

Service to medicine and sport

Dr Harold Faber Fookes, who maintained a family tradition of service to medicine and ability at Rugby, died in New Plymouth on Saturday.

Dr Fookes, a son of the late Dr E. Faber Fookes, was born in New Plymouth in 1908.

His father was an English International Rugby player for five years before coming to New Zealand. He was offered a place in the 1905 All Black team to tour Britain, but could not accept.

Dr Harold Fookes played for Otago University and was a New Zealand Universities Rugby representative. He toured Japan with the Universities' team and played for the Rest of New Zealand against New Zealand.

A brother, Mr Kenneth Faber Fookes, New Plymouth, played for Taranaki and the Rest of New Zealand and his other brother, Mr Sydney Faber Fookes, Inglewood, played for Canterbury and Taranaki.

Dr Fookes attended New Plymouth Boys' High School where he was head boy and captain of the First Fifteen and First Eleven. He set a record at the school when he took 8 wickets for 10 runs during a match against Wanganui Collegiate. He was also a good athlete and won the school's senior championship.

Dr Fookes married Miss Catherine Moyes, daughter of the late Mr W. H. Moyes, a former headmaster of the high school.

After qualifying as a doctor, he went to Gore Hospital where he became superintendent. He practised in Carterton before coming to New Plymouth to start a general practice.

During the war he had served as a captain in the New Zealand Medical Corps.

Dr Fookes' other interests included tennis and golf.

Dr Fookes leaves his wife and two daughters, Misses Jane and Christine Fookes.

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