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EDITORIAL

Elsewhere in this magazine you will find a note on the life and work of Lord Rutherford after whom this school is named. Ernest Rutherford attended two little country primary schools near Nelson before winning a scholarship to attend the nearby secondary school, Nelson College. Sir Ernest Marsden, who worked with Rutherford for many years, noted in his Rutherford Memorial Lecture that his school days "had created deep, lasting and pleasant memories" on Rutherford. He had by no means been a "swot" and had entered fully into sport and other school activities. School days left a lasting impression on Rutherford who on his death made a bequest of £100 to Nelson College.

Our school motto: "Tohea" – "to strive", comes from the Maori saying "Tohea, tohea, ko te tohe i te kai" which means "Strive, strive as you would strive for food." The notion of striving is particularly appropriate when linked with Rutherford's name. New Zealand's greatest son could never have achieved his position as one of the fore-

most scientists of all times had he not relentlessly striven to unlock the secrets of the atom. Success in life rarely comes easily and in this respect Rutherford was no exception. It is only by remorseless striving that each of us can develop our potential to the full.

Shortly after Lord Rutherford's death in 1937, Sir James Jeans expressed the view that Rutherford was the greatest scientist since Newton and went on to say:

"His greatness as a scientist was matched by his greatness as a man. Rutherford was ever the happy warrior—happy in his work, happy in its outcome and happy in its human contact."

This school is proud to bear the name Rutherford and we, too, aspire to greatness. Whether or not this aim is realised depends almost entirely upon you, the foundation pupils, and upon those who will follow you. Rutherford will be an inspiration to all associated with this school and his example will always encourage us to strive constantly so that we, too, may attain our goal.

OUR FIRST PRINCIPAL

Mr. A. E. E. Clark, M.A.

In these days when it is so aptly said that the future of post primary education in New Zealand is at the crossroads, the establishment of a new secondary school is fraught with many difficulties. Not least among these is the appointment of a Principal for upon this man there falls the duty of laying the vital foundations for the edu-



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can look to the future with confidence, knowing that we have been singularly fortunate in securing the services of Mr A. E. E. Clark as our first principal.

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Lord Rutherford of Nelson

In 1842, George Rutherford emigrated from Scotland to New Zealand. His son, James, born in 1839, married Martha Thompson, who had been a school teacher before her marriage. Ernest, born on 30th August, 1871, was the fourth of the twelve children of this marriage. He was born at Bridgewater but when he was five the family moved to Foxhill where Ernest began his schooling. A few years later the family again shifted, this time to Havelock and as a pupil of the Havelock Primary School, Ernest in 1886 won a scholarship to Nelson College. In 1890 a Junior University Scholarship took Rutherford to Canterbury University College where he passed his M.A. with first class honours in mathematics and physics and also gained a B.Sc., specialising in Botany. After a short period as a secondary school teacher, Rutherford was granted an 1851 Exhibition Scholarship which took him to Cambridge in 1895. For three years at Cambridge he assisted Sir J. J. Thomson in his work at the Cavendish Laboratory.

In 1898 he took up the Macdonald Professorship at McGill University in Montreal. Although the salary was small Rutherford was attracted by the magnificent physical laboratory which at that time was considered the best in the world. His senior colleague, Professor Cox, gave him great support and at McGill, Rutherford and Soddy developed the transformation theory of radioactivity. When he left McGill in 1907 to return to England his laboratory was firmly established as a permanent centre of research in Montreal.

From the first Rutherford liked Manchester where he became, and always remained, one of the most popular figures in the University. He

was extremely fortunate in the group of young men who assisted him in his work. Among these were Hans Geiger, Ernest Marsden—later Sir Ernest became head of New Zealand's Department of Scientific and Industrial Research; and William Kay, who became head steward of Rutherford's laboratories. During his Manchester period Rutherford propounded in 1911, for the first time, his nuclear theory of the atom which changed the whole face of modern physics.

Rutherford returned to Cambridge in 1919 where he continued working until his death. One of his last duties at Cambridge was to prepare for the new building of the Cavendish Laboratory.

In the small space available it has been possible to give only a glimpse of Rutherford. The official biography "Rutherford", by A. S. Eve, gives a full account of his life and work and N. Feather's "Lord Rutherford" gives a shorter account.

J. D. Cockcroft sums up his lecture on Rutherford.

"Although Rutherford died in 1937, his influence was a major factor in the scientific supremacy of Britain in the war." He gives full credit to Rutherford for the development of radar, which turned the tide of the U-boat battle, directed the bombing of Germany and helped decisively to sink the Japanese fleet. Cockcroft concludes: "The Liverpool branch of the Rutherford School with Frisch and Peierls from Birmingham, initiated the work on the atomic bomb which ended the war with Japan. One can only wish that Rutherford had been alive to deal with its consequences."

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

We would like to express our appreciation of the following gifts to the school:

The Hon. T. L. MacDonald: Memorial Edition, "Rutherford By Those Who Knew Him".

R.N.Z.A.F., Hobsonville: Inter-house Sports Trophy.

Waitakere Lions' Club: Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible, the New Testament in Modern English.

Mr P. J. Hill: £10 for establishment of a School Prize.

Mr O. I. Jones: A set of soccer jerseys.

Sir Ernest Marsden: Photograph of Lord Rutherford.

Nga-Rakau Nurseries: Donation of trees and shrubs.

THE FOUNDATION STAFF

The eight members of our foundation staff have been gathered from a variety of schools and districts.

MR BARTON, our First Assistant, was educated at Hastings High School, Wellington College and Wellington Teachers' College, where he gained representative honours in Rugby, swimming and softball.

While serving overseas with the Medical Corps, 2nd N.Z.E.F., he was twice mentioned in dispatches. After the war Mr Barton completed a Diploma of Horticulture at Lincoln College and then took an appointment at Northcote College. Mr Barton also taught at Avondale College before joining the staff of Henderson High School. During this time Mr Barton completed his B.A. degree and became a Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society. At Henderson Mr Barton developed a very fine husbandry course and his specialised knowledge in the field of horticulture has been particularly valuable in the development of Rutherford.

MISS CORSTON, our Senior Mistress, has had a varied teaching career. After training at Auckland Teachers' College she joined the staff of the Mount Maunganui Primary School and transferred from there to Kowhai Intermediate School. After completing an honours degree in history at Auckland University she was appointed to the staff of Auckland Girls' Grammar School where she became Head of the History Department. Miss Corston is well known in basketball circles and has recently retired after five years as President of the Auckland Basketball Association.

MR REID completed a Diploma of Fine Arts in Sculpture at Elam School of Art on his return from nearly six years service with the New Zealand Armed Forces. He then joined the staff of Avondale College as Art Master. In addition to being an experienced softball coach and administrator Mr Reid has had considerable experience as stage manager of college concerts.

MRS MILLER came into teaching after some experience in a public accountant's office. She attended Auckland Teachers' College and graduated from Auckland University with a degree in

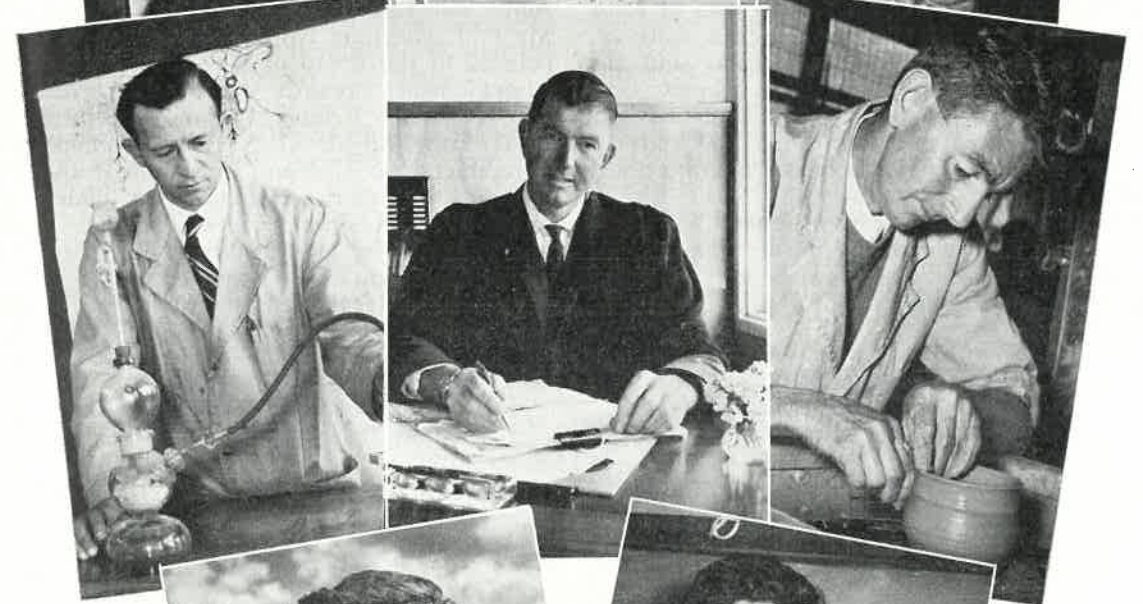
commerce. After four years at Wellsford District High School she joined the staff of Mount Roskill Grammar School. From there she transferred to Kelston High School where she became Careers Adviser.

