Rogers 1, R. Dryden 2, H. Gatenby 3. 67'.
 Shot Put: C. Rogers 1, S. Haskell 2, D. Rose 3. 24' 9".
 50yds: G. Lewis 1, D. Rose 2, E. Mace 3. 6.7sec.
 80yds Hurdles: E. Mace 1, G. Lewis 2, R. Heatley 3. 13.2sec.
 75yds: G. Lewis 1, D. Rose 2, R. Heatley 3. 9.9sec.
 High Jump: H. Gatenby 1, G. Nickson 2. 4ft.

Girls' Junior:

Long Jump: A. Sutherland 1, E. Murphy 2, D. Manning 3. 12' 1½".
 Shot Put: S. Haskell 1, J. Bounsall 2. 20' 4".
 50yds: A. Sutherland 1, Y. Ireson 2, E. Murphy 3.
 75yds: P. Olsen 1, Y. Ireson 2, D. Manning 3. 10.5sec.
 80yds Hurdles: E. Murphy 1, D. Manning 2, Q. Rangihaeata 3.
 15.9sec.

High Jump: A. Clegg 1, D. Manning and H. Marr equal 2. 4' 1".

Girls' Intermediate:

100 yds.: J. Ngatai 1, M. Shrimpton 2, J. Mattock 3. 12.9sec.

Inter-Form Relay: Boys & Girls.

3C 1; 3A 2; 3B 3. 2m. 27.2sec.

INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPORTS

There emerged from our Athletic Meeting a number of competitors who were of a sufficiently high standard to enter for various events at the Inter-secondary Schools Sports held at Stratford Technical High School grounds on the 26th March.

Conditions were not ideal, the weather being blustery and cold. We did not expect numerous successes from our team, but the pleasure of participating in the sports made the trip well worth while. However, some measure of success did come our way, because Gillian Lewis won the final of the 75yds girls' race and came second in the 100yds final—a grand performance. But for a dropped baton in the final of the junior girls' relay, our girls' relay team would probably have won the race.

"Nothing spectacular, but a solid performance," could aptly describe the effort on the part of the boys. The chances of many of these boys should be enhanced for 1961 because they will still be juniors.

A final point worthy of mention is that running shoes are necessary for those students who enjoy their running and who intend taking an active part in the sport for a number of years.

The following is the list of competitors and the event in which they competed:

Boys—Junior:

R. Egarr, 100yds, Relay.
 B. Reeves, Long Jump, Relay.
 D. McNamara, High Jump, Relay.
 R. Snell, Relay.

Boys—Intermediate:

N. Pepperell, 100yds.

Girls—Junior:

G. Lewis, 75yds, 1st place in final.
 100yds, 2nd place in final.
 D. Rose, 75yds, 100yds.
 R. Heatley, Long Jump.
 A. Clegg, High Jump.

The relay team comprised G. Lewis, D. Rose, R. Heatley, S. Yates.

Girls—Intermediate:

A. Okeroa, High Jump.
 J. Ngatai, 100yds.
 M. Shrimpton, 75yds.

TENNIS TEAM—1960

Left to Right.—Back Row: D. G. Sole, R. C. Petch, R. S. Jeffries, A. B. Wilson.
 Front Row: V. Winitana, C. Rogers, M. K. Morris, D. C. Rose. Absent:
 P. Kopa, G. M. Nickson.

CRICKET TEAM—1960

Left to Right.—Back Row: M. J. Nielson, G. J. Earl, J. W. MacDonald,
 P. J. Benton, A. B. Wilson, A. W. Stewart. Front Row: L. H. Farmer,
 W. L. Baird, B. Jeffries, D. R. McNamara (Captain), A. R. James, L. J. Megaw.
 Absent: D. G. Sole, R. J. Snell, R. H. Krutz.

TENNIS, 1960

The tennis group at the beginning of the year, although keen, was hampered by lack of courts and any practice that could be had was on the Kawarua Courts.

One match was played against Inglewood High School but their players proved far too strong for our four boys and five girls. Although well beaten, it was pleasing to see that the players continued to try their best right to the end.

The team was: Maree Morris, Charlotte Rogers, Myra Okeroa, Dianne Rose and Patsy Winitana, Denis Sele, Russell Jeffries, Allen Wilson and Rodney Fetch.

Now that we have our own courts, the standard of play should improve and we look forward to further inter-school games.

SOFTBALL**GIRLS:**

Although the first term was very busy and somewhat broken, we managed to make a good beginning with summer sports in the school. Many of the girls became softball enthusiasts and spent a good deal of time in practice. Two teams were chosen to travel to Inglewood High School to play a fixture against two of their 3rd form teams. The College teams, playing their first inter-school matches, were very nervous, and their performance, particularly that of the A team, was affected. Both games were very exciting and our teams could be regarded as being lucky to win.

Results: Spotswood A won 28 - 27.
Spotswood B won 19 - 10.

BOYS:

Many boys took a lively interest in this sport, especially during lunch hour breaks. There was, of course, often a great deal of activity and too many unguided missiles about the diamond, but gradually the boys began to realise that there is more to the game of softball than merely taking a poke at a wild pitch. On 3rd March two teams played against third form teams from Inglewood High School, took a sight along third base line to Fantham's Peak and proceeded to push across quite a few runs—not enough, however. Spotswood lost both games to opponents who were nippier and more accurate with their throws.

Results: Spotswood A lost 36 - 16.
Spotswood B lost 33 - 23.

The winter recess seemed to rejuvenate the boys and many turned out for spring practice in October. Coach Deerson made everyone practise the basic skills until some very respectable throwing, catching and batting emerged. As usual, there was a shortage of pitchers, but there were several triers and an infield that promised to shape up nicely. We look forward to inter-school games in the city.

CRICKET NOTES

No matter if the cricket team was unable to win more than one game—it was the first team to represent the school in outside competition. The players were keen and their appearance and behaviour were a credit to themselves and the school during the season. They were handicapped by having no wicket at school on which to practise and had to make do with one session a week at Devon Intermediate School. We are grateful to Mr. A. L. Herdman for making available so graciously the matting and other cricket facilities of his school.

The most striking weaknesses of the team were the long batting tail and the often quite deplorable fielding of some of the boys. D. McNamara was a good captain and has a promising future as a bowler. M. Nielson and W. Baird looked the soundest bats with Baird also getting a good share of wickets. A. Stewart batted and bowled well, while his fielding put him in a class apart, at times brilliant.

Crickets should look up at the school when the roll increases and when the school manages to obtain its own pitches.

- RESULTS:** v. High School B at Sanders Park 13/2/60.
A first innings win by 22 runs.
Spotswood 109 (McNamara 57, B. Jeffries 19).
High School 87 (McNamara 3-14, Jeffries 4-19, Stewart 3-25).
- v. Inglewood High School at Inglewood, 20/2/60.
Lost on the first innings.
Spotswood 22
Inglewood 63 for 3 wickets.
- v. High School A at Gully No. 2 27/2/60.
Lost by 23 runs.
High School: 1st Innings 61 (Baird 3-27).
2nd Innings 74 (Baird 3-42).
Spotswood: 1st Innings 41 (Baird 21).
2nd Innings 71 (Stewart 29).
- v. High School C at Te Mete Park 5/3/60.
Lost by 18 runs.
School C: 1st Innings 93 (Jeffries 5-21, McNamara 3-28).
2nd Innings 48 (McNamara 3-14).
Spotswood: 1st Innings 68 (Stewart 21, McNamara 13).
2nd Innings 55 (Krutz 16, Baird 15).
- v. Vogeltown at Sanders Park 19/3/60.
Lost on 1st Innings by 69 runs.
Vogeltown: 1st Innings 97.
Spotswood: 1st Innings 28.
- School Game:** v. an Inglewood High School Junior XI
Drawn game after divided batting time.
Spotswood: 79 for 6 wickets (Baird 35 retired, McNamara 13, Stewart 12).
Inglewood: 50 for 7 wickets (Baird 4 for 13).

