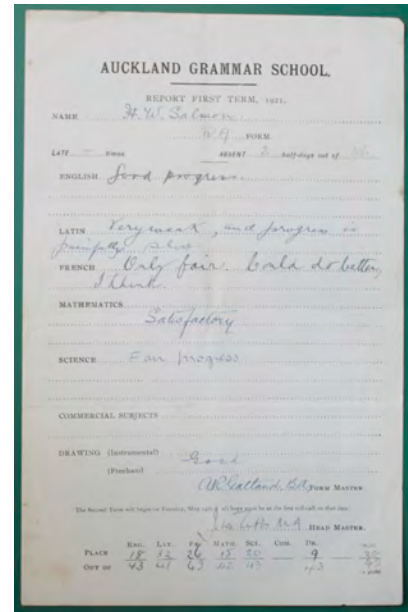


Received from Sue Gasquoine, granddaughter of Herbert William Salmon (1922), Memorabilia of his school days and some later school-related correspondence for the Mount Albert Grammar School Archives – 14 May 2015.

1. Reports: Auckland Grammar School 1-6, Mount Albert Grammar School 7-8.

1.1 First Term 1929, 3B. His Form Master was AR (Arthur) Gatland, who, two years later, was Bert's Form Master at this School.

The report included subject comments and in a line below the Headmaster's signature was a fraction for each subject, "Place" over "Out of" and at the end of the line, an average place. Salmon was 10 ½ /34. So, of the 34 boys in the class he was 10th equal.



1.2 Second Term 1920, 3A. He had been promoted, and his new Form Master was KJ Dallow. His average was 25/33.

1.3 Third Term 1920, 3A. He had kept his place in the class and finished the year 22/35.

1.4 First Term 1921, 4A. He was back with "Gatty" and held his own, with an overall placing of 20/42.

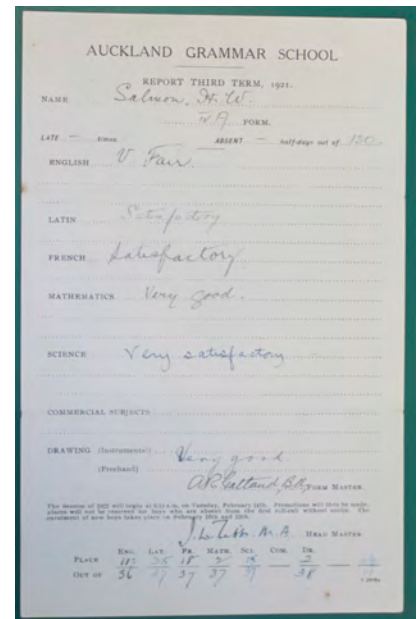
1.5 Second Term 1921, 4A. He ended up 13/37. While he was slowly improving, the class had lost five of its members. They may have left, though in the fierce, social Darwinian regimen of the time, they may have been demoted to 4B or 4C.

1.6 Third Term 1921, 4A. Although he did not know it this was to be his last report from Auckland Grammar School and he finished 12th equal out of 37.

Below the Headmaster's signature was this notice:

"The session of 1922 will begin at 9.15am, February 14th. Promotions will then be made. Places will not be reserved for boys who are absent from the first roll-call without notice. The enrolment of new boys takes place on February 10th and 13th."

At the first assembly he would have been told, that, because he lived in Westminster Road, he, and 150 others were being sent to the new School in Mt Albert.



1.7 Second Term 1922, 5A. There may not have been a Term 1 report because of the late start to the year due to an outbreak of typhoid fever in the district. The report form is bigger than those of Auckland Grammar School, 10 in x 6 ¾ in / 250 mm x 170 mm.

Herb Salmon, and others, must have been surprised to find that Arthur Gamble was once more his Form Master. There were just eleven boys in 5A and Salmon thrived. His French comment was “very satisfactory term’s work”, rather better than his comment from the other school: “Backward...”. Unlike Tibbs, Gamble had a space for ‘Headmaster’s Report’ and for Salmon he wrote: “A good record. Great credit in mathematics.”