MR WHITE came to us from the staff of Kelston High School. He was educated at Seddon Memorial Technical College and completed an honours degree in physics at Auckland University. He spent several years in the R.N.Z.A.F. and when posted to Great Britain in 1950 he took the opportunity to visit many European countries.

MR BERRIDGE was educated at Whangarei Boys' High School and served an apprenticeship in carpentry and joinery before entering Auckland Teachers' College. He was appointed to the staff of Dargaville High School where his own experience as a Whangarei representative Rugby and Northland representative tennis player was most valuable to him in coaching the First XV and the school tennis team.

MISS HODGES has come to us with a South African background. Born in Natal, she was educated at Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School and completed her education in New Zealand at New Plymouth Girls' High School. She studied for a Home Science Diploma at Otago University and completed her training at Auckland Teachers' College. Miss Hodges has a wide range of sporting interests which include tennis, swimming, water skiing and golf.

MR FINNIGAN was educated at Holy Name Seminary, Christchurch, and at Victoria University College, gaining his Master's degree in Latin at the age of 20. At Auckland Teachers' College he was President of the Students' Union in the Post Primary Division. An active Jaycee, this year Mr Finnigan won the Auckland Oratory Cup and is organiser of FLOW, a scheme to promote the exchange of letters among school pupils overseas. Mr Finnigan was a New Zealand delegate to a Unesco-Pax Romana Conference at Manila and has recently been nominated for a Rotary International Fellowship.



TOP ROW: Mrs D. I. MILLER Miss P. M. CORSTON Miss R. M. HODGES
MIDDLE ROW: Mr M. M. WHITE Mr R. E. K. BARTON Mr D. C. REID
BOTTOM ROW: Mr D. D. FINNIGAN Mr H. G. BERRIDGE

ORIGINS OF THE SCHOOL

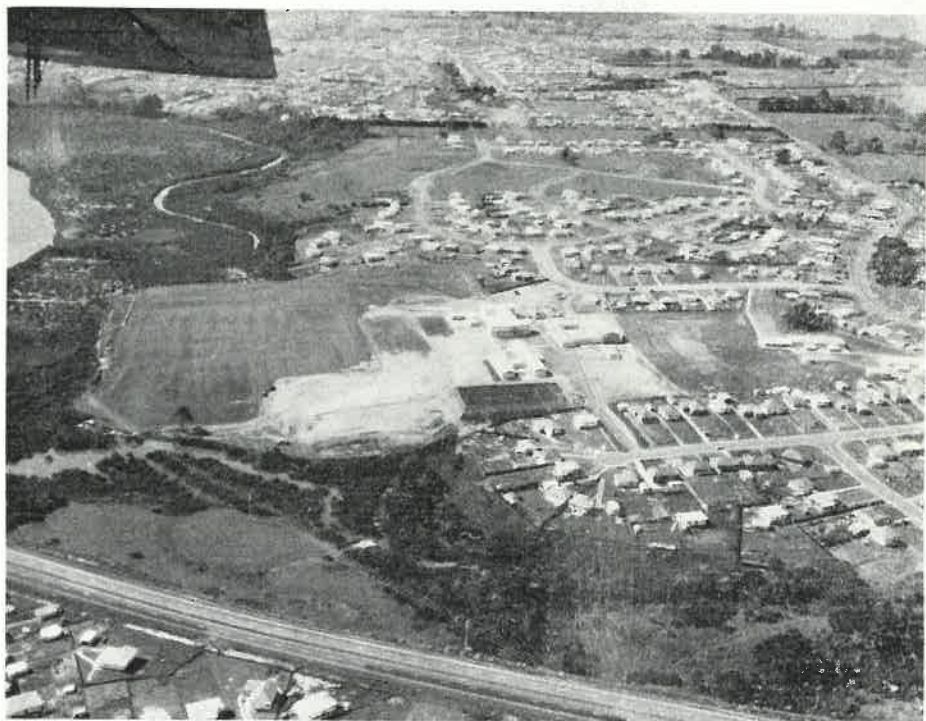
With the unprecedented growth that began on the western side of Auckland about 1948, a series of new primary schools developed and additions were made to the older ones to accommodate increasing numbers of youngsters. In 1954, when it became apparent that a new secondary school would be required to serve the Te Atatu peninsula and the farming areas to the north, the Education Department negotiated with the Housing Division for the transfer of an area of some twenty-one acres of undeveloped land lying between the Te Atatu North highway and the northern side of the Henderson Creek. An additional block of some three acres was acquired from the same source in 1960 and the construction of a multi-course co-educational post-primary school was begun.

Local interest in the new school was keen and under the chairmanship of Mrs M. A. Roberts (now Mrs Robinson) a well attended open meeting was held in the Public Hall at Te

Atatu on 29th June, 1960. At this meeting it was decided that the new school which, for convenience, was being known as the Te Atatu High School, would be placed under the control of its own Board of Governors.

As a result of that meeting, from the School Committees of the contributing schools in the area—Edmonton, Hobsonville, Huapai, Whenuapai, Taupaki, Riverhead, Massey-Birdwood, Te Atatu and Te Atatu No. 3, Mrs A. Lovegrove, Mr P. J. Hill, and Mr R. Jones-Parry were appointed to the Board of Governors. The Governor-General's nominee was Mr L. J. Yelavich, the Waitemata County Council appointed Mr C. H. York and Mr M. A. Allen was appointed to represent the Auckland Education Board. The work of the Interim Secretary was undertaken by Mr W. S. Hookway, of the Education Department. At the first meeting Mr R. Jones-Parry was elected Chairman of the Board.

By that time the construction of a double



View of the School in October, 1961.

story classroom block was well advanced and the question of a Principal's appointment had become urgent.

At a meeting of the Board on 14th September, 1960, Mr A. H. Thom, of the Education Department, attended in an advisory capacity. From a list of 48 applicants for the Principalship, eight had been selected for interviews and of them Mr A. E. E. Clark was appointed to the position.

The next step was the choice of a name for the school. In view of the large number of contributing schools and the wide area served, it was felt that a parochial flavour could best be avoided by naming it after a prominent New Zealander. Consequently it was decided at a Board meeting held in September, 1960, that the name would be "Rutherford High School".

Meanwhile a great deal of routine work had been done in regard to staffing, transport, enrolment and uniform. As a result the Board was able to call a parents' meeting in the Te Atatu Public Hall on Monday, 28th November, at which staff members were introduced, the school uniforms were displayed and an analysis of proposed transport routes was given.

When the school opened on 5th February with a roll of 154, the double storey classroom

block lacked only the finishing touches, the technical block was almost complete and the framework had been erected for the administration wing. Among the visitors to the school at the first assembly were members of the Board of Governors and Messrs A. H. Thom, C. C. Roberts and W. S. Hookway, of the Education Department.

To bring the number of members of the Board of Governors up to 10 an election was held in May and as a result Mrs S. J. Diver, Squadron Leader G. E. Gudsell, Mr O. I. Jones and Squadron Leader A. G. E. Pugh were elected as Parents' Representatives. In August, following the resignation of Mrs Lovegrove, who had left the district, a further election took place and Mrs J. A. Rumble was elected to represent the School Committee.

So much for the immediate past. What lies ahead for Rutherford High School? According to departmental estimates the roll of the school is expected to be 365 in 1962, 534 in 1963, 683 in 1964 and approximately 827 by 1965. To accommodate this growth, building plans include the erection of two further two-storey blocks and the completion of the technical wing by adding sewing, commercial and typing rooms.

HOUSE NAMES

JEAN BATTEN

In an airy little hangar in Southern England stands a gleaming grey Percival Gull, a little business-like monoplane which has blazed trails all over the world. Flying this aircraft, Jean Batten, a Rotorua-born pioneer, established nine aviation records, won seven gold medals, carried off eleven national and international trophies and was awarded three decorations.