BASKETBALL

In this our first year, the College basketball teams made a creditable beginning to what is hoped will be many years of successful and enjoyable basketball in the school.

Three teams were entered in the North Taranaki Basketball Association's Saturday competition, and played in the Junior Grade. The A team worked up a good combination and played well throughout the season to be placed 3rd in their section. The B and C teams did not meet with success, but the players should be commended for their keenness and determination. The teams participated in opening and closing day tournaments and, although not successful, they played well and enjoyed the encounters.

During the season the A team travelled to Stratford to play in the inter-secondary schools' tournament. Playing in the junior section, the College team took 4th place, winning 5 games, drawing 2 and losing 2.

At all times the teams played to the best of their ability, and in the true spirit of the game. They are looking forward to next winter to improve upon this year's performance.

- A Team:** M. Morris (capt.), M. Shrimpton, M. Okeroa, E. Mace, G. Nickson, D. Rose, Y. Ireson, F. Hill, S. Haskell.
B Team: R. Dryden (capt.), M. Rae, P. Hart, J. Hook, R. Heatley, L. Fugle, H. Hammonds, G. Lewis, H. Gatenby.
C Team: C. Smith (capt.), L. Simpson, C. Orr, A. McPhail, S. McIntyre, S. Yates, R. Morgan, D. Manning, A. Sutherland.

Inter-school Matches:

With the addition of several girls who were unable to play Saturday games — notably the Hostel girls — the College teams were strengthened for inter-school games, and had a very successful season.

Results of games were as follows:

v. Waitara H.S. at Spotswood, 15th June—

This was our first inter-school fixture, and the results proved to the girls that they would have to concentrate on fitness and combination. The Waitara girls were very fit and played good basketball, although the final results were close.

- Spotswood A** lost 12-14
B lost 7-9.
C won 7-5.
D lost 2-18.

v. Inglewood H.S. at Spotswood, 7th July—

All three Spotswood teams felt the benefit of practice and better combination, and results show the improvement in play.

- Spotswood A** won 16-10.
B won 9-7.
C won 13-3.

v. Freyberg High School at Spotswood, 13th July—

The College teams played their best basketball of the season to defeat two very good teams from Freyberg. The teams were evenly matched in the first half, but during the second half the College teams drew ahead. This was due particularly to the outstanding performance of the defence and the accurate shooting of the goalies.

- Spotswood A** won 37-20.
B won 20-16.

v. Manurewa High School at Manurewa, 22nd July—

These, our first away games, produced some first class basketball from both sides. The B team played much better than expected, and thoroughly deserved their good win. The result of the A game was disappointing. The opposing team was very strong, but the College team was in a winning position and threw the game away in the last five minutes through careless passing and faulty handling.

- Spotswood A** lost 22-25.
B won 25-8.

v. Okato D.H.S. at Spotswood, 27th July—

Once again all teams were well matched and results were close.

- Spotswood A** won 13-8.
B won 11-10.
C won 13-8.

v. Opunake H.S. at Opunake, 2nd August—

The results of these games augur well for the future. Playing against 4th and 5th form girls, the College teams performed creditably to win all matches.

- Spotswood A** won 24-18.
B won 18-17.
C won 20-14.

College Teams:

- A:** M. Morris (Captain), M. Shrimpton, M. Okeroa, E. Mace, D. Rose, Y. Ireson, E. Murphy.
B: S. Haskell (Captain), G. Nickson, F. Hill, C. Rogers, P. Hart, H. Gatenby, R. Dryden, G. Lewis.

INTER-FORM COMPETITION:

The inter-form basketball aroused much speculation among the pupils and staff, and the games proved to be most exciting. All games produced very good basketball, and saw some hard-fought wins. 3D had the greatest number of regular players and ran out the winners, withstanding all challenges.

3D Team: M. Okeroa (Captain), M. Shrimpton, P. Kopa, H. Hau, E. Murphy, F. Hill, Y. Ireson.

PUPILS v. STAFF MATCH:

The College A team suffered their greatest moral loss of the season when they, aided by the referee, lost to a talented staff team. The College team was highly regarded as the favourite, but the girls were too slow-moving for the staff who were at their peak of fitness. The final score of 4-3 was not at all flattering to the performance of the staff team.

RUGBY**1st XV:**

Although thirty-five boys were keen to play rugby this year, only one team, an 8th Grade, could be entered in the competition because of the wide variations in weights. The first XV consisted of a nucleus of 8th grade players as well as some boys who were heavier and did not have the chance to play regular competition rugby. This resulted in many players lacking match fitness. While the 1st XV did play well on occasions, mostly the players needed real determination.

Results:

v. Patea D.H.S. Lost 3-39.

Patea had a much heavier team but their players deserve full credit for their vigorous, aggressive rugby.

v. Inglewood H.S. Lost 6-12.

A very even game in which more determination was shown by our players.

v. Waitara H.S. Won 9-0.

On this occasion our players had a big weight advantage over their opponents.

v. Freyberg H.S. Lost 3-8.

The result would have been a more even one if our players had made use of their opportunities.

v. Manurewa. Lost 0-29.

The game was very even in the first half. However, in the second half, the Manurewa players exploited the weak tackling of many of the Spotswood players and so they had no difficulty scoring tries.

v. Okato D.H.S. Lost 0-14.

Much improvement was shown in this game.

v. Opunake H.S. Lost 0-29.

Superior fitness and a more positive attitude to the game was more than a match for a lethargic, defensive team.

The following boys played for the 1st XV:

W. Baird (Captain), W. Arthur (Vice-Captain), A. Narbey, R. Egarr, B. Reeve, A. Culling, D. McNamara, G. James, A. Stewart, W. Macdonald, D. Sole, B. Jeffries, R. Jeffries, J. Winter, L. Farmer, M. Nielson, N. Falconer, R. Krutz, W. Autridge, J. Smillie.

BASKETBALL "A" TEAM — 1960

Left to Right.—Back Row: M. M. Shrimpton, M. Okeroa, Y. Ireson, Miss Scott (Coach). Front Row: D. C. Rose, M. K. Morris, E. Murphy, E. M. Mace.

FIRST FIFTEEN — 1960

Left to Right.—Back Row: R. S. Jeffries, N. J. Falconer, B. Jeffries, D. R. McNamara, B. E. Reeve, J. D. Winter, G. E. James, M. J. Nielson, Mr. Fitzgibbon (Coach). Middle Row: W. D. Macdonald, D. G. Sole, A. W. Stewart, W. L. Baird (Captain), W. R. Arthur (Vice-Captain), R. A. Egarr, A. Culling. Front Row: L. H. Farmer, A. F. Narbey.

8th GRADE:

The season was a very successful one for the 8th Grade even though most games were lost. We say successful, because the games were enjoyed by all the team members and there was always an excellent spirit. There was a gradual improvement in the quality of the rugby played, although that lack of determined attack so characteristic of the 1st XV was shared by the 8th grade team. Until this attacking quality becomes part of our play, our rugby will be ineffective.

Warren Baird, our captain, was always the mainstay of the backline; Tony Narbey played many faultless games at fullback, as did Arun Stewart at halfback; Ray Egarr's handling showed improvement and resulted in his scoring some excellent tries. In the forwards, Wayne Arthur and Denis Sole always played hard, plucky rugby.

Results:

- v. Okato D.H.S. Lost 0-21.
- v. Francis Douglas. Lost 0-11.
- v. School East. Lost 6-8.
- v. Waitara. Lost 0-13.
- v. School West. Won 18-15.
- v. Okato D.H.S. Lost 0-22.
- v. Francis Douglas. Lost 0-24.
- v. School East. Lost 3-9.
- v. School West. Lost 0-9.

