

1973 NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

\$1200 Raised by Ngaruawahia High School

Over \$1200 is the approximate magnificent sum—raised by the magnificent efforts of the Ngaruawahia High School staff and pupils at their Gala for funds for a new Gymnasium on Saturday.

The response from the public in supplying and buying goods was truly great.

The main attraction of the programme was the wood-chopping and sawing. So successful and well supported was this event that it is planned that future Galas will be centred round such a feature.

The school is very grateful for the attendance and displays of such famed and local wood-choppers and sawers as W. Dixon who won the 12-inch standing chop and is N.Z. title holder and has recently competed in Australia where he won several titles; A. Poihipi and T. Callaghan who hold two world titles and current N.Z. and world titles in the double-handed saw class; R. Fletcher prominent in chopping and sawing events; H. Buchanan a recent N.Z. trialist and H. Bridgeman a relatively new comer who gave a fine performance in winning two events; the Novice 12" and 14" standing chops. R. Fletcher and A. Cox won the double-handed saw event.

Congratulations must be offered to the organisers of both Galas.

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Ngaruawahia High School Soccer

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After two rounds of the internally organised soccer competition at the Ngaruawahia High School, two teams have already shown through.

Eightyfour boys have been organised into six teams and play on a round robin basis. The following of this soccer by many boys at the school shows the rise in popularity of the sport in the area over recent years. No Saturday morning teams are competing in the Waikato Junior Football competitions because of the lack of adults to supervise. However the local club has entered an under-16 team in the senior grades to compensate. It is also hoped that a Wednesday Tournament can be raised off the ground as an inter-school activity.

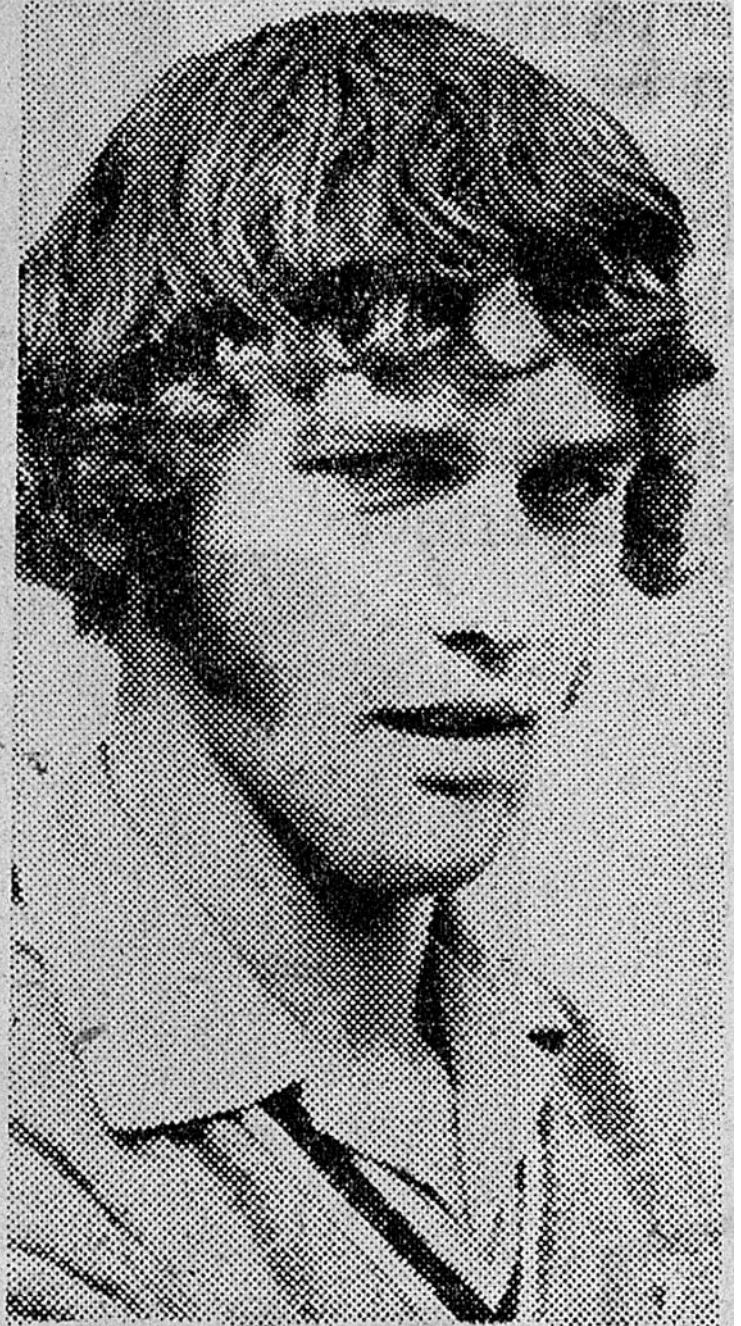
The school team led by Chris Barakat only slightly heads off that of Robert Paul, both teams having two wins but Chris Barakats' team did not concede any goals compared with one let through by Paul's team; both having scored 7 goals.