Born in 1909, Miss Batten had marked musical talents, but her one real enthusiasm was flying. It was not until she went to England in 1929, however, that she could learn to fly. And it was 1933 before she started on her series of famous flights, yet by 1936 she had flown from England to India, England to Australia (a women's record), back to England (first woman to make the return flight) England to Brazil (world record) England to New Zealand, and had made other historic flights. Shortly after her landing at Mangere airport in October, 1936, she was awarded the C.B.E. This was four years before regular Tasman crossings were instituted by

T.E.A.L. Her Tasman time, a record then, was 10 hours 30 minutes.

Here is a woman whose exploits took her to places where nobody, man or woman, had dared go before. Her pioneering spirit and her achievements bewildered and delighted the world. It is a sobering thought that these hardy pioneering days were not hundreds of years ago, but within the lifetime of many of us. The advances of aviation are staggering when we realise that today, while this woman is still alive, we are travelling the world in pressurised jet machines which cover the earth at 500 miles per hour.

Jean Batten is now living in the West Indies. The eleven trophies which she won include the Britannia Trophy, the Amy Johnson Memorial Trophy and the Seagrave Trophy, which has now been won outright by Great Britain. Such courage as she always showed in facing the unknown, and her determination which led her to take on the immense task of flying from England to Australia three times before succeeding, are only partly recognised thereby. It is for us who

bear her name on our house-flag to honour her by honouring and practising the virtues that she has shown us.

JACK LOVELOCK

The object of the Rhodes Scholarships is to select young men of outstanding intellectual and personal qualities, and to help them by furthering their education and their careers at Oxford University. These men are always of extremely high calibre, but among them Jack Lovelock still stands out.

While studying medicine in Dunedin Jack Lovelock made a name for himself as a boxer and a runner. But access to the Universities and tracks of Great Britain and the Continent was his big opportunity. He developed qualities which were undreamed of in a middle-distance runner and turned the running of a one-mile race into a fine art. He was cool and courageous and a splendid judge of timing. He studied his opponents' strengths and weaknesses until he knew them as his own, and went into a race as well equipped mentally as he was physically.

For months before the great 1500 metres race at the 1936 (Berlin) Olympics, Jack Lovelock collected information on all possible rivals from all over the world. By the time of the race he had his strategy as carefully planned as any campaigner. The vast Berlin Stadium was packed to capacity that day and the silence of the great crowd as the race was begun changed to a great roar as Lovelock sprinted home, yards clear.

This was a victory not only for a slim, determined athlete, but for a tiny country "down under." Jack Lovelock's lead has not been forgotten and this country has gone on to a position from which its middle-distance runners can lead the world.

Such a splendid ideal as this is one we are proud to carry before us in the name of Lovelock House.

ANTONY WILDING

When a youngster looks for a hero upon whom he can model himself and whose deeds he can imitate with pride, he looks for a man who is fit, strong, a success at his sport; a man of courage, endurance and of ideals and loftiness of spirit that will lead him, if necessary, to a hero's death.

Such a man, and more, was Tony Wilding. Born in 1883 in Christchurch, he was the son of a famous barrister and athlete and proved eventually to be a student of great talent. Moreover, even before he entered Canterbury University College he had won, at the age of 17, the Canterbury Lawn Tennis Championship and was showing promise as a superb all-rounder.

Shortly after, in 1900, he left Canterbury for Trinity College, Cambridge, where he studied law. He concentrated on tennis while he was in England and in 1910 he won the World Championship at Wimbledon. He retained this title till 1913. In those days also, when New Zealand and Australia combined in the Davis Cup competitions, he represented this country in the Australasian team.

He did not play much after holding the world title but his interest continued and his great ability in most forms of sport was still displayed. Then when the war broke out in 1914 he was drafted as a driver of an armoured car. On May 9th, 1915, he was killed in action.

Tony Wilding is an inspiring character, a man who performed magnificently at whatever he turned his hand to. He is a man who represented New Zealand with distinction everywhere he went, a man whose name we are proud to associate with our school.

YVETTE WILLIAMS

Yvette Williams started life as an ordinary run-of-the-mill New Zealander, going to Otago Girls' High School and then doing a Physical Education Course at Otago University. She was a Physical Education Instructor at the Y.W.C.A. in Auckland for a while. She was even an office worker for a time, and claimed that it was running for the tram every morning of the week that helped her recognise and exercise her talent for running and athletics generally.

But beneath this ordinary exterior there was a brave and determined girl. From being an ordinary New Zealand working girl, by dint of her patience, courage and strength of will, she made herself the best woman broad jumper in the Olympics, the British Empire and the world.

Her feats did not stop there though; she was an expert shot-putter and a sprinter to be reckoned with, and until, and even after her marriage in 1954 to Mr C. A. Corlett, she was a competitor to be reckoned with in all of these events.

Apart from her World, Olympic and British Empire Championships and records, Yvette Williams has also been awarded the M.B.E. for her services to sport. But the greatest tribute that could be paid to her is that from the children of the next generation, who want to follow in her footsteps, who compete in her events and who try to better her records by using her own techniques. Among these, special place must be given to those who train and compete under her name and who strive by every fair means to bring honour and glory to Williams House.



Among the decisions to be made very early in the life of the school were those relating to colours, crest and motto.

By an unanimous choice blue and silver were selected as school colours and later it was agreed that red would be incorporated. The next task

THE LIBRARY

In the midst of the movement, bustle and activity which is so characteristic of a growing school the Library represents a quiet little retreat which is already proving its popularity.

At first it was only an expanse of lonely, empty shelves, but now, although we have a long way to go, the stock of books and material grows week by week. Our present stock stands at almost 800 volumes, many of which represent gifts from pupils and friends of the school.

With so many new books on our shelves, we feel that this year's pupils have had a pleasure that comes but rarely in larger and longer established schools, the thrill of being first to read a brand-new book. One has only to glance into the library any lunchtime to see how popular this section of the school is and we are happy to report that borrowers are taking pride in the library and treating its resources with care.

We would like to acknowledge the many gifts of books we have received. Members of the Board of Governors, parents of pupils, friends outside the school, and the pupils themselves have responded most generously to our appeal for library material. We are indebted also to the Country Library Service, both for an initial loan

SCHOOL CREST

was to blend the colours round an emblem which presented itself fairly readily—the white heron. The school is situated in "Kotuku" Street and in the springtime it is not unusual to see a number of white herons in the tidal estuary adjacent to Te Atatu peninsula. From a number of preliminary sketches for which we are indebted to Mr E. Lee-Johnson our heron in flight was selected.

At that stage the choice of a motto became urgent and it was felt that a Maori proverb would be most fitting. After consultation with a number of Maori scholars the choice was made. "Tohea, tohea ko te tohe o te kai", which means "Strive, strive, as you would strive for food". For convenience this has been shortened to "Tohea", meaning "Strive".

of books and for the advice and assistance given to us by Miss Paul and Miss Purdon.

Finally we would like to record our appreciation of the work done by our librarian, Mrs Ellis, who sees to the smooth routine of the library.





3 LANGUAGE, 1961

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3 SCIENCE (1), 1961

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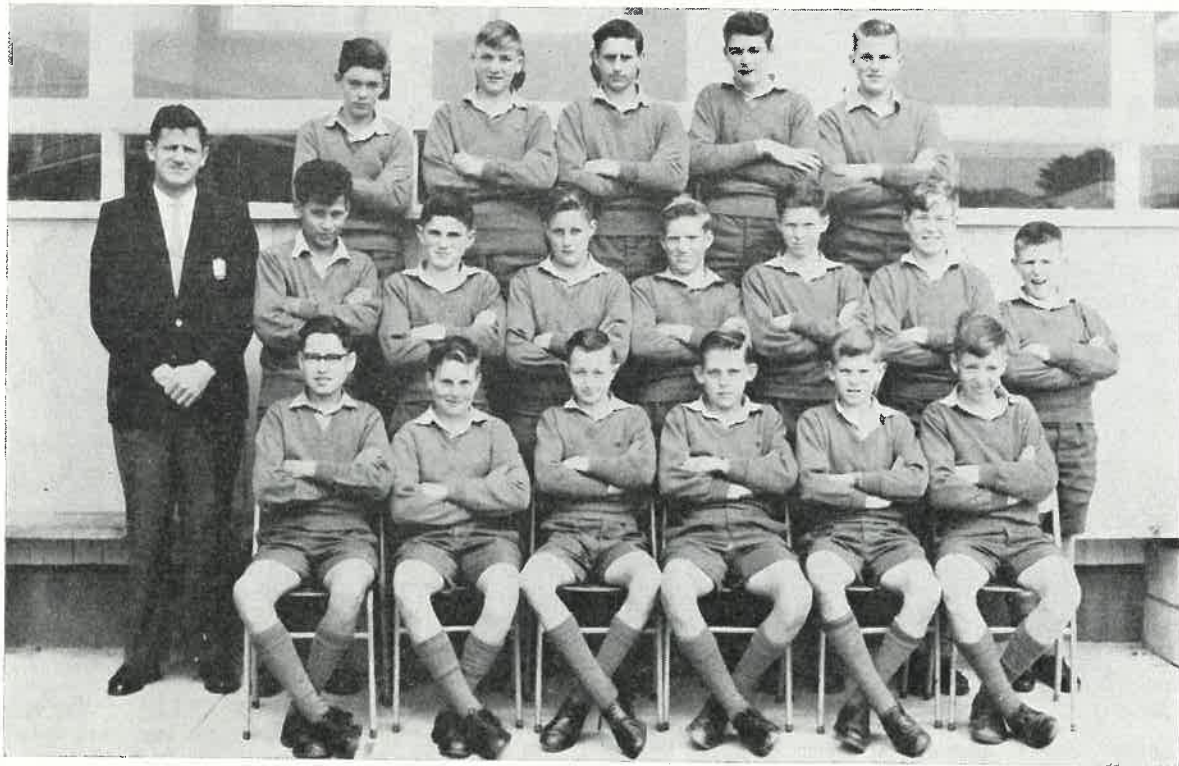
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3 TECHNICAL, 1961

