

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

In this issue the frontispiece was drawn by Peter Judson while he was at Lincoln College. Choosing Taraxacum officinale as a subject was dictated not only by the very fine original drawing but also the two articles in this Journal which deal with it.

Previous to this issue, with the exceptions of Nos 12 and 13 - frontispieces drawn by Murray Parsons - Cecil Dunn has been the artist. The Society is indebted to him for 12 beautiful drawings that have graced the title page of previous issues.

Editor John Thompson stopped writing editorials with the third number, but if you look through the fourteen numbers he brought out you will not be surprised at this. In every number there are two or more articles or notes under his name which not only had to be written but required arduous field work as a start. The society is certainly indebted to John for all his work. He has been Editor of the Journal since it started in 1968 and prior to this was President in 1963 and had been on the committee several years before that. On field trips he has always been a source of information and identifications and any such trip led by him has always been a delight.

The award to him of the Societys' Bledisloe Trophy was most fitting and well deserved.

The article by Eileen Fairbairn is published posthumously and we are indebted to Pauline Robinson for her beautifully written account of Eileen's association with the Society. (See page 29).

In the September news-letter you will have noted the awarding of Bledisloe Trophies to winning Senior and Junior entries in the Biology Section of the Canterbury and Westland Science Fair. In the Essay Section which was apparently not eligible for the Bledisloe Trophies, an entry, Taraxacum officinale by Nicholas E. Butler, a 7th

Form pupil of Linwood High School, gained second prize, and an edited version appears in this issue.

Several of the articles set the stage for field-work by members extending the range of species, verifying that they are, or just as importantly, are not, present in some region, or recording flowering and fruiting methods and times. The field is wide and the Journal is here to publish the results of your labours for posterity. We look forward to seeing these results next year. Do not hold back, you may be shut out.

As a counter to rising cost we have been lucky to have Philippa Horn to do the typing and setting out of illustrations for this issue using facilities made available by the computer centre at Lincoln College. We express our gratitude for these services.

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#### SENIOR BLEDISLOE TROPHY

At the time of presentation of this trophy to John Thompson the question was raised as to previous holders. Here is a full list from the start in 1954.

1954	O. Hunter	1960	Lawrie Metcalf
1955	J.K. Forbes	1961	M. Beaven Brown
1956	M.J. Barnet	1978	Mabel Hunter
1957	Lance McCaskill	1979	Harry Talbot
1958	R.K. Wilson	1981	John Thompson