

The School Year

1957

February 5—The first term commenced with a record roll of 523 boys.

February 5-12—Annual "Barracks."

February 15—Prefects appointed.

February 19—500 boys visited Aircraft-Carrier "Melbourne" at Port Chalmers in afternoon.

February 27—First formal assembly (due to alterations to interior of Assembly Hall). February 28—Mr. A. F. Price left, in order to resume full-time studies at Otago University.

March 1—Mr. V. J. Tie commenced, in place of Mr. Price.
March 5—Prefects attended funeral of Mr. C. C. OHara, the first caretaker of the School.

March 7—Annual Athletic Sports postponed on account of weather.

March 12—Sports held, on heavy ground.

March 15—Garry Lange, from Covington School, Los Altos, California, U.S.A., spent the day at School.

March 18—250 boys attended performance of Merchant of Venice" by New Zealand Players. Prefects' badges presented at Assembly.

March 20—Parents' Association annual meeting.

March 25—Anniversary Day holiday.

March 27—Mr. Kariel, Fulbright exchange teacher from Eugene, Oregon, U.S.A., attended Assembly and spent the day at the School.

March 30—Inter-Secondary Schools' Athletic Championship Sports held on Carisbrook ground.

April 2—Annual Swimming Sports held in Municipal Baths.

April 24—Anzac Day service at Assembly. Members of Board and of Old Boys' Association present. Address given by Group Captain Woodhall.

April 26—Winter games commenced.

May 9—End of first term.

May 28—Second term began. Mr. C. A. Caigou commenced as relieving teacher, in place of Mr. L. S. Davies, who left at end of first term for a Country Service" position at Ashburton High School.

June 7—Mr. N. Wilson left on appointment to a position in the world of commerce.

June 10—Mr. Sawell commenced as a full-time relieving teacher, and Mr. W. P. MacDougall as a part-time teacher.

June 11—Dennis McMurdie, American Field Service scholar from La Salinas, California, U.S.A., enrolled.

June 15—Annual Rugby, Soccer and Hockey games against Otago Boys' High School.

June 26—Visit of two junior Rugby teams from Palmerston District High School.

July 3—First XV and First Hockey XI annual matches against Waitaki Boys' High School at Oamaru.

July 9-12—Mid-year examinations.

July 15—Mid-term holiday.

July 10—Mr. R. A. Jarden at Assembly. One hundred and ten boys had X-ray examination by the mobile X-ray unit.

July 17—Second XV played Gore High School at Gore.

July 30—First XV and First Soccer XI annual matches against Southland Boys' High School at Hancock and De Carle Parks respectively.

August 1—Second XV and Junior B Rugby team versus South Otago High School.

August 5—First XV played match against Cadets from S.S. "Rakaia."

August 6—F. Mowat, Otaki" Scholar, at Assembly.

August 7—Parents' Association social.

August 9—Third XV v. Alexandra District High School at Alexandra.

August 23—End of second term.

September 17—Third term commenced. Ninety boys attended reception to new Governor-General in Town Hall.

September 20—Mr. W. P. Macdougall finished as part time teacher; place taken by Mr. I. R. Prangnell.

October 4—Visit by Commander Ashdown, naval recruiting officer. Cross-country races in afternoon.

October 8-10—Visit by Post-primary School inspectors.

October 14—Third and Fourth Forms attended National Orchestra Concert.

October 15-22—Fifth and Sixth Form examinations.

October 22—Group of American Field Scholars at Assembly.

October 28—Labour Day holiday.

October 30—Drill competitions. Meeting of parents of boys enrolled for 1958.

November 2—Secondary Schools' Rowing Regatta.

November 5—Farewell to Dennis McMurdie at Assembly.

November 6—Farewell to Dennis McMurdie at railway station.

November 7-12—Third and Fourth Form Examinations.

November 21—School Certificate examinations commenced.

November 22—Fourth Forms' biological expedition to shores of Otago Harbour.

December 2—Traffic films shown by Traffic Department education officers.

December 5-6—First XI v. Waitaki (abandoned because of rain).

December 6—End-of-year dance.

December 9-10—Second XI v. South Otago High School.

December 12-13—First XI v. Otago Boys' High School.

December 13—Break-up ceremony in Assembly Hall in evening (Speaker, Rev. C. F. Fisher).