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3 MODERN, 1961

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 Front Row: Janice Winchester,, Grace MacVicar, Mavis Cooney, Judith Quick, Colleen Adams.



A first day Assembly.

School Activities—Diary of the First Year

FEBRUARY—

Wednesday, 1st: First Assembly at Rutherford High School.

Friday, 24th: B.C.G. Injections.

Monday, 27th: Trip to Eden Park to see the M.C.C. v. Governor-General's XI. Nine evening school classes were opened.

MARCH—

Tuesday, 14th: Swimming Sports at Avondale College.

Wednesday, 15th: Cricket match v. Henderson.

Thursday, 23rd: Trip to Rangitoto.

Saturday, 25th: Sports Display for the opening of Rutherford Primary School.

Tuesday, 28th; Wednesday, 29th: Athletic Sports.

APRIL—

Tuesday, 18th: Address to the girls by the Principal of the Auckland School of Nursing.

MAY—

Friday, 5th: End of term.

Wednesday, 31st: Half-year Examinations.

JUNE—

Thursday, 1st; Friday, 2nd: Half-year Examinations.

Wednesday, 14th: School party to Henderson High School to see "Love's Labour's Lost".

Wednesday, 21st: Visit by Headmasters of contributing schools.

Rangitoto - Classroom Extraordinary

One week-day in March, Rutherford High School was strangely quiet. The same cannot be said of Rangitoto Island for the entire school had moved in for the day.

The first idea of a Science Field Study came from Mr C. C. Roberts of the Education Department. Mr Barton began to arrange the details and as our enthusiasm mounted we began looking out jeans, shorts and strong shoes and telling our mothers of the enormous quantities of food we would need for the day.

A grey sky that morning had us a little worried but things brightened up and we clambered into Mr Greenhalgh's buses for the first stage of the journey. At the ferry terminal we packed into a "Rangi" launch and waited . . . and waited . . . for Mr Finnigan to arrive.

The launch trip had some exciting moments. Choppy seas soon caused the bow sitters, of whom we had at first been envious, to seek shelter elsewhere. When he landed the two most popular spots were the local store and the enclosed sea pool, but soon we were clutching

Thursday, 29th: Provided billets for a party of Dargaville High School girls.

JULY—

Monday, 17th: Elaine Hill represented the school in Road Safety Quiz.

AUGUST—

Wednesday, 9th: Visit from Traffic Department Officers.

Friday, 11th; Saturday, 12th; Sunday, 13th: Sports trip to Dargaville High School.

Wednesday, 16th: Basketball and Rugby trip to Manurewa High School. Soccer to Kelston High School.

Friday, 18th: End of Term.

SEPTEMBER—

Monday, 18th: Administration offices ready for occupation.

OCTOBER—

Tuesday, 10th: Change-over to summer sports.

Friday, 13th: School photographs taken.

Wednesday, 25th: Inspectors visited the school.

Monday, 30th: Parents' evening in School Hall.

NOVEMBER—

Monday, 13th: School Speech Contest.

Friday, 17th: A luncheon for those who have helped the school during its first year.

Monday, 27th; Tuesday, 28th; Wednesday, 29th: End of year examinations.

DECEMBER—

Wednesday, 6th: Prize-giving.

Friday, 8th: End of school year.

paper and pencil and starting on the uphill journey.

The first halt was to study the Kidney fern in its own fascinating grotto. We were still bubbling over with energy and it seemed that the frequent Botany and Zoology "spells" were more welcome to the staff than to us. About half way up, when the path narrowed down and the climb became steeper, we chose a lunch stop which was soon festooned with tramping packs and lunch bags. Then, not quite as energetically as before, onwards to the top.

From the summit we admired the superb views of the isthmus. The photographers were busy for a while, scoria was scooped out of shoes and then like magic—down to the lunch area!

The journey back was no trouble because we knew there was a swim at the bottom if the "bung" had held some water. Then home by launch and bus to relax knowing that on this particular school day there was no homework.

—Robin Brown, 3L and R.B.

EVENING CLASSES

Shortly after opening as a new post-primary school, Rutherford High School took its place in the community with the establishment of Evening Classes. These have been largely exploratory this year, but have attracted almost 200 adult pupils.

With new buildings being opened throughout the year subsequent Technical and Homecraft Classes were added to the first 9 which commenced in February. The total range is as follows:

Floral Art, Hairdressing (2), Continental Cooking, Owner-driving, Public Speaking and Debating, Woodwork (men), Woodwork (ladies), Ceramics, Cake Decorating, Shorthand, Typing and Dressmaking (2).

In 1962 it is hoped that the above classes will again be offered, also new classes in:

Music (piano-accordion), Choral Work, Horticulture, Maths, Keep Fit, Engineering (hobbies), Conversational French, Boat-building.

An enrolment fee of £1 per year, plus the cost of any materials used, is the only charge made for Evening Classes, and any resident is eligible to attend up to two classes per week.

SPEECH COMPETITIONS

When the magazine went to press it was not unusual to round a quiet corner of the school and find would-be orators addressing their long suffering friends in the interests of the school speech competitions. Entries came in well, in two cases "by the forms," as one 3L competitor said, somewhat bitterly. Eliminations for the impromptu contest produced some interesting viewpoints—on subjects such as "My Idea of the Perfect Parent", and prepared speech candidates are hard at work polishing up material and style for the finals.

DRAMA VISIT

On Wednesday, 14th June, through the courtesy of Mr Woolcott, Principal of Henderson High School, a school party went to Henderson to see the N.Z. Players in a performance of "Love's Labour's Lost". For most of us this was our first experience of a Shakespearian play and we found it most enjoyable.

—ROBIN BROWN, 3L.

DISCUSSION CLUB

One of the first clubs to be established this year was the Discussion Club. Here at Rutherford we like to talk and now and again we even

listen to each other's views. Sometimes I wonder that world leaders are having such trouble sorting out international problems because I think we could tell them what to do if only they would come and listen.

One part of our programme was concerned with a tape recording from a United States school, Inglewood Junior High School, New Jersey. A group of American students had recorded their opinions on such topics as the death of Mr Dag Hammarskjold, admission of Red China to United Nations, segregation policies in the United States and we were asked to give our views on these and similar topics. We wonder whether they will have the same trouble with our accents as we had with theirs.

—K. COLLINS, 3L.

COUNTRY DANCING CLUB

The walls shake! The skeleton in the science lab, positively trembles. Energy is generated at an alarming rate. And why? Because the Girls' Country Dancing Club is in session.

Every Friday at lunchtime a group of enthusiasts troop up to Room 23 where they are taught how to country dance. The dances are fun and when learning steps there is never a moment without laughter. We dancers need a person who has plenty of time and patience to direct us and Mrs Miller, our expert, has both.

—CAROL CATER, 3 Com.

PARENTS' EVENING

On the 30th October two "foundation firsts" occurred. The school hall was used for the first time and parents had their first opportunity to make a social visit to the school.

This was a parents' night with a difference. After a short talk on courses by Mr Clark, our visitors sorted themselves out into the class groups of their son or daughter and went off to classrooms to follow the normal programme of the form throughout a Friday.

They seemed to enjoy hearing at first hand what was required of pupils in the various subjects and such mysteries as "Social Studies" took on a new look when translated as History and Geography. Strangely enough most of the questions were associated with "Homework" and the staff were able to send their temporary forms away knowing all the answers on that subject.

