



# Honor Virtutis Præmium

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Honour is the Reward of Virtue.

Souvenir Programme  
West Spreydon School

**50th**  
**Jubilee Celebrations**

OCTOBER 1976

1926 — 1976



MRS JOAN EDWARD

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
JUBILEE COMMITTEE

It is my privilege as Chairman of the Jubilee Committee to extend to all persons connected with the school a very warm welcome to our 50th Jubilee celebrations.

As you can well imagine, many hours have been spent during the past two years seeking names and addresses of past pupils, teachers and ex-associates of the school in order to circularise them concerning the Golden Jubilee. It has been a real team effort and I express my appreciation to all members of the Committee for their devotion in planning the activities.

I cannot let the occasion pass without recording a special thank you to Mr Ray Lewis, the organiser of the celebrations and compiler of this booklet. Mr Lewis has been a tower of strength to our Committee and has given freely his time, in organising the festivities. Mr Lewis has previously gained valuable knowledge and experience from his association with other school jubilees and his assistance to our Committee proved a very valuable contribution indeed.

The school now has a very fine assembly hall, made possible by the wonderful achievements of the Jubilee Hall Committee which was formed many years ago to raise funds for this project. The Jubilee Committee extends grateful thanks to all persons who worked so hard over so many years to raise the necessary finance in order that this assembly hall could be built in time for the Jubilee of the school.

The Jubilee Committee has arranged the celebrations to commemorate 50 years' existence of the school. It is now over to you as a person connected with the school over the last 50 years to really enjoy the celebrations.

JOAN EDWARD,  
Chairman.

## JUBILEE COMMITTEE

WEST SPREYDON SCHOOL GOLDEN JUBILEE

**Chairman:** Mrs Joan Edward

**Secretary:** Mrs Betty de Roo

**Treasurer:** Mrs Karlyn Webley

**Organiser:** Mr Ray Lewis

**Committee:**

Mesdames Enid Bancroft, Joy Richards, Lorraine McCaffrey, Mary Wards, Glenis Gibson, Pearl Edward, Eleanor Kemp, Mary Whitla and Mr Ron Fraser

**Rolls Committee:**

Mesdames Lorraine McCaffrey, Joan Edward, Pearl Edward, Mary Wards, Glenis Gibson, Mary Whitla and Joan Haines

**Activities Committee:**

Mesdames Betty de Roo, Karlyn Webley and Eleanor Kemp

**Printing and Publicity:** Mr Ray Lewis

**Souvenir Booklet:** Mr Ray Lewis (compiler and editor)

**Staff Representatives:**

Mr O. A. Michel, H.M., Mrs C. Allen and Mr D. Martin

**School Committee Representatives:**

Mr Paul Buist (Chairman), Mrs Glenis Gibson

**P.T.A. Representative:** Mrs Judy Newbury

**Hall Committee Representatives:**

Mrs Enid Bancroft and Mrs Joy Richards

**Present Pupils' Day:** Organised by the Staff

It was unfortunate that illness prevented Ron Fraser from attending meetings in the later months.



**JUBILEE COMMITTEE**

**Back Row:** Enid Bancroft (Buckley), Joy Richards (Stark), Betty de Roo (Stark), Karlyn Webley (Fraser), Lorraine McCaffrey (Whitla), Mary Wards, (Edward), Glenis Gibson

**Front Row:** Pearl Edward, Joan Edward (Scott), Ray Lewis, Eleanor Kemp (Ragg), Mary Whitla (Biddulph)

## JUBILEE PROGRAMME

**FRIDAY, 1st OCTOBER**—Athletic sports at the school.

9.15 a.m. to noon—The school will be conducting their annual athletic sports—11 a.m. the infants will provide their activities. During the morning all classrooms will be open for inspection of displays. Visitors and parents are assured of a very entertaining morning. Morning tea will be served by the Parent-Teacher Association.

2 p.m.—Entertainment will be provided by Milo the Magician and Heather Mitchell, then the children will receive refreshments and their souvenir badges.

7 p.m.—The Student Union Building, Ilam Road, will be open for refreshments. Admission by ticket only.

8 p.m.—Jubilee Buffet Dinner. Preceded by toasts. After dinner Heather Mitchell will entertain.

**SATURDAY, 2nd OCTOBER**—1.30 p.m. Assembly at School—

Official Ceremony—Ring of Bell—Cutting of Cake—Addresses—Roll Call—Official Photographs including Decade Groups, Staff and Committees—Afternoon Tea.

8 p.m.—Grand Jubilee Ball at Student Union Hall, Ilam Road. Barry White, an ex-pupil, will be the M.C. The Original Skiffle Group, which was associated with the school many years ago, has been reformed especially to entertain during the evening.

**SUNDAY, 3rd OCTOBER**—1.30 p.m. at the school.

Interdenominational Church Service arranged by the Clergy of the district. The present Pupils' Choir will take part. The Spreydon Salvation Army Band will be in attendance.

**TOAST LIST**—to precede dinner

**THE QUEEN**

Proposed by the M.C., Mr Ray Lewis.

**ABSENT FRIENDS**

Proposed by Mr Gavin Taylor.

**THE SCHOOL**

Proposed by Mr Freeman Holmes.

**Response:** Mr O. A. Michel, Present Headmaster.

**GRACE**

Rev. Lloyd Williams, ex-pupil.

# OFFICIAL CEREMONY

At the School — Saturday, 2nd October, 1.30 p.m.

## **N.Z. Anthem**

Spreydon Salvation Army Band

## **Introductory Remarks**

Mr Ray Lewis, Master of Ceremonies

## **Handing Over the Grounds**

Mr Paul Buist, Chairman, School Committee

## **Ringling or School Bell**

Mr Ron Fraser, 1st Day Pupil

## **Cutting of Jubilee Cake**

Miss Edna Fraser, 1st Day Pupil and sister of Ron Fraser

## **Presentation of Sprays**

Pupils of School

## **Telegrams and Greetings**

Read by Ray Lewis

## **Addresses**

His Worship the Mayor of Christchurch, Mr H. G. Hay  
Mr Eric Holland, M.P., deputising for the Minister of Education  
Mrs N. J. Johnson, representing the Canterbury Education Board  
Mr John Kirk, Member of Parliament for District  
Mr G. W. Cotton, Past Headmaster  
Mr O. A. Michel, Present Headmaster

## **Handing Over of Plaque to Commemorate Jubilee Hall**

Mrs Enid Bancroft

## **Roll Call**

Read by Mr Ray Lewis

1st Day Pupils

1st Decade 1926-1935

2nd Decade 1926-1945

3rd Decade 1946-1955

4th Decade 1956-1965

5th Decade 1966-1976

Staff

Committee Members School and P.T.A.

Gold Badge

Buff Badge

Yellow Badge

Green Badge

Red Badge

Blue Badge

White Badge

Pink Badge

## **Photographs**

The Total Assembly

Past and Present Staff

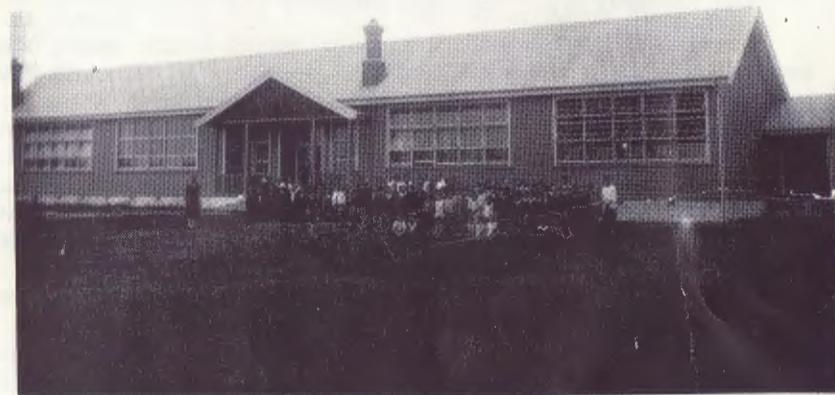
Past and Present Committee Members, including Caretakers

1st Day Pupils

Decades, starting with 1st

## **Afternoon Tea**

Please wear your Badge at all functions.



ORIGINAL SCHOOL BLOCK 1926.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WEST SPREYDON SCHOOL

**Compiled and written by Mr L. C. Weir, Current Deputy Principal**

At the meeting of the Education Board on 18th March, 1918, it was decided to purchase a school site in Lyttelton Street comprising 4 acres 20 perches for the sum of £700 (\$1,400). The purchase was duly completed but nothing further was done toward the provision of a school until 1924, when a four-roomed wooden building was erected by the Board's workmen at an approximate cost of £454 (\$908) which included furniture.

The following advertisement appeared in the Christchurch daily newspapers on 2nd December, 1925.

Canterbury Education Board

### **Lyttelton Street School**

A meeting of Householders will be held in the new school on Tuesday, 8th December, at 7.30 p.m. to arrange for the management of the new school. A cordial invitation to be present is extended to everyone interested.

Matters to be dealt with include Election of Committee, Boundaries of District, Selection of a name for the school, etc.

THOMAS HUGHES,

Chairman.

Following this notice about 70 householders met Board representatives and Mr E. A. Anderson, a Board member, was elected to chair the meeting. The Chairman addressed the meeting and explained the steps to be taken to put the school into operation.

The following items were then discussed and decided:—

Name of District: The most favoured names for the new school were "Te Whatea", "Hill View" and West Spreydon". The last was the most popular but it was eventually decided to leave the matter in the hands of the new Committee to make a recommendation to the Board.

A map showing the district was exhibited and it was resolved to recommend the Board to constitute a school district. This district was essentially the same as the present school district today, except for the western boundary which extended out beyond the present Hoon Hay School.

At the election of the first committee 13 names were proposed for a committee of seven.

The first meeting of the School Committee was held after the public meeting whereupon Mr P. Hennessy was elected Chairman and Mr J. Clemens elected Secretary.

On 1st February, 1926 the school was opened with a roll of 96 pupils. The first staff members were temporary (there were three), the Headmaster being Mr Parsonage, and it was not until June, 1927, the first permanent Headmaster, Mr S. Baird, was appointed. Miss J. Keir was appointed permanent Infant Mistress at the same time.



GUESS WHO? PHOTO No. 1  
The Infant Classes 1926.  
can you recognise anyone?  
(names in back of book)

In the first year of the school's life, funds were raised by the newly elected Committee to purchase a "fine piano".