The following boys played for the 8th Grade during the season: W. Baird (Captain), W. Arthur (Vice-Captain), P. Boyes, T. Fitzpatrick, N. Falconer, N. Pepperell, N. Thomson, A. Stewart, D. Brabender, A. Narbey, D. Sole, R. Egarr, W. Macdonald, R. Jeffries, M. Nielson, J. Winter, L. Farmer, G. James, E. Loader, E. Powell, R. Krutz, J. MacDonald, M. McAlpine, I. Campbell, G. Jury.

INTER-FORM RUGBY COMPETITION:

This most enjoyable series, held during the last week of the second term, provided some exciting rugby. The results were:

- 3A defeated 3B 12-0.
- 3C defeated 3DE 9-3.
- 3DE defeated 3B 9-6.
- 3C defeated 3A 6-3.

3C was the winner of the series.

THANKS:

We should like to thank those parents who provided transport and oranges throughout the season. Especially, we should like to thank the referees who controlled our games so well during the season.

TABLE TENNIS

Table tennis was able to make a very modest start in the school through the kindness of Sister Marriott, Matron of the neighbouring Rangiatea Hostel for Maori Girls. She granted a small group from the school the use of the Hostel's Recreation Hall for one night a week.

Congratulations are extended to Dennis McNamara and Allen Wilson for their performances in the North Taranaki residential championships. McNamara won the C Grade Men's Singles and the Boys' under 15 Championship and, partnered by Wilson, the C Grade Men's Doubles. Both these boys are promising players. Next year, with our own hall available, it should be possible to acquire tables of our own and thus increase interest in this very popular sport.

LIBRARY NOTES

The College library opened in the first term in a very small room (about 8ft. by 6ft.) in one corner of the prefab. building. The original books on issue consisted of 308 books from the National Library Service plus a number of magazines presented by the pupils. So restricted was space that only two pupils at a time could be permitted in the "library."

Under the Education Department's new scheme, Mrs. B. E. Emmett was appointed librarian, and has been largely responsible together with her team of willing librarians, for the setting up of the library.

At the beginning of the second term the library took possession of its right and permanent home — a large, colourful room with adjustable shelves. Many generous donations of books and magazines were made to the library — the most noteworthy being the entire personal library of somewhere near 300 books given by Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Veale. Other generous donations were made by: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Snell, Messrs. R. J. Arthur, W. L. Russell, R. P. McCabe, G. A. Duke, L. W. Greiner, C. O. Heatley, R. C. Sargent, T. F. Shankland, I. E. Sweney, G. James, W. F. Powell, V. C. Petch, C. C. Rose, A. L. McPhail, T. Sweeney, G. Procter, Major and Mrs. L. Rawley, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. J. Francis, and pupils E. Shankland, Allen James, Suzanne Yates and Alan Cresswell. There may be others, whose names are not known to us, but to all who have helped us with gifts of books and magazines we are most grateful.

At last the exciting day arrived when some of our own new books arrived, and before long Mrs. Emmett and her librarians were kept busy processing these books. Two timely book sales in the town enabled us to buy more reference books than we could otherwise have afforded and to make our setting up grant go further than expected.

There is no doubt that the library has made a good start and it is most gratifying to find that the pupils have appreciated their library to such an extent that there has been no damage to books and hardly any losses.

Librarians 1960:

Elizabeth Shankland and Shirley Duke (Head Librarians), Janice Rawley, Barbara Main, Robyn Mills, Anne McPhail, Colleen Orr, Yvonne Williams, Charlotte Rogers, Mercia Cassidy, Lynette Fugle, Evan Powell and Rodney Petch.

MUSIC

In a new school, every activity begun is a pioneer activity. The school was exceedingly fortunate in obtaining the services of Mrs. N. Francis as music teacher, for Mrs. Francis is imbued with pioneer spirit. Her drive and enthusiasm have meant much to the musical side of the school. With her assistants, Mrs. B. M. Alley and Miss D. Innes, she has achieved much that has been worthwhile.

A special choir of 40 voices was selected from the school to take part in the Taranaki Post-primary Schools' Music Festival which was held in Stratford during the afternoon of 4th May. Altogether about a thousand pupils were there.

The massed items were:—

- "Song for a Festival" (George Dyson).
- "Home on the Range" (Traditional).
- "Cindy" (Traditional).
- "Firmly I Believe."

The items sung by our own choir were: "Westering Home" and "Road to the Isles," conducted by Mrs. Francis and accompanied by Mrs. Alley.

Work for the operetta "The Boy Mozart" was started in June. The performance is expected to take place later in the year. As a minuet is to be danced at the opening of Scene IV, Mrs. McAlpine very kindly undertook to train the dancers for this.

In order to allow the instrumental side of the music department to commence right away, we asked for assistance in obtaining instruments and, as a result, we thank the following: Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Falconer, Mr. Francis, Mrs. Haskell, Miss V. Ross, N.P. Girls' High School and N.P. Boys' High School. We are especially grateful to Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin for their generous donation of a violin.

Piano lessons were started during the first term by Mrs. Alley and Mrs. Francis. By the beginning of the third term thirteen pupils had enrolled. In July Kathleen Sargent passed Grade IV theory examination of the Royal Schools of Music.

Five boys and two girls began violin lessons with Miss Dawn Innes and in October one boy started flute lessons under the direction of Mr. Barnes, who very willingly offered his help.

September saw what is hoped to be the beginning of a school orchestra. Those taking part at practices at school were:

Violins: Hilarie Hammonds, John Winter, John Smillie, Graeme Earl, Russell Jeffries, Jennifer Cumming.

Viola: Raewyn Dryden.

Miss V. Ross was kind enough to orchestrate a Mozart minuet for this group and, on the morning of October 19, they played for the hymn at Assembly — the forerunner, we hope, of many a similar performance.

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE COUNCIL

The School Council is an organization which enables pupil opinion on school matters to be heard. The present council consists of the eight prefects and two representatives from each of the five classes, with Dennis McNamara acting as secretary.

Class Representatives

- 3 A — Annette Clegg, D. McNamara.
- 3 B — Sharyn Haskell, J. Halliday.
- 3 C — Cheryl Smith, W. Baird.
- 3 D — Faye Hill, L. Megaw.
- 3 E — Josephine Ngatai, W. Gudopp.

The main matters so far discussed by the council were a scheme for collecting contributions to the lectern fund (the fund subsequently reached over £20), and a suitable organization of the school into Houses for next year. One complete session was spent considering suggestions from pupils for the names of the Houses. The winning suggestion, from Glenice Nickson and Gaylene Julian, was that the Houses should be named after the Sugar Loaves (Paritutu, Mikotahi, Moturoa, Motumahanga). At future meetings of the Council, further aspects of next year's House organization will be discussed.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION, 1960

Early in the first term an open meeting of parents was called. Staff members spoke on their special departments and Mr. McPhail outlined the general organization of the school.

The following committee was elected: Mr. J. D. Campbell (President), Mr. I. E. Sweney (Secretary-Treasurer), Mrs. L. D. Arthur, Mrs. I. J. Smillie, Sister E. B. Marriott, Mr. M. L. Julian, and Mr. J. A. Snell. Mr. P. Deerson was appointed liaison officer between the committee and the College staff.

The first successful activity organized by the committee was an Old Clothes Sale held in the Y.W.C.A. on 5th August. From this sale and from a subsequent sale run by some of the mothers, the College benefited by about £40.