A great deal of talent has been found in and around Ngaruawahia in the field of soccer and a continued growth of the sport is assured.

Head prefects



ANNE COLLINS, 16-year-old head girl at Ngaruawahia High School, has an interest in languages and plans to continue her studies at Auckland University when she finishes her seventh form year.



PENRY LICENCE, 17, head prefect, is studying biology, mathematics, geography, English and economics in the seventh form at Ngaruawahia High School. He plans to join the officer cadets next year, and hopes to travel overseas.

Efforts made to set up museum in town

Efforts are to be made to establish a museum in Ngaruawahia.

A public meeting to gauge interest in the proposal has been called for tomorrow night and it is hoped that suggestions will be put forward and a steering committee set up to investigate the cost and details involved in such a scheme.

The meeting will be held

in Turangawaewae House in Ngaruawahia — the proposed home for the museum.

According to Mrs D. Gregory, secretary of the Turangawaewae Marae Committee, which instigated the proposal, there has been talk for a long time of establishing a museum in the town.

Turangawaewae House, was felt to be an ideal venue and permission to use the building for such a purpose had already been gained from the Tainui Trust Board, she said.

HEADQUARTERS

The house was originally built in 1919 as the headquarters for the Maori King Movement. In later years it served both as a medical clinic and as a venue for Maori land courts.

During recent years however, the building which is right in the centre of the town has been used only for meetings of the trust board. For the remainder of the year it has remained empty.

"It seemed a shame that such a building was lying dormant for so long," said Mrs Gregory. "It is felt the building would be an ideal venue for a museum which would serve Ngaruawahia and district and which would be of interest to New Zealanders and overseas visitors."

"The cost of setting up such an establishment would be a big factor," Mrs

Gregory added.

"It would probably take years, but at least a start could be made and such a building would be of benefit to all future generations."

Mrs Gregory said tomorrow night's meeting, would

judge the public's support for a museum and further plans would be made after that.

The meeting will be chaired by the mayor of Ngaruawahia, Mr A. M. Latta.

Prefects named

Head boy prefect at Ngaruawahia High School for the school year which opened last week is Henry Licence, and the head girl prefect Anne Collins.

The new head boy is taking a mathematics-science course, and hopes to follow a military career. He hopes to train overseas.

Anne intends heading for university, and is taking an arts course at school.

Both are members of Form 7A.

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MAKING FRIENDS with the prize filly are Linda Caplin, a prefect of Ngaruawahia High School (left), and Anne Collins, head prefect. The filly is the prize for Ngaruawahia High School's gymnasium raffle.

Filly to fill fund

Ngaruawahia High School is raffling a thoroughbred filly — again. For the gymnasium fund — again.

"It seems we've been aiming at a gymnasium almost ever since there's been the school here," said Mr N. Murphy, the school's deputy principal.

The first raffle was in 1968, and it was a success, raising about \$2500. The horse that time was Mrs Castle, now at the Evergreen Stud near Matamata. It raced in the South Island, and in its time won three races.

This time the prize is a filly whose sire is Aur-reate II, out of Lady Zecarne. Tickets for the yearling are being sold already, and the drawing is planned for April.

Herald Spor

A brilliant 16-year-old all-round sportsman, Tariana Wharakura, of Ngauruawhia, is one of the five winners of the 1972 New Zealand Herald Junior Sports Awards.

Lawn tennis, cricket, netball and harrier racing provide the other four winners who, however, have performed far above average in other sports.

The five winners are as follows:—

DEBORAH FISHER (Cambridge), netball, aged 17.

ANNE GARRETT (Auckland), harrier racing, aged 17.

JOHN REID (Auckland), cricket, aged 16.

RUSSELL SIMPSON (Auckland), lawn tennis, aged 18.

TARIANA WHARAKURA (Ngauruawhia), rowing, rugby and Rugby League, aged 16.

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Mary Skeen (Auckland), badminton, aged 18.