In the early 1930s a Baths Committee was set up to raise funds for a swimming pool and this culminated in the present large pool being opened for the summer of 1933-1934.

### 1st DAY PUPILS

- |                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Clark, Leicester Clarence  | 49. Philpott, Esne Maisie     |
| 2. Anstey, Emily              | 50. Sloan, Mona Mary          |
| 3. Fraser, Edna Daphne        | 51. Smith, Isabel             |
| 4. Sheppard, Avice Prior      | 52. Beckinsale, Geoffrey      |
| 5. Jack, John James           | 53. Cheeseman, Garth Owen     |
| 6. Grey, Frederick Roland     | 54. Clough, Harold Alexander  |
| 7. Holmes, Lilian Rose        | 55. Dench, John Edward        |
| 8. Sloan, Emily Jane          | 56. Fraser, Ronald Errol      |
| 9. Scott, Dorothy Ellen       | 57. Gaskell, William          |
| 10. Clemens, Elwyn Dorothy    | 58. Craig, Keith Campbell S.  |
| 11. Glover, Ellen             | 59. Howlett, Roy Charles      |
| 12. Francis, Arthur           | 60. Marson, Harry Duncan      |
| 13. Blakeway, Boswell Robert  | 61. Newsome, Cyrel            |
| 14. Merrett, Clifford Raymond | 62. Smith, Leslie Albert      |
| 15. Scott, Leonard James      | 63. Sparks, Basil             |
| 16. Chambers, Leslie Arthur   | 64. Clemens, Peggy Joan       |
| 17. Hart, John Leslie Ronald  | 65. Cross, Ena Clarence       |
| 18. Marson, Frances Eileen    | 66. Good, Doris Frances       |
| 19. Clemens, Mavis Zena       | 67. Judkins, Mavis Nellie     |
| 20. Broughton, Dorothy May    | 68. Scott, Joan Mildred       |
| 21. Bell, May Alzie           | 69. Atkins, Monica Elsie      |
| 22. Goddard, Jessie Georgina  | 70. Johns, Joyce Irene        |
| 23. Jones, Ngaire Elizabeth   | 71. Greenslade, Joan          |
| 24. Smith, Thelma             | 72. Howlett, Edith Ngaire     |
| 25. Howlett, Dulcie Agnes     | 73. McEwin, Frances Stella    |
| 26. Grey, Miriam Reid         | 74. Scott, Hilda              |
| 27. Campbell, Keith Bruce     | 75. Blatchford, Isabel Manson |
| 28. Foster, Reginald Welsh    | 76. Cheeseman, Lindsay Muriel |
| 29. Poll, Langley Kenneth     | 77. Dench, Eleanor Kate       |
| 30. Clark, Frederick Roy      | 78. Marsh, Anita Lizzie       |
| 31. Judkins, Payne S. Henry   | 79. Stephens, Bernice Ella    |
| 32. Atkins, John Augustus     | 80. Dennes, George Vic.       |
| 33. Ross, Percy Claude        | 81. Fraser, Allan             |
| 34. Williamson, Ella Elsie    | 82. Ross, Leslie Herbert      |
| 35. Anstey, Irene             | 83. Townsend, Leslie          |
| 36. Hawken, Lorna Jean        | 84. Cross, Douglas Arthur     |
| 37. Clark, Ivy Irene          | 85. Irving, Lloyd George      |
| 38. Howlett, Rita Abigail     | 86. Marson, Raymond Thomas    |
| 39. Gordon, Helen Margaret    | 87. Randall, Clement Arthur   |
| 40. Turner, Evelyn Margaret   | 88. Ross, Hector Norman       |
| 41. Robinson, Olga Ethel      | 89. Boyle, Thomas Henry       |
| 42. Scott, Douglas Victor     | 90. Newsome, Bruce Alexander  |
| 43. Smith, Gordon Athol       | 91. Kitson, Bobbie Gordon A.  |
| 44. Turner, William John      | 92. Chammen, Raymond H.       |
| 45. White, Robert Leslie      | 93. McBeath, Lawrence Donald  |
| 46. Clark, Olive Mavis        | 94. Smail, Thomas Ingram      |
| 47. McMillan, Erere           | 95. Washington, Harold Rob    |
| 48. Patterson, Iris Daisy     | 96. Dench, James Arthur       |

The school roll steadily increased until by 1938 it had grown to nearly 300. In this year the present infant block of four classrooms was built. These were later remodelled in 1950 and again in 1967. In this year Rooms 4, 5, 6 and 7 were also remodelled to their present design.

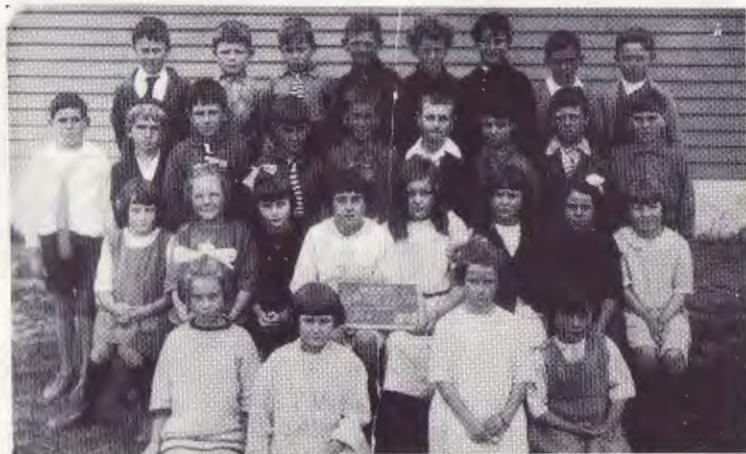
In 1952 the roll reached 448 and it was in this year that an experimental block, consisting of two prefabricated aluminium classrooms, was added to the school site. The "temporary" block is still "gracing" the north-west corner of the school grounds, 24 years later.

In 1958 the grey concrete block of two classrooms, library room and administration block was added. The library room has been continuously used as a classroom until 1974 when the final conversion to a full well-equipped library was completed.

The school roll reached 490 in 1955 and the staff consisted of 14 teachers and one Head Teacher, but the opening of Hoon Hay School in 1959 has led to a continuing stabilisation of the roll at slightly over 420 pupils.

Last year, 1975, was a year of sudden and startling changes in the external appearance of West Spreydon School. In January of that year an inexplicable fire gutted Room 4 of the original 1924 block and this caused damage to neighbouring Room 5. Both rooms were reconstructed and the entire original block was remodelled and redecorated.

Construction of the Jubilee School Hall was completed in October of that year and this was followed by the completion of the new relocatable classroom, positioned in front of the original wooden block, in February of this year.



GUESS WHO? PHOTO No. 2  
Standards 1 and 2, 1926.



GUESS WHO? PHOTO No. 3  
Standards 5 and 6, 1926.

The physical outline of the school has thus altered in many ways since February 1926 when those first pupils entered the gates of West Spreydon Schol and through the doors of the original school.

The rooms of that school fifty years and thousands of children later, still remain the nucleus of the present school today.



GUESS WHO? PHOTO No. 4  
Standards 3 and 4, 1926.  
No names available.

## HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**From information compiled by Mrs Gray, Secretary current School Committee.**

As the newly established West Spreydon School was due to open its doors on the 1st February, 1926, to enrol pupils for the first time, it was necessary to elect a School Committee to administer the normal affairs of the school.

The first Householders' Meeting was held in the new school on Tuesday, 8th December, 1925 and seven persons were elected to constitute the first Committee of the school.

This Committee was of a temporary nature until April, 1926, the statutory time set down by the Canterbury Education Board for all schools to elect their committees, nevertheless, those persons elected at the above meeting officially constituted the first School Committee of the West Spreydon School.

Persons elected at this meeting were: Messrs E. Good, J. Clements, W. C. Craig, R. A. Glover, P. Hennessy, H. E. Judkins and Mrs M. Campbell. Mr Hennessy was elected Chairman and Mr Clements as Secretary.

This Committee, now given the authority to do things for the school, wanted to get on with the job in hand, and make sure the school got a good start and with this in mind they decided that a suitable function be arranged to commemorate the opening of the school. This took the form of a euchre and dance on 3rd February, 1926.

As is usual with the opening of a new school, there are so many types of extra equipment urgently required and numerous things to be done. This Committee were quickly on the ball and immediately set in motion all sorts of fund-raising schemes for necessities such as a new piano, etc. They also started writing to the Canterbury Education Board, putting the pressure on them to show some urgency to complete certain tasks around the grounds, including fences and what have you.

At the Householders' Meeting held on 26th April, 1926 all but one of the original Committee were re-elected. Mr Hennessy was not available and Mr S. Robinson was elected as the replacement. Mr R. Glover was appointed Chairman, and Mr J. Clements re-elected Secretary.



THE FIRST SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1926.

At this meeting on 25th April, the Committee realised the valuable contribution the ladies could make towards school activities and decided to set up a Ladies' Social Committee. Persons elected to this were:— Mesdames Gordon, Good, Rogers, Craig, Gaskell, Campbell, Raudall, Glover, Gey and Robinson.

It was also decided at this meeting to appoint a caretaker at (mark this) £5.0.0 (five pounds) per calendar month (that works out at about £1.3.3 (one pound, three shillings and threepence per week)). Wow! What a wage! A Mr Douglas was the lucky man appointed.

Many and varied were the tasks tackled by this early Committee, and many a weekend you could see them around the school grounds with their shirtsleeves rolled up, hard at it, endeavouring to improve surroundings and facilities for the betterment of the school. They certainly had the interest of all concerned in mind.

The school owes a debt of gratitude to these stalwarts of the past who, by their efforts, established a fine record of achievement for the school and created a pattern for later committees to follow.

Unfortunately, no records or minute books can be located for the period from 1936 to 1969, therefore we were unable to supply any details for these intervening years. We feel confident that Committees for this period carried on the tradition of good work set by earlier Committees.

If any person can supply any information for this period, we trust they will pass it on to current Headmasters so that these gaps could be filled in, thereby helping to make the history complete for future jubilees.

## OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEES

Chairmen		Secretaries	
1925-26	Mr. P. Hennessy	1925-29	Mr J. Clements
1926-31	Mr R. A. Glover	1930	Mr F. May
1932	Mr Philpot	1931	Mr Marsh
1933	Mr R. A. Glover	1932-35	Mr Mason
1934-36	Mr Birss	1936	Mr A. Austin
	Period Missing		Period Missing
1969-70	Mr N. Lyall	1969-70	Mrs B. Gill
1971-72	Mr R. L. Hembrow	1971-72	Mr R. Lester
1973	Mr O. A. Odering	1973-	Mrs J. Gray
1973-	Mr P. Buist		

The roll of the School Committee today remains much the same, its basic function is administrative, controlling and maintenance of all buildings, equipment and grounds. They also have to face the cost of fuelling, lighting and other necessities to maintain a standard of efficiency for the education of the children.

A School Committee is often faced with the problem of providing extra facilities for the betterment of the school, therefore any project instigated by them is worthy of the utmost support.

By the way, in October, 1926 the Committee received a letter from the Canterbury Board confirming that the school would be officially known as the West Spreydon School.

In June, 1928 the colours of the school were registered. They were navy blue, with maroon and gold edging.



PRESENT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

*Back Row:* Lorelei Le Beau, Clive Grenfell, Murray Smith, Geoffrey Greig, Glenis Gibson.  
*Front Row:* Stan Lilley, Jenny Gray (Treasurer), Paul Buist (Chairman), Bill McPherson (Treasurer).



MR PAUL BUIST

### A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESENT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

On behalf of the West Spreydon School Committee it gives me great pleasure to welcome all ex-pupils, teachers, committee members and associates of the school to the 50th Jubilee celebrations.

On this occasion we remember humbly and with gratitude the devoted service over the years of the numberless men, women and children who have made West Spreydon School what it is today. We also remember the past Headmasters and teachers, all of whom have left some of their ideals and planning with the school, and the thousands of children who have been educated, played and worked at the school. We welcome them and hope that they will take part, and find enjoyment from the Jubilee, as they are a living record of the history of the school.

It is also fitting that we should record our appreciation of Mrs Edward and the Jubilee Committee for the able and enthusiastic manner in which they have organised the celebrations. For two years now they have met regularly at the school and also at their own homes to make this Jubilee the success I am sure it is going to be. Without them there would be no Jubilee celebrations, for this we thank them and praise them for the success of their efforts.

P. BUIST,  
 Chairman, West Spreydon School Committee.

## WEST SPREYDON JUBILEE HALL FUND ASSOCIATION

Towards the end of 1966, a small Committee was formed with the aim of raising money to build a hall at the school to celebrate the school's Fiftieth Jubilee in 1976. Mr Gavin Taylor was elected to chair the first meeting and remained as Chairman for six years. At the outset the Committee was very small in numbers and this made fundraising very difficult, but over the last five years, with an increase of Committee members and the more active support of parents, friends and pupils, we accomplished in 1975 what we set out to achieve. During the last four years, Mrs Enid Bancroft has been our Chairwoman.

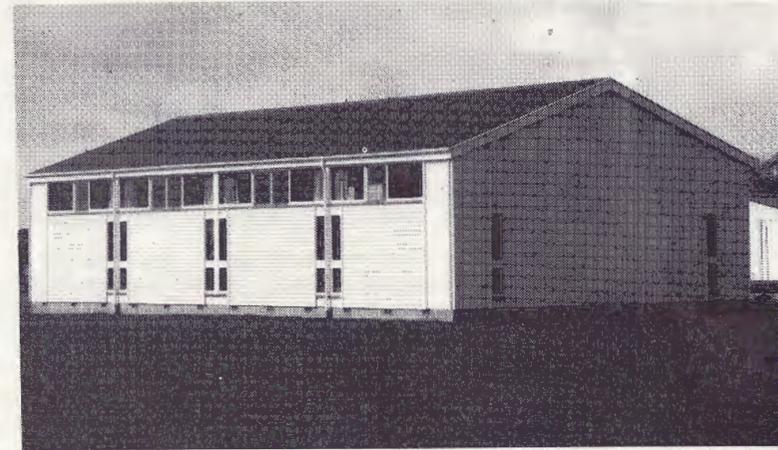
It is interesting to note that at one of our first meetings the amount of five thousand pounds was the approximate amount considered necessary to build the hall, but in the early years of the Committee, with the Jubilee being so far away, this project seemed to lack enthusiasm and finally took nine years to raise sufficient money, at which stage this figure had gone from five thousand pounds to thirty-five thousand dollars.



JUBILEE HALL COMMITTEE

*Back Row:* Marina Lilley, Barbara Barless, Muriel Smith, John Marshall, Sylvia Coxon, Pat McPherson, Judy McKay.

*Front Row:* Lloyd Firth, Lorelei Le Beau, Enid Bancroft (Buckley), Joy Richards (Stark), Pam Townsend (Greenslade), Gavin Taylor. *Inset:* Peter Alexander.



THE JUBILEE HALL

During the first few years the Hall Committee tried house sessions without much success, but found it more rewarding when we launched into Mannequin Parades and Cabaret Evenings, with the pupils joining in on sponsored Treks. Raffles were our most successful money spinners, together with three Fairs. We also ran many smaller projects, such as bottle drives, jumble sales, cake stalls, paper drives, square dancing and a manure drive.

There are many people, firms and organisations who deserve our thanks. These are too numerous to mention but their support to our projects has been most gratifying.

Our Patron, until her death, was Mrs Olga Babbage (nee Robinson), a first day pupil of the school. In 1973 the Prime Minister, the late Mr Norman Kirk, accepted the position of Patron and remained as such until his death.

It is with great satisfaction that the Committee sees the completion of their project in time for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the school.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

Ken Morrison, of Elsham Courts on the corner of Cashel Street and High Street, is the official photographer for the celebrations. He will be taking candid shots at all functions, plus the official decade groups on Saturday. Proofs of all these will be on display during the weekend, where orders can be placed for the copies you require.

After the festivities proofs may be viewed at his shop in Elsham Courts.

## HEADMASTERS

The West Spreydon School has been particularly fortunate over the years in having headmasters who not only took a keen interest in the education of the children, but had other outside interests they were happy to inject into activities not normally associated with school lessons. Some of these included all forms of sport, musical groups, hobbies, picnics, outings, queen carnivals, Christmas parties and many more.

During school years, many pupils take an instant dislike to headmasters and create opportunities to say nasty things about them. However, the interest taken by the headmasters in the welfare and wellbeing of the children has eliminated this animosity and now, given the opportunity of looking back, these same ex-pupils who bore grudges at the time, have come to the conclusion that after all said and done, the headmasters were great guys, doing a job to benefit the children.

It is interesting to note that many past headmasters have really excelled in their fields and gone on to represent Canterbury, and in some cases New Zealand, thereby bringing honour and fame to themselves. The West Spreydon School is proud to claim association with such personalities.

A letter received from Mr D. J. C. Pringle, a past headmaster, which confirms some of the above information.

## MEMORIES OF PAST HEADMASTERS

I know that one early headmaster was a Mr V. J. Gamble. He was very keen on sport and I remember in 1958 when we shifted from the old office to the new administration block, I was careful to pack a number of photographs of him, with his schoolboy rugby teams, into a box, saying to someone at the time "These will be valuable when there is a Jubilee". I hope subsequent headmasters also preserved them.

I had also taken many photos of various school and sports activities during my time, 1953-1958, and mounted copies in a photograph album, with the same end in view. One, I remember, was of seven Dennis children, all from the one family, and all on the roll at the same time. Each year Mrs Dennis has been the first to send us a Christmas Card, and of recent times her oldest son has done likewise, on one occasion while he was serving with the N.Z. Battalions' Signal Corps. in Singapore.

There was one headmaster who was very keen on music, a Mr W. Parry, as was R. Harrison who conducted a children's session on the radio.

My predecessor was Walter Cartwright who, like Bill Cotton, was a veteran of the First World War, as I was of the Second.

Walter Cartwright was a fine big understanding man, had been a noted rugby forward, a N.Z. University Rep., and he was also a member of the 1919 Army team that toured South Africa after the First World War.

By the way, I once discovered in the bottom of a corridor cupboard in the old block a fine wooden shield, with inscribed on it, in gold lettering the Latin words (the motto of Earl Ferrers)

"Honor Virtutis Praemium"

"Honour is the Reward of Virtue"

I think the school monogram was featured above this inscription.

Anyhow, the late Lowry Jennings, formerly an assistant master at West Spreydon School and who retired as a Staff Inspector of the Canterbury Education Board, was at the school on one occasion during my time there. Lowry and I both played half back for the Dunedin Training College 1st fifteen, he in 1923 and I in 1924. I fished out the shield and Lowry beamed. "That" he said, "was the motto of the West Spreydon School when I was on the staff here". If the old shield is still about, it should arouse some interest among the older ex-pupils. The "progressives" would no doubt think it rather corny, but I'll guarantee Gough Whitlam wishes he had had that quality found among some of the Cabinet Ministers he has had to sack.

With best wishes for success in your noble task.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. C. PRINGLE.

Did you hear about the headmaster who sent a form home to the parents of the girl who had brought her five-year-old sister to school to enrol for the new term?

The form, which required all relevant details of the family, for instance number in family, parents occupations, duly arrived back at the school and included in the information was "We have nineteen children, ten girls and nine boys and, by the way, my husband can also do carpentry and plumbing".

## PRINCIPALS OF WEST SPREYDON SCHOOL

1926	Mr W. Parsonage	1941-47	Mr V. J. Gamble
1927-28	Mr S. Baird	1948-51	Mr G. W. Cotton
1929	Mr T. E. Eggleton	1952-53	Mr W. H. Cartwright
1930-31	Mr C. F. Arnold	1954-58	Mr D. J. C. Pringle
1932	Mr H. L. Jennings	1959-63	Mr E. J. Edwards
1933-36	Mr J. J. Parry	1964-69	Mr R. A. Evans
1937-40	Mr R. Harrison	1970-	Mr O. A. Michel



### PRESENT STAFF

*Back Row:* Mrs N. Marsden, Mrs D. Parsons, Mrs R. Garland, Mrs C. Allen, Mrs J. French, Miss E. Donaggio, Mrs D. Bell.

*Middle Row:* Mrs J. Harris, Mrs B. Eathorne, Miss H. Hill, Mrs P. Townsend, Miss P. Gibson, Mrs M. Drake, Mrs E. Murdock, Miss J. Gurr.

