

「交流のきずなもつと」NZワイタケレ市長ら加古川訪問

加古川市の姉妹都市、ニュージーランド、ワイタケレ市のボブ・ハーベイ市長をはじめとする同市の代表団が十二日、加古川市役所に梅本庄一市長らを表敬訪問した。

両市は、一九九一年に姉妹都市提携。以来、中学生の相互派遣などの交流事業を続けており、今年二月には加古川の障害児学級で学ぶ中学生らが、ワイタケレ市にハーベイ市長を表敬訪問した。

代表団は市長や市広報部長ら三人、十一日に未だ、この日午前、市役所を訪ねた。梅本市長が「加古川滞在が爽り多いものとなるよう期待します」と歓迎のあいさつ。ハーベイ市長は「今後二十年、三十年と交流を



梅本市長とあいさつを交わすハーベイ市長（右）＝加古川市役所

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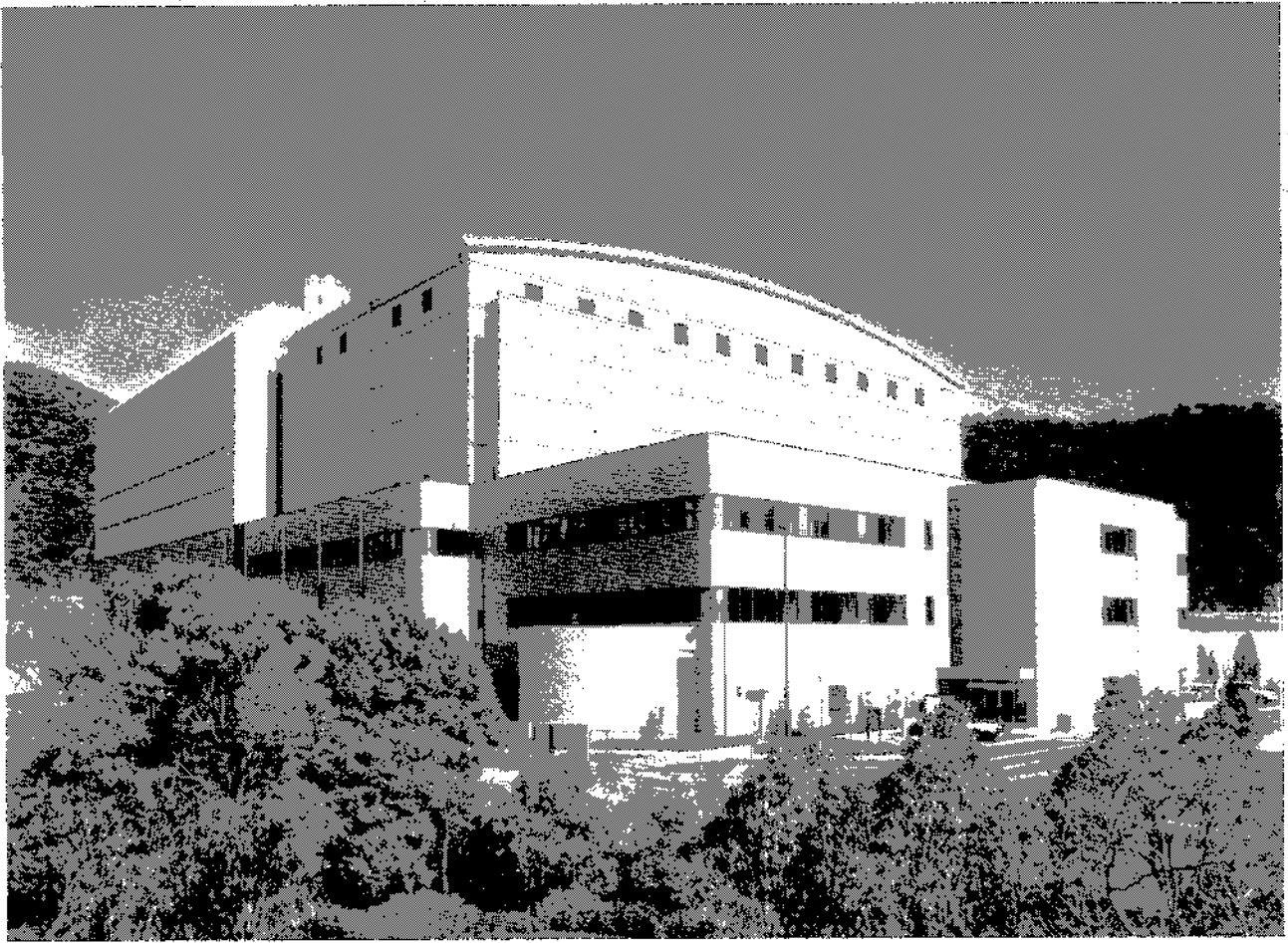
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加古川で24社就職説明会 学生ら

