

Gentlemen . . .

*Mr. Duncan Menzies*  
*Life Member*

One of the most pleasing decisions made by delegates at the recent Dominion Conference at Napier was the honouring of one of our most respected members, in Mr. Duncan Menzies of Timaru, with Life Membership of the N.Z. Society of Master Plumbers Inc.

Mr. Menzies who was President of the New Zealand Federation of Master Plumbers in 1944 enjoys a long and distinguished record of service to the trade supported by a wide knowledge and practical experience of its many ramifications.

He was born in Scotland and came to New Zealand in 1909. He became apprenticed to the plumbing industry in Christchurch and completed his term in Timaru to where he had moved with his parents in 1912. Mr. Menzies attended classes at the Christchurch and Timaru Technical Colleges in various subjects and enjoyed many successes, including London City and Guild's certificates in three grades and Plumbers Registration No. 1067.

At 21 he enlisted and served overseas with the 19th Reinforcements eventually moving to Germany with the Army of Occupation.

On returning to New Zealand he commenced business on his own account, being soon joined by his brother, and this partnership continued to their retirement in 1956.

Mr. Menzies has given freely of his time and energy in furthering the interests of the trade both locally and nationally; and besides being a foundation member of the South Canterbury Association, of which he was President continuously for 10 years he has served the trade in many capacities too numerous to mention. He still serves on his local apprenticeship Committee, and was recently elected first Life Member of his local Association.



Attending his first Conference in 1929 he was a prominent figure at many such events for several years, and will be remembered by many for his outstanding debating ability, a grand sense of humour and his willingness to assist many young Conference Delegates over their first hurdles.

Apart from his business activities Mr. Menzies was an active participant in a wide range of sports having represented South Canterbury at Bowls, Association football and Cricket on many occasions, he also played Club rugby for a few seasons and was interested in rowing. At Bowls over eight years he won five champion of champions' Certificates comprising wins in rinks, pairs and singles thus entitling him to the gold star of the local bowling centre. After a lapse of some years he now is anticipating taking up bowls again.

This Journal joins with his many friends throughout the Dominion in extending to Duncan their heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

# Life Members of N.Z. Society of Master Plumbers — Select Group

On the occasion of the election of Mr. N. S. Irwin of Auckland to Life Membership of the N.Z. Society of Master Plumbers Inc. it is fitting that tribute be paid also to those in the small and select band of Life Members that he now joins. Unselfish service to their fellows is the attribute most outstanding and common to each of the Society's Life Members.

Their many years of service to the Plumbing Trade and to the interests and well-being of Master Plumbers, which has been given gratuitously throughout a long association with the Trade, draws to them the acknowledgement and recognition of their fellows that they were undoubtedly the pillars of strength around which the Trade and the N.Z. Society of Master Plumbers Inc. has progressed over the years.

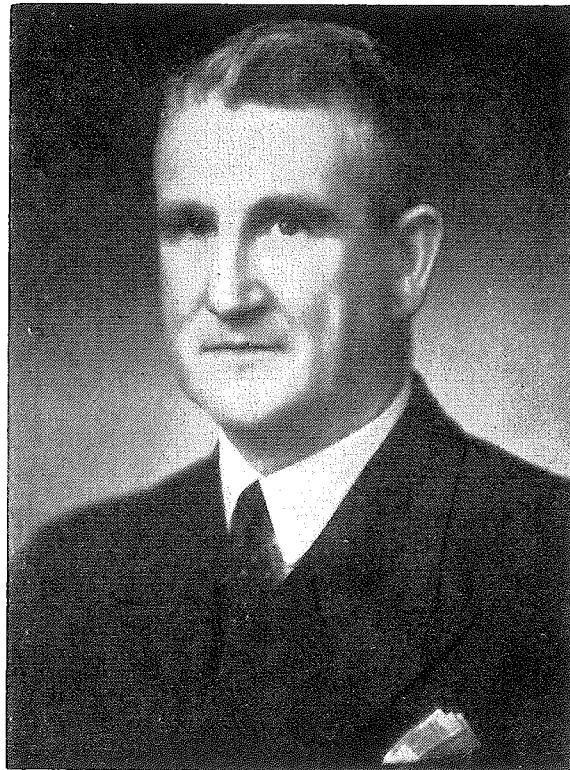
We pay tribute to those the Society has honoured and again render our thanks and appreciation for the services they so ably rendered—