*Front Row:* Mr D. Martin, Mrs M. Chapman, Mr L. Weir, Mr O. A. Michel (Principal), Mrs D. Billecliff, Mr R. Brereton, Mrs B. Beresford.

Can you recall the one-eyed teacher? She only had one pupil.

## 'THROUGH THE MISTS'

Contributed by Mrs Peggy Chapman

West Spreydon Jubilee is a very special Jubilee for me. Everyone has "highlights" of school life and, at a jubilee, reminiscences just flow. I am looking forward to meeting again teachers, parents and many ex-pupils. Eighteen years may seem to some people to be a very long time to spend in one school but to me 1958-76 has been just a flash. Even now, with all our modern aids, no school day is even really long enough to do all you want to do.

It's not necessary nowadays to burn the midnight oil making fiddly equipment, but you can read into the small hours to keep abreast with changes in education.

It doesn't seem only a flash when I try to remember back to 1958 but one thing does stand out. I do remember the teachers huddling over a tiny heater in the detached staff room which was situated at the back of the old block, near the tennis courts. Rain, hail or snow, Mr Pringle regularly showed us staff-training films.

Will I ever forget the long procession of infants putting on coats and hats to go across to the grim old toilets. One in the middle was reserved for lady teachers.

I also remember feeling very relieved when a wire fence was erected across the stream at the back of the infant block and supervision became easier for the teacher on duty.

At the time Hoon Hay was being built to take our overflow, the infant mistress (Mrs Billecliff) and I had 100 children between us (rooms 8 and 9), new entrants and those who had been at school for a little while. With the opening of the new school there was a welcome drop in our numbers.

The cutting down of the huge pine trees put a pall over the school. Children wrote letters to the committee. "Sorry, children, but they must come out." No more pine needle houses—no more looking at the sentinels—shade and shelter.

The new wing was an exciting event. The new staff room seemed luxurious after the old one. We had a library but its life was short-lived. It became a classroom and the books were shifted to the old art room (now the resource room).

The infant block and middle block were next on the list for renovations. We had social studies watching drain pipes being laid. On the day the bulldozers moved in to demolish the unsightly old toilet block I was having an inspection visit by Mr Ross Brooke. It was about 2 p.m. and, quite spontaneously, room 9 children cheered and filed out along with teacher and inspector. That was social studies.

The demolition of the toilets was a "highlight" alright and a milestone in the history of West Spreydon School. We just take our good facilities and amenities for granted now. Erased are the memories of the ghastly coconut mats the infants sat on. Some of our ex-pupils will remember the "corrugated" feeling when they stood up and the dusty frock or pants and mum complaining about her washing.

There was always something to look forward to—the Floral Pageants, children being chosen to ride on floats, tabloid sports, music festivals, fairs and the Flower Show in which most children and some staff participated in. Goods were afterwards auctioned and approximately £40 was raised. This was spent to help the school and was considered a pretty good profit. A visit to the farm was a wonderful adventure and art, models and stories were the order of the day and oral language flourished.

More recently treks to raise money for the Jubilee Hall Fund have proved exciting annual events and last year's Std. 4 classes enjoyed their party and break-up in our very own hall.

Some of you will remember that prior to the alterations on the old block, two rooms had a folding door between them. On occasions P.T.A. functions and some Std. 4 parties were held there—also puppet shows and magician entertainment. At a social a men's Can-Can item was hilarious and anyone participating or viewing it would never forget.

When room 3 became a library again, complete with modern shelving and deep rust carpet, formica tables and orange chairs, the school took on a new life.

Fire at 1 a.m. on 28th December, 1974 completely destroyed my classroom (room 4). The whole roof was badly damaged, the adjoining rooms and medical room, smoke and water damaged. Treasures of my teaching life were destroyed, most of them irreplaceable and among them souvenirs which I had been collecting for the jubilee.

While the children of rooms 4 and 5 were housed in two pre-fabs, from the blackened charred ruins of room 4 an amazing reconstruction took place and in June 1975 the children moved into their new rooms. All rooms have acoustic tiles in the ceiling and the hardboard floors are covered with rust red carpet tiles. We are proud of our pleasant rooms.

Six years ago I became Teacher-Leader for a Red Cross Youth Group and our children participate in community work. Our special "adopted" neighbours are the elderly citizens of Henessy Place and we entertain at Manning House. We have stalls and garden parties to raise money for worthy causes. Our present project is to help finance "hearing aids" for some Pacific children.

Have children changed? Not really! They are still the most wonderful, challenging, helpful, frustrating, unpredictable creatures on earth. No two days in a teacher's life are quite the same. No two children are ever quite alike, even identical twins. It is the uniqueness of the human personality. Yes, teaching is a very rewarding career and is a most colourful one. There is room for all your talents in teaching.



**'A' GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM 1934**  
Back Row: June Nyde, Pamela Greenslade, Trixie Nicholls, Ruan Harley  
Front Row: Joyce Warman, Joyce Erickson, Joyce Cross, Connie Briggs,  
Gladys English teacher, Miss G. Taylor.

## THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SWIMMING POOL

Soon after the school was opened, the Committee realised the need of a swimming pool of its own.

An approach was made to the Canterbury Education Board, but without success at first. The next move was an offer from the Government to subsidise the project, pound for pound, if the Committee raised half the money.

Euchre and dances, raffles, a Queen Carnival and numerous other functions were held.

By the time sufficient money was in hand, the depression of the early thirties had cut out all financial assistance and prospects of a swimming pool were not bright.

Eventually, through the assistance of the late Ted Howard (Member of Parliament for Christchurch South, as it was then known), an offer was made by the Government to supply labour under the No. 8 Unemployment Scheme, if the Committee paid for the material and paid the wages of an overseer. The Education Board supplied the necessary plant.

I was myself appointed overseer at the start of the undertaking but, after three weeks, I was fortunate in securing a permanent position and Mr Langford (a retired builder) took over and completed the project, thus giving the School a much needed asset.

Written by I. Q. MANSON,

Secretary of the School Committee for eight years.

The swimming pool certainly proved a wonderful asset to the school and proved to be the initial training ground for many a pupil who went on to great heights in the fields of sport associated with swimming. No doubt these people were very grateful indeed to have been given the opportunity of starting their careers and early training in the West Spreydon School swimming pool. Many of their names are mentioned in the sports section of this booklet. West Spreydon School can certainly be proud of numerous achievements of ex-pupils who made a name for themselves and New Zealand through their initial training in the school's swimming pool.



OPENING OF SWIMMING POOL

# THE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Compiled by Mesdames C. Lindsay and G. Gibson

The aim of the P.T.A. throughout the years has been to provide liaison between the parents and staff of the school.

As this is the Golden Jubilee of our school, it is most opportune to record the 32nd Anniversary of the P.T.A.

With the enthusiastic support of the Headmaster, Mr V. J. Gamble, the inaugural meeting of the West Spreydon School P.T.A. was held at the school at 7.30 p.m. on 14th June, 1944.

Approximately 70 persons attended this first meeting. Mr G. W. Parmenter was elected Chairman, Mrs Bisphan and Mr H. Bowes, Vice-Presidents, and Mrs Ogiers, Secretary-Treasurer.

It is interesting to note that the first motion passed at this meeting was "That the P.T.A. support the efforts of the School Committee to secure a dental clinic for the school". Prior to the formation of the P.T.A., the parents worked with the School Committee as "one big happy family" for the good of the school, holding shop days, card evenings, socials and fetes. All functions were very well supported by attendances and provided ample opportunities for enjoyment and happiness, an excellent basis for the new P.T.A. to build on, as well as helping to raise much needed finance for various school facilities.

The first P.T.A. social was held at the school on 13th July. This offered a variety of entertainment. Ladies brought a "basket" and men paid sixpence to cover the cost of hiring cups and saucers. This proved to be a great success and was the forerunner of many similar happy functions.

In 1946 the "cocoa scheme" was introduced, providing a hot drink for the children at lunch time, during the winter term. Surplus funds from the cocoa scheme were presented to the School Committee for the baths improvement scheme.

The Federation of P.T.As. was set up. and the school was affiliated to the new body, with two delegates appointed.

During the latter part of the war years, a one minute silence was observed at 9 p.m. at all meetings.

P.T.A. members worked well with the School Committee. to which they donated two dozen cups and saucers. (It's a poor job that can't stand a cup of tea, isn't it?)

A "Gold Diggers" Committee was set up to go into the question of raising money for the betterment of the school. In 1946 the P.T.A. held a big fair, the nett profit being £275.15s.11d. The school library was practically non-existent, particularly for the lower classes. The average price for a well-bound book ranged from five shillings to twelve shillings and prices were still rising. £100 was set aside for library purposes and £100 was given to the School Committee for the Baths Improvement Fund. P.T.A. members assisted the School Committee in making concrete paths from the small gate to the dental clinic which was under construction. The parents asked the P.T.A. to write to the Canterbury Education Board requesting urgency for the speeding up of the construction of the promised extra classrooms.

Early in 1948, the P.T.A. combined with the School Committee to plant a tree as a memorial to the late Headmaster, Mr V. J. Gamble, a weeping elm which still stands beside the dental clinic.

In 1949, end of year Standard 4 parties were introduced for all children leaving to attend other schools.

In 1950 the P.T.A. purchased a typewriter and duplicator machine for the school. A Fair Committee was set up and a Queen Carnival and Fair was arranged for September. Due to the huge financial success of these ventures, the P.T.A. was able to purchase a sound system for the school, donate £100 for library use, £50 for the infant department, £12 for a volley board, a new projector, a zip water heater, and the School Committee was given £10 towards watering the cricket pitch (nowadays cricket pitches are watered with water, not pounds).



A SKIFFLE BAND, 1960.

Left to Right: Noel Ryde, Carl Emanuel, Gavin Taylor, Bill McCammon,  
Hugh Townsend

Unfortunately, the records and minute books for the next 10 years of the P.T.A. have been lost, therefore details of their achievements for this period are not available. But you can rest assured that they have continued to carry on with the excellent work of previous years.

The role of the present P.T.A. is not only one of fund-raising. It is one of active voluntary parent participation, working in a closer association with the teachers—to help and guide the children, especially with their art, handicrafts and sports clubs during school time, and other after-school activities. This programme is proving to be both fruitful and most enjoyable for all concerned.