来春卒業予定の大学、既卒者を対象とした「就職説明会」が十二日、加古川市役所で開催された。



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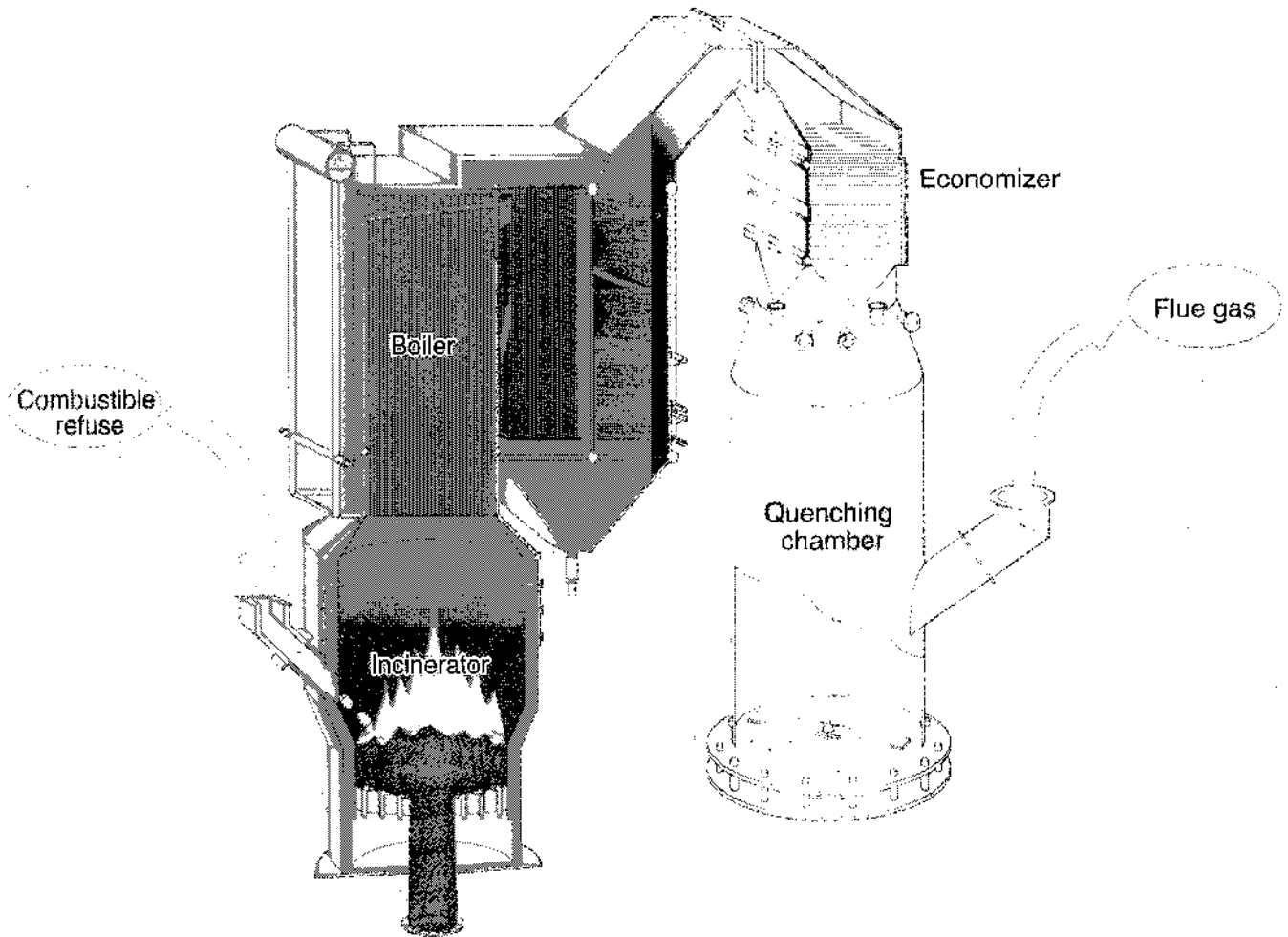
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Armani falls in love with the great fakes of China