1.8 Third Term 1922, 5A. The class was reduced to 10. Salmon was first overall, the first Dux.

The note at the bottom of the report was terse. “School reopens on Tuesday February 13th, 1923.” Salmon was not there.

Despite his outstanding record he did not return for a place in the Lower Sixth.

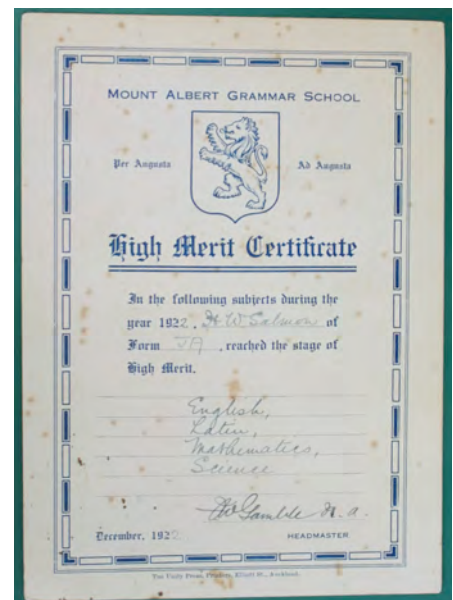
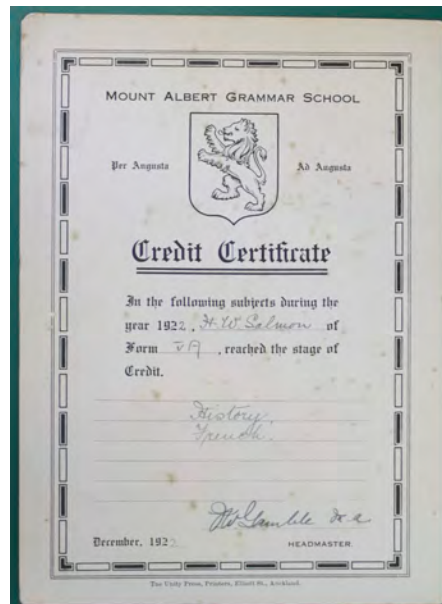
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ENGLISH	Very Satisfactory	10
HISTORY	Very Satisfactory	10
GEOGRAPHY		2
LATIN	Good progress	10
FRENCH	Satisfactory	10
COMMERCIAL		
ARITHMETIC	Good work all round	10
ALGEBRA		
GEOMETRY		
PHYSICAL SCIENCE		4
HEAT		1
CHEMISTRY		4
DRAWING	Fine	

Headmaster's Report: Very good.
SCHOOL REOPENS ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 1923.

2. Prize Certificates: Standard Certificates of the day. The printing was on heavy card, 8 in x 6 in / 200 mm x 150 mm. Printed by Unity Press, who were the school printers for over 70 years.

2.1 Credit Certificate. To HW Salmon, 5A 1922, in History and French.

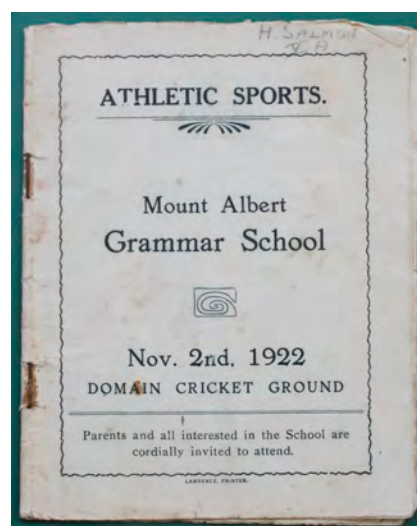
2.2 High Merit Certificate. [Superior to Credit Certificate] to HW Salmon 5A, 1922, in English, Latin, Mathematics, Science.



3. Athletic Sports Programme:

The first School Athletic Sports meeting was held at the Domain Cricket Ground on "Nov. 2nd 1922". This is certainly Salmon's copy since his name is in the top right hand corner, in pencil.

The programme is a printed 24 page booklet (last two pages blank). 5 ½ in x 4 ½ in / 140 mm x 115 mm. Inside the cover was a list of officials.



President. - The Head Master.

Judges. - Mr. Brock, Mr. Perry, Mr. Hardy.