#### AN ITEM BY THE PTA

*Left to Right:* Heather Lankow, Harold Erikson, Noel Ryde, Carl Emanuel, Hugh Townsend, John Erikson, Bill McCammon

## THE P.T.A. ENTERTAINERS

Early 1960, a suggestion was made at a P.T.A. Committee meeting that a Skiffle Band be formed to entertain at the P.T.A. Annual Social Evening to be held later that year. A talented band of enthusiastic music makers was gathered together from the staff and parents. This group including a pianist, violinist, button and piano-accordion players, a ukulele expert plus specialists with a washing-board, a tea-chest bass and a kitchen tidy.



#### A SKETCH BY THE PTA, 1960's.

Bill McCammon and Noel Ryde operating on Carl Emanuel



#### PRESENT PTA COMMITTEE

*Back Row:* Bev Bloomfield, Bev O'Brien, Judy Newbury, Shirley Bell, Anke Numan, Glenis Gibson.  
*Front Row:* Marjory Grenfell (McKay) (Treasurer), Colleen Lindsay (Secretary), Stan Lilley (Vice-President), Anne Lester (President), Muriel Smith (Vice-President).

This team put in many long hours rehearsing their numbers and routines, mainly at various homes on Saturday nights. Then came their big moment, when they presented very polished performances at the P.T.A. social for Standard 4 pupils at the end of that year.

This activity proved so entertaining and successful that further similar groups were formed for the same purpose the next year. A new innovation was introduced, the "Corps de Ballet", which entertained not only the P.T.A., but was in demand for other organisations and functions. As time progressed, so did the versatility of the performers, and sketches and other items were added to their repertoire.



THE PTA CAN-CAN GIRLS, 1961

Aren't they gorgeous!

*Left to Right:* Carl Emanuel, Gavin Taylor, Bill, McCammon, John Erikson, Ted Bodger, Ian Kinley

These people entered into these activities with much enthusiasm. They went to a lot of trouble to obtain suitable costumes and spent a lot of time in designing and painting stage props and scenery, as can be seen in the photos on these pages.

These social activities established a very strong bond between staff and parents and, apart from the pleasure derived from "acting the fool", proved that there was a lot of hidden talent at West Spreydon School. There were too many persons who participated in these activities to list their names, however, mention must be made of the enthusiasm of Mr E. A. D. (Ted) Bodger, who did much to ensure the successes in this field.

## WEST SPREYDON SCHOOL CHOIR

During the years 1954-58 the school choir, which performed annually at the Schools' Music Festival, reached a high level of performance. The P.T.A. helped to provide some musical instruments while parents generously supported the instrumental training by being willing to purchase recorders, descant and tenor, for their children. The lunchtime practices were held in two classrooms, and one of these practices was led by Std. 4 pupils. These rooms were always full of children, keen to learn.



THE SCHOOL CHOIR, 1958.

More advanced pupils played recorder music, including Bach Chorales, in four parts. In 1958 the Choir and Instrumental Groups were recorded by a recording firm, many of these records being bought by parents. Mr D. C. J. Pringle, the headmaster, now retired in Nelson, fully supported the musical life of West Spreydon School at this time.

This information was supplied by Mr Gordon R. Mathieson, a very modest man, who for many years during his association with the school devoted a great proportion of his time, including time spent outside school hours, in training the choirs and instrumental groups. His interest and enthusiasm no doubt contributed greatly towards the successes achieved with these groups. Thanks and appreciation are certainly due to Mr Mathieson for his continued efforts in this direction. Mr Mathieson is now headmaster of the Linwood Avenue School.



THE SCHOOL ENSEMBLE, 1957.

We must, of course, not forget the sterling work of the pianists who devoted many hours of their time playing for practices and engagements for both groups. Many names of these very able and helpful persons tend to be forgotten with the passing of the years, in fact very few are known to us today. A pity, because their contribution over the years played a major part in the successes of these different groups, therefore it is only fitting during this Jubilee that we pay tribute to all pianists who have helped the school groups over many years.

## THE SCHOOL AT PLAY

Most schools, when they reach the Golden Jubilee year, can look back over the years with tremendous pride at ex-pupils who have achieved fame and prominence in various fields of sport.

The West Spreydon School is no exception. In fact, it would be safe to say that this school can claim the remarkable record of producing more notable characters in sporting activities than any other school. The number of persons who have gone on to receive world recognition in so many different fields, plus the huge variety of different sporting activities that West Spreydon School pupils have excelled in, speaks volumes and is a tremendous tribute to the untiring efforts of the masters, mistresses and coaches of the old school who instilled a thorough training in the fundamentals of our national pastimes.

There are many who have distinguished themselves as fine champion exponents of their particular fields in competition with the pick of the Dominion. In addition, there have been numerous club players, and participants competing regularly in all grades throughout the provinces who, perhaps, not gaining fame in representative ranks, never failed to exemplify the true spirit of sportsmanship learned in their initial training at the school.

In the following pages mention is made of those persons who have been located up to the time of going to press. I feel sure many, many more ex-pupils have attained prominence in the field of sport. There are innumerable persons in this category who, for various reasons, do not receive a mention, possibly the main reason being that nothing is done in this direction until a school jubilee comes along, then this in turn sets in motion a movement to complete such a list and, being left to the Jubilee Committee, creates a major task in trying to locate such personalities, particularly in my case, as I have never been associated with the school. If any ex-pupils are in this group of champions of sport, or hear of ex-pupils worthy of mention, would you pass on this information to the present Jubilee Committee or, in future, to the current headmaster. This would certainly be of much value in helping with the compilation of the school history.

Many of you who read this account of West Spreydon School's champions in sport will no doubt wonder why various coaches and so-and-so has not been mentioned.

The reason is the limited space available, plus all those names not known to us. We offer our apologies.

In conclusion, we are sure that all past and present pupils of West Spreydon School can feel a justified pride in the sports record of their school, a record second to none. May it be carried on to even greater heights, in the same sportsman-like spirit of the past.

RAY LEWIS,  
Editor.



BARRY BRIGGS, MBE

In 1973, Barry Briggs was awarded the M.B.E. for his services to speedway and the sport of motorcycling. This was presented at Buckingham Palace by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. No other rider in the history of the sport has been honoured in this way. Barry also has the distinction of appearing in the "Guinness Book of Records" with his record number of 17 consecutive World Championship Final appearances.

Barry Briggs has won every major honour in speedway, including four World Championships, N.Z. Championship, six British Championships, plus an unequalled record of six consecutive British League Riders' Championships.

In the last two years he has been the author of four very successful books on motorcycling, including his autobiography. We were delighted when Barry made a donation of two of these books to the school library, when I approached him last year concerning the Jubilee.

At present he is the captain of the Wimbledon speedway team in London, and is a promoter of the "World of Champions Speedway Series" which consists of a team of riders who, at the time of receiving this information, were on a world tour, including N.Z., Australia and America.

Barry Briggs was born in Christchurch in 1934 and attended the West Spreydon School, as did his brothers, one of whom, Murray Briggs, has also made a name for himself in motorcycling. He recently emerged as the English National Grass Motorcycling Champion. Unfortunately, that is all the information available on Murray.



PETER KNIGHT

It would probably take several pages of this booklet to record all the achievements and successes that Peter Knight has accumulated over the years. However, as space does not permit this, we can only disclose a brief summary of his records associated with the sport of speedboat racing.

His interest in speedboating evolved from a hobby whilst working in the Chatham's when he bought a boat to fill in a few leisure hours hunting swans. He named this boat "Mispat" and on his return to Christchurch he joined the New Brighton Power Boat Club and decided to try his hand at speedboat racing with his boat as he considered this could be more fun than chasing swans. He achieved moderate successes and having now been bitten by the bug of competitive sport decided to cultivate his interest in this direction.

Peter acquired other boats, worked on them, modified them, steadily building up to his "Bel Air" lines, with a strong desire to be included in the N.Z. team which was going to Canada to compete in the World Series. The N.Z. team took the trophy in the World Championships in Canada.

Before leaving for Canada Peter, in his "Bel Air", took the 180 cubic inch N.Z. Title. He also did a speed of 109 m.p.h., an Australasian record.

In 1968, Peter Knight in his "Bel Air III" gained the first world record to come to N.Z. in the world of water, with a speed of 114.131 miles per hour on the New Brighton Estuary.

Being a carpenter by trade, Peter designed, built and drove his own boats. Three of these were called "Road Runner", "Bel Air" and "Miss Latimer Lodge".

Peter is one of only two speedboat drivers in Australasia to have ever been awarded a U.I.M. (Union of Internationale Motor Boating) Gold Medal for his dedication and performances in the power boating world.

In December, 1972 he won the Massport Cup for unlimited speedboats in N.Z. He won the American National Sweepstakes at Red Bank, New York.

Peter is also an executive member of the N.Z. Power Boating Association and is a real tribute to his chosen sport.

## THE HOLMES BOYS

Freeman Holmes attended West Spreydon School from 1930 to 1937, then Boys' High School from 1938 to 1941 where he represented the school at rugby, athletics and life-saving.

He worked for Dalgety and Co. for several years, married Peggy Drewery, and moved to Darfield. Two years later he purchased a farm at Alford, where he farmed for 15 years. During this period Freeman became well known as a trotting commentator at meetings from Wellington to Dunedin, including many country meetings.

In 1969 Freeman decided to take a more active part in the trotting business. He purchased a property at Ellesmere and set up a trotting stud and training establishment, where the stallions "Playbill", "March Lobell" and "Jersey Hanover" have stood with great successes.

Freeman won 10 races with "Ambro Free", 12 with "Edis Nova", including the N.Z. Trotting Stakes. However, it is with the champion juvenile pacer "Noodlum" that has put him to the forefront in the world of trotting.

"Noodlum" created records over all distances as a two-year-old, culminating with victories in the N.Z. Sapling Stakes and N.Z. Juvenile Championship. As a three-year-old he won a further eight races in succession, taking his tally to 15 in succession, including the N.Z. Derby. This string of victories surpassed the great "Cardigan Bay's" record of 10 in a row. Taken to Australia, he brilliantly won the Queensland Derby.

Graham Holmes attended West Spreydon School from 1934 to 1939, then Boys' High School, after which he worked for his father and being keen to start driving trotting horses was given the opportunity, commencing at the age of 18, and had immediate successes. He drove among his early winners "Lord Peterson", "Sir Peterson", "Red Chase", "Calando", "Vigilant", "Morano", "Adorian" and "Forward". His classic winners were "Buccanel" (N.Z. Sapling Stakes and Timaru Nursery), "Strauss" (Golden Slipper Stakes) and "Forward Star" (Oamaru Stakes).

