

and an event simply named H1, an event similar to the mad mile, but run round three flags simulating building corners, I believe this event was taken directly from the Fire Service training manual of that period.

In the early sixties Ashburton was invited to compete as a guest team, due mainly to their closeness to the South Canterbury area. It was not until 1973 that the Canterbury Provincial Association placed Ashburton, Methven and Rakaia officially into the South Canterbury Sub Association, where they have since competed on a regular basis. Twizel joined the association possibly in the late seventies when they changed their status as an industrial brigade.

The Sub Associations have performed a vital role in competitions, not only in creating pre Canterbury training, but also giving experience to new teams and officials. This has proved beneficial to the parent Association, not only in maintaining team numbers, but also assisting to lessen disputes on their competition day, as the teams have by then sorted out most of their faults and rectified them.

Although competitors are the major role of the sub associations, the annual get together of the brigades in the area, form a vital link in maintaining contact and discussing mutual problems that occur from time to time. It also assists with meeting new personnel that have joined the service over the previous year, this is of significant help when a brigade is called to another brigades area to assist with an emergency situation, co-operation and understanding is able to be established immediately on a first name basis.

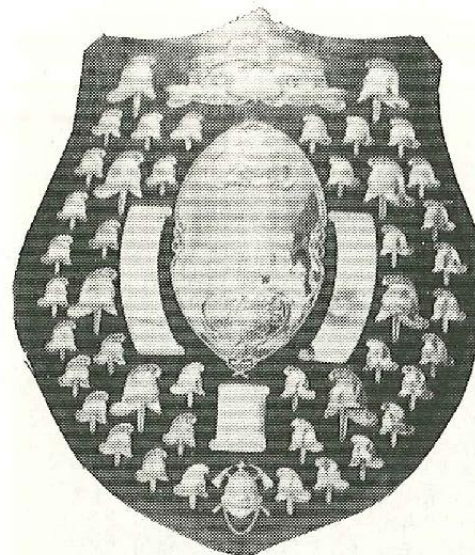
The success of sub associations has been well and truly proved by the number now established in New Zealand and operating effectively for their members benefit.

The forward thinking of the instigators of the sub association concept, was carried a step further in 1983, when a meeting was called to form a South Island Competitions Committee, incorporating the four Provincial Associations of Nelson/Marlborough, West Coast, Canterbury and Otago/Southland. This has also proved successful, with teams from all areas of the South Island converging on Timaru on a bi-annual basis, I believe the North Island has mooted the idea should be operating in their part of the country, who knows, we eventually see a North versus South competition in the future on a bi-annual basis.

The extra competition days now being conducted by the North/Mid and South Canterbury Sub Associations has done much to improve the standards of competition teams in Canterbury, as proved by the successes attained at the U.F.B.A. Competitions. The rivalry of Mid and South Canterbury for two trophies each year and invitations to take part in each others competitions adds that keener edge to the teams in training, as there is nothing to compare with a competition day to find the minor faults that do not always appear at practice, one coach cannot see what five judges are able to pick up during an event.



**Temuka Team 1979**  
**Winners No. 2 Event U.F.B.A. Centennial**  
**Competitions at Dunedin, 4th overall**  
**BACK: C. Brokenshire; Ex C.F.O.**  
**R. McMillan QFSM (P.P. U.F.B.A.);**  
**J. Forrest**  
**FRONT: M. Stephens, R. Brokenshire**



## PRESENTATION OF THE CHALLENGE SHEILD

There was a very large attendance of firemen and their friends at the Sumner Town Hall last evening to witness the presentation of a silver shield, donated by the residents of Sumner, to the Canterbury Fire Brigades' Association. The Mayor (Mr J.B. Laurenson) presided. Amongst the visiting members of the executive of the association present were the president of the Canterbury Fire Brigades' Association, Superintendent Car-

son, of Lyttelton; vice-president, Captain Hean of the Addington Railway Fire Brigade; Superintendent Brambury, Christchurch Railway; the Secretary, Fireman Nicols; Ashburton V.F.B.; Foreman Clark, Kaiapoi, Superintendent Sherwood, New Brighton; Superintendent Helliwell, Spreydon; and Deputy-Superintendent Blake, Christchurch City.

The Mayor, in presenting a handsome silver shield to the president of the Canterbury Fire Brigades' Association said that the matter had really originated with Superintendent J. Carter of Sumner. He had placed the matter before the Borough Council, and it had given a donation which, with subscriptions from the residents, had resulted in the purchase of the shield. It would be competed for every two years, and he hoped the first to win it on Labour Day next would be the Sumner Fire Brigade. He had much pleasure in handing the trophy to Superintendent Carson.

Superintendent Carson, in acknowledging the gift on behalf of the Canterbury Fire Brigades' Association, said that the shield had been very much admired and was a credit to the designer, Superintendent Carter, and to the borough of Sumner. The design with the manual engine on top and the Dennis pump below depicted the progress made in fire brigade matters in the Dominion.

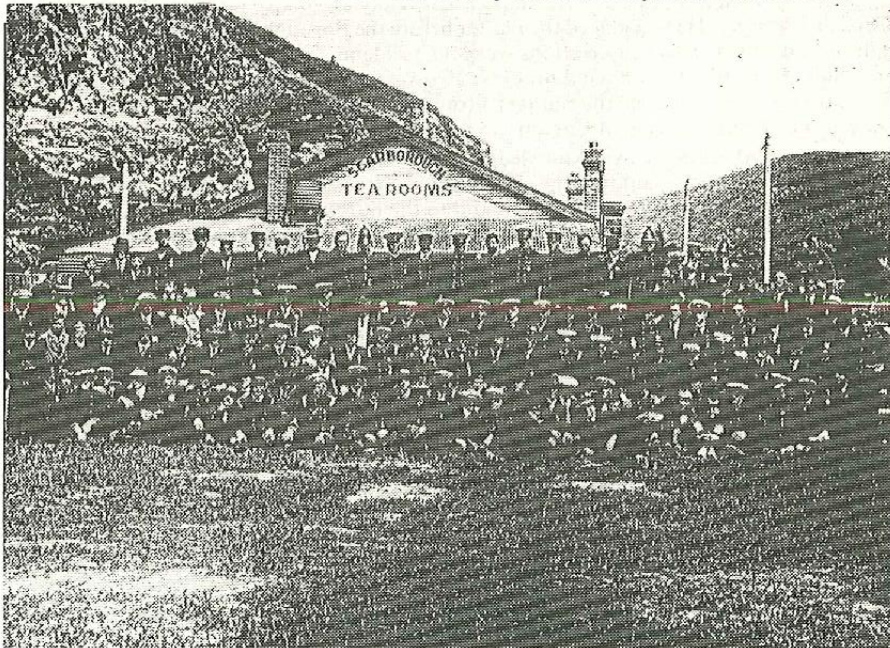
Superintendent Carter was received with applause, said he was very pleased to see so many volunteer firemen present. He had urged the formation of the association because he thought Canterbury firemen were going backward. They now had something to compete for, and should put their hearts into their work. He had much to thank the Mayor for, and trusted the present good feeling between the council and the brigade would last a long time.

The Mayor referred to the sacrifices firemen made in carrying out their duties, and then presented the following service awards:- Superintendent Carter, gold bar on completion of 31 1-3rd year's service; Superintendent J.H. Helliwell, gold bar, forty-one years' service; Fireman H.E. Sexton Silver medal, five years' service; Branchman W. Merrit, silver medal, five years' service; Branchman W. C. Hines, silver medal five years' service; Foreman J.O.H. Newbery, silver bar, seven years' service; Branchman G. Pease, silver bar, seven years' service; Fireman G. Orr, silver bar, seven years' service; Fireman W. G. Carter, silver bar, seven years' service; W.H. Whitley, certificate, three years' service; Fireman J O'Neill, certificate, three years' service.