John Walters (Whangarei), Rugby, aged 18.

Jennifer Whateley (Hamilton), swimming, aged 18.

The judges, two former Olympic champions, Mr Murray Halberg and Mrs Yvette Corlett, a former Commonwealth heavyweight weightlifting title-holder, Don Oliver, and the sports editor of the Herald, R. B. Humberstone, were again faced with some extraordinary sporting talent among the 39 nominations.

Difficult Task

Their task, therefore, in finding up to five winners, as laid down in the conditions of the contest, was extremely difficult. The quality of the entrants easily matched the high standard of those in the previous five contests.

Several past winners have

gone on to international

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man six sports in the record. In rowing he has had several successes, membership of the immediate eight at championships.

player he has won North Island titles, and in 1967 he has been named Under-17 Kiwi.

was selected as winner of the Year 10, and in 1969 as New Zealand junior champion.

has been a transfer from an am sport. Miss has been chosen as a New Zealand team, which will play in May. At a McAuley pupil, had to overcome a recurrence

of the old trouble — faulty bone structure — last year. But it has not stopped her continued progress in harrier racing.

Her greatest triumph came last month when she finished second in the national trial at Trentham and assured herself of a place in the New Zealand team to visit Britain in a few weeks' time.

Sent to Europe

John Reid, bearer of a famous cricketing name (although no relative of the former New Zealand captain), is captain of the New Zealand secondary schoolboys' cricket team in Australia. He has had much experience in captaincy, leading the New Zealand secondary school team against the visiting Mt Lawley (Western Australia) side 12 months ago.

His winter sport is Soccer, in which he has played for the

Auckland secondary school and junior teams as a goal-keeper.

So highly was Russell Simpson thought of by the New Zealand Lawn Tennis Association that it sent him to Europe last winter for more experience. In England he won several singles titles, which followed his notable feat of reaching the Australian junior boys' final last January.

Last month he won the New Zealand boys' singles title in Wellington.

He is a brother of Jeffrey Simpson, the Davis Cup player, who was highly commended in the Herald contest in 1967.

The winners and their parents will be guests of the directors of Wilson and Horton, publishers of the Herald, at a luncheon to be held in a few weeks' time.

At this function the five young champions will be presented with medallions.



Reid



Russell Simpson



Tariana Wharakura

Jan 16 / 1973

The Minister of Education, Mr Amos has said the Labour Party will abolish School Certificate. . . . He described it as "probably the greatest millstone around the educational neck at the present time." Thought is now being given in many quarters to the future of the School Certificate examination. During the past two years the School Certificate Examination Board has been considering the implications of internal assessment for School Certificate. This article has been compiled by Graeme Lawrence, The Times Education Reporter, based on the report of the Examination Board's report.

DOWN WITH THE SCHOOL CERT. EXAMINATION?

A powerful cause of a sense of failure in the minds of many young people would be removed along with the external examination of pupils for School Certificate.

For those who do not want the School Certificate examination abolished altogether discussion has centred around internal assessment.

Internal assessment in its most general sense means a system under which, wholly or in part, teachers are made responsible for assessing the achievements of their pupils. This is not a new concept in New Zealand education.

The university entrance examination gained by accrediting, the sixth form certificate for pupils who spent a year in the sixth form after gaining their school certificate and higher school certificate for pupils who have spent

a year in the seventh form after gaining university entrance are all national awards gained by internal assessment.

After the experience gained from the internal assessment of these awards the time is now right for an appraisal to be made of the advantages and disadvantages of introducing some form of internal assessment for the school certificate examination.

MEASURE

The school certificate examination measures fairly accurately a pupil's ability to retain and reproduce factual knowledge during the examination period.

It does not measure practical skills and oral skills and may reflect only indirectly a pupil's work habits, motivation, attitude, adaptability, inventiveness and reliability.

At the present time 70 per cent of the pupils who enrol in the third forms of secondary schools undertake the school certificate examination and the proportion is growing steadily each year.

Almost 25 per cent of the fifth form candidates who enter for school certificate do not pass in any subject. For this group of candidates national assessment merely forces them into an external examination situation with its series of subject prescriptions unsuited to their needs and from which they can only experience failure.

One factor that has come through the debate on the advantages and disadvantages of internal assessment for school certificate has been that teachers want to play some part in determining the final assessments gained

by their pupils in national awards.

Some want to play a small part, others want to take the whole responsibility for assessment. Some want protection in the decisions that they make, others are prepared to make their decisions and stand by them.