In 1954 he married Maureen Robb and shortly after purchased a farm at Templeton and set up an ideal stud and training establishment. His most important training and driving successes have been with "Co-Pilot" (3rd, N.Z. Cup, plus 10 other races), "Bluff" (eight wins), "Pretoria Bob", "Commonwealth", "Turangi Chief", "Adio Morn", "Linda Sterling", "Linda Lee", "Morant", "Fallonaze" and others.

Probably Graham's best day's work was the day he purchased "Armbro Del" to replace "Morano" at stud. This horse was leading sire of two-year-olds, with his first crop, and each season since. His young stock have been particularly prominent in classic events. This present season he is again the leading sire of two-year-old pacers. That is Graham's horse, "Armbro Del", not Graham.

## SWIMMING

Much has been said about the school baths, but as this has proved to have been the most popular asset of the school it is therefore only fitting that we print some further comments from John Erikson who, after gaining his initial training whilst a pupil of the school, went on, with his brothers, to great heights in sports associated with swimming.

John recalls it was truly a pick and shovel effort to get the baths under construction. Labour was supplied by the Christchurch City Council Unemployment Scheme. This was supplemented by Committee members, parents, and even the children joined in, helping to dig with sticks or anything they could find. All the concrete was mixed by hand.

It was a great moment when Mr L. Jennings, a senior teacher, with a running dive off the springboard, "broke the ice" into the clear blue water.

Such was the appreciation of the fact that the school now had their own baths, that the weather never deterred the children from bringing their togs to school.

On many occasions before the days of filtration, the baths were emptied, cleaned by hand (with everybody bringing hand scrubbing brushes to get on with the job, so the baths would not be empty too long), the refilled once every two weeks.

It was a common sight on these occasions to see children splashing around in the cold water, perhaps only six inches deep, as the baths were refilling.

The P.T.A., under the presidency of Mrs Jean Crosby, with Lloyd Firth and Eric Morrin, started a concerted campaign to get a filtration system going in the baths.

It was not until about 1963 that the baths were filtered.

The West Spreydon Swimming Club was formed about 1934, just after the completion of the baths. This Club, although not affiliated to the Canterbury Centre, was very active in the local club competitions.

The first President was Mr J. H. Fraser and among those persons on the first committee were:— Reg Wilkins, Norm Odering, Syd Loader, Colin Erikson, Ces Austin, Jack Shepherd, Garth Cheeseman and Jim Hopewell. The first caretaker was Mr Tom Glover, who served in this capacity for a long time.

A weekly event for the club was the "Hottie Button" for boys. This was a silver button presented to the winner and was worn for the week. Dave Davies was one of the holders.

The early champions of the school were Nancy Lockhard and Eric McEwen.



BATHS COMMITTEE 1931

*Back Row:* — ? —, Mrs Etterick, G. Birss, C. Etterick, E. Good, L. Ennis,  
— Kirk —, Humphries.  
*Middle Row:* Brown, W. Small and Mesdames: Bearman, Kirk, Good, Manson,  
Cross, Brown, Howlett, Glover, Ennis.  
*Front Row:* Mesdames: Entwhistle, Birss, Bliss, — ? —, Mr and Mrs Gray.  
Even the toddlers came along to join in the fun sorry no names available.



WEST SPREYDON SWIMMING CLUB, 1935

A snapshot taken at the first carnival of the club held in the school baths.  
From left: J. Erickson (schoolboy champion), Mr J. Fraser (President), Nancy  
Lockhard (schoolgirl champion), and Mr E. J. Howard, M.P. (Patron).

## SWIMMING

John Erikson went on to become the junior, then the intermediate and finally the senior champion swimmer of Boys' High School.

Later he became the Canterbury junior, intermediate, and senior breaststroke champion, plus the intermediate backstroke and senior butterfly champion. He was also 2nd in the N.Z. Junior Boys' Championship in 1938.

He also gained a place in the South Island Stalag Shield Relay on two occasions. He was selected to join the Canterbury water polo team as well.

John was a true champion and is not slow to credit his successes to his initial training in the West Spreydon School swimming baths.

Further, John was one of the team that won the Inter-Secondary Schools' Sir John Hall Shield for life-saving, whilst he attended Boys' High School.

Another of his sporting interests was indoor bowls. He was the lead in the Spreydon indoor bowls team.

John is also a former Secretary of the Canterbury Centre N.Z.A.S.A.

Other pupils we know of who gained success since learning to swim at the school include:—

OWEN ERIKSON—Canterbury junior freestyle champion, 50 yards and 100 yards; junior boys' champion, Boys' High School.

ROSS ERIKSON—Gained the Diploma of the Royal Life-Saving Society.

Many other pupils have gained life-saving awards.

GLADYS ENGLISH (now Mrs Quick)—Canterbury representative intermediate girls' freestyle, 1939.

### INTER-SCONDARY SCHOOLS LIFE-SAVING

SUSAN WATSON (now Mrs Stevens)—Cashmere High School.

RENE BROOK (now Mrs Higgins)—Girls' High School.

These two girls were both members of winning teams in the Monica Thacker Shield competition.

Freeman Holmes, John Erikson, Brian Erikson and Ross Erikson were all members of winning teams in the Sir John Hall Shield competition, during their time at Boys' High.



WALTER CLOUGH

WALTER CLOUGH, an ex-pupil, must surely be credited with the highest honours for sheer determination and stamina in overcoming his disability. Although a paraplegic confined to a wheelchair in later years, he was not daunted by this, but managed to pursue his interest and participation in many sports.

Walter raised more than \$1,500 for the 1974 Commonwealth Games Fund when he swam 50 lengths of the Wharenui swimming pool in December, 1971. In October last year he swam non-stop for eight hours, covering 10,000 metres in the Queen Elizabeth II Park swimming pool. His effort raised \$2,500 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Paraplegic Association.

In his younger days, before being stricken with multiple sclerosis, Walter was a keen cycling champion, and the N.Z. junior track champion. He also gained the South Island junior fastest time in the 100 mile road race at Invercargill in 1939. Also in 1939 he came 4th, and gained junior fastest time in the round the gorges race, after puncturing at Aylesbury. He appeared on television last February to promote a sponsored relay run from Blenheim to Christchurch, organised by the Linwood Rugby Football Club and the Paraplegic Association.

Among other sports he excelled in were rugby, cricket, soccer and indoor bowls. He participated in the indoor bowls at the National Paraplegic Games at Burnham last Easter.

Walter died about two months ago. However, he will be remembered as a true sportsman, who not only achieved many successes, but one who also used his talents in sport to benefit others.

## MOTOR CYCLING

Apart from the Briggs boys, two other ex-pupils who excelled in this sport are worth mentioning, one in the speedway races, the other mainly in T.T., miniature scrambles and trials (I don't think they learnt this at school).

GAVIN RHODES, in 1973 was a Canterbury representative against Hawkes Bay and in 1974 was in the N.Z. team against the Rest of the World and in the same year in the N.Z. team against the British League team.

In 1974 he was 4th in the South Island solo championships. In 1973 Gavin gained the trophy for the best novice and in 1974 won a trip overseas for two on the points system.

ALEX ORMANDY, although not so high on the title winning list, has gained considerable credence in this field of sport, particularly in the administrative side. In 1957 Alex won the N.Z. Open Miniature T.T. Championship.

He was on the Committee of the Pioneer Club for five years during which time he organised and ran two three-day Kaikoura trials and three N.Z. championship trials. He rejoined the Corsair Club and now, 10 years later, is on the Committee of this Club as Trials Organiser. He also has the job of organising the flag marshals for clubs wishing to run a scramble or M.T.T.

Alex is also a qualified air pilot and has flown Tiger Moths, Harvords and P40 Warhawks. He was a keen member of the Canterbury Aero Club.

## ATHLETICS

JOHN MORRISSEY, whilst at Boys' High School, was the school's senior sprint champion, holding the title for 1956 and 1957. His fastest time for the 100 yards was 10.4 seconds, and in his last year there he equalled the inter-secondary schools' record for 440 yards.

Later he held the Canterbury Track Championships in both the junior and senior grades of 100 yards and 440 yards for two seasons. In taking the title in the 440 yards, his time of 48.9 seconds broke the existing record (49.5 sec.) held jointly at the time by Empire Games athletes D. R. Batten and J. W. Sutherland, who had previously held this for a number of years.

John, on two occasions, represented Canterbury at the N.Z. Senior Athletics Championships and was also a member of the Canterbury 4 x 440 relay team that took the title which had been held for a long term by Auckland.

BRENTON EMANUEL, in 1968 whilst at Cashmere High, set a new record for the 80 hurdles and in 1967 and 1968 held the championship in the under 14 boys' hurdles, and in 1969 was placed third in the Canterbury A.A.A. javelin series.

## SOCCKER

JOHN DEAKINS is another ex-pupil who excelled in many sports. Apart from being a primary school representative in soccer, he was a secondary school representative in rugby and cricket. And if this is not sufficient proof of his versatility, he added yet another achievement, later he went on to be selected as a Canterbury representative in hockey for a number of years.

John is at present Christchurch manager for John Burns & Co. Ltd.



1935 SOCCER TEAM

Winners of Primary Schools Championship

*Back Row:* John Davies, Mathew Davies, Des Sleeman, Bert Laing, Philip Judkins.

*In Centre:* John Hogsden.

*Front Row:* John Erikson, Maurice Chappell, John Deakins, Snow Ellis, Walter Clough.

## HOCKEY

LEN TAYLOR, a former West Coast representative, is now a member of the N.Z. Hockey Council.

BRUN SMITH represented Canterbury and the N.Z. University Blue.

DOROTHY HAWES (now Mrs Motz) represented Canterbury.

## RUGBY

JOHN MORRISSEY first played rugby for West Spreydon School Inter-Schools' Championships. Then, whilst a pupil at South Intermediate, he represented Canterbury in the under 14 years schoolboys' teams and also represented Canterbury and New Zealand in the under 15 years Rugby League teams.

Whilst attending Boys' High School, John played for the school's first fifteen in 1956 and 1957. From school he went straight to senior rugby, playing regularly for High School Old Boys.

He first represented Canterbury in 1959 and was a regular player for the A side for three and a half years, playing 25 first class games for the province, before transferring to Dunedin where he represented Otago for two seasons.