The function concluded with a dance, Mr C. Wells supplying the music.



**ChCh Volunteer Fire Brigade Team**  
**Winners of the 5 Man Manual Competitions 1892 and 1894**  
*These trophies are on Display at "The Hall of Flame", Ferrymead Historic Park*



**Members of the Brigades at the First Competitions Held at Summer**

There was quite a discussion on what brigades thought about entertainment at night after the competitions and it was decided that this should be left to the brigade concerned. Oxford Brigade informed the meeting that they intended holding a dance that night and that there would be a charge made at the door.

Moved C.F.O. Arthur Seconded C.F.O. Archibald that the runs at this years competition be Nos. 1, 4, 6, 8 & 9 taken from the 1973 draft programme, and that they be run straight off the Oxford mains which would be approximately 60 lbs pressure and that H" nozzles will be used.

Carried.

Oxford Brigade asked about running Scout events at the competition. After a long discussion it was decided to let Oxford look into this possibility and report back to the next meeting.

Moved Rotchford Seconded 3rd Off Dickie that the winning team at the North Canterbury competition be the guest team from this Sub-Assn at the Mid-Canterbury competitions.

Carried.

It was decided that a deputation of three, the President, Secretary and Ex. C.F.O. McAllister meet the Mid-Canterbury Fire Brigades Sub-Assn. At a time and place to be arranged, to discuss the possibility of a Mid-Canterbury v North Canterbury competition. February or March was favoured as a time for running the competition.

It was decided that a circular should be sent to all brigades explaining the setting of the committee for this Sub-Assn., and asking for nominations for the committee and officials for the competitions at Oxford.

Next meeting to be a committee and team captains meeting at Oxford on 12 September at 2.00pm.

Meeting closed at 3.45pm.

R.J. Gillespie

18 June 1972

## SOUTH CANTERBURY

The Sub Association was formulated after the the 1956 U.F.B.A. Conference at Rotorua, during a conversation by R. McMillan, J. Baker and C. Knight, Chief Fire Officers of Temuka, St Andrews and Geraldine respectively, when the conference ruled in favour of such formations being allowed.

The concept was bought back to South Canterbury and culminated in a meeting of brigade representatives to discuss the matter. The idea found unanimous support with all brigades seeing great merit in the proposal, a small committee being set up to establish suitable trophies for competition. It is unknown by the writer if this was the first Sub Association in New Zealand, but it has been established it was the first in the South Island.

The association initially constituted the following brigades: Waimate, St Andrews, Timaru, Pleasant Point, Fairlie, Tekapo, Temuka and Geraldine, with each brigade given the option of having an A & B team compete, as the intention was to lead up to the Canterbury Provincial competitions, with training and team selections.

The first official meeting was held at Temuka on August 19, 1957, when brigade reps met to discuss a programme and set a date for the competitions, it being decided that September 28 be the most appropriate day and Temuka be the venue. Each brigade in the area to conduct the event on a rotational basis each year.

It is of interest to look back on the events that were run at these first competitions: three man disabled hose, three man union, four man hose and standpipe, four man trailer pump

There being no further nomination the Chairman declared the above elected. Invitations to hold the annual competition were then taken from the following. Burnham, Springfield, Methven.

A ballot was then conducted the result was that Methven will hold the 1970 Competition. The runs to be the same as last year 1 — 4 — 6 — 9 for the trophies. The Bowman Cup to be run for Brigadesmen under 21 or members who have not yet received their 3 year certificate. Draw for places optional.

Mr J. Drummond, Akaroa, said that his Brigade has 8 keen competition members but there is no one in the Brigade to teach them. The Southbridge delegate offered to over to Akaroa with his Brigade team to help the Akaroa boys.

C.F.O. Fitzgibbon at this stage welcomed delegates and thanked them for attending as this was the first time the Lincoln brigade had been able to help the Association in any way.

The Chairman in reply thanked the Lincoln Brigade for having the meetig there and for the afternoon tea provided.

The first committee meeting to be held on Sunday 9th August at methven fire station. Meeting closed 4.30pm.

## NORTH CANTERBURY INAUGUAL ANNUAL MEETING

*Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the North Canterbury Fire Brigades Sub-Association, held at the Amberley R.S.A. rooms on 12 July 1971.*

Moved C.F.O. Arthur Seconded Ex. C.F.O. McAllister that D.C.F.O. Gillespie be appointed Chairman for this meeting.  
Carried.

Moved C.F.O. Arthur Seconded F/M Learmonth that 4th Off. Parnham act as secretary for this meeting.  
Carried.

### PRESENT

Reps from Oxford, Amberley, Waipara, Cust, Cheviot, Rangiora and also Ex. C.F.O. McAllister.

### APOLOGIES

C Earl Hawarden

### CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Mid-Canterbury Sub-Ass., re Sub-Assn. Cmpetition.

Moved C.F.O. Arthur seconded 3rd Off. Dickie that the Mid-Canterbury Fire Brigades Sub-Association rules be adopted by this Sub-Association, with the exception of rule 1, which will now read "The Sub-Association will be controlled by a committee consisting of one member from each brigade in the North Canterbury Sub-Assn. These members to be nominated by their respective brigades.

Carried.

Moved Sub. O. Barrett Seconded C.F.O. Arthur, that a levy of \$2.00 per brigade be charged to enable this Sub-Assn. To purchase a minute book and any other equipment required for the running of the Sub-Assn, and that this levy be for this year only.  
Carried.

Moved C.F.O. Arthur Seconded Sub. O. Rotchfort that the secretary have power to purchase any equipment required.  
Carried.

Moved C.F.O. Arthur Seconded F/M Chandler that Oxford be the 1971 venue for the "North Canterbury" competitions, and that the date be set by the Oxford Bridgade.  
Carried.

# COMPETITIONS THROUGH THE YEARS

By Les McGillan

Compiled from the recollections of Past President R. W. McMillan, who was actively involved in this field of the Associations activities for well over thirty years.

The early competition events were vastly different to those of later years, much was made of the old style two wheel ladders, utilised in ladder and tower events and ladder and dummy events, rescue played a role as important as fire fighting. From all accounts these must have been spectacular for the viewing public to watch. Dressing events were also part of the early scene performed by one, two, three and four man teams. Competitors would lie on a wooden bunk arrangement in just singlet, trousers and socks. On the gun they would rise, dress themselves in tunic, helmet, belt with axle attached together with a hydrant spanner and put on their boots, then commence a hose event. This may seem easy now, but in those days at least four buttons, the old brass type, had to be fastened on the jacket, the boots had straps which had to be buckled and the strap through the keeper and similarly with the belt, buckled and through the keeper. The last time the dressing event was held would have been about 1950, the exponent then being Jonny Fogerty from Lyttelton who had also won the event at U.F.B.A. He was the last of a long line of experts in the one man event, many of whom had come from Canterbury.



*Past President  
R.W. McMillan  
Temuka*

Hoses too have been adapted over the years. Up until about 1957 the lengths were 100ft and 50ft of 2½ inch flax canvas unlined hose, fortunately bight hose was used up until then, as the 100ft coil when wet was like a cartwheel. Initially the couplings on hose and standpipe had a roll type thread, like suction lengths have today, this was later changed to a finer vee thread and finally to the instantaneous couplings we know today. Think for a moment the expertise required to screw every coupling from standpipe to branch with the water chasing you along, many hours of training went into learning this art.

In the early years all events were run with dry hose from a dummy plug, as not many grounds would have had a main connected to them. At the same time all hoses were tied with a buckled strap which had to be undone before being able to be run out, not simple if one became excited, discipline brought success on the day.