On 29th October a Gala Day was held. Bad weather in the morning meant that the stalls had to be set up indoors. Fortunately the weather cleared in the afternoon, so that the Gala was well supported, so well, in fact, that a profit of £120 was made. That this Gala was such a success is due to the combined efforts of pupils, parents and staff. It was pleasing to see all three working purposefully for the same cause — the welfare of the College.

We wish to thank the Parent-Teacher Association for its backing this year and to congratulate it on its successful first-year operations.

“NGA KAKANO O RANGIATEA”

The Foundation of the Rangiatea Methodist Maori Girls' Hostel.

Rangiatea Hostel and Spotswood College lie on adjacent sites. In time, all the girls of post-primary age, with a few possible exceptions, will attend the College. The two institutions are already complementary and will influence each other even more in the future.

Rangiatea Hostel has indeed a link with the early history of New Plymouth. It was in 1850 that the Methodist Church of New Zealand acquired 100 acres of land, now known as the Grey Institute Trust. The promise was made to establish a College for Maori girls of all tribes on this land. This would bring the policy of the Church into line with the work of a school for Maori boys which was in existence, the Grey Institute.

The young New Zealand Methodist Church, which was separated from the Australian Church in the early years of this century, had a struggle to survive during those pioneer years. There was little finance to spare for capital outlay of this kind.

At the time of the Centennial of the Province of Taranaki, the Church opened a small interim school in the Mission property in South Road. This experimental school housed only twelve girls and was more like a family group.

After the war, the attitude to Maori education had so changed that it was found necessary to alter the Church's policy on Maori education. Accommodation was needed for a larger number of Maori girls entering the post-primary schools who would receive a good training in Maori Waiata, Housecraft and Religious Instruction.

In 1942 the Rangiatea College Trust was incorporated and funds were steadily built up for a hostel. Spotswood was the site chosen. In 1944 fifty acres of farm land were purchased on the South Road for this purpose. By 1956 the Board had finalised its plans. Half of the land was sold to the High School Board for the establishment of a post-primary school. This assured the Rangiatea Board of educational facilities adjacent to the hostel. On receipt of a grant from the Maori Purpose Fund (which covered the provision of a wing for business girls), the proceeds from the sale of land, and two substantial legacies, it was possible in 1957 to commence building.

It was a great day in the history of Methodism when on the 14th March, 1959, the hostel was opened by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Walter Nash. Prior to the opening ceremony a Maori elder had performed the ceremony of the lifting of the tapu. Maori and European worked together to provide hospitality for the six hundred guests who sat down to a hangi dinner. A grand hui or meeting was held over the week-end. The Maori people travelled from many districts to participate. The recreation room became the sleeping house for the numbers who stayed on. With the opening of the Hostel, the Church had fulfilled its long-standing promise to the Maori people.

At present there are thirty-seven school girls in residence and six business girls. In charge of the girls are three residential staff members and three part-time members of staff. The present permanent staff consists of Sister E. B. Marriott (Deaconess in Charge), Miss R. James and Miss N. Stewart (sub-matrons). Sister Marriott and her staff have co-operated to the fullest degree with the staff of Spotswood College, to the advantage of the girls at the Hostel. Fourteen of the boarders, third-formers, attend Spotswood College, twenty-one the Girls' High School, and the rest primary and intermediate schools.

Rangiatea is inter-racial, provides for European boarders, though Maori girls have first preference. It is also inter-denominational, although all boarders attend the Methodist Church while in residence. Solomon Island girls, Rarotongan and Maori girls live happily together.

The hostel is accredited to take Maori scholarship holders, who attend Spotswood College for four years.

The name, Rangiatea, was selected by the Maori people many years ago. The history of the name is quite interesting. It is acceptable to all tribes because it was the sacred marae or meeting place known today as Hawaiki, where all the canoes called on the great migration to New Zealand. It was also the name of one of the schools of learning where the young chiefs were sent to learn the lore and legend of their tribes. There are many interpretations of the word, but the one used by the Hostel is "the true light of knowledge from heaven."

At the entrance gate are planted six totara trees to commemorate the Centennial of Primitive Methodism in New Zealand. The older Maori people would say that the totara becomes the giant of the forest—it is set apart, strong and chief among all trees.

So it is hoped that the boarders of all races, trained and equipped in the Hostel and at Spotswood College will become the women of strength in their communities. Surely the mottoes of both Hostel and College complement each other—*Nga kakano o Rangiatea*—the seeds of high endeavour and courage will be carried by the students out into their communities.

HOSTEL NOTES

1960 has been an active and interesting year with a variety of leisure time activities arranged by the Hostel Council, consisting of prefects and staff.

The regular "outing" day (the third Saturday of every month) was eagerly anticipated by the girls who were most grateful for the hospitality offered to them in many homes.

The main social events of the first term were a trip to places of historical interest in and around New Plymouth (arranged by the Rangiatea Hostel Board), and an afternoon tea and tour of the Hostel arranged for the Spotswood College Staff and Senior Staff of Devon Intermediate.

During the winter term, films on Saturday nights were most popular. On one occasion a pleasant social evening was spent with members of St. Mary's Coffee Club. In July, the Maori District Choir competitions were held at the Hostel. People from all over Taranaki gathered. Three choirs were entered and both Junior and Senior Cup were won. Just prior to the second term holidays, the Hostel competitions were staged. Maori poi, hakas and action songs were enjoyed by a capacity audience. Matatua dormitory, led by head prefect Lois Newton, won the competition and gained most marks towards the Ngatai Shield Competition. From this effort, £16.10.0 was contributed to the fund for the carving in the Meeting House at the Boys' Hostel in Christchurch — Rehua.

This term, at the District Rally of the youth of the Methodist Churches, the Hostel "A" Basketball team won the cup. Gala Day, in October, drew nearly a thousand visitors, and raised about £160.

Labour Weekend found the girls and staff guests of the Maori people at Taiporohenui Pa, Hawera. The Rangiatea girls were entertained with sports and a social and, in return, gave a concert. On Sunday there was worship at Wesley Church, a visit to Turuturu-mokai in the afternoon, and evening worship at the Pa. Truly a memorable weekend.

SCHOOL DIARY, 1960

1st TERM:

- Feb. 2: *College opened today in specialist rooms and double prefab. Roll: Boys 62; girls 74; total, 136. Brief ceremony attended by Board members, contractor, clerk of works. Mr. Moss addressed pupils.*
- Feb. 3-5: *Settling down. Arrival and unpacking of some equipment. Text books issued. Programme of games and formal work organized.*
- Feb. 8: *Full programme for all classes commenced.*
- Feb. 13: *College fielded its first team in a competition game—School Cricket Team v. High School B—a somewhat surprising win!*
- Feb. 23: *Our first school sports—swimming sports at Kawaroa.*
- Feb. 25: *Staff decided on policy of trying out as many pupils as possible to find our best prefect material. First group appointed—Carole Sweney (Head Girl), Denis McNamara (Head Boy).*
- Feb. 29: *School party attended "Romeo and Juliet" production at Festival of the Pines, Brooklands Bowl, in the evening.*
- Mar. 3: *Most enjoyable visit to Inglewood High School—cricket, softball, tennis, swimming.*
- Mar. 5: *Another first effort—school represented at inter-secondary schools swimming sports.*
- Mar. 7: *School party to Brooklands Bowl again. A fine concert by the National Orchestra spoiled by broiling heat. Most of the programmes used as sunshades.*
- Mar. 9: *Athletic Sports supposed to be held. False start—the weather turned sour.*
- Mar. 10: *Sports held on top ground. Successful meeting held from 11.30 onwards.*
- Mar. 17: *Another milestone—meeting of parents and staff in the evening—P.T.A. formed.*
- Mar. 22: *Lower field sown today. Board and Mr. V. Davies inspected grounds to decide on planting policy.*
- Mar. 22: *Inspectors! Miss Cruikshank, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Hale, Mr. Roy.*
- Mar. 24: *Inspectors. At long last—typewriters arrive—twenty-two only!*
- Mar. 26: *Inter-secondary schools athletic sports—excellent efforts of Gillian Lewis.*