CHINA: Expensive brands have to compete with top-class fakes for market share

by Jasmine Yap

Giorgio Armani was so impressed by a fake Armani watch he bought for US\$21 (\$33) in Shanghai that he decided to cut costs by making some watches in China. Now the Italian fashion designer plans to open 30 boutiques there by 2008.

Armani, 69, said the watch was an "identical copy" of one that sells for five times the price.

"This is an important reality and obviously a problem that everybody in this business is going to have to face."

Giorgio Armani, Prada Holding, Cartier and other luxury brands are expanding in China, betting that sales of their goods will rise in line with increasing affluence.

And the imitators might not dent profits, say analysts such as Eric Wong, of UBS Securities Asia. "There may be a lot of demand for fakes, but there is a lot of demand for the real thing too."

Armani's sales in China rose 17 per cent in the first quarter, almost twice its overall gain.

Sales by Paris-based Cie Financiere Richemont, which owns Cartier, rose 10 per cent in the first quarter on higher demand in Asia and the Americas, the company said. Shares rose 66 per cent during the past year.

And Amsterdam-based Gucci Group and Paris-based Louis Vuitton get about 30 per cent of their combined €4.3 billion (\$8.3 billion) in revenue from Asia, excluding Japan.

China's luxury goods market is worth about US\$2 billion, or 3 per cent of the world's total. About 210,000 of its 1.3 billion people are millionaires in US dollar terms.

Government figures show the country's

retail sales growth has outpaced that in the United States for at least four years, surging 10.7 per cent from a year ago to 1.28 trillion yuan (\$244 billion) in the first quarter.

A city-dweller had 8500 yuan in disposable income last year — a 36 per cent rise from 1998 and a 24-fold increase from 1978, when China started opening its economy.

"China's consumption story is very strong, particularly for the luxury end," said Dong Tao, the Hong Kong-based chief regional economist at Credit Suisse First Boston. "This comes in line with an explosion in the middle-income class and the upper class."

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Maxime Elgue, the managing director of Cartier Far East, said it was impossible to estimate how much luxury-brand companies lost to Chinese imitators.

Half of the US\$100 million in counterfeit goods seized by US Customs officials in 2002 were from China and counterfeiting accounted for as much as 7 per cent of global trade, or US\$450 billion a year.

"The fakes in China are, unfortunately, the better quality," said Elgue. "They are very good. They even have models that we don't have."

"We're spending millions every year to sue companies, to terminate workshops."

China's Ministry of Commerce, which has promised "zero-tolerance" on counterfeiters, found 161,400 instances of counter-

feiting last year — a 1 per cent increase from 2002 — with goods worth 1.89 billion yuan, according to its website.

Cartier, famed for diamond-encrusted watches, plans to add seven stores in China this year and wants 20 stores by 2006.

"We know it'll be the market for the future," Elgue said. "We need to step ahead of the competition."

Cartier opened its first Chinese boutique at the Peninsula Palace Beijing hotel in 1997. This year it will set up in some of China's richest cities, including Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Harbin, Hangzhou and Chengdu.

Elgue said China might overtake Japan as Cartier's biggest market within 15 years.

Armani plans to add two stores in Shanghai this year to bring its total to eight. The designer opened his first Chinese boutique in Beijing in 2002.

And Italian shoe and handbag designer Prada said it planned to spend €35 million to open as many as 15 stores in China next year.

"China is a fast-growing nation, so it's creating the opportunity to open new stores," said Giovanni del Vecchio, Prada's Asian director.

As Credit Suisse's Tao observed: "The urban population alone is 500 million. If 5 per cent of the urban population buys bags, the Europeans can sell a lot of handbags."

But import duties of as much as 35 per cent may crimp sales of luxury goods. "China is a long-term investment," said Claire Kent, a Morgan Stanley & Co analyst. "We see payback as unlikely for at least five years."