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

After the preliminary events had been held on March 6, heavy rain flooded the grounds and made it necessary to postpone the sports until the first available fine day. This meant waiting until March 12, when the track was heavy and there was a fairly strong north-easterly wind.

The result of the Senior Cup competition was a tie between M. L. Farrant and R. S. King with 12 points each. G. Lucas was third with 10 points. Performances were not of a high standard, apart from a good throw of 144ft 6ins by L. Hocking in the Javelin event.

A large entry of good quality competed For the Intermediate Cup and some very keen competition resulted, the points being more widely distributed than usual, B. F. Keys scored 11 points with a win in the High Jump and two second places and just beat J. Begg, who won both Sprints scoring 10 points. N. Reddington was third with nine points. The only record of the day was established by H. Morrison in the Shot Put, with a distance of 38ft 3ins.

The Junior Cup went to W. Speirs with 11 points. S. Inglis was second with 10 points and won both Sprints. He was the outstanding athlete in this section and was unfortunate that his time in the 220 Yards event could not be recognised as a record because of wind assistance. R. D. Peters and W. Little, who both scored six points, shared third place. The Ferens Cup for the best walker was won by D. J. Scott, P. Strang, the winner in the previous two years, having sportingly stood down. Windsor House won the House Relay race fairly comfortably, but Tudor House was first in aggregate points with Windsor House second..



Colin Mantell



Bingham and McNeill



Camera friends—Lockhart, Bingham, McNeill and Lowery



Mr. Fraser starter for School Sports

Mr Coxon



Watching the Sports



Masters at the Sports



Staff v First XI Football



Mr. Cessford strikes



Mr. Coxon in action



Mr. Geary at speed



Mr. Tie on the ball

American Field Scholar

An interesting and successful experiment this year has been the acceptance of an American Field Scholar, Dennis McMurdie, from La Salinas, California. During his stay of five and a-half months in Dunedin, he stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Howard, to whom the sincere thanks of the School are due for their generous and public-spirited action. Dennis fitted into our School life very well indeed and was immediately accepted by the boys as one of themselves. He was most co-operative in every way and also most appreciative of anything that we were able to do for him. Proof of his popularity was given by the tremendously enthusiastic send-off accorded him when he left to return home at the beginning of November. At a somewhat moving farewell, he was presented with a School Blue."



Dennis presenting Mr. Lang with an American Flag



McMurdie, Farrant and "Brick" Lucas



McKinney, McMurdie, Farrant, Brunton and Ford

THE SCHOOL DANCE

As usual, the prefects of 1957 claim that this year's School Dance was indeed the best yet, and set a standard that next year's Prefects will be unable to improve upon. Furthermore the fact that the King's dance was featured," complete with photographs and a detailed description, on the Youth Page of the Otago Daily Times gives grounds for belief that it was the best School Dance held in Dunedin this year.

When, after much discussion, it was decided that the theme of the dance should be "Heaven and Hell," there were a few misgivings among the more conservative groups. But the final result of the enthusiasm and ingenuity displayed by a host of willing helpers soon dispelled any doubts that may have persisted.

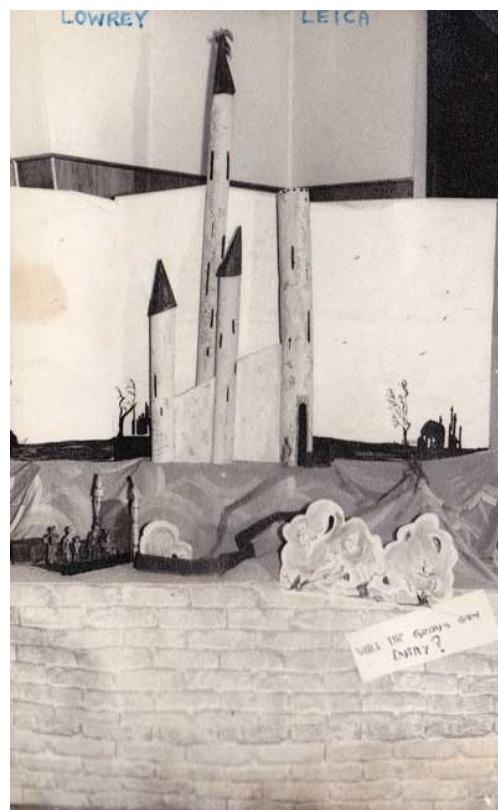
Contrasting sets of streamers, the gloom and eeriness of the Band's Cave and the Devil's Corner (where a gruesome head hanging from a dead tree realistically dripped blood into a bubbling pool), and the brighter atmosphere and lighting of the Angels' Corner of Heaven combined to create a remarkably decorative and effective setting.