- Mar. 31: *A pleasant afternoon tea for Staff and wives at Rangiatea Hostel—after that the girls showed visitors through the Hostel.*
- April 12: *Party attended evening performance of N.Z. Ballet Company.*
- April 16: *School visited by Director of Education (Mr. A. E. Campbell) and Board Members.*
- April 20: *School party attended afternoon performance of "Mine Hostess" (N.Z. Players).*
- April 28: *Mr. G. Innes, Vocational Guidance Officer, visited the school.*
- May 6: *Mrs. Isobel Johnston farewelled—very thankful we were to have her capable services when Miss Foster was ill. Holidays!*

2nd TERM:

- May 24: *School reopens. Miss J. Foster joins staff.*
- May 25: *Official opening—despite bad weather. Anonymous gift of barometer with this inscription—"May your aims always be set at HIGH."*
- June 7-9: *Examinations! Three depressing days enlivened by these unconscious witticisms:*
"Has the deceased anything to say?" asked the judge. Constant shiverers ran up and down his spine. I walked round the corner and the first thing to hit me in the eye was a notice board.
Splitting up, Bill went behind the shed. One day a night came by. Every time Dad came home, he barked. The sailor was an old navel man. A Kraal is an arena for training horses. She calved her name with pride. It was the sort of cave where you could expect to find an octopus or a man eating shark.
DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . ?
In a street brawl Romeo killed Friar Laurence, who was Juliet's husband?
The Lady of Shalott sat weaving in front of a mirror, in which she could see out the window in.
SPELL SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION: *Find the correct solution. Sharkfare, Shawsphere, Shaperspeak, Sackspeare, Sackpear, Shackspare, Shackpear, Shakspeer, Sharkpare, Shakespear, Shaxspear, Shakespere, Shakespare, Shakesppear, Shakepear, Shakespeare.*
PICTURESQUE SPEECH . . .
He was as nervous as a worm in an aviary. He was struck down like a bank balance after a car crash.
The train was a shrieking, stamping iron horse. The lighthouse was winking and blinking with deathly consistency.
Round his sunken brown eyes hung a fog of tiredness. His brown shoes grunted when he walked.

- June 15: *Enjoyable visit from pupils of Waitara High School. We won the football, and one basketball match out of four.*
- June 22: *First school social. Highly successful. Well run by the prefects. Our thanks to Mr. A. L. Herdman for allowing us the use of the Devon Intermediate Hall for the evening.*
- June 23: *Ouch! B.C.G. tests.*
- July 12: *Freyberg High School basketball and rugby teams arrived.*
- July 13: *Matches with Freyberg. Spotswood won both basketball games—lost football. Visitors went on a scenic drive in the afternoon. Social at Devon Intermediate Hall in the evening—and a very successful one.*
- July 14: *A profitable evening run by P.T.A. Reports discussed by parents and teachers.*
- July 22: *Two basketball teams and one football team left for Manurewa High School.*
- July 23: *Games with Manurewa—a win to the B basketball team—the others lost. Bus tour around Auckland during the afternoon—film and social evening followed. All most enjoyable.*
- July 25: *Miss L. M. Jackson, a Commercial student, arrived to spend a three week section with us.*
- July 27: *Visit of teams from Okato District High School; rugby lost but three basketball teams won.*
- Aug. 2: *Visit to Opunake High School. Rugby team lost—three basketball teams successful.*
- Aug. 8: *Successful clothes drive by P.T.A. at Y.W.C.A. Approximately £30 raised. Mr. C. Taylor appointed groundsman. Planting of shelter belts and hedges to begin shortly.*
- Aug. 12: *Very good concert given during singing period by Maori girls from Rangiatea hostel—action songs, pois, stick games. Mercia Cassidy leader. Funds to school.*
- Aug. 19: *The "Pyramus and Thisbe" scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" presented by 3A. Very well received.*
- Cast: Pyramus, R. Petch; Thisbe, Kathleen Sargent; Theseus, D. McNamara; Hippolyta, Anne McPhail; Wall, J. Winter; Moonshine, R. Egarr; Lion, R. Snell.
 Funds to school.

3rd TERM 1960:

Sept. 15: *New prefects appointed. Girls: Mercia Cassidy, Sherryn Irving, Glenice Nickson. Boys: Denis Sole, Graeme Thacker.*

Sept. 27: *Speech competition preliminaries for whole school. Results 1st 3A, 2nd 3B, 3rd 3C, 4th 3D, 5th 3E.*

Oct. 6: *First steeplechase—distance 1.75 miles—course along South Road, Mission Hill, Lawry Street, Devon Street, back up South Road to the finish on the lower field.*

Top Placings:

1. D. McNamara (3G) 10 mins.
2. W. Gundeson (3G)
3. B. Reeve (3G)
4. M. Wolland (3I2)
5. R. Snell (3P)
6. R. Egarr (3P)

Group Placings:

1. 3G - 12 points
2. 3P - 41 points
3. 3I2 - 52 points
4. 3I1 - 56 points

Oct. 7: *Speech finals—a high standard—enjoyed by school and staff.*

Competitors: (in order of speaking):

1. D. McNamara (Facing School Life).
2. Alison Brunning (The Wireless).
3. Maureen Harber (George Stephenson).
4. Christina Pirikahu (The "Titanic").
5. Mercia Cassidy (The Birth of Christ).
6. R. Snell (Spy Plane).
7. Colleen Orr (The "Titanic").
8. Sherryn Irving (Girl Guides).
9. R. Petch (Radium).

Results:

1. Mercia Cassidy.
2. Colleen Orr and D. McNamara.

Form Results:

1. 3A; 2. 3B; 3. 3C; 4. 3D; 5. 3E.

Oct. 15: *Team entered in Inter-schools Steeplechase held at Opunake:*

Places: Junior:

- D. McNamara (17).
- W. Gundeson (19).
- B. Reeve (24).
- R. Snell (27).

Intermediate:

- M. Wolland (21).

Oct. 29: *Gala Day—well supported.*

AS THE PUPILS SEE IT . . .

A SOCIABLE EVENING

There was a rush across the floor. The M.C. had just announced the supper waltz. Soon, to the gaiety of the music, couples were swirling around the hall, but as the dance progressed the floor became more crowded and trouble arose. One minute you were drifting around the floor and the next you felt like a flea in a cogwheel.

The music has stopped. The girls are returned to the seats lining the walls, and then a ruck develops in front of the kitchen window. From the middle of the scrummage emerges a boy with two drinks of orange, who will now have to return to his partner where he finds his seat is occupied by another girl. He then edges his way between the two girls in an effort to rest his weary limbs. There is a mingled smell of perfume and hair-oil in the air, and the plates on the food trolley begin to show more white every second. Whoops! there goes the boy-next-door's precious thirst-quenching orange drink. Conversation is started. The atmosphere is just getting sociable when the voice of the M.C. is heard ringing through the hall for the next dance.

JOHN WINTER (3A).

THE NEXT DANCE

"Take your partners for the Gay Gordons, please," announced the M.C. into the microphone. There was an immediate surge of boys across the hall and I noticed with some satisfaction that they did not meander across the floor, but trod a certain path, the object of which they tried to conceal. Then I saw him. He had no girl with whom he specially wished to dance. He wandered along the lines of girls seated demurely against the wall, searching for a likely partner to suit his requirements.

"I wonder if I can attract his attention. Should I fold my hands in my lap and maintain an air of coyness, or should I jar my shoulders and speak loudly to the girl next to me? No—no, that would never do." Instead, I willed him to dance with me. "Dance with me. Show the others you will dance with me. Dance with ME."