The advent of the trailer pump brought in the dummy pressurised main, thus from thence onwards all events were run wet, making for more spectacular appeal and also vividly showing up major errors. This also ushered in the era of pump events to the programme, firstly the trailer pump and later the ultra lights. At one time a team could comprise six members and ingenious brigades would run a certain four in box events and change the team for pump events playing their cards to suit the strong points of each team member. Later rules brought team entries down to four named members only to alleviate this practice.

During the 75 years of the C.P.F.B.A. existance, events, rules, equipment, methods etc. have undergone dramatic changes, in keeping with those taking place with the Fire



*Ashburton Volunteer Fire Brigade Competition Team Late 40's early 50's  
Bob Kerr, Jack Baker, Jim Smith, Keith Hepburn*



*Rangiora Volunteer Fire Brigade Competition Team 1970-71  
D.B. Hassall, E.F. Dickie, D.H. Parnham, R.J. Miles  
Winners Canterbury Competitions 1970  
8th Overall New Zealand Competitions 1971—1st in No. 11 Event (Duplex Cup)*

The Chairman then asked for any information the Secretary had to hand concerning the Mid-canterbury Sub-Association.

The Secretary explained how he had tried to get information on the setting up of Sub-Association from the Secretary of C.P.F.B. Assoc. and also the views of member brigades of North and South Canterbury Sub-assoc. A letter had been sent to the U.F.B.A. seeking information and the reply was read to the meeting, plus a copy of the Hawkes Bay Fire Brigades Sub-Association rules lent by the U.F.B.A. was tabled.

The Chairman commented that the investigation for information had gone a bit further than anticipated.

Mr Drummond, Akaroa, then asked if the C.P.F.B. Assoc, had been invited.

The Secretary and Chairman in reply outlined what had taken place from the time of the C.P.F.B. assoc. annual meeting, and that we have been given the right to go ahead.

Moved Sumner, Seconded Sheffield "that a committee be formed to run the Mid-Canterbury Fire Brigades Sub-Association".

Mr Kerr, Sumner, in speaking to the motion said he thought we should not have too big a committee.

The Sheffield Delegate thought the committee should be of 5 or 6 members, one to be an executive member of the C.P.F.B. Assoc.

It was pointed out by the Chairman that we may not have anybody from Mid-Canterbury on the C.P.F.B. Assoc. executive and should not stipulate that we must have a C.P.F.B. Assoc. executive member on the committee.

The Diamond Harbour delegate put his Brigades views on the formation of the committee, and that there should be a set of rules drawn up.

The Chairman then commented on the way North and South Canterbury Sub-Assoc. ran and that they were mainly larger type Brigades and few in number. In Mid-Canterbury there is a large number of small Brigades and that they must all be provided for.

The motion was then put "that a committee be formed to run the Mid-Canterbury Fire Brigades Sub-association" carried.

The size of the committee was then discussed. Moved Sumner Seconded Burnham "that the committee be of 7 members" carried. Moved Sumner, Seconded Diamond Harbour "that the committee select their own Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer" carried.

The rules for the Mid-Canterbury Fire Brigades Sub-Association were then discussed. Moved Springfield, Seconded Southbridge "that the C.P.F.B.A. rules that are applicable to be the Mid-Canterbury rules" carried.

#### FINANCE

The Chairman explained how the finance is made available to the Sub-Assoc.

Moved Diamond Harbour, Seconded Darfield "that the committee approach the C.P.F.B.A. to have the annual grant made available to the Mid-Canterbury Fire brigade Sub-Assoc. Committee instead of to the Brigade running the competition, and that the Committee fix a levy for the day of any function" carried.

Moved Southbridge, Seconded Springfield "that the levy not be more than 50c. per person" carried.

Moved Lincoln, Seconded Sheffield "that the committee open a Post office Savings bank Account in the name of the Mid-Canterbury Fire Brigades Sub-Assoc. and appoint their own trustees" carried.

#### Committee

D.C.F.O. R. Williams, Darfield  
C.F.O. B. White, Springfield  
F/M D. Jarvis, Diamond Harbour  
C.F.O. I. Dalley, Methven  
F/M K. Purcell, Sumner  
Cpl G. Blackburn, Burnham  
C.F.O. G. Fitzgibbon, Lincoln

#### Nominated

Sumner  
Darfield  
Akaroa  
Darfield  
Dia. Harbour  
Dia. Harbour  
Southbridge  
Sumner

#### Seconded

Lincoln  
Sheffield  
Lincoln  
Dia. Harbour  
Akaroa  
Lincoln  
Darfield

# SUB-ASSOCIATIONS

## MID CANTERBURY

The early mid-Canterbury Fire Brigades Association was run by the brigade who hosted the annual competition, so each year the committee changed.

A meeting was held at the Sumner Fire Station on the 26th June 1970, those attending were:

D.C.F.O.	R. Williams	Darfield	P.P.	Canty: Assn.
S.O.	M. Foster	Lyttelton	P.P.	Canty: Assn.
F.M.	R. Kerr	Sumner	Exec.	Canty: Assn.
F.M.	R. Mitchell	Darfield	Exec.	Canty: Assn.
F.M.	D. Jarvis	Diamond Harbour	Exec.	Canty: Assn.
C.F.O.	B. White	Springfield		
D.C.F.O.	R. Glassey	Springfield		
C.F.O.	Fitzgibbon	Lincoln		
S.S.O.	McNab	Sumner		
F.M.	B. Thorpe	Lyttelton		
F.M.	K. Purcell	Sumner		

At this meeting it was decided to circularise the 20 brigades in the mid-Canterbury area, stating the aims of the sub-assocn, as to try to foster a better liaison, create more enjoyment in the way of picnics, field days and competitions etc., in the area. A meeting was called at the Lincoln Fire Station on Sunday 26th July 1970, at 2.00pm to hear the views of all the brigades in the area.

The Sub-Association has an executive of seven — comprising a president, secretary and five other serving brigade members.

The annual meeting is held on the first Sunday in July each year, at a brigade whose invitation to host it is accepted at the annual meeting. Also the invitation to host the competition is accepted in the same way.

The Sub-Association now also runs on a bi-annual basis a competition between the north and south sub-associations. The mid-north competition is held on the last Sunday of January, the south competition is run at the annual competition.

### MINUTES OF INAUGURAL ANNUAL MEETING

Special General meeting held at the Lincoln Fire Station on Sunday 26th July, 1970.

D.C.F.O. R. Williams, Darfield, was appointed Chairman.

F/M D. Jarvis, Diamond Harbour, was appointed minute Secretary.

Meeting opened 2.20pm.

Roll Call of Brigades in the Mid-Canterbury area, total being 21.

PRESENT. Methven, Hororata, South Malvern, Springfield, Sheffield, Darfield, Burnham, Sumner, Diamond Harbour, Akaroa, Southbridge, Lincoln, Rakaia, Islington Freezing Works.

APOLOGIES. from Lyttelton and N. Price, ChCh Metro.

Kirwee, New Brighton, Leeston, Rolleston and Addington Railways not being represented.

Minutes of the last Annual meeting held at Sumner on Sunday 20th July, 1969, were read and confirmed.

The Chairman then gave an outline of the reasons for the meeting being called, the notice as sent out to Brigades was read to the meeting.

Moved by Akaroa, Seconded Sheffield, "that a vote of thanks be extended to those who have organised this meeting" carried.

Service in general. Most of the changes have been practicable, such as bringing events more in line with practical fire fighting methods, making more versatile use of equipment and standardising the dress of team members.

The U.F.B.A. programme of events in the early years was drawn up by the Executive and secretary. This was the time when first Tommy Watts and then Les Warner were secretary of U.F.B.A., two expert one man dressing event exponents, whose knowledge of competition rules was legendary and their interpretation of a point was taken as final. When Bob Quinlan became secretary the concept changed, as he was a business executive with no knowledge of competitions whatever. It was then left to the Executive to clear points of enquiry on interpretation, but with the rotation of members, many of whom not being competition minded, the formation of the national Competition Panel was instituted. Three members of the service with expertise in competition work being elected every two years to oversee all aspects of competition, this has proved most successful.

