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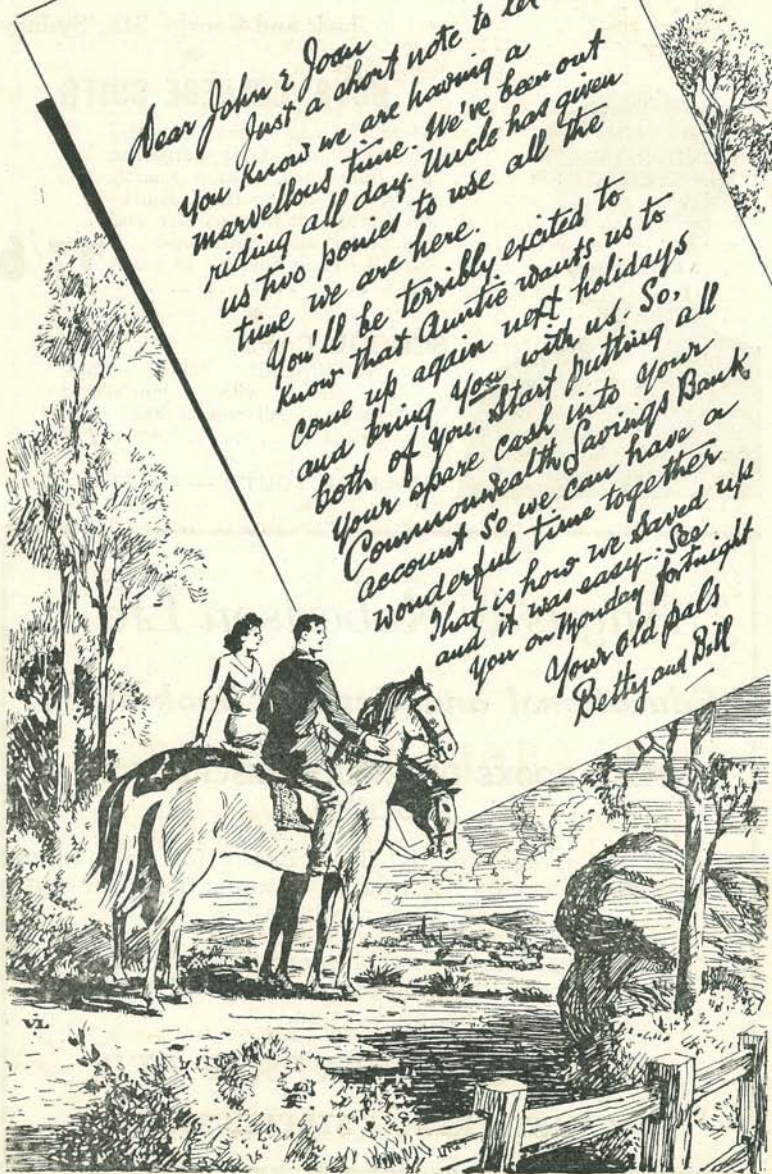
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Editorial

Now that you are leaving us, Mr. Watson, we take the liberty of speaking freely to you — in a way, an unfair advantage that, for you are denied the right of reply. Still, we would like you to know what we think of you, and to set it down in the permanency of print. First of all, then, we think much of you, very much indeed. And you shall not depart from us without your knowing how greatly we appreciate you and your headship of this school. You have carried your great responsibilities, you have fulfilled your high trust with marked distinction. In your years with us you have fashioned and directed a tradition. How you have succeeded in doing so is not easy to define — but your personality, patience, sense of fair dealing, tolerance, diligence in duty, interest in all activities — these, and many more, help to explain. Last, and most, that dignity that is yours as a natural right.

What is called the tone of a school derives most of all from its Principal. For good or bad that is inevitable. Therefore, Heads should be chosen with great care. We sincerely feel that the choice of you for our school was a particularly happy one. There is no need to labour the point further, but if proof were needed it would be found in our senior boys. No school anywhere but would be proud of our Fifts and Fourths — their bearing, conduct and character. And these are the products of the school's influence and training. Very much the influence of the Principal.

And so, Mr. Watson, let us tell you that we like you very much, that we appreciate very highly your good work amongst us. We shall miss you greatly, but we hope to see you often at our functions. And, lastly, our best wishes are that your retirement will be for you and Mrs. Watson long and happy.

PRIZE-WINNERS, 1948.

Dux of School: Robert A. Ross.

Second in School: Lenin Bradford.

Third in School: Ronald G. Weir.

Captain of School: Ross Lyons.

Principal's Prize, for Scholarship, Sportsmanship, Service: Robert H. Jesse.

Tinckham Prize, for Marked Progress: William J. McGuinness.

Old Boys' Prize, for Sport and Scholarship: Lionel Dennis.

Jackett Prize, for Ability in Debate: Robert A. Ross.

Dux of Fourth Year: Frank Curnow.

Second in Fourth Year: Alan Bree.

Third in Fourth Year: Raymond Baker.

Dux of Third Year: John A. Lehane.
 Second in Third Year: William C. Hook.
 Third in Third Year: William Penhall.
 Dux in Second Year: Ken Goodwin.
 Second in Second Year: Ronald McCarthy.
 Third in Second Year: Malcolm Thomas.
 Dux of First Year: James Angel and John Meredith, equal.
 Third in First Year: Brian James Tierney.

ACCOUNTANCY AWARDS, 1948.

Blennerhassett's Institute of Accountancy: Norman Sharpe, Arthur Kenny, Stanley Rowley, Barry Ryan.

The Commonwealth Institute Scholarship: Brian Harper.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

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Our best wishes go with the former members of our staff, and we extend a hearty welcome to the new members who replace them.

ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE: In the recent Alliance Francaise oral tests the following Homebush boys were successful:

Grade III (in order of merit): Ian Charles, Alan Kentwell, Paul Grigor.

Grade IV (with marks out of a possible 20): Anthony Astle 16½; Malcolm Thomas 16; Kenneth Baker 14; Ronald Bathgate 13; Ronald McCarthy 11½.

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL BALL for 1948 was held on 13th December. It was a fitting and joyous close to school year. A good floor — our own Hall, of course — good music, good supper, and best of all, a good lot of happy people.

GRAND it was to see a certain gentleman start the races at the Annual Carnival. We mention no name, for that same is "a small man to see, but a big man to cross." Suffice to say that he looked the part — a mild and dandified version of Wild Bill Hikok. And he had a six-shooter, too. Competitors, at their marks, strained and tense, awaited the gun's report. Wild Bill would raise his right arm beyond its natural extent — to get the full benefit of the shot, it is thought. After breathless seconds of this still-life poise, an awful convulsive shudder would run through his frame. That came to be interpreted at last that Wild Bill was pulling the trigger. But nothing happened. That gun was a dud, and quite unworthy of the hand that held it. Eventually someone else came along and blew a whistle, or said "Go!" or something to that effect. And the race would be on. All this while, Wild Bill would be tampering with the cunning fixtures of his gun in preparation for the next race.

That starter, however, had one major success: A certain lady, in a most uncertain car, tootled round the oval, seeking the exit gate. A guard of honour — chivalry is not dead at Homebush — formed up to see her

through. But the car, after many primitive noises, stalled at the gateway, and despite all the encouraging remarks of the guard, refused to budge. Came forward the Hikok man and his gun. And one, two, three, off it went like a cannon. With a snort the ancient car made one frantic leap through the gate-way. And that was the only time Wild Bill's pistol functioned all day.