The evening closed with an informal chat over supper. It was highly successful and it is the type of function we hope to repeat in the future.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

TRAVEL BY JET LINER

(This article has been awarded the Magazine Prize as the Best Original Contribution of 1961.)

The engine is building up to an almost ear-piercing scream, the snow behind the wings is quickly melting and the cabin is vibrating. Then the brakes are released and the great plane leaps forward. The plane rises and you are at a thousand feet in almost no time at all. The jet stops climbing for a second, though it seems like an eternity, and you "lose your stomach". The take-off seems to last forever but actually it takes the big jet only thirty seconds to become air borne and reaching cruising speed. Before the big jet reaches thirty-five thousand feet, breakfast is served.

On the D.C.8 jet liner the hostesses have to serve breakfast to one hundred and thirty-nine people, no mean task in the hour or so before Toronto looms up on the horizon. The food is

excellent and it takes your mind off looking at the wings and wondering if they are supposed to wobble or if something's wrong. For instance, on the Boeing 707 the wing moves up to twelve feet at the tip and the engines also move a little. Breakfast is taken away and the plane starts to descend.

A sign flashes on: "No smoking, fasten your safety belts, please." Your ears begin to "pop" and the jet engines can be heard more clearly. Then, before you know what's happening, there is a slight bump and the jet is skimming along the runway at one hundred and forty miles an hour. The big plane rolls to a stop and you've made your first flight on a jet airliner successfully.

—BOB McMANNIS, 3L.

BEFORE A RACE

"Thirteen-year-old girls down to the start," came the call over the loudspeaker.

Half a dozen very nervous, self-conscious girls lined up a few yards from the starting line. Still sitting on the bank, I realised that I was supposed to be down there. Shaking like a leaf I made my way down. Fortunately the starter was refilling the gun and I had time to get a suitable lane. I thought I was the only one shaking but it gave me a little more confidence to find everyone else in the same condition.

"On your marks," came the starter's voice. "Get set!"

This is the moment I dread most. With my

heart beating nineteen to the dozen I began to wish I had stayed up on the bank, day-dreaming. Next minute the click of the gun came. We all sprang up only to find the gun had not worked properly. Finally everything appeared to be in order. Down into our set position we went again.

"Get set," came the troubled voice of the starter. For he was likely to have words said to him if there were too many false starts.

Suddenly the loud crack sounded out and we were safely on our journey.

—COLLEEN HAGAN, 3L.

THE GYPSY IN HIS SOUL

"Moving again!" exclaimed my twin brother unbelievably. I felt a sinking feeling inside. I would miss my friends in Canada just as I had missed my English friends when we crossed the Atlantic five and a half years before.

Everyone was excited and my despondency seemed like a damp mop among new shiny brooms. I tried to tell myself that all would be well but every night before I fell asleep I remembered and shed many a tear of unhappiness. I should have been used to this roving life for moving was quite common in our

family.

But then this time it was a new and strange country, probably very different from the life I had enjoyed in Canada. My forebodings proved to be right for New Zealand, although younger, is more old fashioned than Canada. However, after three years here I am quite used to the life.

"Moving again!" the ominous words were innocently uttered by my little sister several days ago.

"Might, it's quite probable," said Dad, adding,

"it all depends on whether we get the house or not!"

Again that sinking feeling. I'll have to start

afresh. It's Dad's fault, it's the gypsy in his soul.

—JANICE PAYNE, 3L.

DAD AND THE BEES

When Dad first came to farm, many years ago, he met the bees.

Near the house was a hedge and beneath the hedge was a kerosene tin full of them. It was a wet summer and the bees, disliking the dampness, became very bad tempered. Much to Dad's amusement the bees took a dislike to the dog and to see them chasing the animal caused much amusement in the household. However, it was not so amusing when the bees took to us.

Then the fun started. Dad said he would fix them and arrived with a piece of rope which he attached to the base of the hive with the intention of pulling it out into the paddock. Instead of the hive starting to move as planned, it fell to pieces and a swarm of angry bees poured out. They spotted Dad and decided to take to him. Dad took to his heels and rushed across the paddock straight into the cattle trough with the

bees after him. There he stayed until the bees decided to leave him alone.

Some days later Mum demanded the honey from the upturned hive and after much persuasion Dad agreed to steal the honey late at night. He managed that successfully and the looted honey was put in the safe at the back door.

In the morning we had visitors—thousands of them. The bees were after their honey and swarmed all around the house. We had to shut all the doors and windows to keep them out and anyone who was foolish enough to put a nose outside the door was stung. In desperation Dad rang the "Beeman" and pleaded for him to come and take the swarm away.

Any mention of bees now in our house is sure to raise a grin from those in the know.

—ERIN FAULDER, 3 Com.

THAT FIRST DAY!

I crawled wearily out of bed at half past six. What a time to get up! I hadn't been up so early for six whole weeks. After having breakfast and washing myself, I went into my bedroom to put on my new school outfit. Lace up shoes felt very different from open shoes and jandals—and the hat! I had about six tries to get the thing on as the lady in the shop had done. No success! It still looked odd perched on the back of my head.

I sat in the car waiting for Dad to come and drive me to my first day at school. I wouldn't always get this de luxe treatment but this was rather special. My stomach was full of butterflies and I kept wondering what the teachers would be like, how many other new pupils there would be, how hard the work would be and how I would manage to find my way round.

As the car bumped down the road I became more aware of my butterflies. As I collected my satchel and closed the door I felt sure that all the eyes were looking at me. I wished that I

could sink through the clay I was standing on. I crept through the crowds of boys and girls up to a girl I knew and stayed there. All at once everybody started to go inside so my friend and I followed like sheep. At last we found ourselves herded into a very large room where everybody just stood and stared at one another.

Suddenly the whispers died away and standing in front of us was a line of teachers all smiling brightly. We were quickly sorted into class groups and I found myself being taken away with a form that by some magic method was known as 3 S2.

Playtime and lunchtime were just like exploring the deepest part of Africa with mud, bits of wood, workmen, and other pupils as the trees and animals. Pieces of wood kept bobbing up everywhere and you had to be quite a good hurdler to miss some of the pieces. Many assemblies and quite a few photographs later we went our separate ways home. What a day!

—WENDY REIMAN, 3 S1.

MY PET HATE

The thing that I detest most on this earth is "Circuits and Bumps". People who don't live on an air base probably wouldn't know what this expression means. It is the saying used when an

aircraft circles round the air port for a quarter of an hour; landing, taking-off, circling, landing, taking-off, circling, landing, round and round it goes.

It is not pleasant when, in the middle of the night, you are awakened by the roar of a plane overhead. It's bad enough with an ordinary freighter or D.C.3, but when the jets start up, that's when I feel like screaming.

Another habit these planes have, is sitting on the end of the runway nearest our house for half an hour testing the engines at varying degrees of

intensity. I admit that engines must be tested otherwise a tragedy may occur, but MUST the tests take place outside our front door?

Girls, since boys grow into airmen, I'll ask the question of you—How would you like to live on an airbase?

—LYNETTE JOHNSTON, 3L.

THE MAGNIFICENT HUT

It started during the end of the second term holidays. Peter and I were mooning around trying to think of something to do. Then it struck me, "Let's build a hut," I suggested. Ten minutes later we were on the beach looking for driftwood. Not ordinary driftwood, you must understand, because our hut wasn't going to be ordinary. It was to be special and if it is still standing it is very special, largely because of its superior construction. Rotten boards, rusty

nails, sugar sacks, corrugated tin, sweat, back breaking effort and heartbreak, all went into its making. During construction it collapsed on the average three times a day and we put it back up again three times a day. After a week's hard labour it was finished and if it still stands it is a monument to the constructive genius known only to the superior sex.

—BOB McMANNIS, 3L.

OUR HAT

Mum took me into town one day.
To buy a Rutherford hat.
But to my surprise,
What greeted my eyes
Was something that looked like a mat.

It was a beret of crimson bright,
And Mother gave a start.
But the shop lady said:

"It's a nice shade of red."
We bought it and then did depart.

Came the first day of school and I was afraid
I'd wear the hat all wrong.
But all were alike,
On bus, foot and bike,
My worries then were all gone.

—LYNETTE JOHNSTON, 3L.

A WHALE OF A TALE

There was an old woman of Wales,
Who went around telling big tales,
Until one day,
I'm sorry to say,
She told a whale of a tale.

A blister arose on her tongue,
And continued to rise in the sun,
Until one day,

I'm sorry to say,
It rose as big as a bun.
Soon that poor woman of Wales
Had two lips that stuck out like sails,
Until one day,
I'm sorry to say,
She died from telling big tales.