The Canterbury Association during its history of competition involvement, has produced many successful team and individual performances throughout the country, it is appropriate that during its jubilee year the National title is held by Christchurch Rescue, who have followed in the footsteps of some illustrious teams from the province.

The Association has led the country in some innovative competition concepts, firstly



*Sumner Volunteer Fire Brigade Competition Team*

*I. McNab, B. McNab, B. Kerr, R. Kerr*

*Winners Canterbury Competitions 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963*

*Winners Canterbury-West Coast Competitions 1960-61, 1962-63*

*Winners Nationals at Hastings 1959, Auckland 1961; 3rd at Nelson 1963*



*Canterbury Provincial Competition Panel 1990  
S.F.F. J. Duke, New Brighton; 3rd Off. P. Price, Akaroa; C.F.O. D Hassall, Rangiora.*



*Akaroa Volunteer Fire Brigade Competition Team 1983-84  
M.A. Thomson, M.J. Price, P.A. Price, W.P. Tainui  
3rd Overall Canterbury Competitions 1983  
2nd Equal New Zealand Competitions 1983—1st Pump Events, 3 and 8*

## SECRETARY LIST

1914-1915	Superintendent F.J. Bambury	Christchurch Railway
1915-1924	Lieutenant F.S. Nicholls	Ashburton
1924-1926	Captain R.B. Hean	Addington Railway
1926-1927	Captain C.D. Boyd	Addington Railway
1927-1930	Captain R.B. Hean	Addington Railway
1930-1931	Fireman E.G. Cummings	Addington Railway
1931-1936	Fireman J.F. Stokes	New Brighton
1936-1943	Secretary J.H. O'Neil	Sumner
1943-1944	Fireman W.P. Hobby	Addington Railway
1945-1945	Hydrantman T.L. Dacre	Sumner
1945-1946	Fireman D.J. Waters	Temuka
1946-1947	G.W. Moulton	Temuka
1947-1956	Driver W.R. Fitchett	New Brighton
1956-1962	Station Officer G.J. Thompson	Christchurch
1962-1964	Fireman I. McNabb	Sumner
1964-1989	Fireman Driver L.N. Price	Kaiapoi
1990-	Firefighter T.F. King	Rangiora

## L. NEILL PRICE SECRETARY 1964-1989

It is my pleasure to present a few lines in respect to my experience during my term as Secretary Treasurer from 1964-1969 inclusive.

During my term of office there was a dramatic rise in membership this was no doubt due to the Executive Committee under capable leadership from respective Presidents getting out amongst the Brigades and promoting the advantages of being members of the Association.

There is an old saying "That Presidents are only as good as their Secretary". This statement can also be reversed as in my case over the twenty five years I worked with 26 Presidents all of whom made an outstanding contribution to the welfare of the organisation.

My memories of the Association will always be positive and I believe that the most significant and lasting project will be the Blue Skies Training Weekend I will also remember the Cooperation and goodwill from Presidents and Committee and it is my sincere hope that they enjoyed mine.

As we celebrate this 75th. Anniversary let us all pause and give thought to those who have gone on before and recall their contribution.

This Association is in good heart and built on a strong foundation over the 75 years. May it go from strength to strength with its head held high in the knowledge that it has contributed well to the welfare of its members.

An Association I was proud to be part of for 25 years as Secretary Treasurer and I hope for many years to come.

L. Neill Price QFSM  
Past Secretary Treasurer and Life Member  
15-9-90

1968: Chief Fire Officer P.E. O'Malley  
 1969: Chief Fire Officer A.P. Baker  
 1970: Deputy Chief Fire Officer D.W. Earl  
 1971: Deputy Chief Fire Officer M. Hamilton  
 1972: Station Officer R.B. Tait  
 1973: Chief Fire Officer N.W. Miles  
 1974: Station Officer J.C. Drummond  
 1975: Station Officer R.J. Kerr  
 1976: 3rd. Officer E.F. Dickie  
 1977: Fireman J.R. Newlands  
 1978: Deputy Chief Fire Officer J.R. Gillespie  
 1979: Chief Fire Officer G.C. Howey  
 1980: Senior Station Officer R.H. Miles  
 1981: 4th. Officer R.J. Miles  
 1982: Sub Officer R. Brokenshire  
 1983: Deputy Chief Fire B. Barrett  
 1984: Third Officer C. Helps  
 1985: Deputy Chief Officer W. Apes  
 1986: Chief Fire Officer D. Hassall  
 1987: Senior Fireman T. Smith  
 1988: Deputy Chief Fire Officer A. Burgess  
 1989: District Officer A.S. Cockburn  
 1990: Deputy Chief Officer C. Brokenshire

Waimate  
 Ashburton  
 Culverden  
 Waimate  
 Ashburton  
 Fairlie  
 Akaroa  
 Sumner  
 Rangiora  
 Ashburton  
 Cust  
 Pleasant Point  
 Christchurch  
 Rangiora  
 Temuka  
 Oxford  
 Akaroa  
 Lake Tekapo  
 Rangiora  
 Lyttelton  
 Ashburton  
 New Brighton  
 Temuka



**Past Presidents**

**BACK:** Fred Rouse, New Brighton; George Thompson, Christchurch; Tom Ayres, Kaiapoi; George Moulton, Temuka  
**FRONT:** Cuth Knight, Geraldine; Charlie Tyler, Rangiora; Reg Stokes, Temuka; Frank Chapman, Temuka.

**LIFE MEMBERS**

J.W. McNabb	Sumner
L.W. Scott	New Brighton
W.R. Fitchett	New Brighton
W.I. Bradley	Lyttelton
L.N. Price	Christchurch
J.R. Watts	Geraldine
F. Kennard	Woolston
E.G. Cummings	Addington Railway
R. Larcombe	M.O.W.
W. Lewis	Geraldine

interprovincial competition with the West Coast, the forming of sub associations and instigating the South Island competitions. All these have added much to the standard and enthusiasm of brigades in the province with their competition teams, the placings at U.F.B.A. over the years has proved this.

Competitions could not be held without the dedication provided by the people who year after year, give of their time to act as officials, the referees, judges, timekeepers, etc. many of these have gone from Sub Association to Provincial and on to New Zealand appointments, playing their parts with distinction in all theatres. No way was it the intention of this writer to delve into individuals in this narrative, but looking back over the years, how could you not mention the terrible trio, Charlie Bax, Tom Cummings and Frank Kennard, for many years they were Canterbury Competition Day. Charlie saw every penalty, no one beat Franks gun and any one not on the mark on time felt the wrath of Toms tongue. They were probably the most known and respected officials throughout the country during their time, probably the first officials selected for each U.F.B.A. Competitions every two years.

Individual brigades throughout the province who have undertaken to host the many competitions have also played a significant role in thier success. Much time and effort is put into the preparation of the running tracks and equipment, the organisation of meals and accommodation, changing facilities and social functions. It is a pleasing feature at Annual Conferences to see brigades vying for the honour to host competitions, we trust this trend will continue long into the future.

I am unsure if competitions were a significant factor in the formation of the Canterbury Association those many years ago, but like the U.F.B.A. they have played a large role in bringing brigades and individuals together on a regular friendly basis. Like the Service as a whole, once hooked on competitions it is hard to leave it alone. Many new friendships have been made on the competition grounds, long may they continue.



