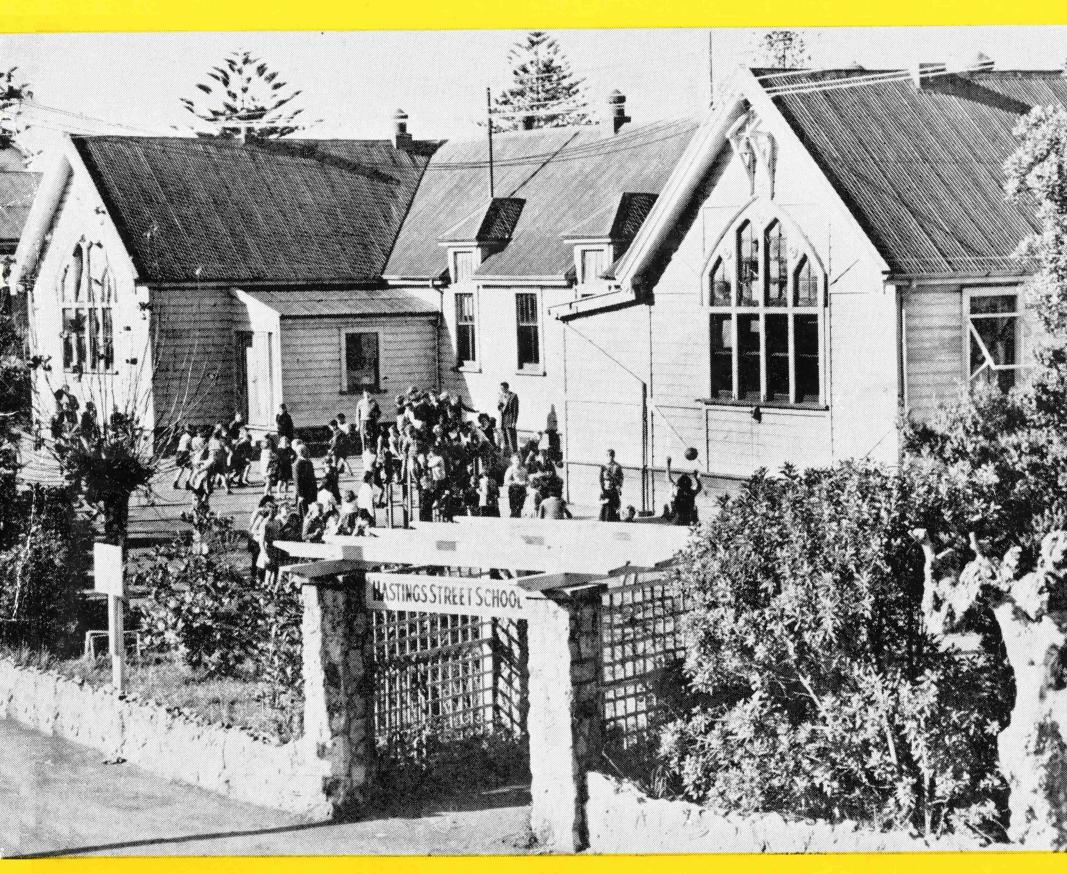
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Editorial

This magazine does not purport to aspire to great heights and journalistic fantasy. Rather it represents the efforts of several enthusiastic teachers and ex-pupils who felt the need for presenting a record of the school, past and present, to the ex-pupils in particular and to the public at large generally.

It is hoped that, on the many occasions when the pages of the booklet are thumbed, memories will flood back, and the reader will once again relive those wonderful days at school.

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Messages from:

The Minister of Education

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to contribute a foreword to this commemorative booklet. After 73 years of existence the Hastings Street School is now to close its doors to children, and I am sure that its passing will bring a pang of regret to many who have been associated with it. Despite two world wars, and the disastrous earthquake of February, 1931, the school flourished until the expansion of commercial activity forced us to reconsider the usefulness of the Hastings Street site for school purposes.

The growth of Napier to its present thriving position has brought with it many changes, and not least amongst these has been the shift of population away from the centre of the city, until today commercial property has replaced the residential area that once made Hastings Street ideal for the establishment of a school. Thus the development of our national economy has resulted in the closing of the school.

Like most changes this must be viewed with mixed feelings, but all who have been connected with the school in any way may feel justly proud of the fine record of achievement it has established and maintained throughout the years.

> P. O. S. SKOGLUND, Minister of Education.

The Chairman of the Hawkes Bay Education Board

I count it a privilege to be able to write these few lines by way of foreword to this booklet, which I am sure will serve not only as a historical record of the Hastings Street School, but also as an interesting and personal memento for each one of you in the years to come.

During the recent reunion functions I could not help being impressed by the wonderful spirit of happiness and loyalty which pervaded the various gatherings, and I feel that it is these two attributes, more than any others, which have energised the school and given it the personality, which it most assuredly has, over the years.

On behalf of the Hawke's Bay Education Board I would like to pay tribute to the wonderful contribution which has been made to our society by the school—by its pupils, its teachers, its committeemen, its parents and suporters; we do sincerely regret its closing due to the encroachment of the industrial area and the desirability for children to be in the better environment which can be provided at other schools.

Napier will not be quite the same without the "White Road School". But all of you, whether old or young, who have learned the lessons of school and life within its walls and playgrounds will remember it with affection and pride, and as a vital and unforgettable part of your life. With you, I salute the Hastings Street School, 1873-1960.

W. SMITH, Chairman, Hawke's Bay Education Board.

The Chairman of the Hastings Street School Committee

To all those people who have had associations with this school, who were able to be present, or have assisted, in this final episode of the school's life, I sincerely thank. Naturally it is with deep regret that we realize that this old and respected establishment has outlived its usefulness, but I would prevail upon you, one and all, to maintain that communal spirit of wellbeing and service, displayed by your interest on this occasion. Should that spirit be maintained and practised, by each and every one of us, I am sure that although the Hastings Street School may fade away, the essence of its teachings may flourish and benefit our various communities for many years to come.

R. LECKIE, Chairman, Hastings Street School Committee.

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"This school was formally opened today by the chairman of the Napier committee in the presence of a large number of residents interested. In the afternoon 206 pupils were enrolled. The staff consisted of the head teacher, Mr Goulding, and three pupil teachers, Miss Graham, Miss Chegwidden and Miss Sutton."

So wrote Mr Goulding in the log book dated 16th May, 1887. The work in the school was restricted to the primers and Standard I,

II, and III.

The first year of the school brought forth many teething troubles—large classes (upwards of 100 pupils), inexperienced staff (two pupil teachers in charge of the primers), overcrowding, leaky roof, jamming doors, defective taps, and these fully tested the embarrassed head teacher in his efforts to secure an efficient, smooth system.

By the end of June, the roll had risen to 273.

Miss Monteith was appointed first assistant (approx. £100 p.a.) on the 8th August, and Miss Goulding a second assistant on the 27th September (at approx. £70 p.a.).

An event of great importance occurred on the 4th October, 1887, when the school was examined by the late Henry Hill, Esq., who was also secretary of the board at the same time.

On the 22nd March, 1889, Mr Goulding was appointed head teacher of the Taradale School, and up till February, 1891, Miss Monteith was in charge.

Miss Goulding assumed the head teachership from her.

The schools at that time were closed for a midwinter and a midsummer break during these early years, the former towards the end of June for two weeks, and the latter a week or so before Christmas, opening towards the end of January. Special holidays were many, and the log book listed race meetings at Napier Park and Hastings Labour Union rallies, sports meetings, the jubilee of the colony and the visit locally of a circus, as holidays.

The weather, too, affected the attendances, and a flood was reported which covered the school grounds to a dangerous depth.

In February, 1899, the school was established as a training school for young teachers under the supervision of Mr J. N. Dodds, M.A., and Miss Riley. Other members of the staff were Misses Ferguson, McVay and Murray. The number of pupils present was 175. It is worthy of note that Mr Dodds served sixteen years as headmaster, and Miss Riley remained on the staff for 22 years.

Mr Dodds reorganised the curriculum and prepared a full programme for the training of teachers, and the names of many eminent teachers of later years appear in the list of trainees, among them being Mr Bissell.

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Standard IV appeared in the log book in 1899, later in the year came Standard V. Standard VI, under Mr King, appeared in September, 1901.

It was during Mr Dodds' time that the junior cadets came into existence, no doubt due to the outbreak of the Boer War in 1899. The log book records that on October 9th, 1902, 39 model rifles, 4 miniature rifles, 615 rounds of ammunition, four pull-throughs and a tin of vaseline were unpacked. Major Loveday was a familiar figure to all the cadets, and there are many who no doubt remember him. Mr Driller was in charge of the junior cadets.

Mr Dodds proved himself not only a man of wide vision but also an extremely capable organiser and teacher. Under his guidance, school policy was consolidated and the foundations well and truly laid. Throughout the early years of his tenure of office, teachers were constantly visiting the school, or being sent out from the school to

many parts of the board area to spread the gospel.

Mr W. G. Martin succeeded Mr Dodds in February, 1916, and on the staff were Misses Riley, Earl, Duncan, Higgins, Christy, Mitchell and Mr Driller.

Mr Martin set a very high standard in every phase of school life, indoor and outdoor. Written work achieved a new distinction in the manner in which it was presented—handwriting reached new heights of excellence. Swimming records showed a vast improvement, our Education Board shield almost became the property of the school.

The inspectors' reports for many years showered praise on the high quality of work in the school, and on the conscientious devotion to duty on the part of the staff. Mr Martin insisted on the constant maintenance of these high standards.