But of all the secondary teachers who think seriously about their profession there would be few who are entirely happy with the present situation which gives them no opportunity to have a say in the final assessment of their pupils for school certificate.

A teacher's desire to be involved will determine his attitude towards internal assessment and the extent of the provisions for it he would like to see injected into the system.

Some of the main advantages and disadvantages



"YAY—PASSES IN EVERYTHING" An enthusiastic pupil who has read the good news about her school certificate in a paper which tells her the good news about her school certificate is a pupil of Melville High School.

advantages of full internal assessment for school certificate have been:

ADVANTAGES

- A pupil would be assessed on the results of at least a year's work and not on the results of a single examination taken at a fixed time.

- Desirable skills and qualities, for example, practical skills, oral skills, work habits, attitude, adaptability and inventiveness which are difficult to measure by external examination could be taken into account in a system of internal assessment.

- A powerful cause of the sense of failure in the minds of many pupils would be removed along with the external exam.

- Fifth form syllabuses could become more flexible and could be adapted to suit the needs of pupils, particularly those at the top and bottom of the range.

- Pupils and parents who find difficult in withstanding the steady build-up of tension that takes place prior to their first involvement in a national examination, and those pupils who become emotionally unstable during examinations will be relieved to some extent.

- Teachers would become professionally involved in the assessing of their pupils at the national level.

DISADVANTAGES

- The possible loss of motivation on the part of both teachers and pupils

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● The reliability of sixth form national awards made by internal assessment would be weakened.

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Those who are involved with external examinations know that standards change from time to time, that there may be little comparability of standards between subjects, that markers are sometimes erratic and that actual marks around the pass/fail area may be unreliable.

However, it is the questions associated with comparability of standard that must be grappled with to ensure a greater acceptance of the principal of internal assessment.

If school certificate is to continue as a basis for national comparison of pupil and internal assessment introduced then there must still be a system of nationally developed tests.

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School Principal Visits Fiji

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A very enjoyable holiday in the salubrious climate and among the pleasant Fijian people including those of Indian and European nationality was recently spent by Mr E. B. Allison, principal of Ngaruawahia High School and his wife and family. Mr Allison was very grateful to his school for allowing extra time with the May holidays for the visit. While in Fiji, Mr Allison was very happy to renew old friendships with Mr Jone Nisara, the Minister of Education who was formerly a student teacher at the Normal Intermediate School when Mr Allison was head-master and with Mr Tom Spooner, ex-principal of Te Awamutu college now headmaster of the Leleane Memorial School, Nausori. He also met the chief inspector of Fiji schools and visited some schools. Mr Allison remarked that students of Indian background were extraordinarily eager for education while the Fijians seemed to lack initiative and incentive.

He was instrumental in finalising arrangements for the Ngaruawahia High School 1st XV Rugby team to play a similar Fiji team in Fiji in August. The boys will be staying at the Leleane memorial school hostel.

Liaison officer for the game is Mr Sefania Koroi, physical education officer for the Fiji Department of Education.

Mr Bruce Stephens, a New Zealand University and Waikato rep. is coach and Mr Peter Vela an ex New Zealand soccer representative will manage the Ngaruawahia team.

Ngaruawahia H.S. Athletics

Further results from Ngaruawahia athletic sports:—

Discus Intermediate girls: E. Bidois 1, A. Hogan 2, H. Vercoe 3.

Intermediate boys: T. Tarawhiti 1, G. Mabbett 2, M. Grey 3.

Senior girls: V. Ngataki 1, L. Vincent 2, T. Turner 3.

Senior boys: I. Greig 1, I. McCowatt 2, P. Furness 3.

Shotput junior girls: J. Cameron 1, L. Peka 2, G. Roberts 3.

Junior boys: D. Mabbett 1, R. McIntosh 2, L. Phillips 3.

Intermediate: H. Vercoe 1, C. Hogan 2, A. Hogan 3.

Intermediate boys: M. Grey 1, G. Mabbett 2, M. Tahu 3.

Senior girls: K. Tunzlemann 1, L. Vincent 2, V. Ngataki 3.

Senior boys: I. Greg 1, T. Dean 2, I. Bartlett 3.

High Jump junior girls: T. Coenan 1, R. Van Houtte and L. Peka 2, (equal).

Junior boys: B. Gray 1, T. Gavin 2.

Intermediate girls: C. Hogan 1, B. Poot 2, A. Hogan 3.

Intermediate boys: P. Emery 1, M. Grey and R. McCowatt 2, (equal).