Two hundred and twenty hungry dancers enjoyed a magnificent supper, for which sincerest thanks must go to Mrs. Fraser and the wives of other staff members, and to the Parents' Association for their untiring efforts.

Much of the success of the dance was due to the hours of work put into the paintings around the walls and in the corners by Dave Brunton and Barry Cleavin, and to the tremendous efforts put into a truly remarkable lighting system, involving over half a mile of wiring, that dimmed and brightened automatically. For this, we are everlastingly indebted to Arthur Bingham and his willing band of helpers. Our only hope is that next year's prefects will be able to find someone half as competent in this field.

Finally, our warmest thanks must go to Mr. Familton for his uniting efforts (despite an untimely bout of flu) and his splendid organisation; to Cohn Mantell for the many hours of work he put in behind the scenes; and to Mr. Cessford both for his ready help in constructing the corners and for his generosity with much valuable timber which he was destined never to see again.

To all these and to many others who played unspectacular but vital parts, go our sincerest thanks for making the 1957 Dance the best-ever."



CROSS COUNTRY RACES, 1957.

Threatening rain on October 4 held off long enough to allow the cross-country races to be completed in pleasant conditions for running—cool and still.

The senior field of 120 was a good one but only about 150 juniors started compared with 200 last year, influenza preventing many from starting.

A change was made in the senior course this year to avoid crossing the road and going through the rubbish dump. An extra loop at the far end of the golf course was added, but the times suggest that the course is shorter than that of previous years.

It soon became apparent in the senior race that D. J. Scott had been treated rather too liberally by the handicapper. He took the lead early, but had to fight off a strong challenge from D. J. Jones at the finish and won by only a second. M. J. Clark came strongly through the field from the 1min. 45sec. mark, passing 107 competitors to take third place and third fastest time. The Farrant brothers put up the best performances. M. L. Farrant came up to 12th place from scratch (3min.), making fastest time, and I Farrant who started 45 seconds ahead of him finished six seconds ahead to return second fastest time.

There was another good finish in the junior race, with R. S. Mains (1min.) holding off J. M. White and L. K. Sims, both from the 1min 15sec mark. Close behind him was S. Inglis, who put up a splendid performance from scratch (2min. 45sec.). His time round the course was 1min. 22sec. faster than any other and he was only 11sec behind the winner. J. M. White and D. Lough recorded the next fastest times.

Results

Senior Handicap (Civil Service Harrier Club Cup).—D. J. Scott, 1; O. J. Jones, 2; M. J. Clark, 3.

Senior Fastest Time (Caversham Harrier and A.A. Cup).

—M. L. Farrant (13min. 9sec.), 1; I. Farrant (13min.

48sec.), 2; M. J. Clark (13min. 50sec.), 3.

Junior Handicap (L. K. White Cup).—R. S. Mains, 1; J. M. White, 2; L. K. Sims, 3.

Junior Fastest Time (Caversham Harrier and A.A. Cup).

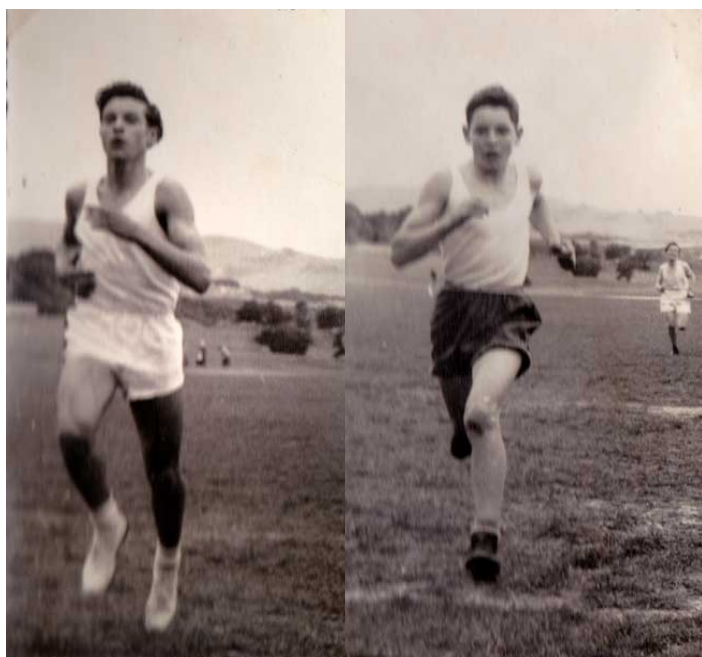
—S. Inglis (11min. 36sec.), 1; J. M. White (12min. 8sec.), 2; D. Lough (13min. 3sec.), 3.