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THE STORK has been busy again, and we are pleased to report a number of happy family events. Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Madson, Mr. and Mrs. Leader, Mr. and Mrs. Brownjohn, Mr. and Mrs. Allars, and Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

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SYDNEY UNIVERSITY DRAMATIC SOCIETY (S.U.D.S.) visited Homebush High and presented "Twelfth Night." It was a brilliant performance, given as far as is humanly possible to give it, in the manner of Shakespeare's own day. It completely won the juvenile audience in the Hall. Even Second Years forgot their trains and stayed on enthralled. There is something in Shakespeare after all.

S.U.D.S. also performed "Macbeth" in the Great Hall of the University. Practically all our Fifth Years and many of the staff attended. Like "Twelfth Night," the production was a success. We feel very grateful to the Society for extending to us the privilege of seeing and hearing these plays.

"Macbeth" was presented in the Elizabethan tradition so successfully that it captured a part at least of the audience. It acted in the Elizabethan tradition of audiences — when actor pleased not. Somewhat unexpected that was, and it can't be said that the producers had foreseen this additional piece of realism.

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MR. COX has the gardens and lawns on the Bridge Road side looking better than ever. At all times he succeeds in keeping the front bright and colourful. We would like Mr. Cox to know how very much his efforts are appreciated.

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HOMEBUSH HIGH, as half-way meeting place and combat ground, heard the semi-final in the Hume-Barbour debate. The contestants were Hurlstone and North Sydney. An exceptionally good debate, with the honours going to North Sydney. Mr. K. R. Cramp, once Secondary Inspector, officiated as adjudicator.

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THE PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION is a particularly active body and has continued its efforts in promoting the welfare of the school. Boys and staff greatly appreciate this good work of the Association.

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NEW DOOR KNOBS have suddenly and mysteriously sprouted on many doors throughout the school. They look well — chastely wrought in solid silver, or metal closely resembling it. And what is more, they work efficiently, making it possible to open doors and shut doors as the case may be. The old fittings of brass, shaped like anchor flukes, were a menace, seemingly designed to impale small boys about the shoulder blades, and larger persons somewhat lower down.

These old locks were cantankerous in every way, sometimes refusing to open, and at other times refusing to close. Vigorous, and perhaps vicious, attempts to make them function resulted in their coming off altogether in the hands of the operators. Then homely and primitive improvisations were to be found in that bleak southern wing in efforts to keep out the worst of the winter gales. Contrivances of string, rag, paper, fencing wire and binding twine were all tried with moderate success. One class used a long rope and worked the door like a drawbridge. Very interesting and medieval in effect. But the new knobs will render unnecessary all these shifts and devices.

THE DEPUTY'S OFFICE and the two staff-rooms have been made things of beauty in new floor coverings. At long last the bare boards have been covered with linoleum. One day, and who knows? class rooms and corridors may be similarly adorned.

ONE MORNING RECENTLY a popular and much-publicised car (?) came to a grinding halt, after an arrogant and deckless swerve round the corner. Right in front of the school and in its usual place. Nothing extraordinary about that, you say. But its hood had a flouncy, fluttering superstructure of tent fly or tarpaulin upon it. Theory was that the fly (or tarpaulin) was put there to supplement the efforts of the roof in keeping out the rain. But the driver said, on enquiries being made, that she (yes, she!) had no idea how it got there, and as far as she knew it served no useful purpose.

DURING THE COAL STRIKE elaborate preparations were made for a system of home-study should all transport discontinue. Fortunately the need to implement these plans did not arise. It is sad, however, to reflect upon the conversation of certain small fry (first years, of course): "Gee, won't it be bonza!" . . . "You're telling me! Hope it lasts till Christmas!"

CURIOUS thing about that strike — the restricted train service was punctual to the very second. With the resumption of the full time-table the normal uncertainty has returned.

THE TUCK SHOP functioned under great difficulties in the strike period. Still, Mr. Dalwood managed, with the aid of ingenious kerosene heating, to supply pies. Certainly not burning hot, but at least quite warm.

SPEECH DAY—December, 1948, was a great success. W. J. Court, President of the P. and C., was in the chair; the Hon. George Weir, M.L.A., Minister for Conservation, was the guest of honour. Mr. Watson presented the Headmaster's Report upon the school's achievements and activities for the year, and Mr. Breakwell presented the Sportsmaster's Report. Mr. Weir presented the prizes, while the Jackett Prize was personally presented by Mr. Jackett, M.L.A. A fine feature of the function was the large number of parents present.

Incidentally, Mr. Weir not only represented the Government, but was present also in his capacity of parent. Still, it was strictly in his Ministerial capacity and against parental conscience, that he gave the School an extra day's holiday — to be added to the Christmas vacation.

List of the prize-winners will be found elsewhere in this issue.

THE SCHOOL heartily congratulates Mr. G. R. Stewart on his being called to the Bar. Mr. Stewart was, till the end of last year, the School's Careers Adviser, and a member of the French Staff. He is a man of parts indeed, and of wide and varied experience: an M.A. of Glasgow University; an ex-member of the London police force, an intelligence officer in Japan, teacher of Japanese language, a writer, an actor, and producer of plays. The School will never forget the uproarious success of his "Babes in the Wood." And now he is practising as a barrister. Our best wishes for his success in the legal profession.

FAREWELL DINNER, October 1948. Fourth Years farewelled Fifth Years at dinner in the hall, just before the Fifties left for their "stew vac." This dinner is an annual function, and a very fine one. Peter Allen, as Captain-elect, presided, and many toasts were proposed and enthusiastically drunk. A very happy function, touched a little with that sadness that must always come when farewell is said. The speeches were really excellent. Mr. Moxham, of the O.B.U., in the course of a fine address, paid graceful tribute to the school and the staff — and most of all the sole remaining foundation member, the venerable Mr. Guthrie.

THE UNVEILING OF THE DEDICATION TABLET of the School's War Memorial took place in the hall on 29th September. Mr. O. Wilson, President of the P. and C., presided. The Honourable R. J. Heffron, M.L.A., performed the unveiling ceremony and delivered a very fine address. Mr. W. J. Court, Past-President of the P. and C., on behalf of the Association, presented the Public Address System, which is the School's War Memorial, to the Department of Education. Mr. Heffron, as Minister, formally accepted the transfer. Which means that the Address System is now the property of the Education Department, for the perpetual use of Homebush High.

Addresses were also given by the Principal, Mr. A. D. Watson, and H. Gordon Jackett, M.L.A. The School Choir rendered a number of much appreciated items. After the ceremony a most interested inspection was made by the visitors of the equipment and fittings of the Address System. Finally there was an adjournment to the Library, where the Ladies' Auxiliary entertained the guests at a splendidly prepared afternoon tea.

Among the distinguished visitors at the Ceremony were Mr. S. A. Pfitzner, whose work in connection with the War Memorial is mentioned elsewhere; Mr. A. M. Smith, local inspector of Schools; Mr. N. Vaughan, prominent member of the P. and C.