Mr W. J. Driller had played a large part in the success of the pupi's for over 20 years. He, with Mr C. Rigby, who retired in 1958 from the head teachership of the Mangapapa School in Gisborne, showed great vigour in their co-operation with Mr Martin. Mr Rigby has now retired.

Mr Martin's entry in the log book dated 26th February, 1926, is worthy of repetition. "I have retired from the position of headmaster on this date on superannuation. In doing so, I wish the teachers and pupils every success. It has been a pleasure to be a headmaster to direct the work of this school."

Mr E. Bissell, a former trainee in the school, took charge on 7th April, 1926. A keen sportsman himself, he saw to it that the sporting foundations laid by Mr J. Martin were pursued to a greater degree of success.

Mr Bissell himself played a large part in the establishment of a special school in Clive Square under Miss Edna Munro.

2nd February, 1931, was like any other 2nd February. The staff assembled for the opening of the school as follows:—

E. Bissell, head teacher. Mr McGlashan, first assistant.

Miss D. Burns, infant mistress.

Miss G. Corbett.

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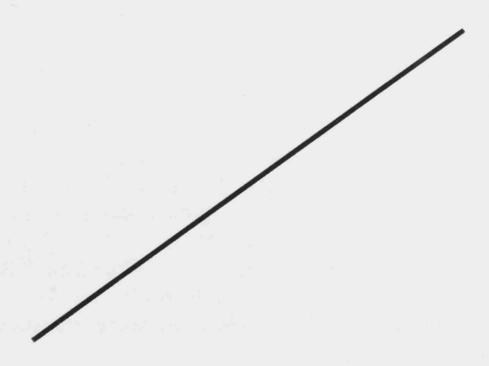


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Then it came! Here is an eye witness account of one of the

pupils.

"We were in school at the time. The weather felt a bit close and I remembered looking at the window across the classroom to see if it was open. I had no sooner done that when it came. I'm sure I heard a deep rumble. Then next minute I was on the floor. Being a female, I screamed. We were in desks, and my books fell out on top of me.

"The teacher was wonderful. She calmly ordered us out. I could hear crashes outside somewhere. It must have been the town falling

to pieces.

"I ran home down Hastings Street as fast as I could, home to mother. I met her along the street near where the Napier Hotel is.

How glad I was to see her."

As a result of the disaster the school, showing a remarkable survival from the fury of the quake, was taken over by the rehabilitation authorities and served for nearly two years as the Post Office, relief depot, and nerve centre of the town. In the latter part of 1932 it was reopened as part of the Nelson Park School.

During the intervening period a complete reorganisation of primary school administration in the town was effected through the establishment of the Napier Intermediate School, which took over all Forms I and II

from the existing schools.

Thus it was when Mr J. A. Engebretsen, on the 1st February, 1933, opened the school, 217 pupils up to Standard 4 faced him. His staff comprised:

Miss N. McClure, infant mistress.

Miss Jordan.

Miss Thomson.

Miss I. Pidd.

Mr J. C. Goodall.

Mr G. Walker.

Mr Engebretsen's personal keen interest in sport generally was reflected in the high standards achieved by the school in competitive sport. Swimming trophies and certificates, football cups and shields, and athletic awards fell to the school teams with monotonous regularity. It was indeed the heyday of the school in the sporting world. His able lieutenant, Mr J. C. Goodall, carried out a training schedule which involved great personal sacrifice to the teachers concerned.

An event of particular interest in 1933 was the planting of two trees, one a totara and the other a pohutukawa, in the northern end of the playground, in memory of Mr Henry Hill, by the Mayor, Mr C. O. Morse, and Mr W. G. Martin, an ex-head teacher. Both trees

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have thrived well in the interim. More trees were planted in the grounds under the supervision of Mr G. Corner, of the Borough Reserves staff.

In 1934 a scheme, made possible through the generosity of Mr G. Husheer, was introduced whereby hot milk and cocoa were served

to pupils. It was very popular.

On 3rd September, 1934, the School Savings Scheme was initiated following a visit from an official of the Post Office. This scheme has been instrumental in enabling children to save. In the years 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, £1,541/10/2 was deposited in the Savings Bank.

The golden jubilee celebrations began on 9th May, 1937. Spread over a week, it rivalled the coronation of King George VI in importance

in the borough of Napier.

Mr Engebretsen in his farewell message prior to transferring to

Queen's Park, Wanganui, said:

"Today I terminate my headmastership of the school. During my $4\frac{1}{2}$ years in charge here, I received the loyal co-operation of parents, teachers and pupils, and I carry away with me to Queen's Park School, Wanganui, the most pleasant recollections of my association with the school."

Mr Engebretsen was succeeded by Mr N. Tunnicliff on the 24th May, 1937.

Mr Tunnicliff's staff was:

Mr J. G. Goodall.

Mr D. Storkey (now Rev. D. Storkey), of Kent Terrace (Wellington) Presbyterian Church).

Miss D. Butcher (now Mrs. Clark, of Greenmeadows), infant mistress.

Miss E. Munro (Special School).

Miss K. Bishop. Miss G. Heinold.

The Hon. P. Fraser, Minister of Education, and Mr N. F. Lambourne, Director of Education, visited the school on the 4th April, 1939.

The school entered the troublous days of World War II under Mr. Tunnicliff. School work continued at the high levels of previous years, and the staff was happy and content.

Mr Fieldhouse was appointed head teacher in March 1940 and remained till May 1947 when he retired. He had to bear the full brunt of material restrictions, and staff uncertainties occasioned by the war. Many relieving teachers joined the staff, some for short, others for long periods. The roll was now below 200.

During this period the log book gives little indication of changes of policy or matters of historical interest.

Mr Fieldhouse entered hospital on the 5th May, 1946 and his retirement commenced four days later.

Between this date and that on which Mr. L. J. Burke was appointed head teacher in 1947, first Mr R. Short, then Miss E. Munro were relieving head teachers.

The roll was now 196. The School and Home Association

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extended its activities and the card evenings supervised by Mrs Bowater were popular with the elderly of the district.

An Ampro film projector was purchased and presented to the

school by the Home and School Association.

The school fancy dress ball owed its beginning in 1949 to the head teacher's enthusiasm. The last of these was held only this year.

School picnics were held at Farndon Park on a Saturday, and

these were very well patronised by parents.

The roll had fallen steadily and at one stage was as low as 142. Mr Phillips succeeded Mr Burke in February 1950. Parents' afternoons, when displays of work by the children were viewed by parents, became a popular feature of the school's work of this period. Parents obtained much satisfaction through discussions with the teachers concerned.

The School Committee purchased a Gestetner, an amenity long overdue. The empty classrooms were being utilised by Marewa and later by the Te Awa schools, and the large numbers of children frolicking in the playgrounds were reminiscent of the early days of the school when large numbers were the vogue.

Falling rolls were becoming a concern, due largely to many parents moving to the newly opened housing areas at Marewa and Onekawa. The school district was considered a semi-transit area for parents awaiting either a state house, or the completion of their own homes. Thus there was from this period on, a regular influx and efflux of children whose attendance at the school was only of a short duration.

Mr G. H. Bell became headteacher in September, 1954 when Mr Phillips was appointed to the Awapuni School, Gisborne.

A 16 mm film depicting the new physical education syllabus was made by Mr J. K. Agnew, in co-operation with the pupils. This film was used extensively by the area organiser for physical education in the Hawke's Bay Education Board schools.

A trial English scheme, intended for use in the primary schools of New Zealand, was used in the school, and results used to assist in evaluating the success or otherwise of the scheme.

Speakers for Anzac services included Padre Claude Hyde, and C. F. and Colonel D. A. Ballantyne, M.I.D., who fully emphasised the true meaning of this day.

Under the tutorship of Mrs M. Alford, the infant mistress, the percussion band in infant deparatments constituted a regular feature of the work of the primers.

In May, 1956, Miss Brenkley, who had been in charge of the special class for years, left to take up an appointment in charge of the Otaki Health Camp. She was farewelled at a very large gathering at the school. Mr K. W. Murphy took over her duties.

For several years the roll had hovered between 160 and 170, and remained constant at those figures, to the surprise of those who had predicted the demise of the school as far back as 1950.

On the 28th February, Mr Bell wrote:

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service rendered by the staff of the school and the professional help given by the visiting specialists. The activities of the school committee and Home and School Association have been most appreciated. All have contributed to a very happy period in my teaching career."

Mr W. Wilton, now head teacher of the Bledisloe School, held the head teachership in a relieving capacity till the end of the term in May.

Mr E. H. Nepia, the new head teacher, made a close examination of the existing facilities. This revealed conditions which would not reach standards demanded under the modern concept of education. The buildings, ageing and distorted in places by the 1931 earthquake, required repairs which, if effected, would amount to some thousands. Repairs were required to the floors, roof, windows, doors, and the paintwork revealed bare patches.

New toilet facilities were urgently needed, and in some of the rooms the natural lighting was well below standard. With the exception of providing better toilet facilities, much of what the head teacher sought in improvements was provided by the Education Board.

In March, 1958, a campaign to raise funds for a learners' pool at the school was initiated. It was hoped to raise £1,000 by the end of September of that year. By the end of May £1,100 had been raised. In February, 1959, the baths, now named the Hastings Street School Memorial Baths, were opened by the Minister of Education, the Hon. Mr Skoglund.

The work in the school progressed along recognised lines, and pupils were encouraged to be self reliant and resourceful. Shop days, bring and buy stalls and other fund raising activities were organised by the pupils to raise funds for school purposes, public appeals and benefits. All were successful.