Visitors from China are already big spenders in Hong Kong.

Jewellery, cosmetics and clothing are their three most popular purchases, according to the Hong Kong Tourism Board. They spend an average US\$723 a visit, more than tourists from the US and Japan.

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BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF DONG QIAN LAKE RESORT

In August of 2001, the Ningbo Municipal Government made a decision to accelerate the development of DongQian Lake area, ensured the layout range of DongQian Lake Resort is about 230 square kilometers, including DongQian Lake Town, Tian tong temple, Asoka Temple and TianTong Forest Park, and founded the DongQian Lake Resort Administrative Committee. As an agency of municipal government, it exercises relevant city-level economic administration power, which is equivalent to the administrative management function of the county in its range. This significant decision conforms to the trend of Ningbo's development, because Ningbo plans to remove its downtown to the east and establishes the eastern new city zone. Moreover, as an international port city, the decision also advances city function of Ningbo, for urbanization development strategy.

After the establishment of DongQian Lake Resort Administrative Committee, all works is developing in a all-round way. According to this overall plan, the Ningbo Municipal Government will invest 5 billion and 10 billion Yuan respectively in the following 3 and 5 years to develop and integrate all kinds of resources in this area, such as lakes, mountains, fields, folk cultures, architectures and history, finally to set up a lake of the city, of the ecology, of the culture and of the recreation.

As time passes by, DongQian Lake Resort will become anational key environmental travel resort, and the important International Conference Centre in East China, Blue sky and water, green hill and tree, a modern paradise will soon appear in the world.



Traffic issues cause concern in Beijing

Authorities are tackling congestion, addressing other motoring issues

By Zheng-Hua

The number of private cars is soaring by more than 1,000 each day in Beijing, municipal traffic authorities announced yesterday.

According to Beijing Municipal Communications Commission Deputy Director Liu Xiaoming, the amount of private automobiles had surpassed 1 million in the capital as of last month.

Meanwhile, authorities are devoting more efforts to improving the city's traffic conditions and have achieved some results.

Of the 84 intersections listed by Liu as sites often seeing traffic jams, 19 have been renovated over the past four months and have allegedly become smoother in terms of congestion.

Another 26 places, including the Anzhen Crossover in the northeastern Chaoyang District and the Sitong and Lianxiang crossovers in the western Haidian District have also seen traffic jams alleviated to varying degrees, Liu said.

In addition to those measures, authorities are busy perfecting traffic rules.

In accordance with a draft regulation soliciting public opinions this week, motorists in their "internship" are allowed to drive only on the far right lane for motor vehicles on main roads, giving more road resources to other vehicles.

Legislators explained that the term "intern drivers" referred to those possessing a driving licence for less than one year.

As private car numbers are surging rapidly in Beijing, the number of new drivers on the roads is also on the rise.

A report from the Beijing Times

said that motorists who had been driving for less than three years had triggered 46 per cent of all kinds of accidents on the roads.

However, the draft limitation inflicted on new drivers seemed to ignore some important facts, and thus encountered strong opposition among residents discussing the issue online.

Comments on the www.beijing.gov.cn website included discussion about the safety implications for new drivers when driving in the congested right lane, which is often occupied by buses, bicycles and pedestrians.

Other visitors to the website simply said the regulation violated the rights of new drivers.

Another item from the 127-clause draft states that a 5-yuan (60 US cents) penalty will be imposed on pedestrians crossing roads on a red light or without using designated crosswalks, overpasses, underpasses and other facilities specifically designed for them, as well as several other minor wrongdoings.

Other misdemeanors affecting pedestrians, such as standing in vehicle lanes or flagging down taxis outside of designated sites, may involve fines up to 20 yuan (US\$2.40).

Quite a few netizens who claimed they were motorists held the punishments levied on violating pedestrians as being too meagre.

As well, many questioned why motorists are being forced to bear more than half of the blame in car accidents involving pedestrians who may have been totally to blame.

The draft will be open to public comment on the Internet for a month before a public hearing is staged by the municipal People's Congress next month to discuss the issue.