**Christchurch Airport Competition Team**

**T. Reid, H. Waitoa, L. Reeve, A. Rowlands, T. Moylan, G. Bell (Coach)**  
**Winners Canterbury Competitions 1985, 86, 87, 88, 89**  
**Winners Canterbury/West Coast 1990 at Reefston**  
**Winners Nationals at Blenheim 1989, 2nd at Wellington 1987, 6th at Auckland 1985**

# FULLER FIRE FLAG HISTORY—1917

On Sunday evening around 7.30pm Scoutmaster Berman of North Linwood Troop and Scoutmaster Cawley of the Radley Troop were walking through Cathedral Square when they saw smoke rising which they thought was coming from Manchester Street. Being scouts they thought they may be able to help so they ran very fast and came to what was known as 'Her Majestys Theatre' alongside the then Christchurch Town Hall. (Her Majestys was also known as 'Canterbury Hall'). They both ran down the side of the theatre and met the caretaker at a side door, on asking if they could do anything to help he said 'Yes' get upstairs and throw anything you can through the windows, they threw chairs and mirrors from the dressingrooms. Cawley then lost contact with Berman as the flames spread into the centre of the building and were fifty to sixty feet high, he then saw two firemen on the Parapet holding a hose and playing the water onto the flames.

Cawley who was only seventeen years old assisted the two Firemen in playing the water into the centre of the fire which finally subdued so they could go home, a team of firemen stayed to make sure everything was safe and Cawley got home about midnight, he was wearing his best Sunday suit, a blue one and had got it in a frightful mess.

Mr. Fuller (owner of the theatre, later Sir John Fuller) was in Wellington at this time, Cawley was reimbursed for his ruined Sunday suit by the Christchurch Fire Brigade and the Chief Fire Officer was so impressed with what the two seventeen year old Scoutmasters had done that he told Sir John Fuller all about them. Sir John Fuller then decided to present a flag to the scout movement for competition annually by teams of scouts trained at fire fighting. Although the Sydenham Troop appeared on the flag in 1917 they never took part at that time but the name appeared because Scoutmaster Cawley had his commission in the name of the Sydenham Troop when it was presented.

It was first competed for the first time in 1918.



*Darfield Scouts Fuller Fire Flag Team  
Peter Beattie, Mourice Wooster*

*M. Bethune (Coach), N. Sykes, B. Gapes, C. Mc Connaughie*

## PAST PRESIDENTS

1915: Captain W.G. Carson	Lyttelton
1916: Captain W.G. Carson	Lyttelton
1917: Superintendent J. Carter	Sumner
1918: Superintendent E. O'Malley	Geraldine
1919: Superintendent F.J. Bambury	Christchurch Railway
1920: Superintendent W. Sherwood	New Brighton
1921: Captain R.B. Hean	Addington Railway
1922: Superintendent A.W. Tyler	Rangiora
1923: Lieutenant F. Walkin	Lyttelton
1924: Lieutenant C. Boyd	Addington Railway
1925: Secretary W.R. Stephens	Christchurch Railway
1926: Superintendent R.A. Stokes	New Brighton
1927: Superintendent C.W. Tyler	Rangiora
1928: Captain H.S. Willetts	Waimate
1929: Captain J. Henry	Temuka
1930: Fireman R.C. Maldon	Lyttelton
1931: Captain J. Alfrey	Temuka
1932: Superintendent H.W. Stokes	New Brighton
1933: Superintendent G. Harper	Sumner
1934: Fireman J. Riach	Waimate
1935: Secretary J.H. O'Neil	Sumner
1936: Deputy Superintendent H. Hefford	Ashburton
1937: Deputy Superintendent H. Hefford	Ashburton
1938: Assistant Engineer F. Bryden	Kaiapoi
1939: Superintendent C.C. Knight	Geraldine
1940: Fireman C.J. Bax	Kaiapoi
1941: Lieutenant C. Solway	Ashburton
1942: Superintendent F. Chapman	Temuka
1943: Fireman L.G. Peters	New Brighton
1944: Deputy Superintendent D. Brett	Geraldine
1945: Fireman E. O'Neil	Sumner
1946: Fireman R.L. Stokes	Temuka
1947: Fireman R.F. Stokes	New Brighton
1948: Fireman T.M. Ayers	Kaiapoi
1949: Deputy Superintendent R.R. Kerr	Ashburton
1950: Deputy Superintendent K.N. Jones	Leeston
1951: Deputy Superintendent G.W. Moulton	Temuka
1952: Fireman Driver G.J. Thompson	Christchurch
1953: Fireman S.E. Garson	Lyttelton
1954: Fireman Driver F. Rouse	New Brighton
1955: Chief Fire Officer R.W. McMillan	Temuka
1956: Fireman Driver W.H. Strong	Christchurch
1957: Fireman Driver R.M. Counihan	Kaiapoi
1958: Deputy Chief Fire officer C.J. Beckett	Lyttelton
1959: Chief Fire Officer L.R. Osmond	Christchurch
1960: Deputy Chief Fire Officer W.B. Hardwicke	Waimate
1961: Firemaster T. Dobson	Burnham Military Camp
1962: Chief Fire Officer H.G. McAllister	Kaiapoi
1963: Station Officer A.W. Plummer	Sumner
1964: Senior Station Officer D.G. Mardon	Christchurch
1965: Secretary C.R. Beck	Temuka
1966: Sub Officer M.E. Foster	Lyttelton
1967: Deputy Chief Fire Officer R.E. Williams	Darfield



It was agreed that the Timaru "Herald's" report of the meeting be taken as the official report and circulated throughout the Brigades of the province.

Captain Carson suitably replied, and assured the members present that he would do his utmost to advance the interests of the Association in every way.

He then installed his office-bearers, each of whom replied, and thanked the members present for their election.

Past-President Blake was cordially thanked for his past services and elected an hon. life member, and a resolution of appreciation and thanks for the untiring and valuable services of Superintendent Bambery was carried with loud applause, and recorded in the minutes of the Association.

This concluded a hearty and enthusiastic meeting, and the officers and retiring officers were afterwards photographed.

#### CONCLUSION

The Chairman on vacating the chair returned thanks for the kindness and courtesy extended to him during his term of office. He wished Captain Carson a very successful term of office and hoped the Association would prosper and prove its usefulness. (Applause).



*Executive Meeting at Ashburton Fire Station, 1955  
BACK: R.W. McMillan, J. Beckett, G. Thompson, H. Folas  
FRONT: F. Rouse, S. Carson, R. Fitchet*

## CANTERBURY-WEST COAST INTERPROVINCIAL COMPETITIONS

In 1949 the Canterbury Prov. Assocn wrote to the Coast Association suggesting that Inter-Provincial competitions be held prior to the UFBA Conference which was to be held at Reefton in 1950. On 25th Nov. 1949 the West Coast Assocn replied agreeing to the suggestion. The inaugural competitions were held at Greymouth on Saturday, 11th March 1950 comprising four events:- Two Men Hose & S/Pipe, three Men Disabled hose, four men Hose & S/Pipe and the Four Men Motor (Draw for places). Thirteen teams competed, eight from the Coast (Hokitika, Cobden, Greymouth, Reefton, Grey Railway, Kumara, Otira and Runanga) and five from Cnty (Rangiora, New Brighton, Lyttelton, Kaiapoi and Sumner). The competition was won by Reefton. In the evening a meeting of the two Executives was held in the Greymouth Fire Station in Boundary street, (now Demolished). Needless to say the weather was atrocious with rain as only it can in Canterbury. At the meeting it was arranged to have bi-annual competitions alternating between Coast and Canterbury venues.