The most recent activity was the 73rd anniversary and closing reunion.

In March, 1960, there were signs that the school would never recover from the alarming fall in the roll. A survey of the school preschool population had revealed a paucity of numbers for the next three years. The end of the Hastings Street School was near. On the instability of numbers alone the Education Board would have been justified in closing the school. To bring the buildings into line with the demands of modern education would have cost a fantastic sum. Would it not be better therefore to save by closing the doors and dispersing the pupils in the neighbouring schools where ample accommodaton of a reasonable order were in existence? Thus it was that the Education Board regretfully decided to close the school.

Like my predecessors, it remains for me to add a suitable concluding paragraph to this illuminating record of outstanding service by an institution to the community. We who have been drawn irresistibly closer to this hall of learning with the passing of years must regard its closing with feelings of deep regret. Let us, however, look to the future, as this school would have us do, and say: "Its race is run. A new era opens. Let us go forth."

E. H. NEPIA, Head Teacher.

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MR RICHARD GOULDING, 1887-88

Mr Goulding was born in Wooloomooloo, Victoria, and educated in Limerick, Ireland. He held a position at the Port Ahuriri School before coming to the Hastings Street School. His head teachership was beset with the many teething troubles encountered by a new school staffing shortage, overcrowding, lack of equipment and materials. Before he left for the Taradale School, however, he had proved himself a master at organisation and a keen upholder of the rights of teachers and pupils. He retired from the teaching profession in 1908.

MR J. N. DODDS, M.A. 1899-1915

Mr Dodds brought to the school exceptional qualities of organising ability and scholarship. It is unfortunate that his earlier record is not available, but sufficient it is to say that he filled his position with distinction, and was highly respected by teachers and pupils alike. During his stewardship two wars, the Boer and World War 1, involved New Zealand, the former being in part responsible for the formation of the school junior cadets. Mr Dodds was in charge of the training scheme for teachers, a scheme which produced many eminent men for the profession.

He retired in December, 1915.



Mr J. N. Dodds

Mr Martin

MR MARTIN, 1916-26

He succeeded Mr Dodds. Affectionately known as "Bubu" by his pupils, he was a strict disciplinarian and staunch supporter of excellence in the three R's.

His training, began in the early eighties at Victoria University College, fitted him for his first appointment as an assistant on the staff of the Whangaehu School, then at Woodville School, then Hastings Central. His first head teachership came at the Port Ahuriri School, then in 1916 he came to Hastings Street School, to retire in 1926.

Mr Martin was retiring by nature.

MR JOHN ARTHUR ENGEBRETSEN, 1933-37

Born in Norsewood in 1892 and educated at Dannevirke North and High School.

After a period at Victoria University College taught in Wanganui district, then Gisborne. Later taught at Taradale, Hastings Street and Mahora in Hastings, retiring from the last named. Relieving at Frimley School, after retirement.

One of the best known bowlers in New Zealand, member of British Empire Games team, 1950. He considered his years at Hastings Street School his happiest.



Mr J. A. Engebretsen

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EDWARD BISSELL, 1926-32

Mr Bissell had a long and successful career as a teacher and head teacher. His appointments in the Hawke's Bay Education Board included head teacherships at the Onga Onga, Port Ahuriri, Dannevirke North, Hastings Street, retiring in 1941 from the Mahora School.

Ted was headmaster of Hastings Street School from 1926-32. He came to the school with the reputation of being one of the cleverest "five-eighths in New Zealand". In fact, he narrowly missed selection for the famous 1905 All Blacks.

He was also well known as an amateur lightweight boxer. His love of sport quickly endeared him to the pupils of the school, and during his period Hastings Street School became the leader of primary school sports in the district.

MR J. FIELDHOUSE, 1940-47

A Yorkshireman, and held the City of London Guild certificate as a master craftsman. Entered the building trade on his arrival in New Zealand. First school, Cross Creek. Later head teacher of the Port Ahuriri School, then Hastings Street in March, 1940, and retired from this appointment in May, 1947.

Genial, friendly, extremely well read man, and a very interesting conversationalist. Man of deep convictions, and sincere in all he did. Showed strong socialistic leanings, borough councillor in Napier, and member of the Licensing Committee.

Strong upholder of principles of the New Zealand Educational Institute. Now living in Ngaio, Wellington.

N. H. TUNNICLIFF, B.A., 1937-40

Began teaching in Upper Buller district just before World War I.

After three years' war service transferred to Auckland as assistant master at Papatoetoe and later at Cornwall Park. From there went to Stratford as first assistant master.

Then followed Ohura and Wairoa District High School as head teacher.

Head teacher at Hastings Street, 1937-40, and later at Foxton District High School, Caversham, Dunedin, and Huntly District High School for $7\frac{1}{2}$ years before retiring in 1953.



Mr L. J. Burke

WILLIAM J. PHILLIPS

Pupil teacher Nelson Park, 1921, Wellington Training College 1923-24, represented Training College rugby football and athletics.

Taught Sherenden, sole charge, and in schools throughout Southern and Central Hawke's Bay and Gisborne.

From Hastings Street he went to Awapuni School, Gisborne, then to present position at Kaiti School, Gisborne.

Keen sportsman, player and administration. Deeply interested in teacher politics, staunch supporter of New Zealand Educational Institute.

One time president Napier branch of N.Z.E.I. and Hawke's Bay Federation of Branches of N.Z.E.I., recently member of Hawke's Bay Education Board Appointment Committee. Has highest regard for Hastings Street School.

L. J. BURKE, 1947-49

Mr L. J. Burke commenced his teaching career as a pupil teacher of West End School, Palmerston North, in the years 1922-23. Following two years at Wellington Training College he was sole teacher at Papanui Junction, after which he became an assistant master at Marton Junction and later at Taumarunui District High School. Positions as head teacher at Pukehou East and Orini led to his appointment as headmaster of the Hastings Street School in August, 1947—a position he held for the next two years. At the beginning of 1950 he was transferred to take charge of the new Mayfair School in Hastings, where he remained for six years. On several occasions he has acted as an inspector of schools in the Hawke's Bay education area. At present he is headmaster of Nelson Park School.



Mr W. J. Phillips



Mr G. H. Bell

MR EDWARD HENRY NEPIA, J.P., B.A., Dip.Ed., MAY, 1957—

Born Nuhaka, Wairoa, educated Nuhaka Maori School, Te Aute College, St. John's College, Auckland, Auckland University, University of Wellington, Auckland Training College. Head teacher Whangaparaoa, Horoera, Te Haroto, Taharoa and Okautete Maori Schools. After the war first assistant Waterloo, Dyer Street and Eastern Hutt Schools, thence to Hastings Street School.

Served overseas with Maori Battalion and on return in January, 1946, was seconded to War History Branch to write narrative of history of 28th Maori Battalion, returning to his teaching duties after five years' war service.

Served five years on University of Wellington College Council, two years on Wellington Rugby Union, at present three years on Hawke's Bay Rugby Union Management Committee.

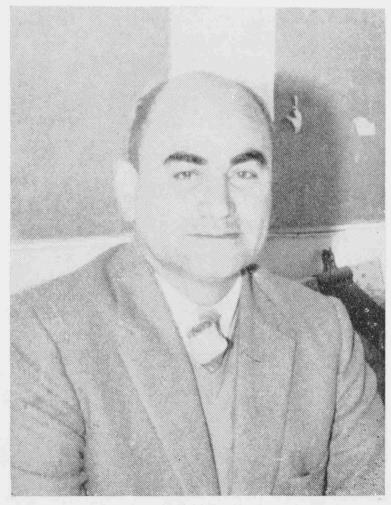
G. H. BELL, B.A., D.S.O., 1954-57

Mr Bell commenced his teaching career at the Kaiti School in Gisborne as a pupil teacher. This was then followed by two years at the Auckland Training College. Mr Bell then returned to the Hawke's Bay board, with which he has had 34 years' continuous service. This service has been confined to the Hastings, Napier, Gisborne and East Coast districts.

During 1934 and 1935 he visited the United Kingdom in a private tutorial capacity. From 1940 to 1946 Mr Bell was overseas with the armed forces, serving with various battalions, being finally in command of the 27th Machine Gun Battalion.

Hastings Street was his first head teachership. From here he became head teacher of Westshore and then Hastings Central schools.

He has recently been appointed to the inspectorate of schools in Hawke's Bay.



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EXTRACTS FROM THE LOG BOOK 1887 - 1960

1887	1887 - 1960
May 16	This school was opened formally by the chairman of the Napier Committee in the presence of a large number of the interested residents. The staff consisted of the head teacher, Mr Goulding, and three pupil teachers, Miss Graham, Miss Chegwidden and Miss Sutton.
1889	Mr R. Goulding resigned. Temporary charge of school under Miss J. Monteith. Holiday for Napier Park races.
1890	
Jan. 29 1891	School closed on the occasion of the jubilee of the colony. School opened with 145 pupils. Miss J. Monteith resigned. Miss J. Goulding took charge as mistress.
1892	Arbor Day. Committee bought trees for the teachers and pupils to plant.
1893	Roll 206.
1894 1895	Playground filled in. New addition to school. Bell transferred from the fence to the new part of the school, as idlers were in the habit of ringing it and making a nuisance of themselves.
1897	School closed for one week due to flooding.
1898	Holiday for visit of Governor of New Zealand.
1899	School reopened as training school for young teachers under Mr J. M. Dodds, M.A. Boer War.
1900	Holidays for surrender of Cronje, and the Relief of Ladysmith. 4th Contingent left.
1902	School opened with 234 pupils on the roll. Rifles and ammunition for cadet detachment arrived.
1904	Holiday in connection with the Napier farewell of the governor, the Earl of Ranfurly. The cadets took part in the ceremonial parade and the girls in singing the National Anthem.
1905	Roll 262. Children given the opportunity to visit H.M.S. "Challenger".
1906	
Aug. 8	Children dismissed early as many wished to go to a Living Picture matinee at 3 p.m.
Nov. 5	Important historical fact. Lieutenant Peary reached latitude 87° 6′ in his recent Arctic exploration 153 miles from the Pole.
	Roll 318. By the order of the Premier, the school was closed today as it was the day of the Proclamation of the King, George V, King Edward VII having died at 11.45 p.m., May 6th, London time.