Referee. - Mr. Caradus.

Timekeepers. - Mr. Harvey, Mr. Towers, Mr. Worley.

Starter. - Mr. Gatland.

Marksman. - Mr. Buchanan.

Ground Official. - Mr. Trendall.

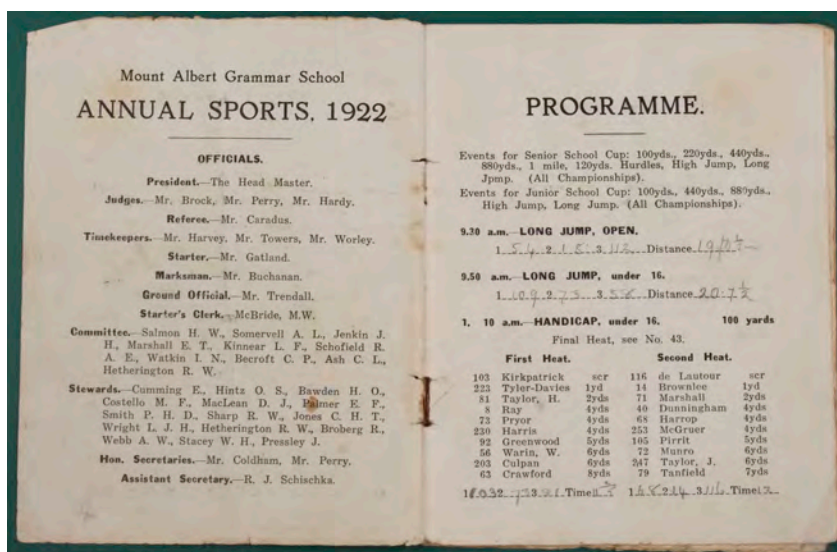
Starter's Clerk. - McBride, M.W.

Committee. - Salmon H.W., Somervell A.L., Jenkin J.H.,
Marshall E.T., Kinnear L.F., Schofield R.A.E.,
Watkin I.N., Becroft C.P., Ash C.L.,
Heatherington R.W.

Stewards. - Cumming E., Hintz O.S., Bawden H.O.,
Costello M.F., McLean D.J., Palmer E.F., Smith P.H.D.,
Sharp R.W., Jones C.H.T., Wright L.J.H.,
Hetherington R.W., Broberg R., Webb A.W.,
Stacey W.H., Pressley J.

Hon. Secretaries. - Mr. Coldham, Mr. Perry.

Assistant Secretary. - R.J. Schischka.



All the masters were given roles as were all, save a few, senior boys. Schischka was the only boy whose initials preceded his name.

In a note at the top of the programme page was:

“Events for Senior School Cup: 100 yds., 220 yds., 440 yds., 880 yds., 1 mile, 120 yds. Hurdles, High Jump, Long Jump. (All Championships).

Events for Junior School Cup: 100 yds., 220 yds., 880 yds., High Jump, Long Jump. (All Championships).

There were two unusual events that had their genesis in this first programme, both of which lasted for around 70 years. One was the Small Boys’ Race (under 4ft 10in), a 100 yards handicap event, the other was the Bicycle Race over one mile. A third event, that the programme said had been held earlier, was Throwing the Cricket Ball.

The last event of the day was the Under 16 Steeplechase, about 1 mile, programmed to start at 4.53 p.m. The Open Steeplechase, about 2½ miles, was to be held later.

In *The Albertian* of 1922 O.S. Hintz reported that:

“Wade won the Senior Cup with 15 points and Wilson and Waugh tied for the Junior Cup with 16 points each.”

The most remarkable feat of the day was by F.P. Waugh whose long jump of 20ft 7½in was a record that stood for over 80 years.

4. Photograph of 5A 1922. This is a mounted photograph, offset from the centre.
Image 6in x 4in / 150mm x 100mm.
Card 10½in x 6 ½in / 270mm x 165mm.
Surnames have been written in by Salmon.



5. Letters:

- 5.1 A letter card 6¾in x 5in with a central fold and edges that show that a perforated salvage had been torn off.