Senior girls: M. Simon 1, K. Mathers 2, S. Bright 3.

Senior boys: I. Greig 1, K. Watson 2, C. Barakat 3.

Long jump junior girls: G. Roberts 1, V. Hewetson 2, L. Sharp 3.

Junior boys: R. Sunnex 1, S. Poutapu 2, L. Evans 3.

Intermediate girls: F. Slade-Gully 1, C. Hogan 2, B. Poot 3.

Intermediate boys: M. Tahu 1, M. Grey 2, P. Emery 3.

Senior girls: K. Tunzlemann 1, L. Vincent 2, S. Bright 3.

Senior boys: I. Greig 1, N. Matthews 2, C. Barakat 3.

Triple jump: Junior girls: D. Mathews 1, D. Flay 2, P. Bevan 3.

Junior boys: B. Brown 1, B. Watts 2, R. Duffull 3.

Intermediate girls: A. Hogan 1, E. Wallbank 2, V. Pritchett 3.

Intermediate boys: M. Grey 1, G. Mabbett 2, P. Emery 3.

Senior girls: L. Vincent 1, K. Tunzlemann 2, S. Bright 3.

Senior boys: I. Greig 1, C.

Barakat 2, R. Sutherland 3.

TRACK EVENTS

80m Junior girls: W. Savage 1, V. Hewetson 2, C. Wilson 3.

Junior boys: S. Poutapu 1, M. Rongo 2, J. Punga 3.

Intermediate girls: C. Hogan 1, J. Head 2, C. Callaghan 3.

Intermediate boys: M. Tahu 1, G. Mabbett 2, M. Nikau 3.

Senior girls: L. Vincent 1, K. Tunzlemann 2, V. Landon 3.

Senior boys: I. Greig 1, C. Kelly 2, M. Turner 3.

100m Junior girls: W. Savage 1, V. Hewetson 2, C. Wilson 3.

Junior boys: S. Poutapu 1, M. Rongo 2, J. Matthews 3.

Intermediate girls: J. Head 1, S. Weir 2, C. Callaghan 3.

Intermediate boys: M. Tahu 1, M. Nikau 2, G. Mabbett 3.

Senior girls: L. Vincent 1, K. Tunzlemann 2, A. Mildon 3.

Senior boys: I. Greig 1, G. Puke 2, C. Kelly 3.

200m Junior girls: C. Wilson 1, W. Savage 2, V. Hewetson 3.

Junior boys: S. Poutapu 1, G. Kelly 2, I. Middleton 3.

Intermediate girls: C. Hogan 1, S. Weir 2, C. Callaghan 3.

Intermediate boys: M. Nikau 1, S. McLaughlin 2, M. Tahu 3.

Senior girls: S. Bright 1, J. Mark 2, A. Mildon 3.

Senior boys: B. Callaghan 1, R. Phillips 2, A. Cotter 3.

400m Junior girls: C. Wilson 1, D. Clancy 2, D. Matthews 3.

Junior boys: W. Brennan 1, T. Gavin 2, J. Paikea 3.

Intermediate girls: C. Callaghan 1, D. Fuller 2, C. Matuschka 3.

Intermediate boys: J. McLaughlin 1, W. Wilson 2, R. Hanna 3.

Senior girls: J. Mark 1, S. Bright 2, D. Kernohan 3.

Senior boys: B. Callaghan 1, C. Barakat 2.

800m Junior girls: D. Gyde 1, C. Wilson 2, L. Bateman 3.

Junior boys: W. Brennan 1, R. McIntosh 2, H. Weti 3.

Intermediate girls: C. Callaghan 1, C. Matuschka 2.

Intermediate boys: B. Keys 1, S. McPherson 2, D. Liddington 3.

Senior girls: J. Mark 1, S. Bright 2.

Senior boys: B. Callaghan 1, P. Brymer 2, I. McCowatt 3.

1500m Junior girls: D. Clancy 1, D. Gyde 2, D. Wharakura 3.

Juniors boys: W. Brennan 1, S. McPherson 2, K. Thickpen-ny 3.

Intermediate girls: C. Callaghan 1.

Intermediate boys: J. Barakat 1, B. Keys 2, C. McPherson 3.

Senior girls: S. Bright 1, Senior boys: B. Callaghan 1, G. Burns 2, P. Brymer 3.

3000m girls open: C. Callaghan 1, D. Gyde 2.

Boys open: B. Callaghan 1, P. Brymer 2, W. Brennan 3.