### THE ROLL OF HONOUR OF LIFE MEMBERS

1953	J. S. Douglas (Dsd.)	Dunedin
1953	N. A. Kyle	Auckland
1953	C. B. Martin	Wellington
	R. Wainwright (Dsd.)	Wellington
	D. Menzies	Timaru
	W. S. Thomson	Wellington
	A. T. Wallis	Palmerston Nth.
1963	W. R. Edyvane (Dsd.)	Wellington
1968	H. W. Martin	Wellington
1969	N. S. Irwin	Auckland



J. S. DOUGLAS (Dsd.), Dunedin.



N. A. KYLE, Auckland.

## OBITUARY

# Mr Duncan Menzies – Timaru

With the death of Duncan Menzies at Timaru earlier this month the Plumbing Industry has lost one of its distinguished elders who contributed much towards the progress and development of the "N.Z. Federation of Master Plumbers" and plumbing interests generally throughout New Zealand during the period 1920's to 1950's.

Duncan Menzies was born in Scotland where he received Primary School education prior to coming to New Zealand with his parents in 1909.

Settling in Christchurch, Duncan's first job was in a boot factory, but later he became apprentices to the Plumbing trade; this apprenticeship was completed in Timaru where his parents had moved in 1912.

Attending evening classes in various subjects at both the Christchurch and Timaru Technical Colleges, sometimes four and five nights weekly, he gained many successes including the London and City Guild's Certificates in three grades and his Plumbers Registration Certificate No. 1067.

Duncan served with the Army in World War I, he enlisted at twenty one years of age and went overseas with the 19th Reinforcements, eventually moving into Germany with the Army of Occupation in 1918-19.

He returned to New Zealand in 1919, and commenced business in Timaru on his own account. His brother joined him soon afterwards and this partnership remained unbroken until both retired in 1956.

Duncan has at all times taken a great interest in plumbing matters locally and nationally, and besides being a foundation Member of the South

Canterbury Master Plumbers Association, he served as its President continuously for ten years, and has served the Plumbing trade in many capacities too numerous to mention. He was elected a Life Member of his local Association in 1956.



In national Plumbing affairs Duncan Menzies took a keen and active interest and represented his South Canterbury Association at numerous National Conferences. He became President of the N.Z. Federation of Master Plumbers in 1944, and in 1957 was elected a Life Member of the "N.Z. Society of Master Plumbers".

The deepest sympathy of all who knew Duncan will go out to Mrs Menzies and family during their time of sorrow.

# Mr D. Menzies Had Distinguished Record in District Sport

*Special*

Mr Duncan Menzies who died at Timaru last Friday had a distinguished record in sport having represented South Canterbury at cricket, soccer and bowls.

He had a unique record of being a member of teams of three different sports which won Bristol Cup competitions — for Zingari at cricket, (its first win), for Ashbury at bowls (its first win) and for the Gleniti Golf Club.

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As a wicketkeeper for South Canterbury for many seasons he was considered to be in New Zealand class by some critics. In a match against a Canterbury Plunket Shield team he was considered the outstanding player of the

match in which the New Zealand wicketkeeper, M. Boon, took part.

However, it was at bowls that Mr Menzies had most success and it is doubtful if any district player has won more cups than he did. A foundation member of the Ashbury Club he won the club's first bowling certificate for the South Canterbury Bowling Centre's champion of champion pairs with N. Hamlyn as lead. He repeated the performance the following year. He won seven championship certificates — singles once, pairs four times (twice as skip and twice as lead) and the fours twice (once as skip and once as lead). Had he not retired from the game, once for seven years and a second time for 10 years, his list of successes would have been considerably greater. A member of the Kia Toa club for the last 12 years he won every competition in which he was eligible to compete, including the pairs three times and the fours three times.

Besides being a South Canterbury centre gold star winner he also won the coveted R.S.A. gold badge for bowls as a member of the Kia Toa team which was the only South Canterbury team to win this event. Duncan Menzies and his brother the late Jock Menzies had a plumbing business in Timaru and their father, Mr J. Menzies was health inspector for the Timaru Borough Council. He also taught plumbing at the Timaru Technical night school for many years. Mr Duncan Menzies who served overseas in the First World War is survived by his wife and two daughters.

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## SPORTSMAN'S DIARY

# Duncan Menzies Excelled In Many Outdoor Sports

There are few persons in Timaru, and in South Canterbury for that matter, who can claim such a distinguished record in sport as Duncan Menzies, who has represented South Canterbury at cricket, soccer and bowls.

He has the unique record of being a member of teams of three different sports which won Bristol Cup competitions — for Zingari at cricket (its first win); for Ashbury at bowls (its first win) and for the Gleniti Golf Club.

In the early days of soccer in Timaru, Duncan Menzies established himself as one of the best forwards in the district and represented South Canterbury on many occasions.