For two years John was vice-captain of the South Island team which played the North Island teams. The South won both times, John scoring the winning goal on the second encounter.

He represented N.Z. in three tests in 1962, scoring two tries, and was the 101st Canterbury All-Black.

John also excelled in athletics. Details are recorded under this heading.

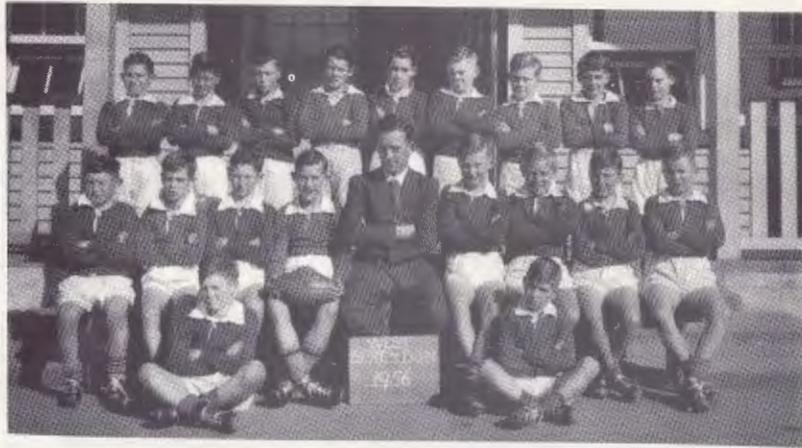
## EMANUEL BROTHERS

JOHN was selected to play for Cashmere 1st fifteen and scored many tries whilst playing for the Suburbs teams.

PIERRE represented North Canterbury, Golden Bay and Bay of Plenty at senior reserve level.

BRENTON played for the under 5 stone Suburbs team in 1964. In 1966 he was a member of the 5 stone 7 A team for Suburbs which won the Referees' Cup, the Hansen Shield, and was a runner up in the Golden Jubilee Cup. In 1966 he was also selected to represent Canterbury. In 1967 Brenton was chosen as captain of the under 5 stone team, but broke his leg. In 1969 he represented Canterbury in the under 7 stone team and in 1970 represented Canterbury in the under 8 stone team and was also a member of the winning seven-a-side team. In 1972 he represented Canterbury in 6th grade and in 1973 represented Canterbury in the under 20s. In 1974 he was a Canterbury representative in the senior reserve. In 1975 he was a Canterbury representative in the colts team. Now, in 1976 he is in Perth with a chance to represent W.A. Brenton also excelled in athletics. Details under this heading.

ANDREW BLAKE represented Canterbury in the under 8 stone team in 1964 and 1965.



THE SCHOOL 1st XIV RUGBY TEAM 1956  
Sorry boys no names available.

## CRICKET

RON FRASER was captain of the West Spreydon School team which won the Inter-Schools' Cricket Championship. He was also a representative in a Canterbury team which toured the North Island.

DON HILL represented Canterbury and Auckland.

IAN HARTLAND represented Canterbury.

BRUN SMITH represented Canterbury, N.Z. University Blue, and New Zealand.



THE SCHOOL 1st XI CRICKET TEAM 1957

## BASKETBALL

GLADYS ENGLISH (now Mrs Quick), represented Canterbury in all grades of Basketball.

PATRICIA HAWES (now Mrs Douglas), represented Canterbury.

SUE MORTON also excelled in basketball but details are not available.



'B' GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM, 1936.  
Winner of the Tournament.  
(Sorry girls, we don't know the names.)

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

Contributed by Mrs Joan Edward

The concert at the school, late '20s, when the song "I Dreamt that I Dwelt in Marble Halls" was sung over and over again, while waiting for the fairy queen (Edna Mullins) to keep her wings on.

The arrival of Kingsford-Smith when he flew over the school ground on his way to land at Wigram, 1928.

When the steers from Addington saleyards broke loose and pupils had to stay in school, and residents had to keep inside their gates, until all animals were rounded up and made safe.

A certain headmaster who had a "cat o' nine tails" as a strap—and did he use it? Yes sir!

## SOME MEMORIES OF WEST SPREYDON SCHOOL

by Graeme Coote

I started school at the beginning of 1940. I remember my first teacher, Miss Miller, and some of the events of those exciting but frightening days (there was no kindergarten then to prepare us for the big step). Who was the boy who filled his breeches during his first day in class? (I think I know but have the libel laws to consider), and who was the girl who, when requested for the loan of an eraser, handed me a lump of red plasticene? What a mess that made of my jotter book. The children in the standards were giants with knowledge beyond our comprehension.

I made many friends at West Spreydon, but have met few of them since we left. Hoping to renew friendships with some of them at the Jubilee, in particular Don Hembrow, Des Stewart, Joe Gundry, Barry Jackson, Barry Briggs and many more.

Many of you will share an unpleasant memory of those days; the long lonely walk to Somerfield School dental clinic, where those valiant nurses pedalled away at their drilling machines. The pleasant memories include the games of cricket and soccer in the lunch-hours, the hot meat pies we could buy at the corner shop for 3d, and those boxes of apples which mysteriously appeared for distribution one year.

Looking back from nearly "forty years on" I am conscious of how little we know of the people who influence our lives.

Mr Gamble taught us in Standard 3. Apart from the teaching of standard lessons, he had much enthusiasm for several activities, including music, hobbies and gardening. One of these was the teaching of swimming. By keeping the boys and girls to separate sessions, the boys were able to deport themselves without the nuisance of swim-suits (I never did find out if the girls did likewise!). The pool was neither filtered nor heated in those pioneer days, but it was a lot of shivery fun to splash around in the deep end as the pool was filling.

On our report cards we would see the signature of a perfect copper plate hand—V. J. Gamble. It was the most beautiful signature I have ever seen. After leaving West Spreydon I did not see Mr Gamble again.

We should all look back sometimes to our schooldays and be grateful to those teachers who prepared us to face a world they would not see.

At the time of writing the above, Dr Graeme E. Coote was on sabbatical leave from the Institute of Nuclear Sciences, Lower Hutt, N.Z. He was attached to the Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, mainly studying Nuclear Physics for peaceful purposes.

## RELECTIONS

by Graeme Pollock



GRAEME POLLOCK

It was to be a cold summer—yes, a trip to the Antarctic. It was indeed an opportunity of a lifetime, selected to represent the Boys' Brigade of New Zealand, an honour and the experience of two months on the ice was exciting and stimulating as a whole new world. The world's last frontier opened up and became a personal challenge. The fellowship of men working long hours together against the elements, in search of new discoveries and sharing in the "fun" moments, like racing across the ice on a sledge pulled by a dog team. It was a most rewarding and satisfying experience.

I was again fortunate to represent the National Council of Churches Youth Committee at the Christian Conference of Asia Youth Forum in Kuala Lumpur and the C.C.A. Fifth Assembly in Singapore in 1973. The two-month trip took me to the highlands of New Guinea, the metropolis of Manila, Philippines, the war-torn city of Saigon, then on to Bangkok and to Kuala Lumpur where over 100 Asian young people from 17 countries met to talk together, to listen and to learn from the experiences of each one. The main C.C.A. Assembly in Singapore meet to talk and resolve to face the challenges which are unique to Asia today. From Singapore the homeward journey included a trip to Kuching and an informative stay in Jakarta. After such an exposure to the challenges of life in Asia, I found that my outlook on life here in New Zealand was very changed, for surely we all must share in the great problems and challenges that face this "Global Village" we live in.

Currently I am teaching music and history at Burnside High School, having gained an M.A. (Hons.) in history and a Bachelor of Music (Mus.B.) at Canterbury University. I am also Chairman of the Christchurch CORSO Education Committee and N.Z. representative on the Christian Conference of Asia's Youth Committee.

## BEAUTY AS WELL

With so many "Queen Carnivals" and such like held at West Spreydon School, it is no wonder that real beauty queens should emerge from the ranks of ex-pupils.

One such beauty was Leslie Nichols who, in 1962, entered the Miss Canterbury contest and emerged with the coveted title of "Miss Canterbury 1962".

Leslie then went on to represent Canterbury in the Miss N.Z. Contest where she became runner-up to Miss N.Z. From there she was given the honour of representing N.Z. at the Miss Universe Contest in Miami, Florida, where she was one of 15 finalists.

After this, Leslie embarked on a very successful modelling career in N.Z. and also spent 12 months in London, England, doing modelling work.

A unique honour came her way when, in 1963, she was the only girl chosen from the South Island, along with 10 North Island girls, to model before the Queen during Her Majesty's last visit to N.Z. This was in Wellington in 1963.

Leslie (now Mrs Van Namen) is domiciled in Palmerston North.

DENISE FORTUNE, another West Spreydon girl, also achieved the honour of becoming runner-up to Miss Canterbury in 1965.

Who said beauty is only skin deep?



LESLIE NICHOLS

## NOT BEAUTY — But Another Achievemnet

We believe Denise's brother, Robert, was a N.Z. champion walker. We understand Robert was selected to represent N.Z. as a walker in one of the overseas Olympics, but an accident, just prior to leaving for overseas, prevented him from making the trip.

Can anyone recall the girl who was determined not to miss going to the school dance even though she had a very bad cold? As a precaution, she took along two hankies, one she put in her handbag, the other she tucked inside the top of her frock.

During the evening she used up the one in her handbag and searched frantically inside the top of her frock but could not find the other one.

During her search, and still looking down inside the top of her frock, she was heard to remark, "That's amazing, I could have sworn I had two when I arrived".

Dinah Lee was born 19th August, 1943 and was christened Diane Marie Jacobs. She attended the West Spreydon School, and later, whilst a high school girl was learning singing and tap dancing. About this time her parents were running the Belfast "Country Club" and decided to put her on to do a spot or two. During one of Howard Morrison's N.Z. tours, which included the Country Club, his girl vocalist took ill, and Diane was asked to fill the bill for the rest of the tour.



DINAH LEE  
The Blue Beat Girl

Later Diane moved to Auckland to make appearances at various hotels. Jim Huddleston offered to manage her career. She changed her name to "Dinah Lee", changed her hair-do and style of clothes. She met up with "Max Merritt and the Meteors" who backed her for her first record "The Blue Beat". This was an instant success. People everywhere bought records and kids started a craze of Dinah Lee hair-dos and frocks.