Form Relays 4x100m, girls winners: 3A, 4C, 5C, 6A.

Boys: 3A, 4C, 5B, 6C.

House Relays: Junior girls: Maniapoto 1. Junior boys: Tai-nui 1.

Intermediate girls: Maniapoto 1. Intermediate boys: Maniapoto 1.

Senior girls: Newcastle 1. Senior boys: Tai-nui.

Champions: Junior girls: Vicky Hewetson, Junior boys: Sonny Poutapu.

Intermediate girls: Colleen Hogan, Intermediate boys: Michael Grey.

Senior girls: Linda Vincent, Senior boys: Ian Greig.

21-3-73

Ngaruawahia H.S. Athletics Meeting a Record Day

The Ngaruawahia High School held their most successful athletics sports meeting for many years on March 7, and 9, 1973. Winning the field events and the heats for the track events on March 7, it was found that new records had been set with a further 12 going on March 9, in the track finals. Ian Greig bettered his old mark of 1.72 metres in the high jump to leap 1.75m. He also set the senior boys triple jump mark at a new distance 11.82m. Wayne Brennan took over 14 seconds off the senior boys 1500m with Miss Clancy carving 29.8 seconds off the junior girls 1500m mark. Joe Punga came within a second of the Waikato Zone 1000m time by running 12.0s in his heat.

Three new teachers at high school

Three new staff members, two of them from Canada, have joined the staff of Ngaruawahia High School, the principal, Mr E. B. Allison, said on Friday afternoon.

Messrs James Kerr BA, B. Ed. and Lindon Best MAB Ed both come from Nova Scotia. Mr Kerr teaches history chiefly, and Mr Best, English.

Another overseas graduate to come to teach at Ngaruawahia is Mr William Burston. With a B. Tech. qualification from London University, he is taking mathematics and chemistry.

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Principal alleges parents conniving at school truancy

Too many truants are truants with the connivance of their parents, according to the chairman of the Central North Island State Secondary School Principals' Association, Mr A. D. Morrison.

Reporting on the association's recent meeting in Paeroa, Mr Morrison said truancy was the main topic of discussion. A number of principals had expressed concern over the problem at the association's April meeting and a survey of truancy in the region was being completed.

DISPROPORTIONATE

He said the term truant could be applied to several groups: those who simply did not attend school, to those whose attendance was irregular and to those who, sensing their inadequacies in the face of coming examinations or knowing they would leave school in a few months, found any excuse to be absent.

"The number of truants is a relatively small proportion of the school population and the time taken in checking truancy is wholly disproportionate to the numbers involved. Truants can be found in every school throughout the region."

Mr Morrison said proce-

dures existed for dealing with truants, such as action by education boards' attendance officers, but the law moved slowly and effective action was long in coming. Most principals devised their own methods.

Success could come only through communication with parents and the most

effective step to be taken would be the appointment of full-time truancy officers, whose job it would be to "go into the field," to investigate cases referred to them by secondary schools, to visit their homes, to discover pupils in their haunts and return them to school.

The most distressing

aspect of the problem, however, the attitude of parents.

LACK OF CONCERN

"Some show concern about their children's attendance and others, while concerned, exhibit unconcern by the attitude with which their children's absence, or, reasons that correct.

"Truancy is a school problem and has become a social problem," Mr Morrison said.