There is a printed yellow King George V 2d stamp postmarked Onehunga NZ and it indicated the first post on 13.1.23. All other information is also yellow.

A Royal Coat of Arms above the words LETTER CARD completes the printing on the obverse. The reverse has the notice:

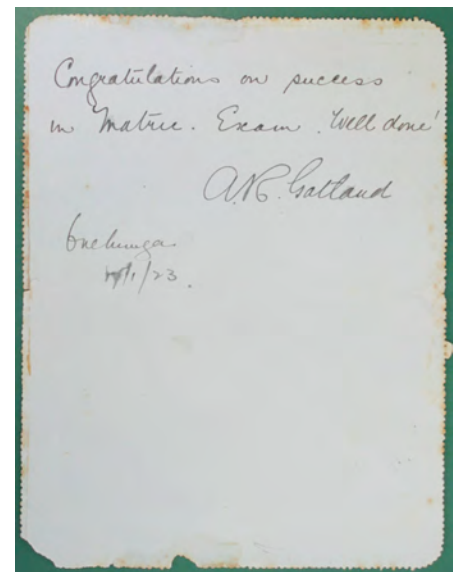
IF USED FOR TRANSMISSION ABROAD THE ADDITIONAL POSTAGE REQUIRED SHOULD BE SUPPLIED BY MEANS OF ADHESIVE STAMPS

The message reads:

Congratulations on success in Matric. Exam.
Well done:

AR Gatland

Onehunga
12/1/23



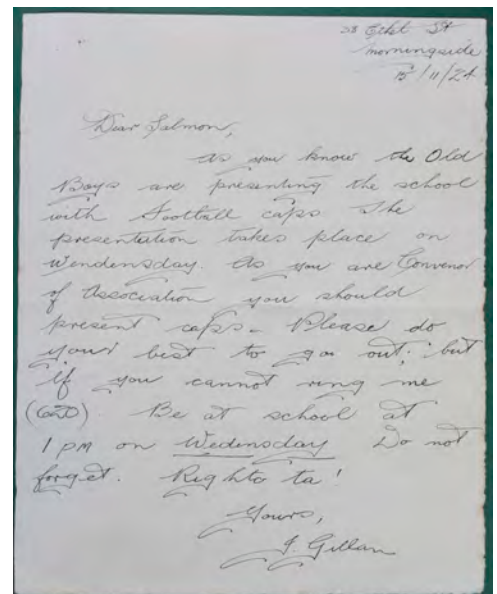
- 5.2 A handwritten letter from J Gillan, the first secretary of the newly formed Old Boys' Association writing to Bert Salmon in his capacity as "Convenor of Association". Salmon is listed as Chairman in 1924. Both served the fledgling Association for just the one year. So, this 8½in x 7in / 215mm x 170mm letter is significant. It goes:

38 Ethel St
Morningside
15/11/24

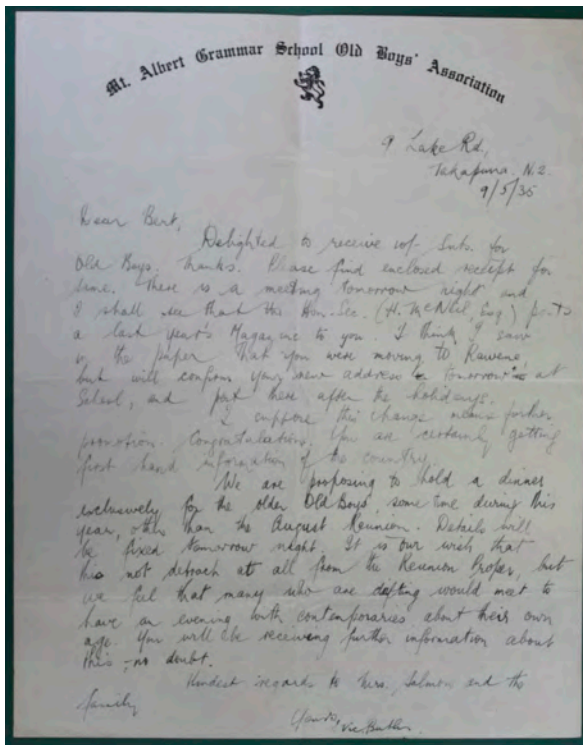
Dear Salmon,

As you know the Old Boys are presenting the school with Football Caps. The presentation takes place on Wednesday. As you are Convenor of Association you should present caps. Please do your best to go out; but if you cannot ring me (5620). Be at school at 1pm on Wednesday. Do not forget.