1911	
June 22-23	School closed to celebrate coronation ceremonies.
1912	Roll 412.
1913	
	Visit of H.M.S. "New Zealand".
April 25	
1914	Departure of 1st Expeditionary Force to the seat of the
	war.
1916	Mr W. G. Martin took charge of the school.
	Feb. 28th school hours altered to 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. owing
	to an epidemic of infantile paralysis.
Aug. 11	Arbor Day. Trees were planted and named after most
	noted generals and admirals by the Mayor, Mr Vigor
	Brown.
	School closed for 9 days. Diphtheria epidemic.
1917	Scripture lessons commenced.
	Main room divided into two rooms.
	Armistice signing celebrated. School closed in November
	due to influenza epidemic.
1920	Additions to building under way. Pupils of Standard 4
1720	are being accommodated in St. Augustine's Sunday school.
1021	Prince of Wales' visit to Napier.
1921	Owing to an additional room being built Standard 3 has
	been removed to St. Augustine's Sunday school.
4000	School uniform adopted.
1925	School closed from beginning of term to 20th April due
	to infantile paralysis.
	Roll number reduced owing to opening of the new Napier
	South School.
1026	Mr Parker Smith took charge as relieving head teacher.
1926	School was visited by the Minister of Education.
	Mr Bissell became headmaster.
1927	Visit of Duke and Duchess of York.
1931	
Feb. 3	Terrible earthquake. Napier and Hastings destroyed.
1933	rapier and Hastings destroyed.
Feb. 1	Hastings Street School reopened as an individual school.
100. 1	For the first 19 months the school was an individual school.
	For the first 18 months the school was used as a post office.
	The latter part of 1932 it was reopened as part of Nelson
	Park School. Mr J. A. Engebretsen as headmaster.
	Two trees were planted to commemorate the memory of
	the late Mr H. H. Hill. One, a totara, was presented by
	the Mayor, Mr C. Morse, and the other a pohutukawa,
	by W. G. Martin, a former headmaster.
1935	King's jubilee celebrations. School closed.
1936	Ceremony at school in connection with the King's death.
	In December, King Edward VIII abdicated from the
	English throne.
1937	Infantile paralysis epidemic.
	May 9th, golden jubilee celebrations began at the school.
	Fine weather prevailed and the function was a great
	success. The roll call took place in the school grounds
	and functions were held at the Cenotaph and the Sound
	and remediate were need at the Cenotaph and the Sound

	Shell. Reunion dinner was held at the Forester's Hall. Mr Tunnicliff commenced as headmaster.
	Flag pole blew down today.
1939	The Minister and Director of Education visited the school.
1940	Mr J. H. Fieldhouse commenced duties as head teacher.
1940	Radio installed.
1941	
1042	School prepared for use as an emergency hospital.
1942	Painters finished painting the school after 16 months' inter-
1045	mittent work inside and out.
1945	V.E. and V.J. day celebrations.
1946	Visit to H.M.S. "Belfast".
1947	Roll 184.
	Mr Fieldhouse retired. Mr R. Short relieving headmaster.
	Mr L. J. Burke commenced as head teacher. Royal
	wedding.
1948	School reopened in March due to infantile paralysis
	epidemic.
10.10	Roll 181. Home and School Association formed.
1949	Roll 139. Ampro film projector purchased.
1950	Mr W. J. Phillips commenced duties as head teacher.
	Two classes from Marewa School now using vacant rooms
	in the school. Gestetner printing machine purchased.
1952	School closed on 7th February. Death of King George VI.
	Minister of Education visited the school.
1953	Coronation of Queen Elizabeth H.
	Director of Education visited the school.
	Royal visit souvenir medals distributed to the pupils.
1954	Room 6 converted into Country Library Service.
	Mr G. H. Bell commenced duties as headmaster.
1955	Jungle gym. installed.
	Taranaki ladder installed.
	Physical education film, "Development of Movement"
	filmed at school using the school pupils.
	Roll 117.
1956	Roll 144.
1957	Film of physical education in a contributing school com-
	pleted. In every way successful.
	Mr W. Wilton commenced as relieving headmaster. New
	typewriter purchased.
	Mr E. H. Nepia commenced as headmaster. New Aldis
	1000 watt film strip projector purchased. New hand
40.50	basin and drinking facilities installed.
1958	Baths appeal under way.
1959	Memorial baths opened by the Minister of Education.
1960	Decision to close the school announced.
	School evacuated to the hill area owing to the chance of
The Paris	a tidal surge from the earthquakes in Chile reaching the
	school.
	School party visited Christchurch on an educational tour.
	School reunion and closing down celebrations held in
	November. This function was a great success.
	D.G.H.







1901-1910



1911-1920



1921-1930

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1931-1940



1941-1950

REMINISCENCES

It must be over 65 years ago since I attended what was then called the White Road School.

As I will be 82 years old on the 28th of October, I am not certain of the exact year I was at school.

There are two interesting stories (to me anyhow) I remember while attending the school, but here again I am not able to supply you with the dates, but I will tell them for what they are worth.

There was a very rough sea at the time and a lot of the pupils were up on the Parade watching it, when all of a sudden a big wave came

rushing up the beach.

At the time there was no wall built along the Parade, and this wave, which we all reckoned was a tidal wave, came rushing over the roadway and flooded the school grounds. I was not able to get to the road leading down to the school, so I ran across to the fences and with my left hand I hung on to a fence running parallel with the Parade and with my right hand I held on to a piece of fence jutting out to the sea. When the water struck, it smashed the fence down that I was holding in my left hand, but fortunately the fence in my right hand held fast so I was able to hold on.

At that time the town was lit up by gas, and I saw a boy climb up the lamp post and hang on to the cross bars.

Of course a lot of us got soaking wet, so we were all sent home.

The other occasion was a story went the rounds of the school that two men had stolen some money from a shop in town, and had hidden it in the section near the school, which we used as a playground. At that time there were no houses built from the end of the schoolgrounds down to and half way up Bower Street on the left hand side. In the middle of the section was a small fenced-in place which had something to do with the water supply, and it was in this that the money was supposed to be hidden, but although we boys had a good look for it we never found it.

I am sorry to hear the old school is going to be closed at the end of the present year, for I have pleasant memories of being a pupil of what was then called the White Road School.

C. W. ELMES.

BREAD

The class was Standard 2, the lesson Scripture, and the subject "The Bread of Life". The minister explained that the body needed food for a number of purposes, classifying it Bread for the mind, Bread for the body, and Bread for the soul. The first kind of bread was got from reading the Bible, attending Sunday school and church, or in the food eaten at meals, while the third was the spiritual bread, obtained from reading the Bible, attending Sunday school and church, or in help from one's clergyman.

The children found this hard to understand. The points were gone over and over till their instructor felt they had a grasp of the matter.

So then to test their comprehension he asked, "How many kinds of bread are there?" and the answer came promptly: "Three."

"Yes, good," said the minister, pleased at his success. "Now who

will tell us what these three kinds are?"

And the inspired answer came, "White bread, brown bread and currant bread!"

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At a time when the Hawke's Bay children's homes were in Priestly Road, the boys attended Hastings Street School, walking always along Marine Parade—the shopping area was out of bounds. However, Jack, a somewhat rebellious spirit, and a pupil of Standard 1, just would occasionally break away and haunt the shops, reaching school perhaps an hour late.

The matron then ruled that if he did this again the other boys were to follow, and this they did a few days later; but he dodged them—into the Masonic Hotel, up the stairs, along the corridors, into bedrooms, out of windows, on to the fire-escapes, with about 30 boys of assorted sizes, and the manager after them.

And where was their quarry? He'd eluded them, and when the others reached school 20 minutes late and had to report to the headmaster's office, Jack was sitting quietly in his place (though with one eye on the door). The head came in to demand an interview. The culprit, however, gave him such a look of injured innocence that the writer, after 30 years, still laughs to recall it.

ANON.

THOSE EARLY DAYS

I was a first day pupil, and lived on the Marine Parade. I was in the "babies" room under Miss Ferguson, a sylph like creature, with long silky, mousey coloured hair, and an angelic disposition.

Whether a sister of "Jiggers" of that name, I know not. I only know that after the British got wise to the Boers' tactics in South Africa, and applied the "scorched earth" policy, and instituted concentration camps, Miss Ferguson went over there as a teacher and developed TB or something similar and died there.

The other teacher in the "little" room was Miss Monteith, a brunette with black hair that curled. In the big room that took up to Standard II, there were Miss Goulding, Miss Sutton and Miss Chegwidden. The sea wall was at that time constructed as far as about the "flood" monument, and I remember the experts from Coote Road with their quaint garb working thereon. I also remember quite clearly sitting on the school steps and watching in a quiet detached way as the teachers waded out into the flooded grounds, with their long skirts floating out on the swirling waters as they hauled the half-drowned kids to safety after a huge wave came over and flooded the playground.