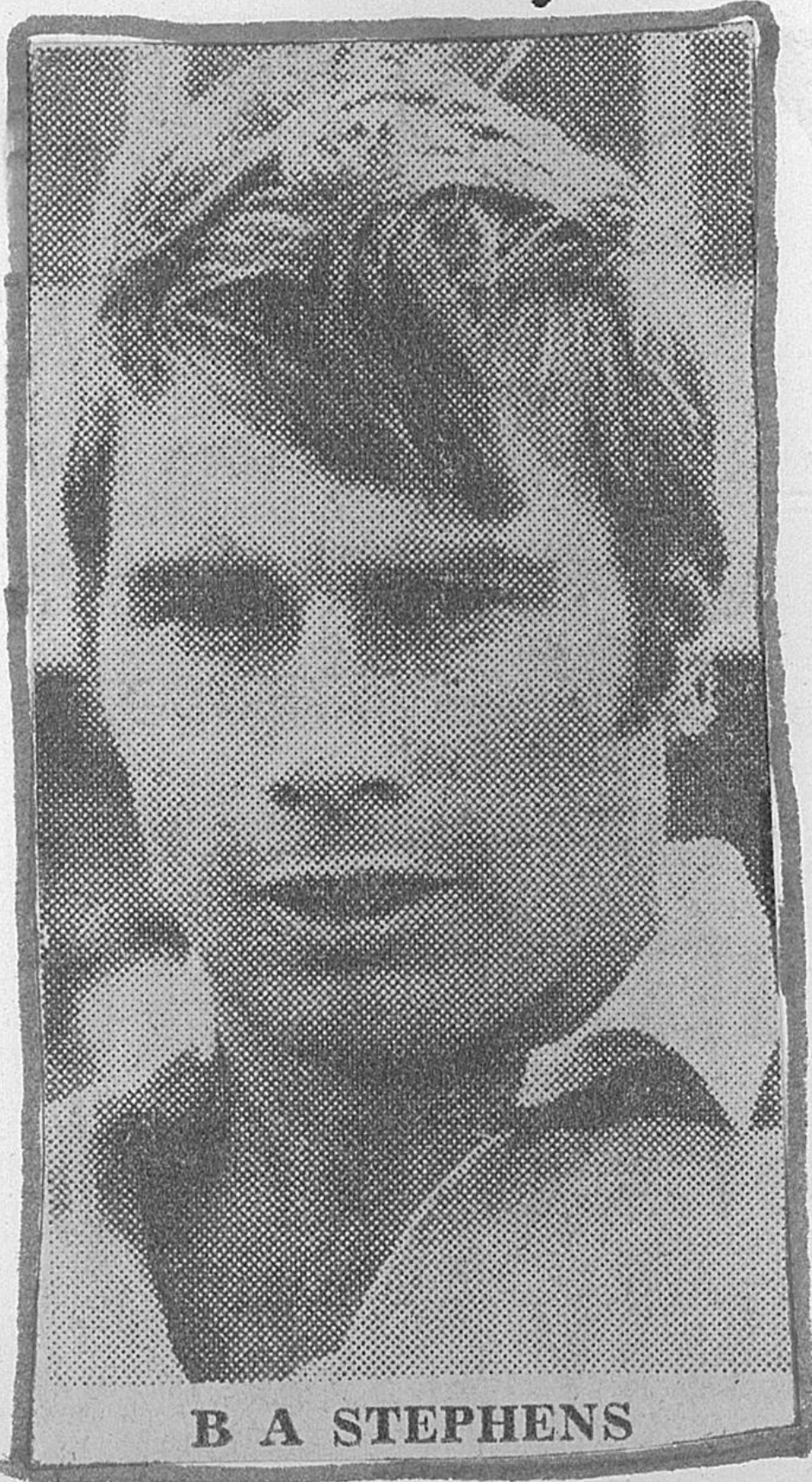
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MASSEY TEAM

Fijian trip help to Ngaruawahia

Latest secondary school to take on an overseas Rugby tour for the valuable experience to be gained was Ngaruawahia High.

For 13 days during the secondary schools' vacation a squad of 23 boys from the Ngaruawahia first XV toured Fiji.

The party, managed by Mr P. Vela and with Mr B. A. Stephens as coach, furthered their Rugby experience and no doubt developed a wider perspective of life as a consequence of the trip.



B. A. STEPHENS

The Ngaruawahia party encountered exhilarating play by the Fijian school-boys, who demonstrated a high standard of ball handling and backing up.

The opening match against Ratu Sukuna Memorial School was lost 8-18 by Ngaruawahia in very humid conditions.

Playing against the strong Combined Suva Schools team at Albert Park, the Ngaruawahia side mastered atrocious

field conditions to win 10-0.

A feature of this game was the handling of the slippery ball by the Ngaruawahia backs — ironically in typical Fijian style.

N a v u s o Agriculture School won the third game 16-3 with a fine display by its hard running backs.

A 15-10 win in the final encounter against the confident Combined Nausori Schools was the highlight of the tour.

The Ngaruawahia team showed a strong team spirit to grasp victory in the final few minutes after the lead earlier changed hands three times.

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Trip to Fiji
HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS
IMPRESSIONS

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Tonga Dean, a member of the Ngaruawahia High School's first XV Rugby team, has recently returned from Fiji, and is giving the following impressions of his trip to say about the trip.

"We received the warmest welcomes and great hospitality from the Fijian people. We could not but notice the distressful poverty and the desire for education in many of the families.

"The price-haggling in the shopping centres was a bit of a nuisance to me to have a bad impression over the youth.