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Eulogy for my Dad, Peter Allen — Bernie Allen, 26 May 2004

THE DAY:

On Friday last at 8-45 am Peter the communicator made his last phone call. As Paul Richards relates, it was to the desk of Club Physical Gym, Westgate. He said that he wouldn't be at the regular work out and coffee gathering of his Forever Young friends as he felt 'a little off'. Fifteen minutes later he was promoted to glory in the arms of his beloved of 55 years.

THE DESK:

On Sunday night I stayed over with Mum and sat down late at night at Dad's desk in the den to prepare this eulogy. Knowing that the shoes are far too big to fill, I pick up his slim, silver ball pen. I gaze around the desk and the walls and he is everywhere with me. His calendar/diary to the right with appointments way ahead all carefully noted, mission appeal envelopes in front, a greeting card with frog collage on the front from Jan and John, a little notebook with a reminder of a mystery trip at 0900 hours departure, a note reminding of his home and gym exercise regime, a wall full of photos, awards, life memberships, a little envelope full of thankyou notes over the years from infant grandchildren, the Allen Family Crest 'Diligenter et fideliter' (diligent & faithful he was), a filing cabinet A-Z fully operative and fully indexed, a half-finished scrapbook of memories, and a little booklet from grand daughter Sara, 'For Grandad a gift of Love' which falls open at George Bernard Shaw writing,

'Life is no brief candle to me.
It is a sort of splendid
Torch which I have got
Hold of for the moment, and
I want to make it burn as
brightly as possible before handing
it on to future generations.'

Well Dad, the light of your splendid torch is blinding. What a life! Full of carpe diems despite the adversities. Your life journey fills my head with a kaleidoscope of memories – of good works, friendships and fun – where to begin or end?

THE LIFE STORY:

George Bendall Allen was born in New Plymouth in 1922 and named after his Uncle George killed early in WW1 at age 21. He became known as Peter and more latterly 'Gubby' after Gubby Allen the English cricketer, and Froggy to pupils.

He attended New Plymouth Boys High and then Auckland Teachers College 1940-41 after his nurseryman father said, "You will be a teacher!" The nurseryman kept coming out in him but many seem glad of that paternal directive into a noble profession.

He was conscripted after Pearl Harbour and joined 1st Auckland Battalion. He served 2yrs in NZ and 2yrs overseas in Italy with the 24th NZ Infantry Battalion during which he was awarded the Military Medal and wounded on the Senio River.

After the war he completed his BA and Masters degrees at Auckland University and whilst boarding at Glen Osmond Guest House in Wynyard St met Thelma, the tall and attractive daughter of the owner, my late Nana Broadbent. The rest is our family history.

He began his teaching career at MAGS in 1951 alongside legendary figures including Butch Brown who had a cane wrapped in barbed wire mounted above the blackboard and once had a class stand on their desks a whole period as no one had owned up to an offence. Dad had a hard case French class in a pre-fab that ran riot. He responded by lining the whole class up and caning them.

The wise old head took him aside in the staff room and said. "Allen, do you not think there are other more subtle ways of disciplining a class?" Butch overheard, sidled up later and with a Churchillian growl said, "Allen, if they keep on doing it whack em all again!"

Notwithstanding this influence, he proved to be a gentle man throughout his life. With the gentleness came humour. His favourite sayings were *festina lente* (make haste slowly) and 'keep your mind easy and your bowels open' – the latter ironic perhaps but a positive affirmation in the face of the repeated colitis and depression that he suffered during his adult life. In latter years, after his jogging career ended when hit by a van crossing the road (his 9th life), the Club Physical gym and his quickened faith were huge influences on his quality of life, with Mum the ever present strong one there at his side.

After moving west to 3 acres in Edmonton Rd he joined the new HHS as a foundation staff member in 1953 and was Principal from 1965-1979. I have vivid and fond memories of those days and as a 12 year old was in awe of the huge, hairy legged First fifteen of the early sixties in those gold jerseys, as well as the bullet hole riddled rifle range wall. Danny Lendich visited Mum at home on Sunday and offered the compliment, "As a teacher Dad could go onto all levels with the kids." I remember the story of Dad saying to Danny at age 14 or 15, "Lendich, you don't really want to be here any more do you?" Perhaps that acknowledgment was a release into a non-academic but very successful business career that has ensued for this particular Old Boy. There are many more ex pupil success stories.