—BARBARA NIXON, 3 S1.

"THE THING"

One day they saw it flying low,
It was looking at us here below.
At 5,000 miles per second it went;
It circled 'till its fuel was spent.
Then down it came towards the ground
With a terrible, ear-splitting, piercing sound!
Some men while studying the hatch,
Noticed a movement in the catch.
Then ran away as fast as they could.

And hid behind a pile of wood.
Then they saw the "Thing" climb out of the craft.
It had three heads up front—two more down aft.
The "Thing" was slimy, and very fat,
And its ears looked somewhat like those of a cat.
The colour that day when it landed was blue,
But it could change to other shades, too.
From red, to blue, to ghoulish grey,

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SPORTS



DARGAVILLE VISIT

One of the highlights of our sporting activities this year was a weekend visit to Dargaville High School. We set off with streamers flying during the morning of Friday, 11th August, after a warm arewell from our envious class-mates. The party consisted of the A and B Basketball teams, the Rugby team, Miss Corston, Mr Clark, and Mr Berridge.

The trip up was pleasant but uneventful except for a lunch break in which the boys particularly showed a keen interest. One of the Warkworth dairy proprietors could probably retire on the proceeds of their visit. About three o'clock we arrived at Dargaville High School and then began the unloading and sorting out process. We were paired off with our various billets and sent away with firm instructions to be on time for the

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And when they saw it the very next day
It was covered with stripes of pink, green and blue,

Where they were mixed, they made such a hue.
But luckily next day, a man with a brain,
Went out to the "Thing" in the driving rain.

O'er it he poured petrol which came from a can.
He lit a match, threw it, and ran!
Did I say luckily? Oh dear, dear,
It didn't do any good I fear.

But wait! Luck might be coming at last,
Which is more than it has done in the past.
For now the "Thing" is on some fern.
And it's got a thistle in its stern!
Boom! It blows up! "Hip, Hip! Hurray!"
It will not live to see one more day.

Last night in the paper, I saw a notice,
And what it said was precisely this—
That an army of "Things" has appeared in space,
Oh! This is the end of the human race.
They've landed! Ah h h h h h . . .!

—R. A. MacMillan, 3L.

games the next morning. From reports exchanged on the bus going home it seemed that few of our party slept at all that night for sheer excitement.

Saturday morning came at last and we settled down to serious business. In the basketball matches Dargaville showed their superiority by defeating both our teams soundly the A by 29—11 and the B by 17—12. The games were fast and we profited by the experience of playing against better teams. The Rugby team, showing superior combination, made a very much better showing and defeated Dargaville 11—6 so the honours for the trip were even.

That night our host school had arranged reservations for us at the local theatre where the Olympic film was showing. The following morning we gathered at the school again and persuaded Mr Greenhalgh that we should be allowed to take all the oddly shaped boxes in which our toheroas were secreted. Farewells took some time but at last we were away, streamers looking somewhat bedraggled. The trip home passed quickly as we exchanged stories of what we had done and where we had been.

—Colleen Hagan, Sheryl Sparnon,
J. Pugh, 3L.

★ ★ ★ THE MANUREWA TRIP

During the second term of this year, several of our school hockey, basketball and football teams were invited to play against junior teams at Manurewa High School. We set off in one of Mr Greenhalgh's big buses, which was packed with smiling, excited pupils all longing to be off. I think one of the best parts of the day is when all the pupils who are left behind wish you good luck and wave goodbye when you start.

The basketball and football teams had already been to Dargaville and were not so excited or anxious about the trip as we hockey boys and girls were. Before we had time to notice much of our surroundings we were changed and on the field. By half-time Manurewa were ahead of us,

even though we had been struggling hard. The oranges served at half-time helped us to gather our wits about us, and remembering some of the things we had been taught, during the second half of the game we played better, but Manurewa still managed to beat the girls' team 6-0 and the boys 3-0.

-Anne Butler, 3S1.

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After the hockey players disappeared we basketballers reached the courts in plenty of time for a warm-up. The B team took the courts and played a splendid match. They settled down to a good combination and had a clear win 16-12. This was our first win and we were very thrilled with ourselves. The Bs' win gave the A team some encouragement but the Manurewa girls were too well coached and we were beaten 10-14.

-Sheryl Sparnon, 3L.

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In the Rugby game we led - for the first five minutes, but we spent the rest of the time running back to halfway - after Manurewa's many tries. It became monotonous. Though we did manage another three points early in the second half. Manurewa scored a well-deserved win 25-6 and we had gained some more valuable experience.

A most interesting aspect of the trip, from our viewpoint, was the afternoon tea. Unfortunately the girls had arrived first but we soon demolished our share. Altogether we had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

-J. Pugh and G. Murdoch, 3L.

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OLYMPIC ATHLETES

Just after lunch on Wednesday, 4th April, the school received an unexpected invitation to attend an assembly at our neighbouring school Rutherford Primary. We were a little surprised at the idea of going back to Primary School but we couldn't get there fast enough when we learnt that the guests at the assembly were three of New Zealand's leading athletes, Mr Murray Halberg, Mr Barry Magee and Mr Norman Reid.

Each of these sportsmen spoke to us briefly of some aspects of his athletic career. We heard interesting details of the games in which they had taken part, the enjoyment they had had in travelling, and the amount of hard work that went into training.

Perhaps the greatest thrill for the audience was being able to see the gold and bronze medals won by the athletes in the Rome Olympics. While these were shown to us Mr Reid went off and changed. He was back in a few moments, looking very professional as he gave a display of race "walking." While he was explaining the techniques it looked very easy so when he asked for volunteers to walk against him there was no shortage of challengers. Two primary children, two of us, Marianne Sinclair and Neven Barbour, and Mr Finnigan lined up and the race was on. Although Mr Reid seemed to be taking it easy we were amused to find that our five volunteers often had to run to catch up to him.

We came back to school dreaming of the time when we would have Olympic medals to show and delighted with the news that Mr Reid was planning to live in the district.

-Janice Payne and D. Hunt, 3L.

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SOFTBALL

Softball is one of the most popular summer sports at Rutherford. At the beginning of the year we were concentrating on learning skills but now that we have made some progress and know most of the rules we have a most successful house competition under way. Lovelock House is well out in front on points now but the other Houses have time to catch up. We are grateful to Rutherford Primary School for the use of its grounds.

-R. Hawkins, 3L.

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TENNIS

With only three courts available more people have wanted to play tennis this year than we had space for so tennis has made a slow start but we feel sure there will be some sizzling service coming up when our own courts are available.

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SWIMMING BATHS

One of the first projects to be undertaken will be the construction of a full-sized swimming pool. A grant of £2,000 will be available from the Department of Education but the pool will cost at least £10,000. Early next year a drive will begin for funds for this project.

It is hoped that satisfactory arrangements will be made so that the pool may be used by the community in out-of-school hours.

FIRST ANNUAL SWIMMING SPORTS



A bright sunny day, just right for swimming; especially when it is the school swimming sports. Those were thoughts that passed through the minds of many of the competitors on 4th March, 1961.

As Rutherford High School has no swimming facilities we are grateful to Avondale College for the use of their pool for the day.

As you can imagine everyone was very excited and since this was the first time competitive swimming had taken place each swimmer was wondering about the ability of the other competitors. We quickly changed into our swimsuits and clustered around our house captains, who were explaining various points.

The starter soon had things under way.

Everyone entered into the spirit of the sports, even those of our parents who had been able to come along. The first event was the boys' 25 yards freestyle, won by Michael McVicker of Williams House, in 14.5 seconds.

The next event was the boys' 25 yards backstroke, won by Trevor Beaton for Williams, in 17.7 seconds.

The last boys' event for championship points was the 25 yards breaststroke, which was won by John Pugh of Wilding, in 21.1 seconds.

The first boys' champion is Trevor Beaton of Williams, who had a total of 48 points, 2nd was Michael McVicker of Williams with 40 points and 3rd Bernard Massicks of Wilding with 37 points.

For the girls, we began with 25 yards freestyle, which was won by Suzanne Fleming of Wilding.

The second event was the girls' 50 yards free-

style, which was won by Marianne Sinclair of Batten.

The third event for the girls was the 25 yards backstroke, which was won by Marianne Sinclair again. This was followed by the breaststroke, which was also won by Marianne Sinclair. Time 22 seconds.

The other Championship events for the girls, the 50 yards freestyle and the 25 yards backstroke and the breaststroke were all won by Marianne Sinclair of Batten, so we were not surprised when she was declared first girls' champion with 35 points. Lesley Clayton was second with 24 points.