Righto ta
Yours
J. Gillan

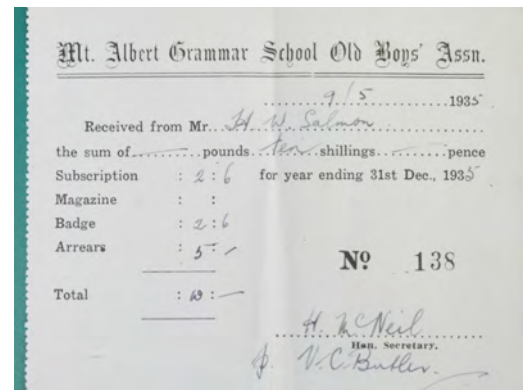


- 5.3 A 10½in x 8¼in / 270mm x 220mm handwritten letter from Vic Butler, President of the Old Boys' Association, dated 9/5/35. By 1935 there was an official letterhead with the words Mt Albert Grammar School Old Boys' Association, in an arc and with a lion rampant below. The letter, among other things, thanks Bert Salmon for paying that year, and the previous year's, subscription. Mr Butler mentioned there was to be a meeting the following night and: "I shall see that the Hon. Sec. (H. McNeil, Esq.) posts a last year's Magazine to you." There was also a receipt enclosed and in his letter Mr Butler began with:



"Dear Bert

Delighted to receive 10/- Subs. for Old Boys. Thanks. Please find enclosed receipt for same."



- 5.3.1 The receipt mentioned by Vic Butler, bears the same date as the letter. It is a 4¾in x 3⅜in / 120mm x 95mm document torn from a pad (No 138). The name of the Association is in elaborate black-letter script and reads: Mt Albert Grammar School Old Boys' Assn.

Although Vic Butler mentions that Hec McNeil would send the previous years Magazine. There was no specific charge for that. The listed items are:

Subscription	: 2:6
Magazine	: :
Badge	: 2:6
Arrears	: 5:-
Total	: 10:-

It is signed H. McNeil above Hon. Secretary, and below the line p. V.C. Butler.

- 5.4 A handwritten letter to Herb Salmon from J.G. Brown dated 11 July 1969 concerning the upcoming Golden Jubilee book and asking for help:
“What I want is anything about the early days – grounds, games, fun, staff ...”
And
“I joined the staff in 1928 ... what I can’t cover personally is the first 6 years.”
Ending with:
“I’m glad to hear from you [we don’t have Salmon’s letter].
Regards
J.G. Brown (Butch to everyone from 1928 on)”.

The letter is on lined pad paper, 10in x 8in / 250mm x 200mm. Ruled 3 blue lines to the inch with a 3/4in red margin. All other letters by him are on the same paper.

- 5.5 A short letter from Brown (1 August 1970) and making a suggestion that as Salmon had written the editorial for the 1922 *The Albertian*, he might like to write the editorial for the Golden Jubilee book, and signed:
Sincerely (and in a hurry)
Butch Brown

- 5.6 Three weeks later (22 August 1970) Butch wrote again:
“I’m glad you’re free to write the editorial. I’ll give you all the gen later ...”
He then went on to talk about money to set up the Jubilee Trust:
“I’ve had \$500 from one bloke ...”. And again signed:
Sincerely
Butch Brown

- 5.7 On 5 September 1970 Salman replied somewhat sniffingly:
“I cannot condone the implication of the letter.” And it goes to say that he must withdraw his offer to write the editorial. He went on to mention that he was very gratified that there had been a generous response to the Jubilee appeal but as he was on superannuation he was in no position to be so generous.

His letter was on lined pad paper, ruled, in blue, 3 lines to the inch, without margin and 8in x 7in / 200mm x 175mm; and in an easy-to-read handwritten script.