The Social Pack



M. Farrant the back marker



S. Inglis

R. Mains



Senior Group at the start

CADETS

The year's training began with the usual barracks period of five days. We were fortunate as regards the weather, and completed a satisfactory training syllabus, including a period at the St. Clair Baths for each Company, with a tactical scheme carried out by the A.T.C. Courses held during the Christmas vacation were very valuable and of great benefit to those N.C.O.'s who were selected to attend.

The Cadet Competitions held on October 30 were of a good standard and we congratulate the winners.



Live shoot at Tomahawk



A.T.C. Course camp in January



The March Past



Signals Platoon



Battalion Parade

Mr. S. G. Emslie
(Social Credit) Candidate for the St. Kilda
Electorate

There is much of the benevolent dominie about Stanley Greig Emslie on whom Social Credit have pinned its hopes for the St. Kilda Electorate.

As he stands hand in trouser pocket reading in a low voice from one of his many volumes about monetary reform, one tends to forget that here is a man who entertains serious thoughts on a political career. The classroom would appear to be more his metier than the hustings.

He fixes his audience with a friendly gaze which gives rise to the feeling that he will entertain and instruct. But these hopes are unfortunately dashed as he lowers his eyes to a bulky tome and begins to quote – not very audibly. Undoubtedly he is sincere. His style is almost conversational, occasionally becoming a little patronising in the way of a teacher with a rather dull pupil. Never is there any flight of sparkling eloquence yet, to be fair, there is a warmth about his personality, although it is seldom allowed to become predominant.

Question time provides one key to his personality. He advances towards his questioner, a hint of a wry grin on his face and patiently listens, closing his eyes as though to gain additional concentration. Just as patiently he then gives his explanation, as though untangling the intricacies of a geometrical theorem for a third form pupil. (Courtesy O.D.T.)



Political address



Mr. Emslie marks the roll



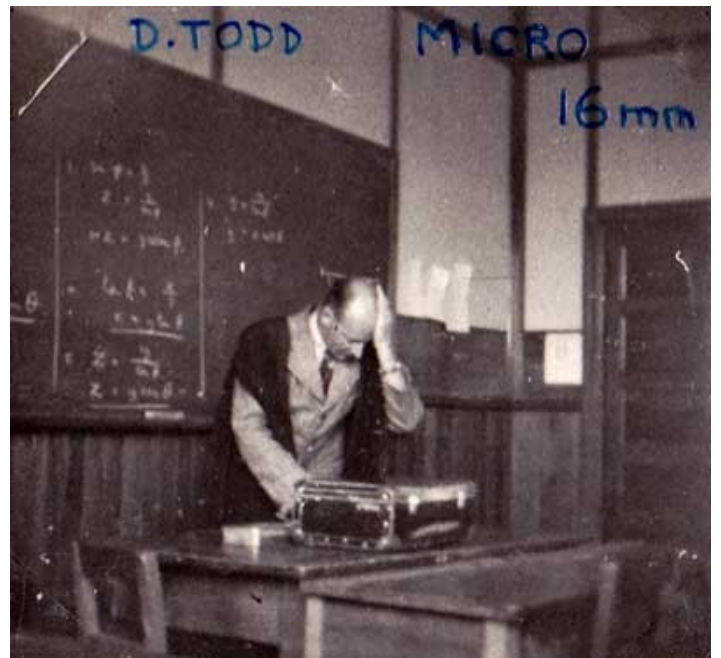
Vial and Tourelle



Mr. Emslie in the Chemistry Lab



Lowrey



Mr. Coxon in Mathematics—Oh Dear



Todd, Bingham, McNeill and Black on Sports Day



Mr. Lockhart and the First Hockey Eleven



McKinney in the Quad



Classroom excitement



Martin and McLaughlin—Maths concentration