That completed the individual championship events, but the climax of the day was upon us, and soon competitors were lined up for the inter-house relay. After much excitement it was won by Wilding House, with Williams second and Batten third.

The inter-form relay, which followed, was hardly less exciting. As we cheered for our forms we were secretly convinced they could each win, but it was 3L which touched first, closely followed by 3S1 and then 3S2 in third place.

There were several novelty races but no Championship points were awarded as they were more for beginners and non-swimmers.

As the swimming sports drew to an end an announcement was made that declared Wilding House the winner of the sports for 1961. Some moments later when Wilding stopped cheering, we found that Lovelock was second with 132 points.

-Marianne Sinclair, 3S1.

FIRST ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING

During the afternoons of Wednesday and Thursday, March 28th and 29th, Te Atatu Park was "invaded" by Rutherford High School pupils because by courtesy of the Waitemata County Council, we held our first Athletic Sports there.

After lunch busloads of eager athletes arrived followed by others on bicycles. Both days were really good "athletics" weather and the grounds

were in perfect condition. Mr Finnigan and a team of helpers had worked hard marking out the tracks and the park was a mass of activity.

Mrs Miller was comfortably installed dealing with records.

Mr Barton was barely visible behind a complicated network of wires, knobs, microphones and speakers.

Miss Hodges and Mr Reid looked very efficient down at the jumping pits.

Mr Clark was kept busy as the starter sending off the groups marshalled by Mr Finnigan and Mr Berridge.

Miss Corston and Mr White took a very keen interest in track affairs as judges.

On Wednesday, the 28th, we had quite a good muster of parents who watched all 155 of us in our house groups determined to earn those vital points.

In the earlier part of the first afternoon we went through the heats in both track and field events. Later we cheered and laughed our way through the novelty events, "Spud and Spoon" race was particularly popular. The novelties were designed for the grannies more than the streamlined athletes.

On Thursday afternoon we started off on the final events. The excitement mounted; there were close finishes, especially in the boys' events, and the house points started to mount up.

The climax came in the house relay. No one sat down for that race! The athletes were really trying hard and those nerve-wracking baton changes! I'm sure I felt as exhausted watching and cheering my house as the runners did when their race was finished.

—P. Carman, 3S1.

House Champions

Champions for the year were: On points, P. Carman, of Williams House (19 points), M. Pook, of Wilding House (10 points). The girls' champion was Marianne Sinclair of Batten House (19 points), Ann McClellan, also of Batten House (7 points).

House results were: Batten House 60 points, Wilding House 50 points, Williams House 38 points, Lovelock House 32 points.



Summary of Events

BOYS

50 yards: P. Carman 1, C. Clayton 2, M. Pook 3. 6.2s.

100 yards: P. Carman 1, M. Pook 2, C. Clayton 3. 12s.

220 yards: P. Carman 1, J. Cox 2, P. Dyas 3. 32.2s.

440 yards: T. Newlove 1, C. Beaton 2, K. Hilton 3. 67s.

880 yards: T. Newlove 1, K. Hilton 2, A. Roff 3. 2m. 50s.

Mile handicap: T. Newlove 1, C. Brady 2, M. Sinton 3. 5m. 57s.

Discus: A. West 1, M. Pook 2, P. Carman 3. 87ft. 0½in.

Shot put: R. Irvine 1, B. Massicks 2, M. Pook 3. 33ft. 2in.

Broad jump: P. Carman 1, J. Pugh 2, A. West 3. 14ft. 5in.

GIRLS

50 yards: A. McClellan 1, M. Sinclair 2, W. Reiman 3. 6.5s.

100 yards: M. Sinclair 1, A. McClellan 2, W. Reiman 3. 12.5s.

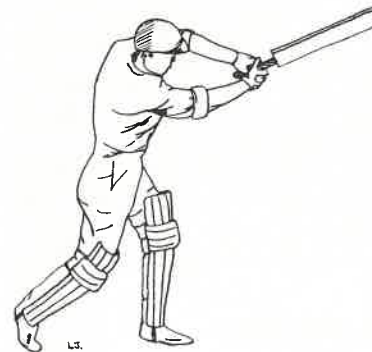
220 yards: M. Sinclair 1, L. Mager 2, M. Smith 3. 33s.

Discus: D. Jones 1, M. Sinclair 2, C. Hagan 3. 39ft. 5½in.

Shot put: M. Smith 1, J. Payne 2, M. Sinclair 3. 36ft. 5½in.

Broad jump: W. Reiman 1, M. Sinclair 2, C. Hagan 3. 13ft. 11in.

High jump: M. Sinclair 1, L. Clayton 2, D. Stillman 3. 4ft. 3in.



CRICKET

Despite the grounds problem this year we cricketers have started with a flourish. Towards the end of February a party of us went to Eden Park to see the match M.C.C. versus the Governor-General's XI. On the 23rd March the school team travelled to Henderson High School to play its first inter-school match. The result was a drawn game.

Rutherford, 1st innings, 35.

Henderson, 1st innings 6 for 52.

Rutherford, 2nd innings 9 for 50.

Members of the team were: M. McVicker (Captain), A. Learmonth, J. Reid, W. Jones, J. Gomas, G. Copestake, N. Barbour, B. Massicks, P. Ockleford, K. Jones, M. Hollis.

Thanks are due to our coach, Mr O. I. Jones, for the keen interest he has shown in us.

—A. Learmonth, 3 Tech.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUN

On Saturday, 30th September, a junior team from Rutherford competed in the Inter-Secondary Cross Country Championships held at St. Kentigern College. The course of the race was about 2½ miles across the farming country surrounding the College. We found it a hard run and although our representatives did not come anywhere we enjoyed ourselves. After the hard work of the morning, we were happy to relax at Eden Park, where a Ranfurly Shield match Auckland v North Auckland was taking place.

Team consisted of: T. Newlove, M. McKean, G. Murdoch, M. Sinton, M. McVicker, T. Beaton, C. Clayton.

—T. Newlove, 3S2.

THE ROAD RACE

During the sports period on Tuesday the 26th September, while the girls went off for a quiet, peaceful game of basketball, the boys settled down to serious business with a road race. The distance was four miles. We knew it would be a hard run but we were all keen because we knew

that the cross country team to compete at St. Kentigern College was to be chosen on the run.

We were sorted out into two groups with about 30 runners in each. The first party got away to a good start and after a five minute break the second group set out.

From the first group away the six who recorded the fastest times were: R. Callinan, P. Thackwray, C. Brady, M. McKean, C. Clayton and L. McCullough. From the second group to start the six best times were put in by T. Newlove, R. Irvine, M. McVicker, T. Beaton, M. Sinton and M. Chappell.

The fastest time over the whole event was put up by Tom Newlove, who started in the second group, passed most of the first party and came in first in his group and fourth over the entire field with a time of 37 minutes.

—D. P. Lewis, 3 Tech.

RELAY MEETING

When our team arrived at Kelston for the Inter-Secondary Relay Meeting we were not expecting any spectacular results. To our surprise we gained second place in the shot-put with a total of 86ft. 6in. over three throws. Despite worsening weather conditions we struggled on for a fifth in the 440 relay, a fourth in the 220 relay and a fifth in the long jump.

The team was: J. Pugh, J. Gomas, G. Murdoch, P. Carman, T. Newlove, M. Sinton.

—G. Murdoch, 3L.

SOCCER

Wearing Te Atatu Soccer Club colours the school soccer team played its first match against a junior eleven from Kelston High School. The field looked enormous and the Kelston team seemed to be made up of young giants. After the kick-off we swung into the attack but somehow we never looked like scoring. Kelston did not have the same trouble and goal after goal rolled in for them. We were well and truly beaten 7-0 but we did enjoy the game and we have learnt a little more for next time.

The team members were: B. Lawrence, J. Gomas (Capt.), M. Pook, R. James, P. Ockleford, K. Allen, R. MacMillan, T. Medcalf, T. Shadbolt, J. Reid, M. Hollis, P. Clasby (reserve).

—J. Reid, 3 Tech.





BOYS' HOCKEY

On Wednesday, 16th August, the boys' hockey team played for the first time, a match against a junior team from Manurewa High School.

We did not feel very confident because we knew our practice facilities this year have been rather inadequate and the game is new to most of us. We had a sneaking suspicion that the Manurewa team would be a different proposition from practice games against our girls.

Despite encouragement from our coach, Miss Hodges, Manurewa scored a well-deserved win over us, 3-0.

Manurewa were most hospitable. We enjoyed the afternoon tea provided for us and we welcomed the opportunity to look over another young school.

Team: P. Lyon (Captain), G. Carter, P. J. Dyas, L. Ryan, G. Colcord, C. Brady, N. Poad, R. Callinan, C. Gregory, M. Laycock, R. Schuler, -P. Lyon, 3S2.