As I thought, he picked the girl seated next to me.

"Oh, well, I suppose I'll just be picked by one of my 'tail-end Charlies!'" No sooner said than done. Glistening with hair-oil and expectation, he approached me.

"Will you have this dance with me, Janice?"

"Thank you, I will." My smile covered my true feelings, I hope. He guided me to the ring of dancers and off we went, dancing to that familiar beat, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3.

JANICE RAWLEY (3A).

PHYS. ED.

It was cold! And when I say cold, I mean cold. It was so cold, in fact, that we had to turn the heaters on and thaw the words out before we knew what one another was saying. (Well, almost, anyway.) And then we went out for Phys. Ed.

Surely we wouldn't have to take our shoes off and expose our tender feet to the furies of the weather!

"Shoes off, pullovers off, hurry up there!" My question was answered. I did as was ordered on the comparatively warm concrete, and sat there, teeth chattering and limbs already beginning to stiffen, waiting for the next dreaded order. "Edmund Hillary gets knighted for tolerating conditions like these," I thought grimly.

"Come on there, beautiful morning like this you should all feel on top of the world," remarks our teacher. I felt on top of the world all right, in the Arctic Circle. We were now lined up, and somebody's groan from the front interrupted my chain of thoughts.

"Hundred up, that'll get those glum looks off your faces," cheerfully comments our teacher.

Ah well, it may help to shake the icicles out of my hair and thaw out my joints a little, so I reluctantly commence. Well, it's not so bad after all, in fact it's rather pleasant. Feet don't hurt any more, feel a bit sleepy, that's all . . .

"Just a slight case of pneumonia, doctor," the nurse at the foot of the bed said. "I'm afraid he'll have to miss school for a couple of days."

No school—no phys. ed!

I sank gratefully into my blankets, wondering how long I could keep my pneumonia for.

DENNIS McNAMARA (3A).

DETENTION

So this was it! The inevitable detention!

I gazed hopelessly at the uninteresting topics written on the board and glanced around the stuffy room at the other pupils who seemed to be writing laboriously. Oh well, I had to write something if I wanted to get out of here, so I began a story about "A Trip to the Moon."

It was not long before I had run out of ideas. The lashing of the rain as it splashed against the windows, the singing of the wind in the telephone wires outside, and the reluctant sighs of other pupils made it hard to think. My head was beginning to throb and I longed to escape from this punishment. I doodled on the back of my paper. What could I possibly write next? Why did they have to choose such difficult subjects to write about? I glanced at my watch—only five minutes to go and I still had just under half a page to write. I began scrawling a few lines amidst chatter and giggles from those who had already finished.

Just then the door opened, letting in a wave of lovely fresh air as a teacher strode in to collect our essays. I concluded my last paragraph and took my story up to the teacher.

That was my first detention and I vowed that there would never be another one.

COLLEEN ORR (3A).

TARANAKI DAILY NEWS AWARDS

(This year, awards were made in three sections — prose, verse and drama. Selected samples of class work done during the year were submitted to Mr. J. H. Fullarton, Associate-editor of The Daily News, who made the final selections).

prose . . .

The award went to—

A CEMETERY

A grey dawn was breaking, as heaven poured her tears and stained a lonely, black, cold world. Leaves of a tree hung in sorrow, as in the gardens of Babylon, stretching to touch a dirty, overgrown and cracked footpath. Neglected tombs stretched in never-ending line, and some lay like corpses themselves. Big, ugly boulders protruded from the ground. They were a caricature of some tombs. Vines overhung a brick wall, full of chinks. The dewdrops were netted by the blowing wind of the oncoming day. The former mortals of this world belong to an immortal world. The sky hurried over, rushing to get to her destination. Her dark, gloomy clouds hung over this cold world. The rage of the thunder could not match the torment of my heart to see a cemetery so cold.

CHRISTINA PIRIKAHU (3C)

Second place to—

RANGIPO DESERT

Stark and lonely in a cold land he stands. Not excessive in height but with peaks tall enough for the clouds to wrap themselves round in smothering layers. It was a beautiful mountain, apart from the usual class; "snowy" — "glorious" — "defiant." No, this mountain was different. So forlorn and desperate.

For how long had it been there? Since time began, it seemed. Yet still it held its head high, glorying in past victories, with only the rain and the biting wind which forever roamed these plains for company, and perhaps a solitary rabbit on a hunting trip.

When the day grew dark, these rabbits would scuttle home to their warrens to sleep in warmth and comfort. In the green hills, a long distance from the mountain, lurked the deer. Away even further roamed the wild bear, prowling, attacking and devouring.

What poetry could be written of this land and at what pitch could emotions run! Most of you know only the green fertility of Taranaki, but I have lived in a country so deserted, so hopeless, such a God forsaken place, that the wind howling over the desert, the whistling of the tussocks in their hypnotising dance, and the song of the sand are enough to send men mad.

JANICE RAWLEY (3A)

Third place to—

A CHURCHYARD

As I stood alone in the churchyard, the stark grey shapes of tombstones and gnarled branches of leafless trees caused a sickening feeling in the pit of my stomach. I caught a glimpse of the ghostly palor of the white railings around the graves as the moon sailed out from behind a cloud, illuminating the weird scene. Over all as though a giant net had been cast, hung the spell of death.

Suddenly, ghosts of centuries past seemed to rise like shadows out of the ground. I stood rigid with fear until the overpowering desire to turn and run overcame me. I turned and fled.

I finally halted to find that the only thing pursuing me was the resounding echo of my own footsteps on the cobbled path.

MARGARET RAE (3A)

verse...

The award went to—

THE WIND

The wind woke up from a sleep one day,
 And jumping up with a loud "Hurray,"
 He cried, "Today I'll have some fun,
 I'll blow the clouds all over the sun."
 He danced a caper down the street,
 Knocking people off their feet,
 Blowing leaves into the air,
 And dancing off without a care.
 In and out, and up and down,
 Through the country, through the town,
 Knocking down a hoop-la stall,
 Bringing down prizes, rings and all.
 He blew the children's hair about,
 And tried to blow the street lamps out,
 But when the stars began to peep,
 The bad old wind went home to sleep.

CHARLOTTE ROGERS (3C)

Second place to—

MIDNIGHT FROM A RAILWAY PLATFORM

Footsteps down the platform — eerie echoes —
 A swinging lamp — moving shadows;
 A far off whistle down the shining lines.
 Those lights —
 Suspended from the sky,
 Illuminate the sleeping trucks.
 A scuffle — a cat perhaps!
 A stir at right — a restless sheep.
 A musty silence settles over the long platform,
 As animals and men await the coming dawn.

RENNY SNELL (3A)

Third place to—

TEMPEST

There she stood, as if against a black curtain,
 Her sails far flung, blowing to and fro,
 Her sides were basted by cruel waters.
 It seemed as if the sea would swallow her;
 Drizzles fell from the sweating clouds
 And still she sailed the inky waters;
 She rocked, she swayed, pitched and tossed
 But always kept afloat.
 Thunder roared, fork lightning flashed,
 And, like a piercing shot
 The mast with crow's nest snapped in two.
 Fierce raged the tempest now;
 The waves rose higher with a hungry look.
 At that moment, life would have ended,
 But she steered her way through, waterlogged though her decks;
 Victory was hers, as she rose and battled onwards.

CHRISTINA PIRIKAHU (3C)

drama...

(In this section, the judge praised highly Janice Rawley's one act play, "On The Mat," which won the award. The complete play has three scenes. Unfortunately, lack of space has meant that only the first scene can be printed.)

ON THE MAT

A Play in One Act.