The road at that time, from the school corner to about the railway, was paved with a very white limestone, and was called "White" road.

HARRY KEMP.

A FOUNDATION PUPIL WRITES

As an old Hawke's Bay boy, I feel deeply honoured at being asked to record my old time memories of events which occurred in my young days as a resident of the town where most of my life was spent.

I am thankful that my memory still is standing by me after many long years of interesting episodes. I was a first day pupil of the Hastings

Street School, also known as the White Road School.

In those far off days the building was only about half its present day size. The site was a low sloping section and in wet weather was often under water. I remember on one occasion, we had just returned to school after the Christmas holidays and found the lower half of the grounds under water and mud. As I approached the gate, a football was kicked over the fence and I among others made a rush for it. Just as I got hold of the ball, someone with similar designs gave me a push, with the result that I went headlong into the water and mud and I had to return home, where my reception was of a very unsatisfactory nature. My mother had spent the night before in completing the new suit of clothes I was wearing. In those days, as the roll began to swell, it was customary for the school to occupy a hall known as the Orange Hall which stood on the adjoining section, for educational purposes.

An exciting episode which I shall long remember was at the time of the "Northumberland" wreck. A very heavy black north-easter caused a heavy storm, and when we were released for play hour, most of the children made a mad rush to the Marine Parade to see the heavy sea which was raging at the time. We had no sooner got there when a huge tidal wave met us. The result of this was that approximately 50 per cent. of the boys and girls found themselves in Munroe Street, more dead than alive. The class rooms that day did service as a

dressing station.

It was about this time that I received my first book as a prize from Mr Parkinson, who conducted a Bible class one day a week in the school. It was entitled "The Child's Magazine" and I still have it in my possession. It is dated 1888. Mr Parkinson was vicar of St. Augustine's Church.

The wreck of the Northumberland will long be remembered by the older residents of Napier, as the steamer was one of the largest to have visited the port of Napier up to that time. She became a total wreck and the Petane beach became strewn with wreckage for miles, with all sorts of general merchandise. I remember some of the stationery in the shape of writing pads with which we became possessed after they hady dried out. The blue lines had run considerably, but we got them

cheaply and they lasted us a long time.

The early teachers at the school were all very popular. These included the headmaster, Mr Goulding, and his daughter Mary, who was headmistress, Miss Graham, Miss M. Chegwidden and others. After we had passed through Standard II, we had to pass on to the Main District school at the foot of Milton Road. This building was destroyed by fire, much to the regret of the pupils and the general public. In those days there was a certain amount of turmoil prevalent even among school boys. It was a common occurrence each week to have combats which were somewhat vicious. A popular method of

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fighting with stock whips was common. The Queen's 50th jubilee in 1887 was a great occasion which ended disastrously, as the day turned out very wet and we had to spend the day in the large building opposite the railway station which was then a bond store. We were all packed in and had hardly room to turn. All present were presented with a jubilee medal together with a bottle of ginger beer and a bun. There were amongst the pupils many "characters".

Some of these were referred to in the fiftieth jubilee booklet which was issued 9th May, 1937. Napier today is totally different to what it was when I arrived here in 1885. The area then was about one-third of what it is today. Prior to the reclamation in 1906 there was a huge area of swamp, the edge of which was along Wellesley Road. It does not seem very long ago since we had a regatta on where Napier South is now, yachts and racing boats were there in plenty. I took part in several boat races which started at what was known as Rudman's corner and the finishing post was opposite Holt's mill. The reclamation was carried out by Mr C. D. Kennedy, after whom Kennedy Road is named. The first sale of sections took place in 1908 on 17th June. The area resembled a large sandy desert. I have vivid recollections of the 1897 flood at Clive. Napier was totally under water right up to Blythe's shop in Emerson Street. On that occasion the lifeboat "Grace Darling" was brought up from Westshore by lorry and shipped a crew of nine men. It was journeying to Clive when suddenly the weight of water carried away the road and the boat was swept out to sea with all hands. After many weeks all the bodies were recovered on the Napier beach. With my family we temporarily took up our residence in Waipawa in 1885, and it was there that the Tarawera Eruption disturbed us from our sleep at four o'clock in the morning. By midday the town's lights had to be turned up to enable us to see across the street. About that time some excitement was caused by the passage through the town by the Maori warrior Te Kooti and 600 of his followers.

Later on in 1931 came the terrible earthquake which wrecked the centre of the town of Napier as well as a greater part of the surrounding districts of Hawke's Bay. In the brief period of a few minutes the area in and about Napier was completely altered. Providence certanly favoured the people of Napier. I shudder to think what would have happened had the earthquake lowered the inner harbour about seven feet instead of raising it a like manner.

Other interesting events which live vividly in my memory are the laying of the foundation stone of the Napier cathedral in 1887, and subsequently the second function in 1955 in connection with the new building on the same site. Two occasions at which I was privileged to be present. I have many other interesting memories which I could relate, but for fear of occupying too much of my readers' time I think I have written sufficient. I must say, however, how pleased I am to have this opportunity of subscribing something to this issue, and I trust it will prove of interest to my many old friends who still reside in the city where I have spent so much of my long life and had so many happy and pleasant memories.

HERBERT J. KING (1887).

The Golden Jubilee

Twenty-three years ago the school celebrated its 50th jubilee. On this occasion the celebrations lasted from the 9th to the 14th May. Appropriate ceremonies were observed at the school, the sound shell on the Marine Parade and the cenotaph in Memorial Square. Ex-pupils and friends from all parts of the Dominion were present.

The early part of the celebrations followed the usual pattern, with roll call and division to decades and official photographs. The whole gathering then marched along Hastings Street into Emerson Street to the sound shell, where the official opening ceremony took

place.

Following this, the assembly then marched to the cenotaph in Memorial Square. A wreath was placed at the foot of the monument to the war dead.

With the more formal part of the ceremony over, the visiting ex-

pupils were taken on a tour of the district.

It is noticeable that on the ensuing four days there were no functions held during the day. The jubilee dinner was held on the Tuesday, the ball on the Wednesday, children's fancy dress ball on Thursday, and grand concert and finale on Friday evening.

73rd ANNIVERSARY AND CLOSING REUNION

The Hastings Street School was opened primarily to educate the children of Napier, but in the course of years has been used as a post office, hospital, training school for teachers, soup kitchen and an E.P.S. centre. But with the advance of time and the changing of the physical face of Napier, the school had become redundant, and the decision was made to terminate the life of the present oldest school in the city.

When it was known that this establishment was to be closed, it was felt that a fitting celebration should take place to mark the occasion. Consequently at a meeting of ex-pupils late in May, 1960, a reunion committee was set up, and in the short time available, arrangements were accelerated to such an extent that a month before the actual date, the committee was confident that all was ready.

Some of the earlier pupils, mainly from other centres, took the opportunity of visiting the school on the Friday. Reminiscences were exchanged and here the catch phrase, "Do you remember?" which was heard so often during the weekend, was first brought into prominence.

The display of photos and items of interest revived many nostalgic memories and brought forth much laughter and many amusing anecdotes.

The weekend officially commenced on Friday evening with the ball, held in the War Memorial Hall on the Marine Parade. This event, which caused the committee some concern initially, proved to be a (ca) rousing success, in fact too successful, judging by appearances of some of the participants on Saturday morning.

The weather continued fine, much to the relief of everybody, and

there were close on 1,000 people present to hear the opening speeches

and the ringing of the bell by a first day pupil.

When the roll of past pupils was called, it was gratifying to see present such a large number of those who had attended the school in the early days.

This was followed by the photographs of the decades, ex-committeemen and teachers, after which a light luncheon was served in the class-

rooms.

Throughout the day many of the people attending the function

left the grounds to go to the nearby polling booth to vote.

During the afternoon entertainment was provided by pupils from the Boys' and Girls' High School and the Napier Citizens' Band, followed by afternoon tea and dismissal.

At 6 p.m. the beginnings of a congregation of 820 began to assemble outside the doors of the new Centennial Hall at McLean Park.

By 7 p.m. all were seated.

After the grace was pronounced the banquet commenced, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening followed. This was interspersed by some very good speeches and excellent vocal items.

On Sunday morning a church service was held at the Memorial Baths in the school grounds. This was attended by over 400 past pupils. It was felt that this was a fitting finale to a wonderful occasion.

The sounding of the "Last Post" marked the end of both the

reunion and of the active life of the school.

Here it is felt that tribute should be paid to those ex-pupils and wellwishers who took part in the celebrations and whose wonderful spirit made the reunion such a success. Admittedly people are still commenting on the remarkable catering throughout, but we felt that as a school is known by its pupils and not its buildings, so the success of a reunion depends on those taking part.

Since the celebrations, many suggestions have been put forward that would perpetuate the name of the school, the most common being

that an ex-pupils' association be formed.

The reunion committee are still deliberating this question, and it is felt certain that the ex-pupils will be given an opportunity to express their wishes in connection with this matter.

EXTRACTS FROM SPEECHES

"DO YOU REMEMBER"—by about 600 ex-pupils.

It is a wonderful thrill to be back at the old school, but, like many others, I am sad that it is closing.—Mr King.

All of you will have many memories revived for you today, and perhaps you will be sad that your old school is to close, but progress must go on and the city must progress too.—Mr Tait (Mayor).

I am pleased to see so many of you present considering you have gone to so much expense and have travelled such long distances to attend this reunion.—Mr Leckie (chairman of School Committee).