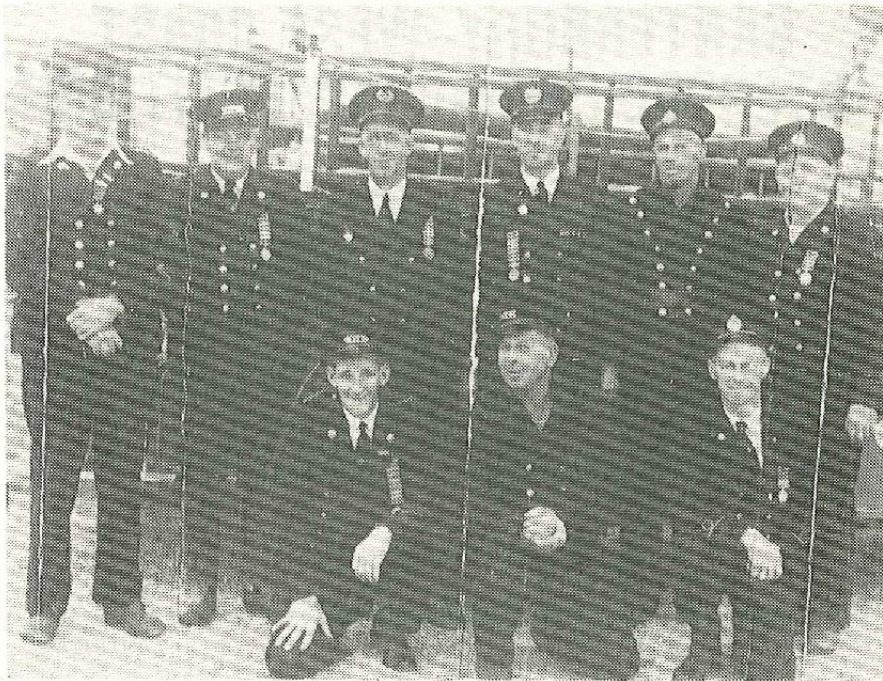
#### RESULTS OF COMPETITIONS:

Year	Run at:	Won by:	Teams Competing			Aggregate Points	
			Cnty	Coast	Coast	Canterbury	
1950	Greymouth	Reefton	13	5	8	No aggregate	
1952	Rangiora	Reefton				-	-
1954	Hokitika	Reefton				-	-
1956	New Brighton	Cobden				-	-
1958	Westport	Reefton	24	13	11	167	167
1960	ChCh Central	Sumner	20	12	8	122	77
1962	Reefton	Sumner	27	17	10	144	121
1964	Waimate	Sumner	22	14	8	89	176
1966	Cobden	Kaiapoi	20	13	7	89	163
1968	Rangiora	Rangiora	20	9	11	88	164
1970	Kaiapoi	Hokitika	25	16	9	106	146
1972	Hokitika	Ashburton	26	18	8	124	212
1974	Greymouth	Ashburton	26	16	10	104	232
1976	Rangiora	Hokitika	27	17	10	102	234
1978	Greymouth	Lyttelton	26	17	9	126	252
1980	Ashburton	Lyttelton	24	15	9	117	261
1982	Westport	Southbridge-Hokitika Equal	24	15	9	194	184
1984	Temuka	Sumner	19	11	8	122	256
1986	Hokitika	Sumner	22	15	7	96	282
1988	Rangiora	Rescue Fire	17	13	4	58	320
1990	Reefton	Rescue Fire					

Over the years both assocns have donated trophies so now there is a total of 15 trophies for Competition.

9 Trophies (One for each event)

- 1 Trophy Brigade with highest agg. points
- 1 Trophy Brigade with highest points in flat events
- 1 Trophy Brigade with highest points in pump events
- 1 Trophy Province with most points
- 1 Trophy Team with lowest points over nine events
- 1 Trophy Coach of winning team.



**Executives Canterbury and West Coast Provincial Associations at Hokitika 1954**  
**BACK: J. Grant, Greymouth; J.B. Hogarth, Greymouth; S. Carson, Lyttelton; G. Thompson, Christchurch; F. Rolleston, Reefton; F. Rouse, New Brighton**  
**FRONT: W. McNabb, Kumara; L. Patterson, Greymouth; R. Fitchet, New Brighton**



**The Old Stalwarts**  
**Frank Kenard (starter); Ted Cummings; Charlie Bax (starter)**

## RULES

Draft copies of the proposed rules of the Association were circulated amongst those present, and considered seriatim.

A short discussion took place on the question of subscriptions, which was proposed at £1 1s per annum as entry fee.

Superintendent Hean thought that amount might prove a drawback to small Brigades. He suggested that the annual subscription be made 10s 6d.

Past-President Superintendent Smith thought it would be better to keep the subscription at £1 1s for the first year in order to cope with the initial expenses, and if there was a big balance a rebate could be made.

Captain Carson (Lyttelton) supported the suggestion. If they made the subscription £1 1s the first year, they would have an idea as to what the annual cost would be and could alter the subscription if thought fit. He moved that the subscription be £1 1s for the first year, to include entrance fee.

Superintendent Bambery seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

The matter of fixing the annual subscription for subsequent years was left to the Executive, with the recommendation that it be not more than £1 1s.

The remaining rules were read and considered very suitable, and adopted.

## ALL BRIGADES ADMITTED

Captain Carson asked for a ruling as to whether the Brigade of the Burnham School would be eligible for membership. The boys had a Brigade at the School, and used practically the same gear as ordinary Brigades, and personally he would like to see the boys competing with other Brigades in the Association's competitions.

Past-President Smith said they would encourage private Brigades.

The suggestion was received with applause, and it was afterwards decided that membership of the Association be open to all Brigades irrespective of whether they were affiliated to the U.F.B.A. or not.

Captain Carson stated that the Geraldine Brigade were having a demonstration on St. Patrick's Day, and he thought they might make that their first competition.

It was explained that this was hardly practicable under present circumstances, but it was decided to write the Geraldine Brigade assuring them of the hearty support of the Association, and wishing them every success.

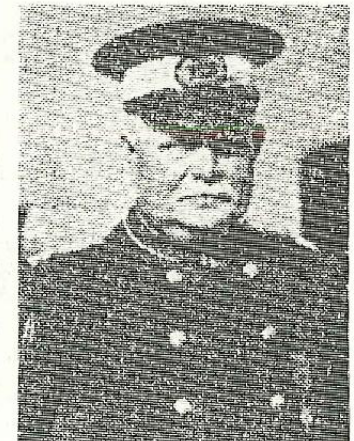
## OFFICE-BEARERS

Office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:-

President, Captain Carson (Lyttelton); Vice-Presidents, Superintendent Carter (Sumner), and Deputy-Superintendent Hunt (Timaru); Treasurer, Superintendent Tyler (Rangiora); Secretary, Lieutenant Nicholls (Ashburton); representatives from Brigades for Executive, Superintendent Bambery (Christchurch Railway), Foreman Sherwood (Sumner); Auditor, Superintendent Mealing (Kaiapoi).

A suggestion was made to hold the first competition on Labour Day, 1916, and the Secretary was instructed to write Brigades in the province to know if that date was favourable. It was also decided to call for invitations to hold the competitions.

It was decided that invitations would be accepted at the next U.F.B.A. Conference at Westport.



**Superintendent W.G. Carson**  
**First President**

president of the Canterbury Fire Brigades' Association, that the invitation has been unanimously accepted and that the first demonstration in connection with the Canterbury Association will be held at Sumner next October, if possible on Labour Day.

At a meeting of the Sumner Fire Brigade last night Superintendent J. Carter presided over a full attendance. Correspondence was received from Mr Longuet, of Clifton, thanking the brigade for their efforts in connection with the recent fire. Superintendent Carter presented a report of the proceedings of the Westport Conference, in which he stated that it had been decided to hold the next demonstration at Sumner on Labour Day. A sub-committee was appointed to secure a local site for the occasion, several sections being under offer. It was decided to submit the following programme to the Canterbury Provincial Association for its approval: —

One man event, two men event, three men event and five men event. The secretary reported that a liberal prize list was being arranged. The secretary was instructed to write letters of thanks to Messrs Adams and Adams for their timely assistance with their motor-cars during the Clifton fire. A special vote of thanks was passed to Mr E. Denham for a further gift of books.

## FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

The first annual meeting of the Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigade Association was held in the Timaru Fire Station on February 24th, when there was a large attendance, representative of the Brigades in the province. Deputy-Superintendent Blake (Christchurch City) presided and was supported by Vice-President Superintendent Hean (Addington), Treasurer Superintendent Tyler (Rangiora), and Secretary Superintendent Bambery (Christchurch Railway).

The Chairman expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large attendance of firemen, which was very encouraging. He gave an outline of the inauguration of the Association, and passed on to speak of the objects and advantages to be gained by affiliation with the Provincial Association. The objects were to encourage the formation of Fire Brigades and auxiliaries, to increase the efficiency of firemen, and the means of communication between Brigades, and to consider all questions affecting the interests of firemen generally. They also aimed at encouraging inventions and appliances for the more successful subjection of fires, at the circulation of directions to be observed by persons in saving themselves and their property from fire, how to treat temporary injuries received from fire, and generally to watch over, promote and protect the interests of the Fire Service. Some of the advantages and privileges to members were the sending of a delegate and team to the annual meeting and biennial demonstration, of obtaining information as to the management and working of the associated Brigades. Collectively, said the Chairman, in conclusion, the great advantage of belonging to the Association would be that members would be placed in the closest possible communication for the acquisition of knowledge on all matters relating to their position, advancement, efficiency and welfare, and by such union a feeling of strength and confidence in their resources would be generated, which could never be attained whilst remaining isolated. (Applause.)

Superintendent Bambery (Christchurch Railway), Secretary of the Association, said he had received membership fees (£1 ls) from Sumner, Ashburton, Timaru, Rangiora, and Lyttelton. The accounts amounted to about £1 10s.

The Chairman asked if there were any Brigades represented at the meeting who had not previously been represented on the Association.

Mr Collett (Waimate) said his Brigade was in a similar position, and had not yet decided whether they would join or not. They would like to know the benefits the Association offered to such Brigades as his.



*Canterbury-West Coast Inter-provincial Competitions 1956, held at Rawhiti Domain, New Brighton*

## OFF TO THE COAST

The memories of two trips by rail car — to Hokitika 1954 by an 88 seater rail car from ChCh on this occasion we had one unit of the rail car and the other was for basketball girls competitions. On this occasion some members thought of taking a few beers along and had a session at the Railway Hotel and arrived at the railway station with a few crates of bottle beer, at the railway station we were confronted by the guard as to our contents, and said we were to consign our luggage, which we did, and he said we would not be allowed to take any through to the carriages and drink it. However, we made a suggestion and he agreed to it — that was we could drink it in the guards van, which we did.

Once the rail car was clear of Springfield the refreshments were being consumed — on the change over of guards at Cass the guard from the Coast was briefed by our guard and the rest of the journey was enjoyed by all.

The second trip by rail car was to Westport — 1958.

This was another memorable occasion. First stop was Rolleston to pick up the teams from South Canterbury, and what a jolly lot, next stop was Darfield and this was when the fun started. The driver of the rail car was concerned with the overloading of the cab. The drivers cab at the rear was used to carry our luggage and the guard said we would have to travel at reduced speed.

On the way the members became very lively and decided to decorate the rail car, which they did — with rolls of toilet paper for streamers.

At Stillwater the members were divided into two groups, one lot by rail car to Westport the other half by bus along the Coast Rd from Greymouth to Westport.

Competitions were held on the Saturday and dance at night.

Sunday Church parade and in the afternoon a bus trip to Cement Works.

At Cape Fowlwind and then to an afternoons entertainment at the hotel.

The return trip to Greymouth and then on to ChCh.

The bus trip was a very enjoyable one as the members on the way back from Westport stopped the bus on the way and aquired a Punga and placed it in the bus so as they could sit under it and sing, this we did and at Greymouth we took the hat around and cleaned out the bus and handed the driver the collection for which he was grateful.

# 50th ANNUAL MEETING (CONFERENCE) AT HANMER SPRINGS

The 50th Annual Meeting (Conference) at Hanmer Springs commencing at 11.30am Friday 7th October 1966

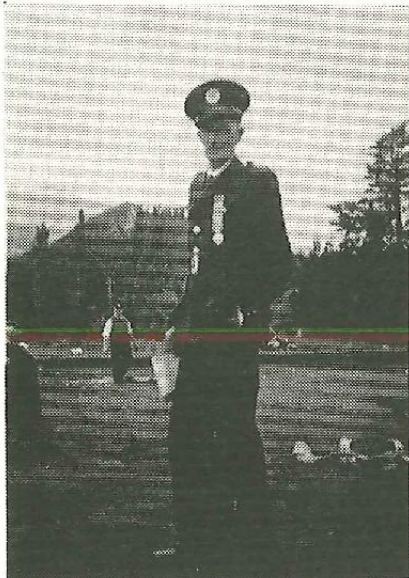
The Annual Competitions were held at Hanmer Domain on Saturday 8th October commencing at 8.30 am sharp.

The Past Presidents & Life Members Dinner was held at the Lodge Hotel at 7.00 pm  
A Dance was held at the Town Hall at 8.00 pm

A church Parade and service were held on Sunday, October 9th at 11.00 am, in the Town Hall — with combined churches in Hanmer Springs. Fireman Paraded outside the Fire Station at 10.45 am.

On the Saturday after the competition it was decided that members go for a dip in the hot pools. That was a fine day and the dip was enjoyed by all — then came the time to get out and get ready for the evening meal — two past presidents (no names) were the last out of the pool, and were confronted with a situation of no clothes, so being trained for emergencies, they wrapped large towels around their bodies and walked back to the hotel — I think one can imagine the reception.

The President for that weekend was Secretary C.R. Beck. Temuka



*The late J. Beckett, Lyttelton  
Past President  
at Hanmer*



*The late H. Register  
Lyttelton  
at Hanmer*

# PROVINCIAL FIRE BRIGADE ASSOCIATION

In response to the representations made by Superintendent J. Carter, of the Sumner Volunteer Fire Brigade, steps were taken in 1914 which resulted in a meeting of thirty-seven Canterbury representatives at Timaru in March last, when the first annual meeting of the Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades' Association was held. This body was organised to encourage the formation of fire brigades and auxiliaries, to increase the efficiency of firemen and the means of communication between the brigades, to consider all questions affecting the interests of firemen generally, and to encourage inventions of appliances for the more successful subjection of fires. With seventeen years experience as grand marshal to guide him, Superintendent Carter felt that in Canterbury particularly something was badly needed to stimulate the men to greater efforts, and to secure this he offered to raise funds for a shield to be competed for every second year by brigades in Canterbury.



*J. Carter*

This shield has now been completed and is on exhibition in Mr E.A. Johnson's window in Sumner, where it is attracting considerable attention. Mounted on a polished ebony panel, and fitted into a dark stained transport case, the shield, which is of silver, is surrounded with nine silver helmets and surmounted by an embossed inscription plate bearing the words, "Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades' Association, Challenge Shield." At the top of the shield is a beaten representation of the old manual engine of 1850, while at the bottom is a similar piece of workmanship showing the Dennis pump of 1916, thus symbolising the whole progress of the fire brigade movement in Canterbury. In the centre is engraved the following: "Presented by the residents of Sumner to the Canterbury Fire Brigades' Association," While reserved for the names of the founder of the association, Superintendent J. Carter; the president, Mr W. Carson, Lyttelton; the vice-president, Mr P. W. Hunt, Timaru; the secretary, Mr Nicolls, Ashburton; and the treasurer, Superintendent A. Tyler, Rangiora. The remaining eight helmets are very effectively placed where they will hold the names of the winning teams for the next sixteen years.

It is the intention of the Sumner Brigade to formally present the shield to the president of the association in June next, when Mr J.B. Laurenson, the Mayor, will preside over the gathering. After remaining a week in Sumner it will be exhibited in Christchurch by arrangement with the maker.