THE SCHOOL greatly misses Mr. Stanley Pfitzner, who was at the beginning of this year promoted to the position of Science Master at Penrith High. For many years he rendered great service to Homebush, not only as teacher, but as electrical genius and handy-man. Our excellent stage lighting was merely a part of his endless activity. Loud-speakers, amplifiers, buzz-buzz phones, public address systems — for all these and many more he was engineer-in-chief. We do miss his cheerful face, his resonant voice, his splendid optimism. It was an oft-seen sight that never staled to see Mr. Pfitzner charging round the corridors, wreathed in smiles and miles and miles of flex. A happy kind of danger always seemed to accompany him: He'll blow the place up this time — he will, sure as eggs! or, That settles it — the whole place will be radio-active now! Well, none of these things did actually happen, but there was always the thrill of excitement that they might.

Good luck, Mr. Pfitzner, and congratulations on your promotion. And we do miss you.

A FINE SIGHT at the Dedication Ceremony was the guard of honour consisting of the school's detachments of Cadets and A.T.C. The click and precision of movement and the statesque stillness greatly impressed the Minister as he made his inspection, accompanied by the Principal, and the officers commanding — Mr. Smiles and Mr. Havard.

EMPIRE DAY, 1949, was celebrated in the Hall. The whole school assembled there, and with the Captain, P. Allen, in the chair, an exceptionally fine series of speeches was given. The following were the speakers:—

David Horton, 1A, representing First Year; Charles Russell, 2A, for Second Year; Ken Eldridge, 3A, for Third Year; Bill Hook, 4A, for Fourth Year; Ralph Harris, 5A, for Fifth Year.

Between addresses, the Choir rendered a number of very fine items. The Principal read Lord Gowrie's message for the occasion.

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY, under the presidency of Mrs. Angel, performed great service with their well-managed, and much-liked, refreshments at the Annual Sports Carnival.

CHARITIES AND CAUSES: There is hardly need to list these, but it may not be amiss to remind that the School supports these Appeals: Food for Britain, Poppy Day, Stewart House, the P. and C. War Memorial, the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute.

MISS PERRIN'S CAR has actually been painted — genuine hand-painting. But you must see for yourself to believe it. Even then you will probably think you are "just seeing things." Colour? Green—yes, of all colours, green! Henceforth O'Dodge. Or is it oh, Dodge?

ANDREW D. WATSON.



Mr. Heffron, Minister for Education, on the occasion of the unveiling of the Dedication Tablet of the War Memorial, told us that Mr. Watson had entered the Education Department in 1901. Forty-eight years ago, and that is a long time, long before most of you who read this were born. Mr. Heffron jokingly reminded Mr. Watson that he could not well complain of intermittent employment. Very true, too. Forty-eight years of service is no mean record in itself. And these were forty-eight years of distinguished service. But it is a sad thought that it must come to its appointed close.

Mr. Watson came to Homebush at the beginning of 1946, after the pioneering work of Mr. Roberts, Principal from the inception of the School in 1936, to his retirement in 1945, and the brief headship of Mr. Hannay in 1945. Mr. Watson came to a very fine school at Homebush. And now, after four years, he is leaving it a still greater school. Mr. Watson's high achievement at Homebush will always be remembered.

The control of a big school is no easy task. It is one of endless and varying difficulty. That the vast numbers of boys have little or no idea of the problems of management, is a sure guarantee that these problems are successfully overcome. And overcome, tactfully and smoothly, in the course of each arduous day.

It is interesting to recall some of the parts Mr. Watson has played in

his career. We think of him in the world of sport — representing Sydney University and North Sydney in first-grade cricket; representing N.S.W. in baseball, against Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia; representing Australia in baseball, against American teams. Then Mr. Watson served on the Scientific Staff with Sir Douglas Mawson in his first Australasian Antarctic Expedition of 1911-14. As geologist to Base II, he wintered with his party on the Shackleton Shelf and helped to explore and annex Queen Mary Land. The full story of these exploits has never been told, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Watson will use some of his retirement in telling it.

Mr. Watson also had a very distinguished career at Sydney University, where he graduated in Science, specialising in Geology.

As a teacher, Mr. Watson went through every grade from pupil teacher to Principal of a First-class High School — the highest position attainable by a teacher. Before coming to Homebush he was Principal at Glen Innes, Bowral and Canberra.

And now that career comes to an end. The staff and boys of this great school community take this opportunity of recording their sincerest appreciation of Mr. Watson's great work. Perhaps his greatness rests in "mild in precept, strong in example."

THE TEMPLE.

When one enters our school ground he sees, situated in a commanding position, what is probably one of the oldest temples on this earth. Built, it is said, by an early and well-nigh forgotten civilisation for the worship of its fire-god, it is each day lovingly and devoutly tended by the only surviving priest of this ancient worship. Rather, he is the High Priest, and now there is nothing in this world like him. And perhaps there never was. It is part of his sacerdotal duties to collect the sacrificial offerings. These are placed in quaint metal urns, themselves as old as the High Priest.

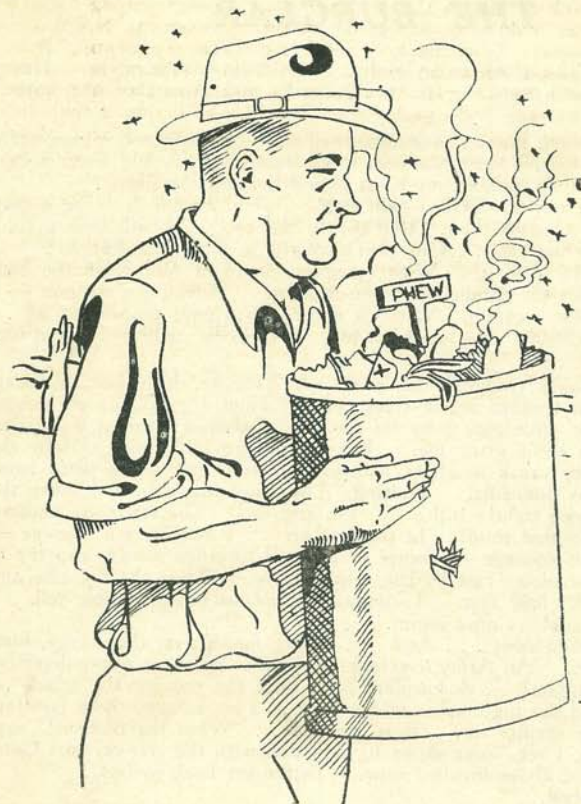
Then the oblatory service begins. With head erect and in stately tread, the High Priest marches with the urns to the temple. He searches through the offerings to discover if the Almoner, Brother Dalwood, has sent any precious Tins from the refectory. If any there be, they are placed with reverent hands above the altar. Then the offerings ordinary are put upon the altar and flame is applied. As the offsprings are consumed by fire, clouds of incense billow from the temple and are wafted towards the cloisters where the acolytes gasp out their muttered invocations. The temple, indeed, has been erected in the direct path of the prevailing wind, so that the sacrificial incense may enter all cells and cloisters, to be even as a daily purification.

This mystic ceremony over, the High Priest takes an instrument, greatly resembling a modern broom, and makes clean the temple. Should any acolyte or novice come near as this formal rite is being performed, the High Priest utters twice an incantation, ancient and potent — "Giddout! Giddout!" These terrible words, doubtless part of some exorcism for evil spirits, do cause acolyte and novice to hasten away.

Visitors to this city come in great numbers to behold the Temple, and they try vainly to read hieroglyphics and markings that so richly adorn its sides. They find this even more fascinating than the sight of the acolytes at devotion, or the H₂S₂ence that is made in the northern cloisters by a much newer cult that is often held to be rankly heretical. It is perhaps significant that these priests of this demi-temple in the northern cloisters make only their incense when the High Priest has retired to his hermitage.