Although past pupils would be sad that the school is to be closed, it has to be faced that the old school is not the type of building in which



The scene in the Centennial Hall during the banquet

today's children should be educated.—Mr Smith (chairman of H.B. Education Board).

It has always been a characteristic of the Hastings Street School that it was noted for the friendliness and the happy spirit of both the pupils and teachers.—Mr Lewis (member of H.B. Education Board). I have a piece of historical evidence which I should like to read out. This is an absence notice—do you remember Joe Skews?—Mr Lewis (member of H.B. Education Board).

My thought about the school closing down after 73 years is that it has given wonderful service to Napier and indeed to New Zealand as a whole. Mr Smith (chairman of H.P. Edwartier Board)

whole.—Mr Smith (chairman of H.B. Education Board).

To me the school is something vital—something even human. You are the school—the old pupils. You are the outward manifestation of what the school means.—Mr Nepia (headmaster).

Ten thousand people—about half Napier's present population—have

been processed in Hastings Street School.—Mr Smith.

During the day I have been approached by people to speak of Miss So and So or old So and So, but during the seventy odd years I find that there have been 203 teachers at the school, many of them lovable and esteemed people, so I find it impossible to mention all of them, therefore what I have to say will be symbolic of all the teachers.—Mr R. Keeble.

When I returned from the staff room the rest of the class asked what had happened. I replied that Bubu had given me six across the ——. But I'm much more polite now than I was in those days.—Mr Keeble.

A couple of days ago I went down to the school to pay for my banquet ticket, so you see I was not bribed to propose this toast.—Mr Keeble.

I would like to issue this challenge. Are you—as old pupils—going to accept this decree that the school is to close down. What are you going to do to perpetuate the name of the school.—Mr Nepia.

Mr (Nosey) Driller had a cure for those who used bad language: he made them wash their mouths with very salty water. He soon ran out of salt.—Mr Keeble.

Those in Mr Pryor's class who were in the football team were sure of a pass at the end of the year.—Mr Keeble.

Miss Bain was loved by the basketball girls, and as I remember there were quite a number of boys who wished they could play the game.—Mr Keeble.

Seeing Mr Bell, a past headmaster and now an inspector, reminded me of when the inspectors used to visit the school. The men would wear their best suits, the women their best dresses and a little more lipstick, and we children sat up like little darlings.—Mr Keeble.

I notice that some of the pupils returned as teachers. I don't know why. Perhaps they wanted to get their own back.—Mr Keeble.

During the march past this morning I noticed that Miss Butcher (Mrs Clark) was the only one in step.—Mr Keeble.

I asked the children yesterday who they thought was the best head-master. They said Mr. Nepia, because he had a burglar try to steal the place once, and they tried to burn it down twice and in the end he had to close it down.—Mr Keeble.

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SCHOOLBOY STUNTS

I often wonder how many present-day pupils make the same mistake I did in my early days. At morning play time I went home thinking it was lunch time, but when I arrived there I was given a proper dressing down by my mother for being so absent-minded. As the distance from home to school was not very far, I ran all the way back, only to find school had gone in again. My story was not believed and I was given some cuts with the strap and in addition had to stop behind after school that day for half an hour. I never made that mistake again.

Living as I did in Hastings Street opposite where the Post Office now stands, I was near enough to half-way between the Napier Main School and Hastings Street School. As a mate of mine was due to start the New Year at the Main School, I reported there, also telling the headmaster that it was closer to home from his school and that as my father was out of town, and my mother was running a shop, neither of them could come with me. My story was accepted, and I was allowed to stop, but had to go to the headmaster of Hastings Street School to inform him I was now at a different school. What I received from my father and mother needs no telling, but I was allowed to stay at the Main School. What would be the chances of any present day pupil getting away with the same stunt.

Like the minority of present day pupils, I did not like homework, so just did not do any and got away with this action for a long time. My father was a bit suspicious because my brothers had homework to do, and when he asked me I said that my teacher never bothered to give any. Unfortunately the teacher, a Miss Mitchell, was a great friend of my family and my father escorted me to her home to check up. When he found out I had lied to him I was at the receiving end of his razor strop when we got home, and to make matters worse for me he arranged that Miss Mitchell set extra work which was checked

at home before I could go out or go to bed.

ANONYMOUS.

The Hastings Street School Memorial Baths

How many of you recall trudging along the Marine Parade on a hot day to the Municipal Baths for swimming instruction, and then back again to school to find you are more than ever in need of another cool frolic in the water?

In March, 1958, the School Committee decided to form a special baths appeal committee to raise funds to build a learners' pool in the school grounds. Raffles, a Mayor of the Hotels' contest, sales of work, concerts, donations saw the figure rise to over £1,000 by mid-June. The children's part in this was close to £80.

The builder completed the contract by the end of January, 1959, and on the 9th February the Hon. Minister for Education, Mr P. G. S. Skoglund, officially declared them opened before a large assembly of

parents.

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Final Year Pupils and Staff



Pupils and Ex Pupils 1951-1960

HASTINGS STREET SCHOOL

DUX LIST

1904	R. J. C. MacDonald	1921	Jean Munro
1905	Leslie Moyle	1922	Raymond Brown
1906	Ivy B. Langley	1923	Bernard W. Brown
1907	A. H. Robinson	1924	Bernard J. Hannah
1908	C. Nicholson	1925	Jean Linda Cook
1909	Edward V. Knapp	1926	Joan Ashby
1910	Esther Levy	1927	Irene Beasley
1911	Ruby Morrison	1928	Ralph Thompson
1912	Rubina L. Taylor	1929	Emma Riddell
1913	Keith Bull	1930	Maurice Purdy
1914	Israel Corn	1931	Earthquake year
1915	F. J. S. Adam	1932	Attached to Nelson Park
1916	S. T. Boston	1933	Raymond Annan
1917	Annie I. Robinson	1934	Gwen Stephenson
1918	Meta Stephens	1935	Kenneth Leitch
1919	Marion Morris	1936	Edith Annan
1920	Viola Atkins	1937	George Stephenson

STAFF AND PUPILS OF THE SCHOOL, 1960

Standard 4 (Mr E. H. Nepia)

Girls

Astwood, Graeme
Cooper, William
Crisp, John
Coldicutt, George
Jeffares, Roger

Gin
Bragg, Moera
Campbell, Kristin
Corry, Carol
Dunn, Leigh
Jackson, Claire

Jeffares, Roger Jackson, Clair Lewis, David Long, Jenny Kohlis, Warren MacKay, Rae

Pattison, Russell
Sawyer, Neville
Symons, Robert

Martin, June
Pickering, Ellen
Pomana, Ahhitia

Wilkinson, David
Puhara, Patricia
Richardson, Kay
Warr, Mary

Standard 3 (Mr E. H. Nepia)

Boys Logan, Bonnie Inglis, Heather

Lewis, Alan

McDonald, Donald

Smith, Graeme

Fox, Sharon

Kohlis, Lee

Laurent, Robin

Tinkler, Graham

Girls

Peterson, Petta

Puhara, Elizabeth

Ackerman, Betty
Dodd, Sally
Runga, Georgina
Whiston, Pauline

Standard 2 (Mr. D. G. Harris)

Boys

Coldicutt, Raymond Edwards, Bruce Elmes, Graeme desLandes, Tony Neville, Kevin Robertson, John Girls

Girls

Ashworth, Jillian
Callinicos, Katherine
Dobbinson, Sharleen
Hall, Ann
Hall, Margaret
Hood, Alison
MacKenzie, Rose
Moa, Diane
Ramsey, Lorraine
Tobin, Mary

Standard 1 (Mr D. G. Harris)

Boys

Dodd, Stephen McKenzie, John Runga, Christopher Tinkler, Roger Ward, Laurie

Cooper, Sheila Kohlis, Robyn Laurent, Ann Lewis, Maree Long, Barbara Mitchell, Lyn Quinn, Marilyn Ramsey, Alison Sparling, Karenne

Walch, Susan

Primer 4 (Miss E. R. Carter)

Boys

Callinicos, Jimmy desLandes, Perry Manning, Craig Petersen, Mark Fox, Marie Ann

MacKay, Lyn Reiper, Kathryn Morgan, Jill Wiggins, Sandra

Primer 3 (Miss E. R. Carter)

Boys

Bryan, Harvey Porter, Douglas Girls

Brown, Jennifer McLean, Erica Stewart, Shona Sykes, Judith Todd, Elizabeth

Primer 2 (Miss E. R. Carter)

Boys

Crisp, Trevor Hubbard, Stewart Ramsey, William Girls

Edwards, Shirley Golding, Bonnie Kohlis, Joy Moa, Octavia Sparling, Sandra Yee, Elizabeth

Primer 1 (Mrs D. Guthrie)

Boys

Girls

Bragg, David Brown, Phillip Callinicos, Gerald Moa, Frank

Morgan-Kemp, Munroe

Mayer, Michael Pattison, Phillip Walch, Garry

Moa, Joanna McLean, Yvonne Pickering, Lauren Ramsey, Helen Ward, Brenda

MR K. W. MURPHY is the teacher of the special class, consisting of 11 pupils, drawn from all the schools in the Napier city and suburban areas. Their names are included in the foregoing lists.

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Present School Committee

Mesdames L. MacKay, M. K. Davidson (secretary), Messrs R. Leckie (chairman), G. Stephenson, Halll, J. MacKenzie, F. Elmes.

In February, 1905, Mr Durney gave a handsome Japanese cabinet to be presented to the girl or boy obtaining the highest number of marks at the next annual examination, and this prize was won by Eileen Carver.