When Superintendent J. Carter, of the Sumner Fire Brigade, left for Westport, he was instructed by the Mayor, Mr J.B. Laurenson, to convey the good wishes of the borough to the conference and to support the borough's invitation to the association to hold a demonstration at Sumner. Mr Laurenson has now been advised by Mr Carson, the



## INTRODUCTION

By Past President  
George Thompson Q.F.S.M.  
Ex 3rd Officer ChCh Fire Brigade

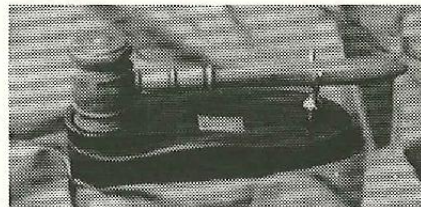
As a past President, past Secretary and an Official on Competition Days—I hope in writing this history of the Canterbury Provincial Association, and the publication of same, will serve to bring back some memories of the past I welcome, the opportunity of paying tribute to those who have strived to contribute their resources and skills to the establishment of this Association over the years.

It tells of the formation of an Association, from meetings, and the volunteer aspect to compete.

## THE GAVEL

Presented to the Association in memory of past President W.H. Strong of ChCh City Fire Brigade.

Whilst the working tools of the Association consist of standpipes, hose, dreachings, branches etc, —the Gavel is very important for the control of meetings and conferences.



## COVER PHOTOGRAPH

*Competitors and Officials at Canterbury Provincial Competitions held in Waimate 1952*

## OPERATION BLUE SKIES

Blue Skies is the training establishment for the Scout Association of NZ — Canterbury area.

A special committee put forward an idea for consideration to the executive of the Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades Association.

The concept and objective is to provide a vehicle for the gaining of knowledge and practical activities to improve the standard of firefighting in our Province.

The Executive of the Canterbury Association was confident the “Operation Blue Skies” would be successful and a model for future training and ideas for the future, this exercise will bring together students into one brigade to carry out the duties as a single unit.

The inaugural Operation Blue Skies Training Weekend was held in September 1984 and was very successful. The operation has been repeated every second year since then, catering for 50 students from volunteer brigades throughout Canterbury. The 1990 Blue Skies Training Weekend included members from West Coast Brigades.

Subjects covered by the weekends include: Command and Control, Explosives, Hot Fire Training, Hazardous Substances, Rural Firefighting, Accident Rescue, Fire Services Act, to name a few. Instructors at the weekend have been of a high level, including instructors from the Fire Service College, Christchurch Training Department, Department of Labour and many others.

Each weekend has a formal dinner on Saturday night, with a guest keynote speaker.



*Training Officers from Christchurch and the Fire Service College demonstrate how to deal with incidents involving domestic L.P.G. cylinders at the inaugural Operation Blue Skies weekend in September 1984.*

## SUMMARY

Before concluding the History of the Canterbury Fire Brigades Association may I quote a notable feature of the Association well worthy of recording: The long and continued service the Executives of the Association have given to the fire brigades in the Canterbury Province, from the time of its inception, which was in response to the representation made by Superintendent J. Carter of the Sumner Volunteer Fire Brigade, steps were taken in 1914.

The first Annual Meeting was held in the Timaru Fire Station on February 24, 1915. The first competitions were held at Sumner on Labour Day. From that year and to the present year the Association has lead the country in many concepts which are recorded in Past President R. W. McMillans recollections, which I wish to endorse. Having run in competitions with hose reels, 100 foot lengths of hose, and screw couplings, and my I quote at this stage advice given by a New Zealand Champion Competition Competitor "Ike Morrison" —that to avoid cross threading your couplings, you held the male coupling in your left hand and the female coupling in the right hand and made sure the lugs were were at six o'clock when making the connection and make a three quarter turn and you would not have a blow-out when the water came through.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This brief history, as written, is a recognition of all who have assisted in the formation and development of the Canterbury Fire Brigades Association.

I wish to acknowledge the assistance I have received in the short time available to compile this history.

My thanks go to the Jubilee Committee, Past President R. W. McMillian, Dave Chivers, Wally McNabb ex secretary West Coast Association and Jeff Duke (Paceset Holdings Ltd) for the preparation and printing of this booklet.

*George Thompson, Q.F.S.M.  
Past President*



*1983-84 Executive*

*BACK: 3rd Off. W. Lewis, Geraldine; D.C.F.O. C. Brokenshire, Temuka;  
District Officer A. Cockburn, New Brighton; S.F.F. T. Smith, Lyttelton;  
C.F.O. D. Hassall, Rangiora.*

*FR: 3rd Off. R. Brokenshire, Temuka (I.P.P.); 3rd Off. C. Helps, Akaroa (Snr V.P.);  
D.C.F.O. B. Barrett, Oxford (President); D.C.F.O. W. Apes, Tekapo (Jnr V.P.);  
S.O. L.N. Price, Christchurch (Secretary/Treasurer).*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The celebration of 75 years is a milestone for any organisation. On this occasion we all revoke memories of past incidents and bring to mind many outstanding events which have occurred as the years have progressed.

The 75 years just gone have seen this Association founded, fostered, probably criticised but encouraged to grow into an organisation it is today, respected, esteemed and influential.

I find it appropriate that our 75th Anniversary fit into the 1990 Celebrations of our Country and as we go into the next 25 years towards our Centenary, I wonder what is ahead?

Inevitably we shall see many more changes and face more challenges but with commendable adaptability solutions have been found to overcome difficulties.

I would also take this opportunity of paying tribute to those who have served on this association, and may the high calibre of members, as have served us in the past, continue to serve us in the future.

Colin Brokenshire  
PRESIDENT

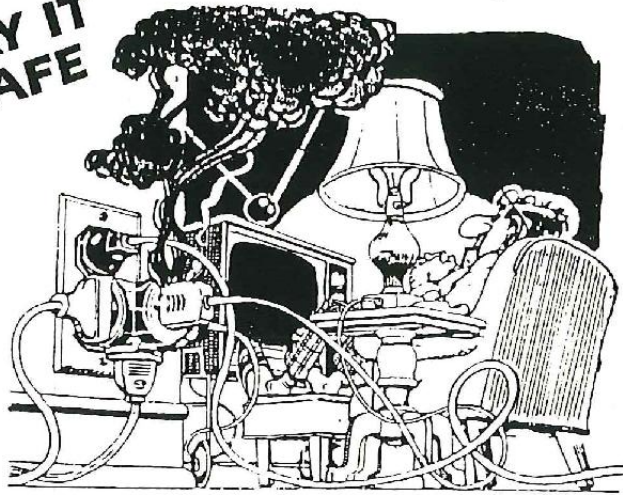
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*BACK: 3rd Off. B. Smith, Methven; S.F.F. W. Clark, Ashburton; S.O. B. Schamanski,  
Pleasant Point; D.C.F.O. E. Archibald, Amberley; S.O. P. Dench, Rangiora;  
S.O. P. Moore, New Brighton*

*FRONT: S.O. M. Price, Akaroa (Junior Vice President); S.O. R. Gardiner, Fairlie  
(Senior Vice President); D.C.F.O. C. Brokenshire, Temuka (President), District Officer  
A. Cockburn, New Brighton (Immediate Past President);  
F.F. T. King, Rangiora (Secretary)*

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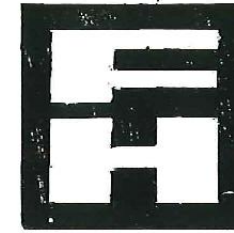
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*Temuka Team Demonstrating Flag Event (run around 1950) at U.F.B.A. Centennial at Dunedin in 1979  
C. Brokenshire, J. Forrest, R. Brokenshire, M. Stephens*



*Lyttelton Team Demonstrating a Hose Reel Event (run around early 1990's) at U.F.B.A. Centennial Celebrations at Dunedin 1979  
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