But there is no incense like to that of the ancient temple, and all that are within the cloisters have been greatly incensed these many years.

— M. HEARD, 3C.



The
High Priest
of
The Temple

(Drawn by R. Gulliver)

THE REFEREE AND THE BALL

(After Longfellow — a long way after).

I kicked a football into the air,
It fell to earth — I know not where,
For who has sight so keen and sound
To see with his head pushed into the ground?

I kicked the ref. into the air,
He fell to earth — I know not where,
For many a ref. at random sent
Finds mark the kicker little meant.

Not long afterwards I found the ball,
For I had not even kicked it at all;
And the referee bobbed up safe and sound,
And sternly ordered me off the ground.

— J. HUTCHINSON, 2E.

THE BURGLAR

Midnight! The clock ticks loudly, relentlessly on the shelf. Heavy breathing from next room. The usual creaks and groans of the house's timbers.

But none of these sounds have awakened me — Hark! there it goes again — a dull thud, a footfall, an occasional muffled cough . . . Cold sweat breaks out over me, my hands tremble, my heart pounds against my ribs . . .

"What will I do? . . . Will I call dad? . . . Will I, will I — be a man and investigate?" . . . But then, "If it's only the cat! . . . I will look a fool! . . . But it can't be the cat! . . . Cats don't cough! . . . This is a Burglar!"

I resolve to be a man. With trembling hands I pull aside the bed-clothes. I reach for the candle. And the matches. Now for a weapon — a suitable and efficient weapon. What is there? Nothing, nothing at all . . . unless, yes it might do — the water-jug. There is only the water-jug. It will have to do.

The clock strikes twelve. Only the old familiar rlock, but my heart stops — and then thumps worse than ever. Then I recall, of all things, that twelve o'clock, midnight, is by far the most favoured time for a Murder. Fear with his icy hand grips me. But I must go on now. Down the dark stairs. They creak in sheer malice. I stop, and all is silent now. But down below is Someone. Waiting. Waiting for me . . . I grasp the jug handle now more tightly still . . . On and on! The stairs are endless.

Then again — that thud! In the kitchen . . . Strangely a courage — a quavering sort of courage — comes to me. I advance warily, and try to ignore the weird shadows cast by the candle flame. Then the jug tilts and pours water over my bare feet. I suppress the almost insuppressible yell. I right the jug, and advance once more . . .

Now the kitchen door . . . And . . . a dark figure near the corner, huddled in an overcoat. An Army overcoat. What is he — an Army deserter? . . . An escaped convict? . . . A burglar? . . . I raise the jug for the attack . . . my nerve fails, and the jug crashes to the floor . . . I am faint — near fainting. The terrible figure springs up. It is the end . . . "What the dickens!" says the figure . . . "Oh, I see, come down to help dad with the refrigerator! Good boy! But I'm just about finished now. Better get back to bed."

I got back to bed.

— D. HORTON, IA.

THE OUTLAW (After "Hiawatha")

*Then the outlaw went away,
With saddle-bags of gold and silver;
With the bags of gold and silver
Galloped swiftly far away —
Galloped to his forest glade.*

*He was dressed in chaps of leather,
Leather boots with rowelled spurs,
Dressed in red and white bandana.
And he took the gold and silver;
And he cached the gold and silver,
Cached it safely in the forest.
As a posse searched all round him,
Searching for the gold and silver,
Looking for his forest glade.*

— G. HEGARTY, IC.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

THE INTER-SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

The Lord has blessed the I.S.C.F. during the last year; steady but encouraging progress has been made. The aim of the movement — a branch of the world-wide Children's Special Service Mission, which is interdenominational in character — is:

- (a) To present a Living Saviour, Jesus Christ;
- (b) To teach, as the Holy Spirit gives liberty and guidance, the truths of the Bible, which is the inspired Word of God; and
- (c) To provide "Christian Fellowship" for those who desire it.

Most of the meetings were addressed by our own members, but outside speakers visited us at regular intervals.

We express heartfelt thanks to the Headmaster, Mr. A. D. Watson, for his unflinching support, and to Messrs. Carson, Leeder and Sykes for their personal interest and untiring labour.

It is to be remembered that Christianity is not a religion, but a life. We would like to see you join with us in living this life in our school.

— H. HENDERSON, 5A.

MUSIC.

Activities in music this year consisted mainly in the preparation for and presentation of items by Choir and Orchestra in connection with functions such as Empire Day, Combined Secondary Schools' Concert, Music and Drama Festival, and the unveiling of the School War Memorial by the Minister for Education.

Special mention is made elsewhere in this issue of the brilliant success of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" given by choir and orchestra.

From the examination angle, two boys, Keith Hayes and Paul Smithers, sat for music in the Leaving Certificate examination last year. Both were successful.

THE LIBRARY.

During the year work in the library proceeded smoothly despite a change of librarians and severe handicaps in other directions.

Because of organisational problems, it is possible for first and second year classes only to have a regular library period, apart from the period at lunch time.

To meet in particular the needs of third, fourth and fifth year boys, the library is open every lunch hour except Wednesdays. During these lunch periods the school is indebted to an able and energetic library committee of fourth and third year boys, who are responsible for the issue and return of books, as well as for the general tidiness of the shelves.

Among the severe handicaps under which the library labours is the absence of satisfactory chairs. At the moment we are using low chairs of a type found in public halls. Because of their lowness the smaller boys cannot read in comfort, and they damage many books in consequence; because of the construction of these chairs, the slightest movement results in noise, which is most disturbing to the student.

It cannot be emphasised too often that a good reference library is an essential in a secondary school. In this connection the position of Homebush is disgraceful. The truth of the matter is that one of the most important High Schools in the State is so devoid of reference books that not even one subject can claim an adequate supply of books. So long as the supply of reference books is so tragically inadequate, so long will the results achieved by Homebush students be worse than they deserve. With the price of text books so high, it is difficult to see how ordinary school funds can cope with the position. But the need is urgent and it is to be hoped that the members of the P. and C. Association will see fit to remedy a situation which is so gravely affecting Homebush students.

DEBATING.

Our teams had a most enjoyable year, profiting greatly in experience, although we were unsuccessful in the keenly contested Hume-Barbour Competitions. We were narrowly defeated by Hurlstone in the first round; then we beat Parramatta, but were beaten by Fort Street in the final round.

The highlight of the year's debating, however, was the contest with Hornsby Girls' High. And, of course, the return visit. Hornsby girls, accompanied by Miss Bell, made the debate a happy social occasion as well. Mr. Coutts ably adjudicated and gave the diplomatic decision of a draw. In the return debate at Hornsby the girls won by one point.

A staff versus boys match was a great success. Miss Perrin adjudicated and gave victory to the boys — a highly popular decision.

The teams for the year were:—Senior: R. Harris, A. Kentwell, M. Withers, D. Hayward. Junior: J. Beresford, P. Grigor, K. Baker.

House competitions were a successful feature of the year's work. M. Withers rendered fine service in organising these. The final results are not yet to hand.

The members of the school and house teams are grateful to Mr. Kevans for his valuable help and coaching.

AIR TRAINING CORPS CADETS.