On 13th March, 1906, the school cadets proceeded to Christchurch under the charge of Mr Driller, and Arthur Dyett was there promoted to sergeant-bugler.

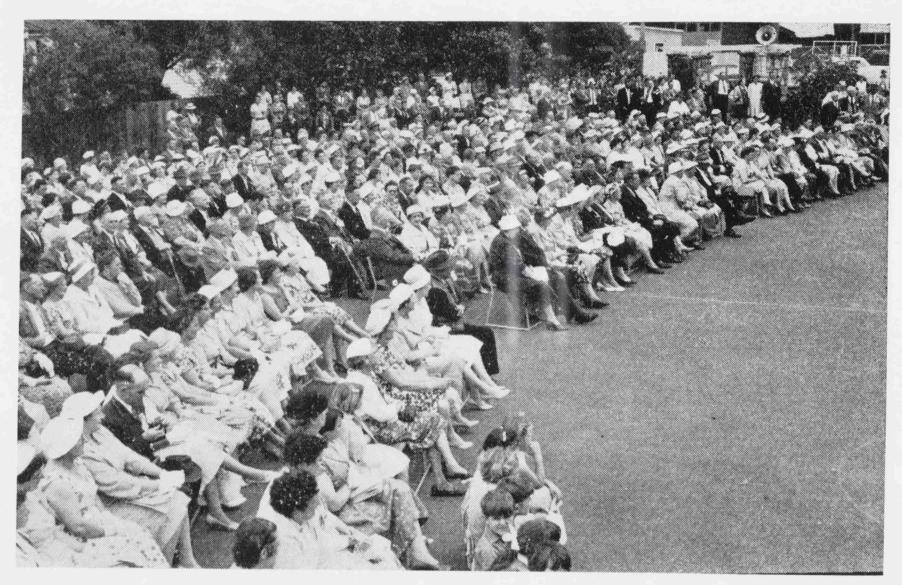
In 1915 the School Committee wrote to the board and suggested the school name be changed from Napier South to either Hastings Street or Raffle Street School.

The board refused to agree to this request, but in 1921 the board and School Committee agreed to change the name to Hastings Street School.

The late Mr G. Cooke was on the School Committee for 27 years, 25 years of which he was chairman.

In August, 1916, the committee decided to plant twelve plane trees donated by F. Simmonds and Co. and also A. Simmonds and Co., these trees to be named after British admirals or generals. In 1921 the rock wall and pergola gates were erected on the eastern and northern frontages of the school.

During the second world war part of the school was equipped as an emergency hospital under the jurisdiction of the St. John Ambulance.



Gathering of Ex Pupils



Teachers

73rd ANNIVERSARY AND CLOSING REUNION

The following lists contain the names of those who attended the above reunion at the school on the 25th, 26th and 27th November, 1960. It is regretted that a number, whose names were handed in late, but who actually attended, are not included.

FIRST DECADE, 1887-1900

C. O. Morse May Chegwidden Louisa Howse

Albert William Tinkler

Mary J. Sullivan Nellie Tankard

Violet Victoria Moody

Edith May Moody

E. J. Arrold

Mary Elizabeth Hill

W. R. Fannin
Mabel Symons
Amy Williamson
Bertha Kaye
Nellie McGonnell
Mabel Ashworth

E. B. Campbell

W. Baird

Nenna Church Nellie Hertz Ruby Bull Nellie Baird

Grace Edith Hill

Leslie Moyle

Edward James Hodgkinson

Frances Tinkey R. D. Moffitt

Annie May Dalton Margaret Annie Ellis Minnie Cass Emily Lydon

W. J. McKennie

Isabella Burns

Violet Black

Rita Crowther

W. G. Dine

Herbert H. Scoble Elizabeth Lanning

Mabel Smith Evelyn Watts Hetty Coleman

Fred Campbell (Martin)

Maud Coleman
Henry Minett
George Minett
A. E. Loader
D. H. Edwards
Frederick J. Grant

Walter George Girling Edgar Berry

Herbert James King

Grace Minett Mr Elmes

William E. Eddy
Ivy B. Langley
Hazel Crowther
W. D. Corbett

Adell King

SECOND DECADE, 1901-1910

R. J. W. Soole

Keith William Bull

J. C. Brock

Forest D. S. Coleman

R. A. Nicholson

J. H. Haste Jessie Bald

Monica Crowther

W. B. Thomson

Jack Colbert

Thelma I. A. Smart

Arthur George Bailey

Les Clareburt Arthur Hillson

Thelma Hicks

Lelia Plested Joe Skews

P. Lowe

Chas. B. Hansen Madelene Hillson

Maud Symons

I. W. Nicholson

Annie Amelia Minett Ernest H. Batchelor Isabella Skews Bessie Faulknor Elsie Ireland A. T. Faulknor R. J. C. MacDonald Miss Durrant M. Knapp Israel Corn Mrs H. D. Faulknor Victoria Eliza Berry Mary P. Arnold Muriel Rita Gifford Gerald Howse Irene Nola Howell Roy S. Mott William Henry Chappel

Agnes C. Knapp

Charlotte M. C. Connor

Stanley Knox Roy Langley Victoria Georgina Tucker V. J. Langley Alfred Ellery Nelson Evelyn Bailey Miss A. P. Williamson Mrs A. S. Boston F. B. McKennie Mary Elizabeth Burns Bertha E. Batchelor Ethel May Holt Ethel Colbert Margaret Mary Smith Edith Taylor Walter A. Plested Norman Rayner Walter Ireland Charles C. Briasco Lillian Dyett

THIRD DECADE, 1911-1920

Jack Howell George W. Batchelor Robert Leslie McDonald Iris Foster Marion Morris Derek Martin Charlie Hayward S. M. Hammond A. Dykes Edna T. Beddie Nancy Quinn Eileen Skews Arthur Israel Trask Harry Otton H. C. Plested Ruby Harris Meta Stephens Edna F. Munro Rena Nairn Miss Bald Walter K. Dunstall Ernest Alan Grant Belle Tankard Helen Theodora Sparworth Lall Bromley Jean Paterson Evelyn Field Frances Fowler Winifred Helleur

Doris Northe

Doris Ireland Harry Cohen Edna Cohen Mag Dean Ethel Turvey Mona Hillson Doris Kathleen Hillson Win Dine Roy Hawke Harry Pointon Mavis Hayward Mabel Chittenden Kathleen Elvera Jennings Albert E. Thompson Ruth Minett Mary Corry Emmeline Morgan Rena Willis E. L. Lavin Dorothy Skews Roma Bonita Jennings Frank Ireland Phyllis Stephens Len C. Minett Gladys Moffit Jean T. Sligh Violet Angelina Dean N. S. Funke Amelia Jessie Dimond Frank Record McGonnell 56

Frederick Mager Jessie Garrick Dean

Evelyn Symons Mona Symons W. R. Manning Myrtle Symons Frank Thompson

Betty Mager H. J. Fulford Ella Mager Jean Hopkins Sylvia Lowe

Kathleen Maude McLean

Thelma Bergstrom Percival W. Bertstrom

R. S. Shipp E. K. Stephens C. Thelma Hesp Isobelle Hesp

Ellen May Nicholson

Nellie Roberts Dorathea Smith

Emmaline Margaret Graham

Jack Howell Harold Peters Walter Chittenden

Ronald H. W. Osborne

Roy Osborne Annie Wray

Alfred Wray Wally Boardman Daisy Lavin Mr Timmo

Arthur (Gundy) Logan

Eileen Hill Victor T. Rouse Edna Lincoln Lena Otton

Mrs George Brown

Colin Dunstall Merytle McLean Aline Buckley Edna Quinn

Arthur Lawrence Dick

Agnes K. Cross

Edward Victor Lavery Albert John McLean

J. H. McLean G. W. Mager Dudley Vowles G. M. Hall W. E. Sutton S. M. Sutton Anna Thompson Olive Keyes Alfred Pidgeon

Gladys Moore

Kitty Bayford

E. N. Manning

Olga Olsen

DECADE, 1921-1930 **FOURTH**

Dorothy McGregor Robert Keeble G. D. Stuart Lorrie Weaver Miss Keeble Sybil Richardson Ian F. Baird Douglas McLean Mona Mager Frank Elmes Arthur Leo Spencer Robert George Crutchley

Miss Sutton Rene Kendall J. Minett

Gladys Staniland Jean Railey

Robert Jones WilliamDawson Vera May Lynam

Rita Crutchley

Peggy Walker Betty Reid Jean Reid G. R. Heslop Sylvia Ashton Mavis Morris Netley Stephens Maureen Earney Geoff Hartshorn Frank Pidd Thelma Bennett Zetta Crabtree Alma Chilver Joyce Barber

J. H. Weaver Edith Campbell Jessie Campbell Dan Moffitt

Miss A. L. Huxtable J. Plested G. Plested Anne Thompson Donald French M. D. Redshaw Phyllis Quinn D. G. Minett T. S. Willis Gwen Minett W. G. Baird Joyce Dallason Enid Pidd Mabel Ireland Alan Roberts Thomas Saville Flemwell Alice Upton W. D. Gibbs Myrtle McCallum Emma Riddell B. L. Burn George S. Grant I. Bain Mavis L. Wray Rita Young Robert Stanley Northe Betty Weaver Kathleen Crutchley Frederick Thomas Orringe Dorothy Pointon Mr Oliver Marian Joan Pointon Marie Hyde Geoff Hyde Ida M. Simmonds Anslie W. Stokes Gladys Ireland Ina Marsden Colin William Gebbie Averil Brown J. H. Pockett Alfred Bromley Rita Watson George L. McLean Evelyn Burn Isabel Lowe Harry Hall