More of the school from Carl, but for me Dad was more than a principal. He lived for and loved the school – often in practical ways effectively as an assistant groundsman and caretaker vacuuming the pool and rolling cricket wickets at 6 am in the morning before school. He had more than 9 lives, one of them when he staggered out of the Pool Filter room with a major dose of chlorine in his lungs.

In the 1950's and early 60's our family made an annual pilgrimage to our Nana in New Plymouth for Christmas holidays initially in the Ford Y then the Mk1 Zephyr. These were precious times with his family there including his late sister June and a climb of Mt Egmont when I was 12 and John 8. They include my favourite photo – our young family on a rug having a tea break on the roadside past Te Kuiti – all were in hysterics and the explanation was that Dad had just passed wind. He was quite good at that!

In the early years we recall his active involvement in the Henderson War Memorial Kindergarten, the Waitemata Athletic and Rugby Clubs and the Queen Carnival to build the gym. During his time at school he helped to establish the Hoani Waititi Marae. He joined Huapai Golf Club in the early fifties, and he and Mum have had much enjoyment out of that grand game. He briefly reached single figures to join his mother and his wife who by and large were clearly able outplay the men in our family – that is perhaps until Simon and Greg's recent achievements.

Dad played a lot of sport over the years and tennis, golf, indoor bowls, soccer, rugby, squash, jogging (Rotorua Marathon and around Rarotonga included) featured with the sporting inclination of the Bendall ancestors clearly in evidence. He was in a way a late bloomer playing Golden Oldies rugby for Waitemata until near age 60. Tank Herring nearly squashed him by accident one game.

He was a Life Member of WAPA and Belvedere Tennis Club. Already a Rotarian, after retirement he continued on in Rotary to total 35 years service above self, followed by Honorary membership at West harbour and Probus.

A proud 24 Battalion man it was my privilege to take him to their church service and reunion last month, to sit with his mates, to hear their stories and reflect on comrades departed. He was a member of Henderson RSA for over 40 years, more recently Hobsonville RSA and the KEVs. 'Cobweb Corner' at Hobby RSA saw him always spend enough on tickets to ensure a substantial meat raffle prize came home with him.

Children came: myself 1949, Maureen 1951, John 1953 and in 1961 Geoffrey the youngest and tallest of the whanau (til his son Rowyn recently passed him but Geoff is in denial!) Henderson in the 1950s –60s was magical place to be and we were nurtured and educated academically, spiritually, socially and in sport. Whilst Dad tended acres of beans and poppies to supplement income and Mum kept the house going we were over at the Chapmans or Falls Park creek or up in the bush by the Gruebners experiencing what many kids of today sadly miss.

In the 80s' and 90's he was a keen Director and Secretary of our family property development company; he had his own business card, whilst readily acknowledging it was a bit of a sinecure. He loved the ride on mower which he nearly put in the sea down near Westpark Marina and with Mum enjoyed a number of Placemakers' Capers conferences around the South Pacific.

In recent times he has enjoyed much friendship and fellowship in the group of western golden oldies who meet around George Ward. He has consistently visited the sick including Keithy Callinan in Ranfurly who has outlived him and denied him his desire to speak at his funeral. I remember him reminding Keithy the gunner of the need to set his gun sights right for the infantry up ahead –not too low Keithy!

Dad, Dessy Lang and my wife Mary compared notes almost daily re the Herald Crossword. Often my beloved, who left her school in Te Kuiti at 15, helped the MA in English with his last and most difficult word. Yesterday, grandson Joshua (9) called Mary re a crossword clue - the tradition continues.

From earlier days at St Michaels in Henderson to 20 years at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Massey, with occasional appearances and 'Tihei mauriora's' at the Salvation Army Faith Factory, he has been a much loved member of the church.

Nearly 82 years later the legacy of obeying the same instruction given Noah to go forth and multiply, is 4 children, 13 grandchildren and 6 great grand-children in whom he delighted and supported, as we will later hear, from his Olympian grand daughter Laura the gymnast right down to the beginner soccer player grand sons and great grand son learning those early ball skills.

THE GARDEN:

The day Dad died I took a walk out to his very healthy vegie garden, past the little sign 'Frog Way' to the far corner. Memories of the Edmonton Rd garden with the big copper of liquid fertiliser flooded back. He often recited the quote that man is never closer to God than when in the garden.