The roll strength of cadets of the Air Training Corps at the School has been maintained at about forty, and the Flight, No. 11, has a very creditable record of high percentage attendance at weekly parades.

During the year there have been attachments to the R.A.A.F. stations at Schofields and Rathmines. Whilst in attendance at one or other of these camps, cadets have had at least one flight, rifle practice on the range, link trainer experience and opportunities at first hand to see the work of the Service from within. Visits also have been made to the rifle range at Malabar.

Twenty-four of our cadets took part in the march through the streets of the city on Air Force Day.

F/Sgt. C. Siddins, Cpl. B. Abrahams, Cdt. G. Anderson and Cdt. R. Pate have applied for admission to the R.A.A.F. College at Point Cook, and we wish them every success — W. L. HAVARD, O.C.

CADETS.

Despite interruptions to parades caused by the coal strike, the Detachment has had a good year. Some 60 cadets were enrolled, and parades have averaged about 60 personnel. Last year's camp was an unqualified success, and we look forward with pleasure to a repeat performance between the 2nd and 9th of December.

Due to other responsibilities, I have been unable to give the Corps the attention it deserves, but thanks to the assistance of W.O.II Brown from Headquarters, and the keenness of S/Sgt. Miller, the Sergeant-Major J. McLeay and Sgt. M. Core, the work progressed smoothly. I take this opportunity of thinking them.

We have only one regret: that Sgt. Morgan's Commission has not come through, but we expect it at any time.

— J. SMILES, O.C. Detachment.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

Patron: H. GORDON JACKETT, M.L.A.

President: O. B. WILSON.

Vice-Presidents: N. D. VAUGHAN, G. WHITNALL.

Hon. Treasurer: N. ARMSWORTH.

Hon. Secretary: E. R. BATHGATE.

The culmination of several years' work by the members of the P. and C. Association was reached on Thursday, 29th September, when at an impressive

ceremony, the Hon. R. J. Heffron, M.L.A., Minister for Education, accepted the School Public Address System on behalf of the Department of Education, and unveiled a memorial plaque, dedicating the System as a School War Memorial.

A very successful Combined Dance and Card Evening was held on the 2nd of July, when in spite of lighting restrictions a substantial sum of money was raised to augment Association funds.

It is the intention of the Association to hold further functions as opportunity permits, and the support and attendance of all parents is requested.

Following a campaign for increased membership sponsored by Mr. Watson, Principal, the pleasing total of 943 subscriptions was received. While this figure is impressive, it is to be regretted, however, that, apart from an attendance of 51 members at the annual meeting, the average attendance at meetings over the last six months has been 22.

Although increased attendances at meeting and more active participation in Association matters by a greater number of parents is desirable, the Association has received remarkable support in all appeals made throughout the year, and can only express its appreciation to all those who have assisted in any way.

Meetings are held in the school library on the third Wednesday of each month, and all parents and friends are invited to attend. Annual subscription is one shilling.

— E. R. BATHGATE, Hon. Secretary.



PREFECTS, 1949.

- Back Row* (left to right): A. Bree, R. Nay, L. Budge, J. Daly, T. Grenenger, A. Kentwell, J. Emery, D. Hayward, A. Bainbridge.
Second Row: J. Stinson, M. Chapman, L. Browne, H. Henderson, B. Guy, F. Curnow, H. McCubben, L. Linsell.
Third Row: L. Moore, J. Bailey, F. Jordan, G. Vaughan, O. Giles, N. Goodall, R. Baker.
Front Row: R. Harris (Head Prefect), Mr. Wallace, P. Allen (captain), Mr. A. D. Watson, G. Howard (Vice-capt.), Mr. Jeffrey, R. Lyons.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Our space limits preclude, as a general rule, letters from readers. But we have received some hundreds of letters concerning the Public Address System. Such a burning interest cannot lightly be ignored, and so, from this huge collection we present two letters; not that they are necessarily representative of the whole mass, but they have a certain appeal of naivete to them.

Here is the first:

Dear Sir,

The Public Address System, like the Atom Bomb, sets before us one of the ultimate blessings of Modern Science. It spells Progress. It opens us before our wondering gaze fresh vistas of Advancement and Culture. Hitherto Voice, confined by Space and Time, was limited to a small parcel of audience, but now countless listeners may partake of the auditory feasts once reserved for the favoured few: these winged words that soothe and solace my ear may now charm a million ears; these words of wisdom that find a path to my simple soul may find a path to a million souls; these stirring sounds can fire a million hearts as now they fire mine; these apt admonitions can turn the feet of a multitude into the proper paths of rectitude as they turn mine now

Ah Voice! so often erstwhile, ragged, raucous or strident now by the magic of Science, transmuted and sublimated! Rapt I listen to its refinements while I reflect that truly is our age the roof and crown of all the ages. Whiles my imaginat'on conjures a vision of the hundred fold extension of the Address System to our buses and trains, our trams, and our homes, when, wedded to Television, there will be no need to go to school at all.

Do I wake or sleep?

Yours, PETER PRELL.

The other letter comes from a younger and, obviously less studious, more prosaic, type of student.

Dear Sir,

All the fellows in our class have been discussing the P.A.S., and they have many other names for it. Just the same, I'd like to say a word or two, and I think I have the right to be heard, for in the last Half-Yearly I came top of my year. Which I mean to say is I was top of the Failures. And there was a big lot of Failures. Also my brother works in a jam factory and my sister is learning the piano. But what I really want to say is that I don't like the P.A.S. In a way it is all right, I suppose, and they can't see you when they are talking to you. I like that part of it. Still, I don't like a voice coming out of a little hole in a box on the wall. Creepy, I think. What do you think yourself? Then those awful noises before they begin to talk to you. First, there is a goofy kind of whistle like that in "The Speckled Band." Do you like Sherlock Holmes? I reckon he's just great, and "The Speckled Band" is about the best. Mr. ——— caught me reading "The Speckled Band" under the desk in a Maths. period, and he gave me 13 theorems to write out, wh'ch I think was mean. Well, where was I now? Oh, I know, the whistle. Well, after that there's a lot of funny sounds like Glug-glug Blub-blub Giggle-goggle-guggle Guggle-guggle Blah-wah . . . These are really funny and always make me laugh, and sometimes, if everyone else is laughing too, I don't get into serious trouble. Then an awful big voice blares out: "Attention Please!" or maybe another voice: "Will teachers please excuse me!" Now, I tell you candidly I don't like that part of it, for it always just means I am going to be told to do something, or NOT to do something, or to bring an egg, or some sugar, or an envelope. Or that Someone did Something that he oughtn't at Lidcombe or Flemington or on the Bankstown train (and all the interesting details left out). Or the boys of the Hornsby line are to see Someone at some time in some room. I find it tiresome even if it is better than the lesson. In the end, if Mr. ——— happens to have our class, he tries to score off me and says, "Giblet, you

didn't listen." "Aw, Sir!" I say. And he says, "No, Giblet, you didn't listen; and that in your case, Giblet is just a gift." The rest of the class grin at that, as if it was something really funny, and I get wild and say something under my breath. And that makes Mr. _____ wild too, and he says, "What did you say, Giblet?" And I say, "Nothing!" "Nothing, Giblet?" "Nothing!" So Mr. _____ gets properly wild at that and sends me round to the Head, where I stand sometimes for hours and forget what I'm sent round for, which I mean to say is no treatment at all for the boy who came top of all the Failures. My father says I have an Artistic Temper, and my mother says I am Different. Someone else once said I was a Special Case. But, take it all in all, I don't like the P.A.S., although it may be all right too in some ways. And next Christmas I am going up to my Uncle Jack's with my young brother to stay. Uncle Jack has a big farm on the North Coast, and mother is not keen on it. I mean going up there to stay, although it's a good place for rabbits. She says we'll never see the end of Uncle Jack's kids once we go up there to stay. Well, that's what I think of the P.A.S.