By JANICE RAWLEY (3A)

Scene 1: An office with drab cream coloured walls. A door leads into a passage. In the room there are a table and a chair. Behind the door is a hat and cloak stand, and on the table, a telephone and a sheet of blotting paper.

Characters: Lieutenant Hardy (in charge of the rations store)
 Sergeant Greeves (second in command)
 Corporal Kerr (the thief)
 The Adjutant.

[Enter Lieutenant Hardy, dragging his feet, a bad-tempered expression on his face. He closes door and throws his hat at the stand. It misses. An audible swear-word is muttered. Hardy crosses the room to desk, sits down and presses a button. A buzzing is heard off-stage. Enter Sergeant Greeves. He stands to attention. A sheaf of papers is carried under his arm.]

L. Hardy [darkly]: No!

Greeves [lifts eyebrows, but nothing daunted replies]: Very good, sir. [Hardy looks wearily at sheaf of papers under Greeves' arm. S. Greeves gives them to him. Hardy glances through them. However, his eye rests on a paragraph.]

Hardy: What's this? Case against Corporal Kerr for committing a felony? [Reads] "On Sept. 4th of this same year, 1960, Corporal Kerr was arrested for stealing rations at Ration Store." Why wasn't I told this? No, never mind about the others; what's this all about?

Greeves: [Shifting uncomfortably] Ah, yes, sir. Very nasty business. [Pauses.] Well, you see, sir, it happened over the weekend.

Hardy: This weekend?

Greeves: Yes, sir. On Friday night at 7 o'clock precise, Corporal Kerr and I were sitting in the outer office. He was finishing some work, I think, and I was waiting to lock up. He finished what he had to do and he said to me, "Shall I lock up tonight, sir?" and I told him he could. He came back five minutes later, looking as pleased as Punch. I thought perhaps I'd done 'im a good turn. Anyhow, I locked up. He said good-bye and we went home.

Hardy: And what happened next?

Greeves: Well, I arrived as usual on Saturday morning. Everything looked serene so I finished what I had to do and went home again.

Hardy: Hm-m. And then?

Greeves: It was on Sunday morning things started to buzz. The Colonel's driver came round to my place, knowing you were away and he said he wanted the Colonel's stuff that we put in cold storage last winter. I came to the store, and went to get the stuff. I looked everywhere, sir. It had disappeared.

Hardy: [*groaning*]: Not his pate de foie gras?

Greeves: Yes, sir. I think that's what they call it. Meat-paste in tins.

Hardy: Yes, yes. Carry on.

Greeves: Well, as I said, sir, the stuff had completely disappeared and I rang the Adjutant up, sir. I asked him what I should do and he said he'd come and investigate the matter. [*Pauses again.*]

Hardy: Well, did you find anything?

Greeves: No, sir. The funny part was, the doors were locked and the windows were barred. The glass wasn't broken either.

Hardy: Was anything else missing?

Greeves: Yes, sir. The Adjutant's cheeses that were 'specially imported last year.

Hardy: [*Groans.*]

Greeves: Cornflakes and things in cardboard boxes, all opened and spread on the floor. There was nothing in crates missing, though. No salmon or fruit or things like that, sir. The crates were untouched.

Hardy: Was it a rat? Did you check?

Greeves: We did check last week, for rats, but the place is rat-proof. Anyhow, rats can't lug tins of stuff, sir.

Hardy: No-o. What made you suspect Corporal Kerr?

Greeves: Well, sir, he was having a party on Friday night and he was the last with the keys. We suspected him and when I approached him on the matter and told him he'd have to go up in front of the Adjutant, he went all white round the ears, said he didn't know anything about the matter, and I arrested him.

Hardy: Hm-m. This is atrocious. [*Gives Greeves a wave of dismissal and Greeves clicks his heels, gives a salute and withdraws*]. Oh, dear! [*Rubs his chin*]. Nothing else for it. [*Picks up the phone*]. Operator! Oh, give me the Adjutant please. Thank you. Ah, sir, this is Lieutenant Hardy speaking, sir. Rations Department. About the thefts, sir. Well no, sir. You see, I couldn't get in touch with you as I've been away on a course. Yes, sir, I know it's unusual for Rations Department to go on a course, but Major Shaw telephoned me on Friday night and said they wanted me to help make up the numbers. Yes, sir, it was an honour. Yes, thank you very much, sir. Have you heard the story behind everything, sir? Yes, sir, I'll question Corporal Kerr, sir. No, sir, I had a terrible weekend. Route marches every day. My feet are killing me. Yes, well, thank you very much, sir. Good-day. [*Replaces receiver; picks it up, dials*]. Pro-vost-Sergeant! Would you please bring your prisoner to Rations Department. Yes, thank you. Goodbye.

[*Curtain.*]

Further Contributions prose...

THE BEACH

The long foaming line of surf stretched forever along the rugged coast and the wind flung the soap-like spray far up onto the shelly beach. Overhead, gulls wheeled and circled, uttering dismal cries.

Gone were the holiday makers, gone were the gaudy merry-go-rounds and side shows. Only the things of nature remained; the sand, deserted and clean, the wind, clean and icy, and the giant Norfolk Island Pines standing straight and rigid like sentinels of the beach. The sea stretched far into the distance to be swallowed up into the sky.

This was Ocean Beach in May, fresh, clean and revitalizing.

KATHLEEN SARGENT (3A)

TE HENUI

The ivy was like an advancing army, wiping out all signs of life in its path. It had devoured graves and covered the ground with its tentacles. Here silence reigns. This is where dead bodies lie. It is a place of remembrance for many. Even the atmosphere seems dead. Now and again the sweet odour of the wild flowers, which poke their heads bravely above the sea of creepers, can be smelt. There is a quiet breeze blowing, occasionally turning a leaf of the expanse of clinging ivy.

The feeble chirp of a bird suddenly broke the gloomy silence, arousing me from my thoughts.

JOHN WINTER (3A)

AMERICAN TOURIST

A beautiful convertible pulled up hastily outside the "Sea View Garage" and a man alighted, slamming the door behind him. He walked around the bonnet and gave the front tyre a hefty kick.

He was definitely an American and the rear seat of the car was piled high with luggage. He was heavily built, with a solid, sun-tanned face. He wore a pair of thick-rimmed dark glasses, the arms of which extended a long way behind his ears.

On his head, perched at a jaunty angle, was a brilliant white panama hat, circumnavigated by a gaudy band displaying various aspects of a hula girl. He chewed unceasingly, displaying a set of heavily gilded teeth; and as he leant against the fender of the car, he crossed, uncrossed, and recrossed his legs every minute or so.

His gaudy, short-sleeved shirt was flapping open to reveal a large stomach which overlapped the waistband of his shorts. Over his left ribs was a large scar, apparently the remainder of a hot water burn.

Protruding from his white shorts was a pair of short, hairy tanned legs and his large feet were protected from the road by a pair of bright yellow jandals.

Over his shoulder was slung an expensive looking camera and various attachments were fastened to its strap. Round his neck hung a pair of binoculars, which he took off and flung carelessly on to the seat of the car.

He turned his attention once more to the tyre and lifted his hat to scratch his perspiring forehead, exposing his crew-cut hair. He replaced the hat and turned to a garage attendant and shouted, "Say, Mac, see what ya can do wid this tyre, huh?"

He kicked the tyre again and walked off over the road to a nearby beer-garden.

RENNY SNELL (3A)

A DESERTED HOUSE

Just below "Pukiki" there is a wooden house more than eighty years old. In the last two or three years it has started to crumble away. The ponga steps leading to the shabby totara door were gradually becoming a rotting black mass of wood. The tin chimney with its top partly covered in black soot, was being supported by four pieces of wire fixed around a peach and a camellia tree. The window attracted my attention. It was a push-up-and-down type, propped open by a spindly piece of bamboo, which looked as if it would snap under the slightest pressure. The house looked as if it had been casually dropped on to some stumps which happened to be rising out of the ground in this particular spot.