RUGBY

Though handicapped by our lack of grounds we were able to play a series of house matches thanks to Mr Munn granting us the use of the Rutherford Primary grounds and the Waitemata County, the use of Te Atatu Park.

The house points were:

Wilding	79
Williams	53
Lovelock	52
Batten	46

Our first main game was against Dargaville, where the top team, coached by Mr Berridge, won after a good match by 11-6. The best try of the game was by Kennedy, and Chappell's after-thought try was probably the luckiest.

In our other match we were up against very good competition from the Manurewa High School, who defeated us by 25-6. Considering our lack of training we were quite pleased with

our results.

The team against Dargaville was: D. Lewis, M. Chappell, A. Learmonth, B. Massicks, J. Pugh (Capt.), M. Sinton, G. Scott, W. Baker, G. Midgely, P. O'Leary, A. Roff, G. Murdoch, A. West, T. Earl, M. McVicker.

For Manurewa the team remained unchanged except for B. Brooks replacing W. Baker and R. Irvine replacing A. Roff.

-J. Pugh, G. Murdoch, 3L.

BASKETBALL

Although handicapped by lack of grounds this year we have made a good beginning and played some enjoyable matches. We are grateful to Mr Woolcott, of Henderson High School, for allowing us the use of his courts for practice.

Our first fixture was against Dargaville High School and after both teams were beaten there, we made a more determined effort in our second series of games, which were against Manurewa High School. On this occasion our A team lost 14-10 and the B team won 16-12.

The following girls have represented the school this year:

A Team: Colleen Hagan (Capt.), Marianne Sinclair, Alma Taylor, Molly Clark, Jill Ferguson, Suzanne Fleming, Janet Coates.

B Team: Maureen Hilton (Capt.), Carol Cater, Sheryl Sparnon, Margaret Gudsell, Lesley Clayton, Sandra Hills, Sandra Pritchard.

-Sheryl Sparnon, 3L.

HOCKEY

On Wednesday, 16th August, the girls' hockey team played its only match of the season against a third-form team from Manurewa High School. We felt a little nervous as we took the field for the first time because most of us had not played until this year and with our limited facilities at school our practices had been against the boys' team.

Although we did our best and our coach, Miss Hodges, was pleased with us, we were soundly beaten by Manurewa 6-0. After the match Manurewa entertained us to a most enjoyable afternoon tea.

Team: Diane Wolfsbauer (Captain), Wendy Reiman, Barbara Nixon, Ann Butler, Diane Green, Lesley Mager, Cheryl Lockie, Elaine Hill, Jennifer Rumble, Sheana Mennie, Heather Edwards, Judith Quick (emergency).

-Diane Wolfsbauer, 3 Com.

THE GIRLS' ATHLETICS TEAM

In spite of the very limited facilities for practice, and with the enthusiasm of our coach, Miss Hodges, to urge us on, a small team of girls competed in the junior events of the Auckland Inter-Secondary Girls' Sports, which were held at the Olympic Stadium on Saturday, 8th April.

We were all fairly nervous as starting time drew near because everyone else seemed to know so much more about where to go and what to do, than we did. We five and our little group of supporters felt a little lost among all the bigger schools.

In the Junior 50 yards Ann and Wendy managed to start with the other runners — that's what we were most scared about — being left behind at the start.

Wendy jumped well in the broad jump. In the 75 yards Lesley and I were in separate heats

and each of us ran into fourth place.

In the junior high jump Marianne put up a good performance to finish fourth with a jump of 4ft. 7in.

The junior relay event was the big one for us. The team ran hard to finish third in the heat but on times we did not make the finals.

We came home feeling that we had gained worthwhile experience for next season.

Members of the team were:

Junior 50 yards: Wendy Reiman, Ann McClellan.

Broad Jump: Wendy Reiman.

Junior 75 yards: Lesley Mager, Elaine Hill.

Junior High Jump: Marianne Sinclair.

Junior Relay Team: Marianne Sinclair, Lesley Mager, Wendy Reiman, Ann McClellan.

-E. Hill, 3 Com.

HOUSE POINTS

	Basketball	Rugby	Swimming	Athletics	Road Race	Softball	Final Points
Batten	10	5	6	20	4½	4	49½
Lovelock	28	10	4	4	5½	16	67½
Wilding	17	17	20	10	5	12	81
Williams	5	28	10	6	5	8	62

HOUSE LEADERS

BATTEN:

C. Clayton

Ann McClellan

LOVELOCK:

G. Midgley

Marilyn Williams

WILLIAMS:

P. Carman

Rae Wilson

WILDING:

J. Gomas

Colleen Hagan

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Names marked * are of people who left during the year.

3 L2

Coates, Janet
Diver, Shirlene
Gudsell, Margaret
Hagan, Colleen
Sparnon, Sheryl

3 L1

Brown, Robin
Hills, Sandra
Jarza, Carreen
Johnston, Lynette
Mitchell, Loma
Payne, Janice
Barbour, N. S.
Collins, K. F.

3 S1

Butler, Carol
Brosnan, Maryann
Fleming, Suzanne
Gainsford, Pamela
Green, Diane
Jordan, Meridee
Mennie, Sheana
Moase, Marilyn
Nixon, Barbara
Reiman, Wendy
Scholtz, Ann
Shields, Myrene
Sinclair, Marianne
Smith, Valerie

3 S2

Lockie, Cheryl
McClellan, Ann
Mager, Lesley
Rehm, Annette
Rumble, Jennifer
*Willis, Diana
Beaton, T. E.
Carter, G. R.
Chappell, M. D. R.
Clayton, C. S.
Dyas, P. J.
Eades, D.

Williams, Carol
Gomas, J. E.
Hamilton, D. H.
Hawkins, R. J.
Pugh, J. R.

Copestake, G. J.
Langdale-Hunt, D. M.
McMannis, R. H.
McMillan, R. A.
Murdoch, G. J.
Ockleford, P. J.
Shadbolt, T. R.
Thackwray, P. M.

*Stillman, Donene
Williams, Marilyn
Carman, P.
Clasby, P. J.
Cox, J. L.
James, R. E.
Jones, W. O.
Lawrence, B. S.
Laycock, M. M.
McMillan, G. R.
Medcalf, T. W.
Scott, G. I.
Strid, B. D.
Turner, C. T.

Earl, T. H.
Glowacki, M. A. G.
Hills, W. J. D.
Hollis, M. E.
Jones, K. J.
Lyon, P. M.
McVicker, M. J.
Newlove, T. L.
Pook, M. R.
Sinton, M. P.
Skilton, M. R.
*Young, C. J.

Allen, K. D.
Brady, C. A.
Dyas, P. S.
Franks, H. E.
Holland, W. J.
Jeffs, R. J.
*Johnson, K. R. B.
Kennedy, B. A.
King, L. D.
*Leaf, G. E.
Learmonth, A. M.
Lewis, D. P.

Baker, W. T.
*Boyd, W. A.
Brooks, B. N.
Callinan, R. K.
Colcord, G. F.
Creed, A. R. N.
Davis, R. S.
Gregory, C. R.
Hilton, K. G.
Irvine, R. M.

*Barnfather, Shirley
Burney, Yvonne
Cater, Carol Ann
Clarke, Molly
Clayton, Lesley
de Jong, Celia
Drummond, Lynne
Drummond, Marie
Edwards, Heather
Ferguson, Jill
Faulder, Erin
Hale, Barbara
Hagan, Faye
Hill, Elaine

Adams, Colleen
Cooney, Mavis
*Fredsburg, Pauline
*Harrison, Eva
Hilton, Maureen
Hopkins, Shirley

3 T

McCullough, L. D.
Midgley, G. A.
Moir, J. E.
Moore, A. S.
O'Leary, P. J.
Orton, R. A.
Payne, J. S.
Pocock, D. C.
Reid, J. A.
Wadsworth, G. P. L.
Willering, R. P.

3 G

McKean, M. J.
Poad, N. J.
Roff, E. A.
Ryan, L. D.
Schuler, R.
*Stockman, A. C.
West, A. R.
*Whale, M. G.
Whitaker, M. J.

3 C

Marcroft, Faye
Matthews, Clara
Morgan, Gaye
Pearman, Brenda
Prichard, Sandra
Priestly, Janice
Smith, Mary
Scholz, Janet
Taylor, Alma
Thompson, Robyn
White, Jeanette
Wilson, Rae
Wolfsbauer, Diane
Young, Jane

3 M

Jones, Dianne
MacVicar, Grace
*Newlove, Judith
Quick, Judith
Robertstein, Nancy
Winchester, Janice