Yours in haste,
ALF GIBLET.

WESTERN SKYLINE.

Look westward from one of our upper windows, and on a good clear day you will see a silhouette of mountains, alluringly blue and distant. The skyline might almost be a sea horizon, but that it tilts slightly from south to north — the dimmer, higher blue to your left is the Great Dividing Range. Then the long plateau — the Blue Mountains — broken by three low hammocks, which are, in this order, Mt. Hay, Mt. King George, and Tomah. To your right the skyline grows lower and uneven, and is finally shut from view by suburban homes.

You are looking at the Blue Mountain country with which so much of our early history is concerned.

From the very beginning of settlement the forbidding escarpment of the eastern face of the Blue Mountains offered a challenge to all-comers to penetrate its fastness and pry out the secret of what lay beyond. Governor Phillip proceeded to Broken Bay in the hope of being able, from that harbour, to reach the mountains inland. Lieutenant Dawes made a nine days' journey to these mountains which he penetrated some distance along their ridges. Henry Hacking attempted to find a passage and reached perhaps the vicinity of Linden. George Bass made a determined but unsuccessful attempt to pass the barrier, travelling possibly north of the Grose River. George Caley, the botanist, reached and named Mount Banks — now Mount King George. Governor King discouraged attempts to cross a seemingly hopeless confusion of heights and gorges. The next few years were absorbed by the conflict with Bligh and the early problems of Macquarie's governorship, but by 1813 the increasing population demanded expansion of territory, and in that year, Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson made their fortunate journey along the ridge between the waters of the Cox and the Grose. Luckily, their attempts to descend into the gorges from the ridge were unsuccessful until they reached Mount York. From here they got down off the Blue Mountains into the grass lands of the valley beyond, and proceeded as far as Mount Blaxland.

The Blue Mountains were conquered. Surveyor and road-maker followed the trail blazed by the explorer. In 1815 Governor Macquarie and Mrs. Macquarie with their suite on horseback and in carriages, were the first tourists to travel the Blue Mountains road.

— W.L.H.

PERIOD FURNITURE

Evolution of furniture design was not just a thing of chance: men did not suddenly decide, after years of traditional practice, to make a piece of furniture in a new way or of a different shape. From the earliest period from which specimens of furniture have survived to any extent, about 1500 A.D. up to the time when it began to decline from the dignity of antiquity to the merely second-hand; the circumstances of life throughout this era were reflected to an extraordinary extent in the furniture men made for their homes.

Factors which influenced English furniture design, were, changing fashions, different materials, timbers, cloth, etc; political influence, notably during the Cromwellian and William and Mary eras; wealth or poverty of a period, and more recently — methods of manufacture.

Despite the beautiful natural graining of our cabinet timbers of to-day, there is a tiring of the so-called modern style furniture of line and mass — with too much mass and lines too straight. This style lacks sufficient relief in shape or decoration.

In the quest for something more restful, refined and pleasing, we are turning to the "period styles" of yesteryear, and our present-day furniture is based, in a modified form, on the Jacobean, William and Mary, Queen Anne, and the 18th century designs.

We perhaps owe most to the master cabinet makers of the 18th century, and here four names predominate — Chippendale, Adam Brothers, Hepplewhite and Sheraton.

Thomas Chippendale was a versatile designer, an excellent craftsman, and a master in the art of carving; he was an adaptor as well as an originator, and during his career went to the Dutch, French and Gothic styles for his inspiration. At first he used the Queen Anne style, making it more graceful and beautiful, while at the same time retaining its strength. This was possible through the use of mahogany. Chippendale even used Chinese motifs in his designs, creating furniture which harmonised with other styles of English furniture. Among the chief characteristics of Chippendale furniture was the cabriole or curved leg, terminating in a ball and claw foot.

Robert Adam, fresh from his studies of the classics in Greece and Italy, together with his brother James, fostered a revival of the classic art. Fine proportions, delicacy and slenderness, were the effects sought, and simple inlay largely replaced lavish and intricate carvings. Tapering, square or turned legs, which were usually reeded, fluted, inlaid or lightly carved, were preferred to the curved, Chippendale type of leg.

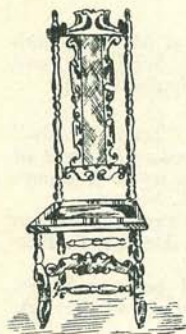
Hepplewhite furniture combined lightness and restraint with elegance, being slender and well proportioned and characterised by curves rather than straight lines. Chairs were Hepplewhite's hobby; in these he was influenced by the Adam Bros. Their legs were usually square, tapered and terminated in spade feet.

Thomas Sheraton was an artist with feeling for line and proportion. He is to the straight line, what Chippendale is to the curve. Sheraton assembled severe, straight lines into furniture of exquisite grace, through perfection of proportions — he insisted such furniture would be independent of passing fashions, and it is because of this that his influence is seen in the furniture of to-day, more than that of any other man.

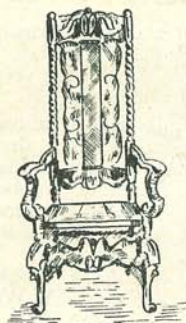
Taking the chair as a representative piece of furniture, the sketches that accompany this article show the evolution from the solid seat, straight, high backed, heavy and elaborately carved chair of the Jacobean period to the slender, proportioned, upholstered chair with slanting, well-shaped back and restrained decoration of the later periods.

G. RHODES, 5E.

C. MOORE, 5F.



JACOBAN



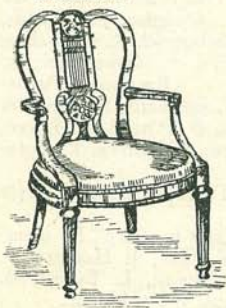
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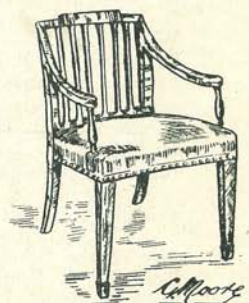
CHIPPENDALE



ADAM



HEPPLEWHITE



SHERATON

THE TEST.

With muscles tensed he crouches on the mark,
 A silence over all the ground there lay,
 A hush that's broken by the pistol's bark,
 That sends the straining runners on their way.

A thousand voices shrill upon his ear,
 The rushing air upon his forehead cool,
 To him entrusted, something all held dear,
 The honour of his sport and of his school.

The even pad of young and rhythmic feet,
 The swelling roar as near the race's end,
 A runner flashes out the tape to meet,
 A schoolboy hero on whom fame descends.

It doesn't matter much who won the race,
 Although to win, no doubt, we all would choose,
 It all depends upon the smiling face,
 No matter if we win or if we lose.

— J. WRIGHT, 3A.

MUSIC & DRAMA FESTIVAL.

The Festival for 1949 consisted of a day performance of Monday, 26th September, and two evening performances, on Tuesday, 27th September, and Wednesday, 28th September. All three shows were very successful and were much enjoyed by both juvenile and adult audiences.