- 5.8 “Well [replied Butch on 9 September 1970] that just shows you the folly of trying to be funny with a chap you’ve never met.”

It was a generous, mollifying letter with a touch of pathos:

“As far as donation is concerned, that’s your business. If everyone contributed according to his conscience and his pocket there should be no trouble. You do what you think right.”

And again:

“I’m feeling a bit low at the moment – went to a funeral of OB Tom Overton yesterday – aged 54 – President of Law Society – a bloke I used to box with at School House. And in the same paper, Rev A.F. Spence, head prefect about 1931, [1930] and captain of 1st XI etc.”

- 5.9 A 19 October 1971 letter from Butch Brown, sent, like all the others from 243 Blockhouse Bay Rd, Auckland 7. The envelope has been kept and is addressed to Mr H.W. Salmon, 33 Kakanui Ave Hamilton. The envelope is white 5½in x 3in / 140mm x 75mm. The stamp is a provisional 2½c changed to 4c magpie math, postmarked Glen Eden 23 October 1971.

Brown mentioned that Salmon had written to Dr (Hal) Harding mentioning he, Salmon, had a copy of the original OB constitution.

"Would you let me have a look at it please? I'll return it safe and sound.

Regards, and I hope you are well.

J.G. Brown."

- 5.10 A charming letter from Bert Salmon, 8 November 1971.

"Dear Butch

I am very sorry indeed to learn that you have had a coronary. I do hope that you are recovering well. One of the worst features, I think, is the way it undermines your confidence."

There was much else including details of many of the objects in this gift, and ending with this close.

"Good luck with your search for a publisher, I hope things go well, Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Bert Salmon"

This letter was sent back to Bert Salmon with marginal notes, in red, by JGB.

- 5.11 A final letter from JGB 11 November 1971 thanking Bert Salmon for his contribution to the Old Boys notes and noting that he, Brown, had sent the constitution to the present secretary of the OBA and asking:

"I suppose you did present caps to the XV. The Old Boys have recently revived and extended this charming custom."

Later, on a personal note, he mentioned his coronary and said that he did a lot of walking, gardening etc and "got most dauntingly tired". He agreed with Bert about the lack of self confidence and that he had "only just now – at the end of six months – regained mine." And he closed with:

"Well nice to hear from you. I hope to hand the Mag. to the business committee next week. Sincerely

J.G. (Butch) Brown."

- 5.12 The last personal letter was the only typed one, from B.W. Rogers, Hon. Secretary of the MAGSOBA and was a businesslike one:

"Dear Mr Salmon

I am returning here with your copy of the original rules and objects of our Association.

It was very interesting to read this old document which was passed to us by Goldie Brown. We have taken the liberty of photostating your copy and we will retain this in our records.

Many thanks for your consideration."

- 5.13 A copy of the Old Boys Association original rules; four flimsy foolscap pages, folded in four and held together by a brass split pin, on the 'outside' and typed horizontally is

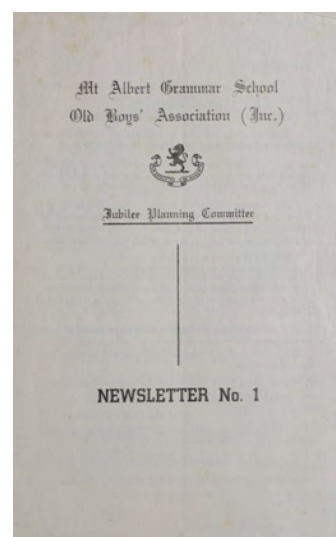
RULES
of
THE MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL
OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION INCORP.
DIGNAN, ARMSTRONG, JORDAN &
DUNNINGHAM,
Solicitors,
AUCKLAND

and in manuscript is:
PLEASE RETURN TO:
H.W. SALMON
23 KAKANUI AVE
HAMILTON

6. Concerning Auckland Grammar School.
 - 6.1 A cyclostyled foolscap report of a dinner for 15 members of Form Four A, 1921, held in 1971. Salmon was present and described as a retired school inspector.
 - 6.2 A photograph of those present with Salmon at Back Row 3.