Her popularity boomed. She was asked to go to America to appear on "The Beverley Bros" show. From there she made a tour of Germany, London, Mexico and Vietnam. General Westmoreland presented her with a personally signed certificate of appreciation, plus a signed photo of himself, for her entertainment of the troops.

Diane returned to N.Z. and made a number of L.P. recordings and in 1965 was awarded the first entertainment award in N.Z., a gold statue made by a Frenchman.

She is now domiciled in Australia, has a tremendous staff on a permanent basis, including writers, arrangers, stage crews, agents, etc. She makes occasional trips around the world. On one of these occasions a minister in Belfast remarked to his congregations, and printed in the Parish news-sheet "Belfast grows red beet, silver beet and now we have blue beat". We all still remember her as "our blue beat girl".

Did you hear about the topless waitress who decided to go to confession in a hurry, so she went as she was—topless? She was about to enter the church when she was stopped by the priest, who said "Where are you going? You can't come into church like that."

The girl replied "You can't stop me, I have a divine right".

The priest looked at her, then said "You have a divine left too, but you still can't come into church like that".

## A FAMILY AFFAIR

After the West Spreydon School opened in 1926, the name of Odering appeared on the roll. In fact the name was Ruby Pearl Odering. This was the start of a long line of Oderings being educated at the school right up to the present. As far as we can ascertain, we can't find one year in the 50 years that the school has been in existence, that has no Odering on the roll.

Ruby's two nieces, Annette and Heather, attended the school later, then in 1934 cousins of Ruby, Raymond and Sylvia Odering, sent their children along to be enrolled.

Fifty years is a long time indeed, to have members of the one family attending each year. Surely this must constitute a fine record to be proud of? (They must have liked the school.) However, this tradition does not stop, because of the 50th Jubilee as there are Oderings at the school as pupils at present. These are the fifth generation of the family to attend the school, and it looks as if there could be Oderings attending the school for quite a number of years yet.

Some other names you may remember include:— Daphne May 1934, Graham Edward 1936, Esme Camille 1937, Janet Lorraine 1939, Donald Alf William 1940, Arthur Raymond 1943, Colin Anthony 1945, Mavis Sylvia 1946, Susan Gay 1953, and many more. The dates given are enrolment dates.

## JUDGE IN ENGLAND

A New Zealand man, Mr K. B. Campbell, has been made a judge of the Supreme Court in England.

Mr Campbell's brother in Christchurch, Mr R. P. Campbell, recently received the news of the appointment.

Keith Campbell, 58, attended Addington and West Spreydon schools, and received his secondary education at the Technical Institute.

He attended Canterbury College, then went to England in the 1930s.

Mr Campbell served in the British Army during World War 2, then after the war he finished his law degree.

He has a practice in "The Temple" where his eldest son also works as a barrister.

Mr Campbell won a by-election as a Conservative in the Labour stronghold seat of Oldham, near Manchester, in 1969. But he spent only one year in Parliament, losing his seat in the general election in 1970.

Mr Campbell told his Christchurch relatives that he would be working in the Old Bailey, and he was very pleased about his new position.

## A CLEVER LAD

JACK DAVIES won the dux of West Spreydon School in 1935. He then passed all the subjects to gain his matriculation in his second year at Boys' High School in 1937 (it normally took four years).

The School Board didn't allow him to receive the certificate and move into the sixth form (although he qualified) as they thought he was too young.

However, the following year, 1938, they automatically presented him with his matriculation.

Jack died before he had the opportunity of fully utilizing his talents.

## VOLUNTEER SERVICE ABROAD

DAVID WITHERS went to Apia, Western Samoa.

ROSS ERIKSON went to Vava'u in Tonga.

## BRASS BANDS

LINDSAY BROWN came second in the N.Z. Open Solo Trombone Championships. He was a member of the N.Z. Junior Brass Band for two years and is now a member of the N.Z. Army Band.

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and associates of the school  
A Very Enjoyable Jubilee*

## AN APPRECIATION

The organiser. A message of gratitude from the West Spreydon School Committee.

Have you ever tried running a Jubilee without somebody who knows what he is doing? We tried and would have failed miserably if it had not been for the appearance of Mr Ray Lewis, more popularly known as "Milo the Magician", at one of the first meetings organised by the School Committee to form the Jubilee Committee.

Mr Lewis is a man who gives a great deal of his own time at his personal expense to pass on the knowledge he has gained over the years in organising Jubilees. Without Mr Lewis' help I do not think that the West Spreydon School would now be celebrating its 50th Jubilee. The School Committee wishes to express to Mr Lewis its appreciation for the amount of time and effort he has put into making sure this Jubilee will be an outstanding success.



MR RAY LEWIS

P. BUIST,

Chairman, West Spreydon School Committee.

## THANKS

The Scott family, all five of them, and all 1st day pupils have generously donated the cost of the Jubilee Cake. This is a very fine gesture indeed. Therefore, we wish to record our very sincere appreciation to this family.

We also desire to record our sincere thanks to Mrs Judy Goodman who donated her time in icing the cake.

## BOOKS FOR INFANTS

During the Jubilee celebrations ex-pupils and parents will be given the opportunity of donating a book to the Infant Department. Each person who so contributes the cost of a book will have their name entered on a special slip in the front of the book as the donor. The cost of each book will vary from 80 cents to three dollars, and the P.T.A. will have a range of suitable books on display at the school during all festivities.

This is a wonderful opportunity of helping the infant department build up their much needed supply. We know we can count on your co-operation in this project.

## THE SOUVENIR BOOKLET

In compiling this souvenir booklet, I have tried to bring up to date facts of history associated with all aspects of the fifty years' growth of the school, plus interesting details of ex-pupils. This valuable information tends to be forgotten with the passing of the years, and a Jubilee affords the only true opportunity of recovering these interesting facts and recording them before they become lost in the mists forever.

The task has not been easy by any means, particularly since I have had no actual association with the school. Therefore, I trust you will find this booklet informative and interesting, and that it will be a valued asset for all time.

It has taken months and months of research to locate various forms of information, sometimes having to drag details from some persons. I have found many persons are very reluctant to disclose particulars of their own achievements when approached on the subject. The information printed herein is correct as far as I could ascertain. Therefore, I apologise for any mistakes, insufficient details, or omissions.

I would like to record my sincere thanks and appreciation for the co-operation and assistance of all those persons who contributed articles, information and details, and any person who helped in any way towards making this souvenir booklet possible.

Many thanks,

RAY LEWIS,

Editor.

### GUESS WHO? PHOTO No. 1

*Back Row:* Bruce Newsome, Jimmy Smail, Tommy Boyle, Bobby Kitson, Tommy Smail, Ray Chammen, Clem Randall, Eric McKeown, Peter Sloan.  
*Next Row:* Hector Ross, Lloyd Irving, George Dennes, — ? — Alan Fraser — ? Leslie Ross, — ? — Doug Cross.  
*Back Row Girls:* Inez Cross, Isobel Blatchford, Joan Greenslade — ? — Monica Atkin, Lyndsay Cheesman, Edith Howlett, R — Sandford, Stella McKeown, Joya Johns.  
*Front Row:* Henry Glover, Irma Philpot, Bernice Stephens, Anita Marsh, Hilda Scott, Noeline Judkins, Phyllis Chammen, Norman Grainger.

### GUESS WHO? PHOTO No. 2

*Back Row:* Cyril Newsome, Bill Gaskill, Garth Cheeseman, Harold Clough, Keith Craig, Roy Howlett, — Smith, Basil Sparks.  
*Next Row:* Gordon Smith, Bill Turner, Ron Fraser, Doug Scott, Sam Marsden, Les White, Doug Fox, Geof Beckinsale, — ? —.  
*Back Row Girls:* Doris Good, Irene McMillan, Iris Patterson, — Smith, Esme Philpott, Olive Clarke, Mona Sloan.  
*Front Row:* Mavis Judkins, Ena Cross, Joan Scott, Peggy Clements.

### GUESS WHO? PHOTO No. 3

*Back Row:* Roy Clarke, Cliff Merritt, Clarry Clark, — ? — Leslie Chambers, — ? —, Roland Gray.  
*Middle Row:* Ruby Odering, Ellen Glover, Elwyn Clements, Thelma Fraser, Edna Fraser, Emily Anstey.  
*Front Row:* Miriam Gray, Lilian Holmes, Mavis Clements, Emily Sloane, — ? —, Avis Sheppard, Irene Anstey.

# WEST SPREYDON 50TH JUBILEE

SUNDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, 2 p.m.

Local ministers leading the service are Captain Verkaaik of the Spreydon Salvation Army Corps, Rev. I. Crumpton of St James' Presbyterian Church, and Rev. M. Robertson of Spreydon Baptist Church.

The Salvation Army band and the school choir will also be sharing in the service.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn: "PRAISE MY SOUL"

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet thy tribute bring: Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who like thee His praise should sing? Praise Him, praise Him, Praise the everlasting King. Praise Him for His grace and favour To our fathers in distress; Praise Him, still the same for ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless; Praise Him, praise Him, Glorious in His faithfulness. Father-like He tends and spares us;	Well our feeble frame He knows; In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes; Praise Him, praise Him, Widely as His mercy flows. Frail as summer's flower we flourish; Blows the wind—and it is gone. But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on. Praise Him, praise Him, Praise the high eternal One. Angels, help us to adore Him, Ye behold Him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before Him, Dwellers all in time and space, Praise Him, praise Him, Praise with us the God of grace.
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**Prayer:** Concluding with Lord's Prayer.

### Scripture Reading

### Intercessory Prayer:

For the school  
For those who have passed through it  
For its future  
For its influence in the community

Hymn: "The King of Love"

The king of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine for ever. Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth, And, where the verdant pas- tures grow, With food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed; But yet in love He sought me, And on His shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.	In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me. Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth; And O what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth! And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house for ever.
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## SERMON

Hymn: "Now thank we all our God"

Now thank we all our God, With hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices; Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way, With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today. O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us, With ever-joyful hearts	And blessed peace to cheer us; And keep us in His grace. And guide us when perplexed, And free us from all ills, In this world and the next. All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given. The Son, and Him who reigns With Them in highest heaven; The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.
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## Benediction

to all those who have paid the supreme sacrifice

We acknowledge with gratitude the support for this booklet of the following ex-pupils and business houses, without whose contributions, this booklet would not be possible.

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Any funds over after the celebrations will go to the school to help furnish the Jubilee Hall and assist other school amenities.