Three plays were presented, also Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury." 2A players made a lively performance of "Refund," described as "a twist of the Old School Tie." It was all that, and more. Players were: J. Campbell, W. Stern, H. Home, C. Russell, J. Angel, K. Webber, R. Moore.

4C presented "The Old Geyser" — a most complicated case of mistaken identity. This comedy of errors went well. Cast was: J. Devine, B. Britten, J. McKenzie, R. Doyle, B. Flowers, E. Eagle.

2E players presented "A Privy Council," a delightful peep at Pepys. The performers were: P. Thomson, G. Robinson, A. Wadey, L. Bradley, A. Mears, R. Southeron, B. Mumford.

"Trial by Jury" had for principals: A. Foulcher, M. Ward, G. Davis, R. Moin, D. Cummings, C. Turner, R. Craymer. The bridesmaids were: C. Russell, J. Armsworth, W. Colless, V. Dalton, R. Douglas, J. Shields, W. Pearce, J. Bartlett. The Gentlemen of the Jury: R. Schofield, R. Churches, G. McAlister, P. Hawkins, M. McClintock, J. Williams, T. Grenenger, J. Miller, C. Turner, D. Tweed, R. Craymer, P. Proctor. Barristers, Attorneys, Public were: D. Horton, F. Langshaw, J. Barker, J. Edwards, S. Graham, G. Kennedy, R. Durham, B. de Jersey, B. Air, K. Moss, B. Pursell, K. Lucre, D. Mavay, G. Lee, D. Wilson, L. Hansen, R. Andrews, C. Barry, P. Botefuhr, B. Chudleigh, K. Young, B. Sims.

Solos during the intervals were rendered by O. Latta (piano), J. Lyle (violin), L. Budge (flute).

The orchestral selections and the music for the "Trial by Jury" by members of the School Orchestra: J. Lyle, G. Sanders, N. Cox, J. Hegarty, J. Rockcliff, I. Sampson, E. Johnston, L. Rogerson, W. Moore, L. Budge, B. Stark, J. Angel, J. Bayley, R. Harris, R. Smith, O. Latta, J. Anderson.

THE EIGHT HUNDRED.

(By a remarkable coincidence, one of the Tennysons — George or Albert — once attempted a poem something like the following. You may perhaps recognise the resemblance).

Half a mile, half a mile,
 Half a mile onward,
 All on their way to school
 Strolled the eight hundred.
 'Forward you Homebush boys!
 Run for the lines!' he said:
 Into their classes dull
 Walked the eight hundred.

'Forward you Homebush boys!
 Was there a lad dismayed?
 Sadly each scholar knew
 No one had blundered!
 Their's not to make reply,
 Their's not to reason why,
 Their's but to do and die;
 Into their classes dull
 Walked the eight hundred.

*Teachers to right of them,
Teachers to left of them,
Teachers in front of them
Ordered and thundered;
Stormed at, their voices fell,
Boldly they worked and well,
Without a stop for breath,
All in their classes dull
Sat the eight hundred.*

— D.S., 1E.

Behind the Velvet Curtain.

Witches, seemingly hired by jealous professionals, put a hoodoo on our music show. How else can one account for mishaps suffered by so many principals: fractured skulls, appendectomies, measleses (plural, of course), and departures. But, notwithstanding, the show was a brilliant success.

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Make-up experts report (maliciously) the displacing of a well-known identity as "best ear-basher." Said identity has lorded it for three long years and with much versatility. First we saw him as a strange looking animal on all fours; then as a pirates' apprentice; next he minced daintily in a yellow frock; and this year he mouthed strange oaths through a full beard. But now Hughie will have to look to his laurels, or P.B.—of 1D—will wrest them from him.

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An unfounded rumour circulated in the dressing room: Is it true that, having handed over our sound system, the next big project will be individual sound absorbers to be fitted to each boy while on the premises? One small group heartily supports the idea.

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Should Stan Skillicorn train a successor before he leaves? A sound idea, we think. Alan Kentwell and Ray Baker have trained someone to cope with their maze of wire and switches. So a worthy successor to Stan would be welcomed.

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Our chief dresser of female characters is heard to complain once more: Another batch of boys this year wanted to go before the footlights in thin net dresses, with dark grey trousers under them. Others won't be parted from long-sleeved woollen singlets. She says her patience will snap at last. What happens then will be anybody's guess.

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A distinguished visitor paid a short visit to the stage before the final performance of "Trial by Jury." Twice before the girl choruses in our shows made him doubt the evidence of his own eyes, so he came up this time for a close look.

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Ah, those lovely bridesmaids! So demurely smiling, so gracefully swaying! What a transformation!

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Who announced the items during Play and Music Nights? Which member of the staff? Guess! Or could two grinning Fifths solve the problem?

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Producer rounding on the jury, who were with little enthusiasm telling a scrubby, inky-fingered small boy that they loved "her": "What a terribly dull time your girl friends must have!"

TELEPHONES.

Alexander Bell invented the telephone in 1876. Quite probably he thought he was conferring a blessing on mankind. He wasn't. Man was much happier before there were telephones. But perhaps man is never happy unless he has many things to make him miserable. Now, think of the troubles brought by the telephone. First, you hurry to the public 'phone. Urgent and all that. And what do you find? A woman in the box. And what is she doing? Just talking. Talking, talking, talking. You wait half an hour. And she's still talking, talking, talking. So you walk a mile to the next public 'phone. Good, it's empty! You dial your number and are answered immediately. Wonderful! You press the button, but the pennies don't move. They can't move. Someone has filled the slot with paper. The 'phone is useless. You go back to the first box, and that woman is still there, but saying good-bye. She says good-bye for ten minutes. You can't help hearing her. It is not a case of eaves-dropping at all. Then she says—"I really must go. Elsie, there's someone waiting . . . To-morrow, you said, Elsie? . . . That's right—under the clock . . . Oh, I say, Elsie, before I go . . . Good-bye, Elsie!" She steps out of the box with a haughty air as if she had sensed your unwarranted impatience.

At last! Your pennies jangle down, only for you to learn that you have the wrong number. A rather irate voice tells you so. So you dial again — and the number is engaged!

Trials like this account for wrecking and devastation of so many 'phone boxes. It is not vandalism, but honest, justifiable manly rage.

In the end, to save time, you go by train and bus to the person you wished to speak to, and make your communication verbally and naturally.

So much for the automatic. The manual is worse, if possible. You give your number when the girl eventually demands it of you. "Engaged!" she purrs sweetly, leaving you quite sure that she hasn't bothered to check. You wait awhile, and again are told "Engaged!" Then you adopt the low subterfuge of disguising your voice, making it sound gruff and important. "Still engaged!" chirps the girl, who has not been deceived. After that she either doesn't answer at all, or gives you a wrong number.

But still, once in a while, you do raise your number. But this is only arranged for you when the lines are badly crossed. Voices from a wilderness waft in. Jack, whom you wish to go to the football match on the Saturday afternoon, is at the far end of that wilderness. You ask Jack a question about the Saturday, and a strong firm voice mentions a "quid each way." You learn, too, that Mrs. Swinger has twins — Fancy! That the vet was sure it was a tick that killed Snoozle . . . That it was just too lovely at the dance (very nice voice, that).

But you do NOT learn if Jack is going to that match. But you will ride over in the morning on your bike and find out.