"We found it difficult to adjust just to the climate and although our accommodation conditions were fair, the mosquitoes made themselves very annoying.

"Transport caused some amusement and confusion. The buses are more decrepit than a boat excursion to a game was rather frustrating especially when we were be swamped with water when the engine stopped.

"Despite these minor disadvantages the whole trip was a most educational one. We gained great respect for the two teachers who accompanied us and we are all grateful to our parents. The people of Ngaruawahia sacrificed much financially to make the trip a reality. I am sure we are all keenly aware that without this aid we would not have had such a valuable and unforgettable experience. I would like to say thankyou mothers and friends."

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Highlight of Tour in Last Game

The highlight of Ngaruawahia High School first XV's school holiday tour of Fiji came in the last minute of the last game.

With the Waikato boys trailing 9-10 to the toughest of their four opponents, Combined Nausori Schools, winger Murray McFarlane scored a last gasp try which led to a 15-10 victory. McFarlane had also scored Ngaruawahia's only earlier try of the game.

Ngaruawahia High School team, captained by hooker Ian Bartlett and coached by former Waikato skipper, Mr Bruce Stephens broke even on the trip, winning two and losing two. It was the first football team from the school to go abroad.

There were 23 boys and two teachers in the party and a remarkable feature of the 11 day tour was that Ngaruawahia went through the whole trip without an injury.

Manager, Mr Peter Vela said after returning, "It was a tremendous experience from the time we started fundraising to the time we got back. It was certainly well worth the effort." Apart from Bartlett and McFarlane, he particularly praised the efforts of the team's halfback, Thomas Tarawhiti.

Results: — Lost to Rata Sucuna School 18-8, beat Combined Suva Schools 10-0, lost to Navuso Agricultural School 16-3, beat Combined Nausori Schools 15-10.

Teacher to be new president

Mr Frank Ives will be the next president of the Ngaruawahia Lions Club.

The annual formal election of officers will take place on Wednesday, but only Mr Ives had been nominated when nominations closed.

He will take office on July 1.

Mr Ives is a Ngaruawahia resident originally from the United States. He is a teacher at Ngaruawahia High School. He has been active in the Ngaruawahia Lions Club in a variety of spheres for some years, and has also been prominent in the activities of the Waikato region of the Post Primary Teachers' Association.

The current president of the Lions Club is Mr A. M. Latta, Mayor of Ngaruawahia.

Bomb scare evacuates high school

All staff and pupils at Hamilton Boys' High School were evacuated shortly before 1 p.m. today after a telephone caller warned there was a bomb in the school buildings.

About the same time a similar call was made to Mobil Oil's depot in Ellis Street, Frankton, and staff were told to clear the area.

As this edition went to Press, searches of both premises were still being made by Hamilton police.

The bomb calls, presumably hoaxes, followed another scare which saw Woolworths evacuated and part of Victoria Street closed on Friday night.

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A section of Hamilton's main street was cordoned off last night after a telephone caller told the manager of Woolworths' branch there was a bomb on his premises.

The manager, Mr P. A. venson, contacted Hamilton police who sent five cars to the scene and told the brigade to stand by.

Hundreds of Friday shoppers were sent scurrying.

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from the area by constables using loudhailers.

Both floors of Woolworth's building were evacuated, along with a menswear store, Youth for Christ coffee bar and jewellers in the same block.

Police cars blocked off Victoria Street between Ward Street and Garden Place, causing major traffic congestion.

"After we received the complaint we did everything possible," a police spokesman said today.

"All precautions were taken while police made a thorough search of the building."

The all clear was given about 40 minutes after the hoax call was received at 7.30 p.m. Woolworths and the

other businesses involved are understood to have lost about a third of their normal Friday night revenue.

Tuesday 25/9/73

Bomb hoaxter plagues city

Hamilton CIB has been directed to investigate a series of bomb hoaxes which have plagued the city's emergency services during the past few days.

The direction came from the district commander of the Waikato police region, Chief Superintendent W. R. Fleming.

Normally bomb hoax telephone calls are investigated by the uniformed branch but detectives have been called in because the current series of calls is having "serious repercussions."

Two more hoax calls today saw Fraser High School evacuated just after 8.15 a.m. and Forlong's Furnishings in Frankton cleared at 10.10 a.m.

Once again police had to carry out a thorough search of both premises. Yesterday there were similar scares at Hamilton Boys' High School and Mobil Oil's depot in Frankton.

The hoax calls started on Friday night when Woolworths main branch in Victoria Street and surrounding businesses had to be evacuated.