Bernice Orringe

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Jose Scott

Edna Brown Joan Hastie Ivan E. Dunstall R. I. Johnstone L. J. Woolllett Edna Staniland Mabel E. Haynes Agnes Upton Margaret Ford Eva Batchelor R. Tristram Lorna Skews Connie Reid Marjorie Skinner Colin Renouf Laura Dawson Winifred Rispin Edna Lowe B. Simpson Constance Waddell Audrey Haynes R. McKendrick W. Gibbs Edie Berwick Molly Kidson I. Redshaw C. Adsett Victor Watson Gwen Stephenson Ian Ernest Gray Leonard Charles Upton Beatric Lanina Boardman Evelyn Mavis Ericksen Winnie Alexander Ullice Ewbank Nola Gebbie Dorothy May Moffitt Stanley Burdwood Eddy Nita Jorgenson Olive M. Grant Morris Daily Allan Henry Long Mrs L. Bulled Rangi Skews Winfred Jean Perkins F. S. Northe Ethel Pidd Joyce Baker Geoffrey Ashworth Walker William Keith Dick Lyal Albert Dick

Laurie Marsden P. Railey

F. W. Marsden Nancy Moore Clara Olsen

Verner June Pulford Constance Dowgill Colin Fulford Valda Sutton

Adrian Harvey-Smith

Ruth McGregor Elspeth Henderson

Marie Elaine Sparworth

Lionel Harris
Raymond Annan
Des Tolhurst
E. V. Lavery
Leila Skinner
Annie Brooking
Irene Dowell

FIFTH DECADE, 1931-1940

Robert Boston Stuart Boston Nell Boston Betty Boston Eunice Croxton Joy Plested

C. J. Goodgame Shirley Joy Farrington

Daphne Jean Bullivant Miles Rowland Carey

Nelson McNeill Joe Newport Marien Stevens Ngaire Newport

Alfred Charles Northe

Shirley Beachen Ken Leitch

Marjorie Tinkler Miss Goodgame Joycelyn Tinkler Ronald McLean Betty Perkins

John Andrew McNeill Miss J. E. Beachen

Hedley Marshall
Joyce Wakely
J. T. Jones
Elaine Logan
P. M. Logan
Betty Plested
Joan Perkins

L. S. Lavin

Noel Marshall Stan Lee

Thomas Stephenson

Joan Cornish
W. D. Jackson
Doreen McNeill
Hamish Wakely
Jim Wakely

Mona Owen Ronald Willis

Margaret Passmore

Roy W. Bridge Valmai Crabtree D. C. Passmore

Betty Holt

Phyllis Campbell William Maxwell Gordon Skews Alan Ballantyne Doreen Farrar Margaret Johansen

Rae Hearn
Shirley Olsen
Jocelyn Redshaw
Lionel Goodgame
Maxine Ethel Brewer

Irene Wilson
Jim White
L. O. Willis
Denis Passmore
Peggy Kidson

Margaret Alexander

Margaret Brice Connie Howse Ted Weaver Inga Olsen Bobbie Graham Jean Forne

Ivor M. Mapuhi

Eric Rainey Les Kessell

Joan MacKinnon Edith Annan

Faith Johnston

Bill Pidd

Brenda Hearn Norma Hearn

Gladys Edith Wilson

E. M. George David George Logan H. A. Passmore Lockie Alexander Mabel Sang Doug Kessell Alys Evetts H. J. Dyer Betty Thompson Mary Young R. D. Clark Stuart Boston Pearl Laura White Deryck A. Minett Valerie A. Graham J. S. Alexander Murray H. Williams Rona Stairmand

Alfred Edward Wakely

B. Farrington A. W. D. Mapuhi Nancy Wallace Alison Lindon Valda Craven Winsome Black Bill Richardson Margaret Gempton Margaret McCallum Betty McAven Max N. Clark Yvonne Ackerman Joyce Girling Pat Fortune Peter Simmonds Robert Fortune Noel Loader John Green G. L. Hopkins

DECADE, 1941-1950 SIXTH

Wendy Sykes Grant Boston Jim Murrell Mervyn Redshaw Elaine Bullivant Barbara Stephens Celina Ruth Garbutt Ted Limbrick Gwen Limbrick Lorraine J. Logan June Sang Paul Jones Yvonne Logan Patricia M. Logan C. J. Jackson David Walter Harold Berry Paul Randolph Berry D. G. Hewson Dorothy Boyd Gloria Boyd Maureen Merle Long J. Johnston Brian Johnston M. P. Andrews Pamela Andrews John MacKinnon Elizabeth Prince Judith Davidson Barry Davidson Patricia Francis McLean

Faye Darby

James A. Paxie L. W. Johansson Lynn Farrington P. G. Farrington Shirley McIlroy Frank Leonard Beachen Nola Sang Miss P. Beachen D. C. Mortley Dorothy Long Jim Young Betty Earl John Cromie Camelia Symons Claire Oswell Graham Hancox Pamela June Long Robert Richardson Marjorie Yee Peter Yee Nancy Yee Winifred Yee Hilton Meyer Gerda McCallum Derham McAven Elaine Smith Valerie Fleming Robert Clark Ngaire Osgood Joyce Clark

SEVENTH DECADE, 1951-1960

Geoffrey C. Thompson Vivian J. Rieper Robyn E. Rieper Wendy M. Rieper Paul Skews Shelly Skews
E. Pattison
Rowley Skews
Walter Boardman

SPORTING

HONOURS IN SPORT

Throughout the years the school has maintained a high standard in the realm of sport, chiefly due to the proper emphasis head teachers have placed on this phase of school life, and more so to the unbounded enthusiasm of teachers who sacrificed much time and energy in the interests of the child.

Hawke's Bay representative teams in all fields of sport contain names of ex-pupils of the school, and some have graduated to high national honours.

In the short space of time in which to prepare the magazine, it was not possible to make extensive researches in order to do justice to the contribution the school has made in this field. However, sufficient it is for me here to acknowledge the part played by the school in the sporting life of the community.

Several families excelled themselves while at school, and later in the wide field of competitive sport. Two come to mind readily (and I take full responsibility for making their records public), and their achievements are symptomatic of the thoroughness with which individual pupils were trained whilst at school.

THE KEEBLE FAMILY

George Keeble

George graduated from Ross Shield ranks (1921-1922) to play for Hawke's Bay rugby in 1929, following remarkable success as wing forward for Pirates Club. In that year as a replacement for Hawke's Bay against Wairarapa at McLean Park he scored seven of nine points Hawke's Bay piled up against Wairarapa. Played for Wairarapa 1932, '33, '34, and invited to play for North v. South but unavailable.

Bob Keeble

Although he was selected to play in the Ross Shield team in 1923, on account of his extreme youth he was dropped. However, in 1924 and 1925 he had his revenge. Following a successful career in the Boys' High School 1st XV, he played through the grades to become captain of the Pirates team in Napier in 1933.

He represented Hawke's Bay in 1929 and 1930 as a junior and as a senior in 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940. He captained Air Force teams overseas.

Betty Keeble

Came into prominence 1936, when she won breaststroke and backstroke junior, intermediate at Hawke's Bay swimming championships. Also repped for Hawke's Bay in hockey. Nancy Keeble

Played for Hawke's Bay senior representative team in 1948.

Dick Keeble

Played for Ross Shield team. Killed on Guadalcanal. Unique occasion about 1929 when George played for Hawke's Bay senior reps., Bob for Hawke's Bay junior reps., and Dick for Ross Shield all on one day.

THE BOARDMAN FAMILY

Three of this family really excelled themselves in swimming. The first, Stan, now established on his own in Australia as a swimming instructor, with baths of his own, created records in swimming in Hawke's Bay before the second world war. Unfortunately, at the time

of going to press his records are not available.

His brother Ken, however, reached greater heights, beginning in 1948, by winning the Colin Cup as an intermediate. Then in 1949, 1950, 1951 he was the outstanding swimmer at the Hawke's Bay championships, winning the Cooper Cup for the senior men's aggregate. He was peerless over distances from 50 yards to 880 yards, freestyle and backstroke. In 1952 he represented this centre at the New Zealand amateur swimming championships. Actually he reigned supreme from 1949 to 1954.

A sister, M. Boardman, though not as accomplished as her brothers, nevertheless reached provincial standard in the women's events

at the same time as Ken.

Our All Black

JACK ("TUNA") SWAIN

Jack joined the Pirates Club as a boy in 1916, playing for the fourth grade team. His slippery tactics earned for him the title "tuna" (eel). He rose to senior status in 1919, and in 1922 migrated to Wellington, where he played for the Athletic Club. In 1926, after his return to Hawke's Bay, he, with famous A. E. Cooke, formed the T.C.O.B. Club, retiring in 1928.

Jack played for Hawke's Bay in 1919, '20, '21 and '25, '26 and 27, and for Wellington in 1922, '23 and '24. In 1923 "Tuna" was actually selected to play for the New Zealand team, but did not have an opportunity of playing for that team. In 1926 and 1927 he played for the North Island team, and to crown his career went to South Africa with Morrie Brownlie's All Blacks.

ALEX. HOWSE

Alex Howse first came into prominence as a member of the swimming team which won the McGee Cup in 1935, and while at the Napier Boys' High School in 1940 he won the Bowen Cup for most points in the senior freestyle events. As a member of the Napier Swimming Club he won several trophies.

In 1949 he won his University Blue at Canterbury College in

swimming. He also represented Hawke's Bay at polo.



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