After I had climbed the ponga steps, I stopped just inside the door. My first impression was the overpowering odour of decaying onions. They seemed to be just thrown into a heap in an old armchair, which had its stuffing and springs poking through the felt. The armchair was in one corner of this damp, musty room. From the other corner, a black, sooty wood stove leered at me. It was sunken back into the wall, and looked like an ugly face peering at me, and the bars through which the wood was pushed looked like filthy black teeth. Its iron chimney angled up the wall.

As I had had my fill of exploring, I ambled off back down the windy dirt track. On reaching the bottom, I turned and sank on to the crude stile. My last picture of this old cottage, which had served as a home for several generations of people, was a friendly one. I can still remember the enjoyable times I had when visiting the old owner and his wife. The rusty roof glittered as the last streaks of day shone on it. The winding track, which was overhung with black and green pongas, and the bamboos in the back-ground, made a fine setting for the deserted cottage.

MAREE MORRIS (3B)

A LONELY LIGHTHOUSE

A little way over a lonely stretch of rippling sea stood a small lighthouse. Around it the seagulls were swooping from sky to sea for fish. The battered stairs creaked uneasily as the keeper climbed to tend the lamp for the night. Every night the light shone out like a bright star, helping the passing ships safely by the rocky reef. The keeper lived a lonely life in the remote old lighthouse, going out only occasionally in his small white boat for food.

The lighthouse was situated on a small rocky island, which from a distance looked like an impregnable fortress built to stand the roaring storms of the sea.

ROBYN MILLS (3C)

A TRAMP

At about six o'clock one Friday night when we were having tea, there came a knock at the cottage door. I opened it and there before me stood a tramp. His head was covered with a tattered old felt hat. He had a very round face with two beady eyes. Between his eyes was a small button nose and underneath was a large mouth, with thick lips. When he laughed one could see his broken, jagged teeth, and his snake-like tongue. Over his faded shirt he wore an old sports coat. His tweed trousers were covered to the knees with mud as if he had crossed a mud-bottomed stream on the day's journey. He wore holey socks and big mud-covered boots.

ROBERT GUDOPP (3E)

verse...**THE SLUMS**

Brown painted houses
Thronging with rats,
Clanking old cars,
Lean, hungry cats,
Musty old garbage tins,
Rotten verandahs,
Creaking, wood fences,
A stream that meanders.
A few stunted bushes
That sway when wind comes,
Gates made of wire,
A street in the slums.

ANNE McPHAIL (3A)

THE OUTCAST

He leans against the juke-box,
He whistles at the girls,
He listens to the Rock tunes,
As a nearby jiver whirls.

He watches all the hot-rods,
As they come and go,
He jeers at a group of squares,
Because they pass too slow.

He leaves the smoke-filled joints,
And saunters up the street,
He jostles, shoves and shoulders,
Those he chances to meet.

His hate-filled heart scorns virtue,
Whatever it may be,
His life is one long war,
Against society.

DENNIS McNAMARA (3A)

THE HUTT VALLEY HILLS

Dark stands the bush
'Gainst the blue of the sky,
Filtered with sunlight
And sprinkled with flowers.
Yellow the gorse
On a sweet summer morn,
And sweet smell the blossoms
On a summer breeze borne.

Dark stands the bush
'Gainst the red of the sky,
When the sun sinks to rest
And the day slowly dies.
The hum of the bees
'Midst the blossoms so gay
Dies slowly away
At the close of the day.

YVONNE WILLIAMS (3A)

THE SEA

It lashes and splashes against the great rocks
That stand there, aloof and alone.
It swells and it twirls,
It roars and it curls
With a thunderous roaring tone.
It tosses and turns through crannies and chinks,
Its spray shooting up in the air.
It rises and falls
Against the rock walls,
Its foam being flung everywhere.

COLLEEN ORR (3A)

THE TUI

I heard a joyful pealing,
High up within a tree;
A tui sat there pouring ou
His golden melody.

Bathed in sunset glow within
The towering rata tree,
He sang his little evensong
In glorious harmony.

CHARLOTTE ROGERS (3C)

THE SILENT MOONLIGHT

'Twas in the evening,
So lovely and gay,
I spied a starling
Out in the bay.

The glimmering waters,
Soft and slow,
Seemed to ripple along
So calm and low.

PIKI KOPA (3D)

P R O S P E C T U S

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE

This is a co-educational school, built in 1959 to meet the needs of post-primary education in western districts of New Plymouth. The roll in 1961 will be approximately 300, classes being available only at the third and fourth form levels in that year. The school is expected to grow to a roll of 800-1000.

COURSES

All pupils in the first two years are required to take English, Social Studies, General Science, Mathematics, Woodwork or Art or Dressmaking, Music and Physical Education.

In addition, the special subjects of various courses are:—

Professional: French.

General: Commercial Practice.

Commercial: Commercial Practice, Typing, Shorthand.

Homecraft: Clothing, Homecraft, Typing.

Industrial: Woodwork, Metalwork, Technical Drawing.

All girls will take Dressmaking or Homecraft or Art, and all boys Woodwork and/or Metalwork.

Latin and Bookkeeping may be introduced into the senior school if there is a demand for them.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

All courses lead to this examination in the fifth form with subjects chosen, according to course, from the following: English, French, History, Geography, Mathematics, General Science, Commercial Practice, Shorthand-typing, Clothing, Homecraft, Woodwork, Metalwork, Technical Drawing and Art.

ENDORSED SCHOOL CERTIFICATE AND UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

Any pupil from any course can gain Endorsed School Certificate after completing one satisfactory year in 6B and can also present himself for the University Entrance Examination. The College will prepare students for this examination in the following subjects in 1963, i.e., when there is a 6B in the school:

English, French, History, Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Bookkeeping and Technical Drawing.

Pupils will also be prepared for the University Scholarship Examination in the Upper Sixth.

FACILITIES

By the end of 1960 the College will possess an administration block including a hall and a music room; a two-storeyed classroom block containing a library, geography room, two laboratories and two art-rooms, and a specialist block containing a homecraft room, woodwork shop, metalwork shop and technical drawing room. Facilities also exist for typing and dressmaking.

All main sports are catered for: cricket, tennis, athletics, swimming, softball, rugby, and basketball. Opportunities for learning the piano, violin and 'cello can be arranged, and already an orchestra has been formed.

There is a school uniform, grey, green and gold, for boys and girls. Text books are issued free and stationery may be bought at the College Office. Each pupil is expected to pay a small annual charge for sports and other services.

For further information write to the Principal, Spotswood College, New Plymouth.

EVENING CLASSES, 1961

There is no reason why evening classes should not be started at the College in 1961. Well over a hundred classes were held in 1960 at the New Plymouth Technical School, and many people from the Spotswood area attended these classes. No classes for apprentices could be held at Spotswood College, but hobby and continuation classes could be started.

In general, a class can be formed in any subject for which (a) six or more people enrol and undertake to attend regularly, (b) an instructor can be found, providing overall group averages are maintained.

No tuition fee would be charged, but a maintenance fee of from 10/- to 15/- (for most subjects) would be levied, and class members would have to pay for materials used.

Classes which have proved popular in other centres and which could possibly be started at the College in 1961 are: Woodwork, Metalwork, Dressmaking, Cooking, Millinery, Typing, Choral, Music Appreciation, Floral Art, Art, English, French, Mathematics, History Current Affairs, Geography—nor does this list exhaust the possibilities.

It is hoped that the Spotswood community will become enthusiastic over evening classes at the College and will make use of the amenities the College has to offer.

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