He also took an interest in rowing and played senior rugby for Star for a time.

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### Bowling Successes

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He has won seven championship certificates—singles once, pairs four times (twice as skip and twice as lead), and the fours twice (once as skip and once as lead).

He has also been beaten in the final of the singles once and the pairs twice, the last time a week or two ago at the Park green.

Had he not had two spells away from the game—one of seven years



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and one of 10—there can be little doubt that his list of successes would have been considerably longer.

Since joining the Kia Toa club about seven years ago, he has won every competition in which he was eligible to compete, including the pairs three times and the fours three times.

Besides being a South Canterbury centre gold star winner he also won the coveted R.S.A. gold badge for bowls as a member of the Kia Toa team which was the only South Canterbury team to win this event.

Looking back on his career, Mr Menzies says that in his opinion Joe Kane was South Canterbury's best all-round cricketer; Ron Stewart its best rugby player and Tom Edwards its best bowler followed by Lyall Dewar (West End) and Alan Hawkey (Kia Toa).

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Joe Beckett who died at Northampton last Friday, aged 71, suffered—and will probably continue to suffer even after his death—from the dismal memory of two one-round defeats by Georges Carpentier of France.

The first at Holborn Stadium on December 4, 1919, occupied Carpentier 73 seconds—and red rockets were fired to bring the grim tidings

to an incredulous London. Four years later Carpentier repeated the feat at Olympia on October 1, 1923, in a time variously estimated at between 15 and 35 seconds. It was quickly enough, anyway, to give berth to the now elderly chestnut about the patron who bent down to pick up his programme and missed the fight.

The second fight created great interest in Britain and on the Continent. Beckett gave it out that he would not be caught napping as he had been in the first fight. No sooner had the fight started than Beckett changed to a southpaw stance to confuse Carpentier. Carpentier also changed immediately and so perplexed Beckett that Carpentier was able to land his famous right to the jaw to end the bout.

Internationally, Beckett deserved better than to be remembered only for the Carpentier disasters. After all he was the heavyweight champion of Great Britain and ended the "come-back" career of the former world heavyweight champion, Tommy Burns, with a salutary knockout in the seventh round in 1920.

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The 16-year-old Akarana junior, Bruce Rafferty, enhanced his prospects for his inclusion in the Auckland Freyberg Rosebowl golf team with consistent play in the third and fourth trial rounds on the Auckland club's course at Middlemore.

The Mt Roskill Grammar schoolboy had a 36-hole aggregate of 145 (72-73) to share the top honours with Ken Hankin who had similar figures. Hankin, however, with a 72-hole aggregate of 294 is the leading trialist by two strokes from Rafferty.

*Timaru West (Timaru) newsletter*

...the ... Class were also engaged.  
**Mr Duncan Menzies:** We all join with our Church Street West members in mourning the loss of Mr Duncan Menzies who over the years has given his utmost with sound advice, practical assistance and devoted service. The church in Church Street West will always be a memorial to him.  
Our sincere sympathy goes to Mrs Menzies, Isabel and Jeanette.  
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Having sold our business we wish to sincerely thank our many clients and business associates for their valued support over the last 37 years and trust that our successors will merit a continuance of same.  
D. and J. MENZIES.

Having taken over the above business we hope that by promptness, efficiency and reasonable charges, to receive a fair share of public patronage.

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**SPORTSMAN DIES**  
*Duncan*  
A South Canterbury representative at cricket, soccer and bowls, Mr Duncan Menzies has died in Timaru.  
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But bowls was his favourite sport and he probably won more cups than any other district player.  
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# Grand sportsman dies in Timaru

**TIMARU (Special).—**The "grand old man" among South Canterbury sportsmen, Mr Duncan Menzies, has died in Timaru.

Mr Menzies was one of the pioneers in getting the soccer code on a sound footing in South Canterbury, and he represented South Canterbury on many occasions.  
As a cricketer, he was considered in the top flight as a wicket-keeper — decidedly unlucky not to gain higher honours outside South Canterbury. Old-timers still maintain he was in New Zealand class.  
But it was bowls that Duncan Menzies really excelled at in his later years. He probably won more cups than any other district player in history.

A foundation member of the Ashbury club, he won the club's first bowling certificate for the South Canterbury Bowling Centre's champion - of - champion pairs with N. Hamlyn as his lead. He won seven championship certificates, was a South Canterbury centre gold star winner; and also won the coveted R.S.A. gold badge as a member of Timaru's Kia Toa team.  
And to cap off a remarkable sporting record, Duncan Menzies was president of the Gleniti Golf Club for many years and won the senior club championship in 1939.

*Star 7 o'clock paper*