7. Jubilee Planning newsletters. All quarto folded in half to give four pages.

- 7.1 Newsletter number 1. Inside, note from Hal Harding, Chairman of the Jubilee committee, and a list of committee members. Undated.
- 7.2 Report on the death of Murry McBride, an original stalwart of the Association. More on the Jubilee, and the committee again. Undated.
- 7.3 Dated September 1969. There was a mention of the Jubilee History. "We want reminiscences grave and gay, particularly of the early days. We don't want to produce a stuffy tome that sinks under its own weight."
- 7.4 A different newsletter also number 3 and 69. In which John Goulding reported on the Annual Dinner and the doings of the Jubilee Committee.



8. Jubilee Documents

- 8.1 Golden Jubilee Booklet. 10in x 8in / 250mm x 200mm. Card cover and 12 pages.



- 8.2 Golden Jubilee Dinner, Programme and menu. Card, folded longitudinally. 9in x 4¾in / 230mm x 120mm. Held at Mandalay, Newmarket, 22 April 1972. Twelve signature on back.

- 8.3 Diamond Jubilee Dinner. Programmes and menu. Card, folded longitudinally. 8¾in x 4¾in / 220mm x 120mm. Held at Trillo's Downtown, 5 June 1982.



- 8.4 Diamond Jubilee official Proceedings in Hall. Gold A4 page folded to A5. The formal gathering was followed by games. Soccer v. Hamilton Boys' High School, Rugby v. Sacred Heart College, Hockey v. King's College.

- 8.5 A copy of the Golden Jubilee book (Brown 1971) 240pp. In good order, dust jacket partly sun faded. Salmon's copy of the original "Rules of the Mount Albert School Old Boys Association Incorporated" is reprinted on pages 120-122.

- 8.6 Lapel badge. Modern style.

9 Albertians:

- 9.1 1922. In very good condition. 8¼in x 5½in / 215mm x 140mm. 88pp. A well-written editorial by Bert Salmon. (H.W.S. V.A.). There are such passages as:

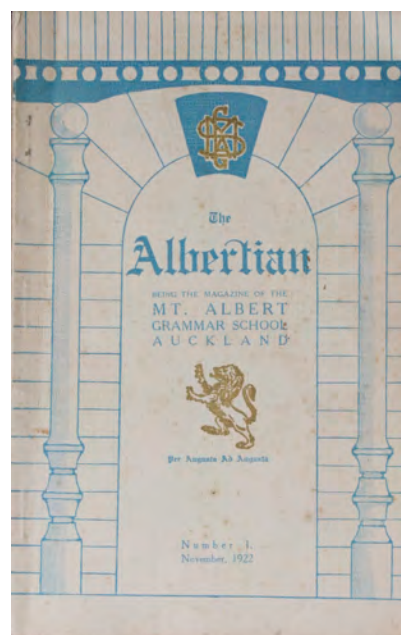
"Despite the unfavourable conditions at the beginning of the year ... a creditable amount of work has been done ..."

And:

"Doubtless much of what has been accomplished has been due to the splendid spirit prevailing throughout the School - a spirit which is shared by masters and boys alike. Without this a school cannot make its name, and with a young school with no past on which to look back it is absolutely essential."

Again:

"Thus passes the first year of our existence. We look back upon it with pleasure and satisfaction. The prospects of the future are very rosy ..."



Bert Salmon also wrote a piece of similar length on "The Official Opening of the School". It is a model of reported speech, e.g:

"Mr Bennett, Mayor of Mount Albert was of the opinion that the building was a decided acquisition to the district."

9.2 1923. Also in good condition.

9.3 1924. Likewise in good condition.

9.4 1927. Small tear on the spine but very clean inside.

10 Miscellaneous

10.1 School Calendar Second Term 1922. Green-grey cover. 5in x 3¼ / 130mm x 85mm. Card cover and 16pp.

10.2 School Calendar Third Term 1923. Burnt orange cover and 16pp.

10.3 School List. December 1922. 8½in x 6½in / 215mm x 165mm. Grey cover and 32pp.

10.4 MAGSOBA Membership List and Business Register 1985. Booklet with Cambridge blue cover and 24 pages.

Brian Murphy