There was his spade, dug in the ground ready for the next row, and for the first time the immensity of his passing hit me. Owen Hoskin, current principal here said to me "He always put a stake in the ground, a 'mihi'", and so he did. Two days later I returned to the garden and there above on a wispy branch a thrush sang and chortled away at me. Going inside I was told by Mum that it had been there the morning of Dad's passing and also the next day when she went out on her own – 3 days and the resurrection.

THE LAST WORD:

We are so glad to have had a Dad like him and I know that Mum feels grateful to have had him as a husband for 55 years, even with all his little idiosyncracies. "Peter please don't write letters and hassle those young Rotarians!"

Let me finish with the succinct words of a funeral notice inserted by a much loved 24 Battalion mate Peter McDermott that encapsulate all I have said today:

"Gubby, a gentleman, a scholar, a sportsman, a fine soldier and a dear friend."

Gubby- Ancient Romans - younger member of family portrayed deceased in the funeral procession - immortality.

Good morning school!

You know how I got to be this short - keeping low and dodging bullets in the war. I come to tell you something very important - so I shall say it more than once - did you know that in 1938... I was a Taranaki rugby fifth Grade rep.

Cucullus non facit monacum - the cowl doth not make the monk.

I am also here to make things run smoothly and efficiently.. of course if they are not I shall be... what? What Mr Matthew - pay attention - pull your socks up boy. Per augusta ad augusta - through suffering to glory - TGS and MAGS motto - I shall be writing a letter to the organisers outlining some improvements. Did I tell you I was the 1938 fifth grade Taranaki rep. Ti he mauri ora! Tena koutou tena koutou tena koutou katoa, Haere mai e pa ma, e whae ma. Haere mai ki te whanau o Peter Allen. Ko tenei toku pepeha. Ko George Bendall Allen ahau. I tumuaki o Henderson high. Ko Taranaki toku maunga. Ko Huatoki toku iwa. Ko Arthur Squire Allen raua ko Nellie May Bendall oku matua. He whakatauki. Ko te miti te kai a te kuri - meat is the food of the dog - ko te kupu te kai a te rangitira.. The word is the food of the chief. Kia ora.

Now would you like to hear my 1934 school report, or how much Ben and Chris Allen weighed when Ben played for the Massey under 23 side, or that I was 15 when I finally beat my mother at tennis, or that I was 12 when I got my 880 yard Certificate for swimming at the Huatoki dam. Encourage your children to swim well - it avoids drowning and other complications. Totis viribus! With all your might. Have concern for others, wear as many badges as possible. Wear sunscreen. Especially in the garden or playing tennis - speaking of tennis - I was 1938 Huatoki Senoir tennis champion, my name's on the board, all children must look through the window. Revielle is French for... what Miss Robertson... pay attention girl! French for - Get up, of course. Married Jan 1st 1949, bride twenty minutes late. Honeymoon Russell - drove without license. 2004 Mac Williams and I drive with one good eye each. He watches the right, I watch the left - very dangerous.

1953 - in hospital again. Unable to attend birth of son John. Could see Auckland Nana's boarding house, Glen Osmond, across Grafton gully. They hung out a white sheet for me to see when he arrived - considerably heavier than sister Maureen's eight pounds.

Nov, 1969 - left hospital to attend Bernard and Mary's wedding. Geoffrey and I missed reception - watched national win again.

1979 - ran round the bays with Henry Norcross in 47 minutes. Left HHS same year. Given frog which fell forward over lectern - one wag said - 'I think he's croaked sir.' School should be a place of creative learning where students want to stay longer than 3:20pm. So it's pleasing to see everyone still here.

Wrote a letter to John Howard, George W. Bush and Helen Clark.

1999, fifty years of marriage and golf. Thelma still plays, but I must lean on a club rather than swing it.

Friday 21st may, 2004 - ate a small carrot, did crossword, read my Bible passages, not feeling 100% so didn't take Thelma usual breakfast in bed... the rest is silence. (pause) Except... did I mention I was a 1938 Taranaki fifth grade rep? Festina lente - make haste slowly. School dismissed!

Geoff Allen 21/5/04