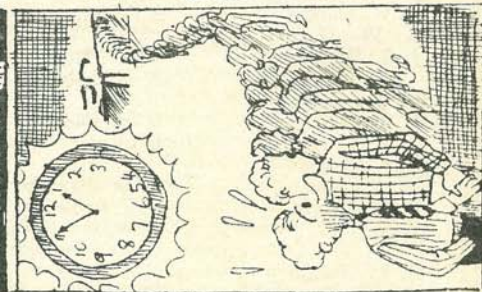
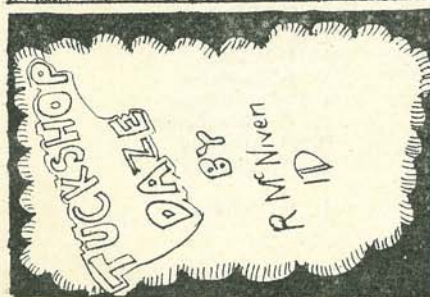
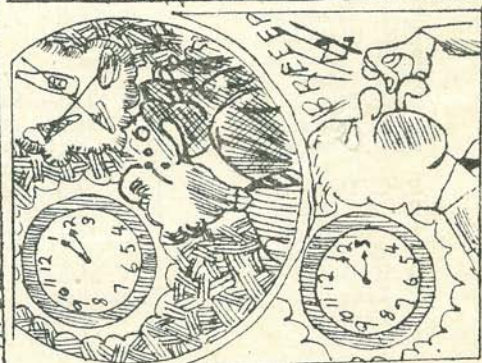
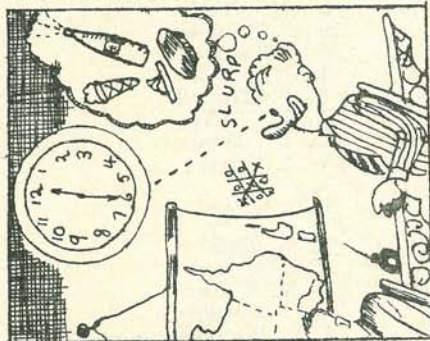
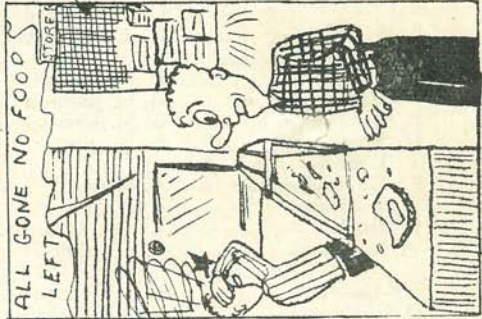
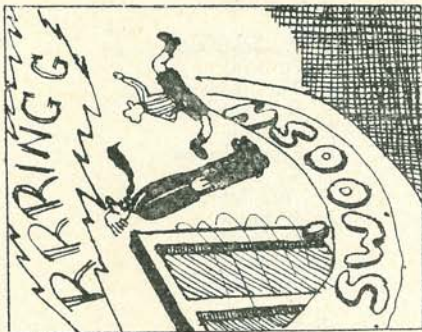
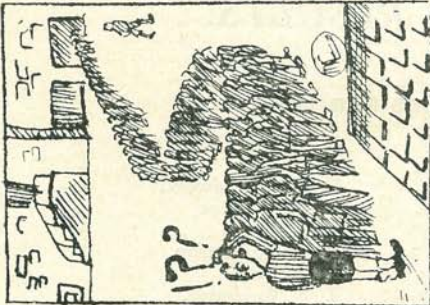
Telephones! Away with the wretched things, and let the name of Bell be honoured no more.

— K. MILNE, 2E.

Bushland Vision.

*Far in the bush a little glade
Shelters wild flowers in its shade;
Stately gums with branches tall
Spread their cover over all;
Like sparkling jewels the dew-drops cling
To branches where the bush birds sing,
And sound their calls on morning air
To waratahs and wattles fair.
Shining leaves and grass so green
Lend a beauty to the scene;
And through the glad there runs a stream
Whose reedy pool reflects this dream.*

— "NIC.", 3E.



EXAMINATION RESULTS.

INTERMEDIATE PASSES FOR 1948.

WD T. Adams	N. C. Hamilton	J. P. Quinn
F. W. Adams	W. W. Hartin	W. R. Redwood
D. A. Affleck	L. C. F. Hayne	K. W. Reeves
K. H. Allen	N. R. Hickson	J. S. Reid
R. J. Apolony	B. M. Hoffman	R. H. Robertson
G. A. Aris	R. W. Holder	R. F. Roche
L. B. Arndale	W. C. Hook	T. S. Roxburgh
J. L. Aston	R. E. Horne	B. E. Ryan
R. A. Baker	J. C. Howard	R. F. Schofield
K. J. Bigwood	R. C. Huxley	R. A. Scott
W. W. Bolin	H. E. James	E. P. Shawyer
J. H. Bonwick	G. C. Johnson	S. R. Sindel
J. A. Bowner	B. M. Jonassen	R. C. Slade
D. Brew	E. N. Jones	R. E. Smallwood
T. J. Brew	A. Kenny	A. C. Smith
F. G. Bridgement	I. L. Kirk	D. W. Smythe
D. B. Britten	R. A. Kirland	N. K. Snow
P. Brooke	B. J. Kirkness	B. D. Stark
A. R. Burton	J. A. Lehane	D. J. Storey
E. F. Cannon	N. R. Lenehan	G. A. Stratford
D. L. Casey	I. S. Lyll	R. G. Tait
K. J. Cheeseman	J. G. Lyle	L. R. D. Taylor
J. H. Christison	B. Lyons	B. E. Thompson
R. W. Churches	D. J. McDonald	J. L. Townsend
D. P. Clark	D. B. McDonald	R. D. Trinder
N. Collier	D. R. McInnes	G. F. Truswell
R. M. Corish	K. B. McIntyre	R. L. Tucker
D. G. Cranston	J. A. McKenzie	C. D. Turner
P. C. Davidson	R. S. McKilligan	W. S. Turvey
R. A. Davies	J. A. McMahan	J. V. Veitch
J. F. M. Day	C. V. Majury	R. Waddell
K. G. Delaney	B. Middleton	V. L. Walker
R. H. Devine	R. W. Moin	A. M. Wallace
C. Dewey	J. D. Morgan	R. E. Wallyn
K. Dewey	L. Moss	J. R. Warwick
R. J. Dinnie	K. T. Murray	R. K. Whale
J. Docwra	K. W. Nicholls	J. C. Williams
A. C. Doutty	B. Nicholson	J. H. Wallace
R. W. Doyle	B. H. Oldfield	P. Willmshurst
J. B. Duncan	B. Oliver	J. S. A. Wilson
E. R. Eagle	K. W. Patrickson	C. G. Woodcroft
J. D. Evans	V. J. Pauley	B. O. Worsely
B. L. Flowers	B. W. G. Penhall	R. A. Worsley
W. J. Foster	R. W. Philpott	L. R. Zolotov
B. S. Francis	C. Piggott	
N. R. Full	C. Poole	
P. F. George	G. A. Price	
G. W. Goudge		
R. J. Green		

LEAVING CERTIFICATE PASSES, 1948.

J. A. Ackerman	J. F. Hempzell	D. A. Pinkus
J. A. Adams	L. A. Henderson	T. C. Redshaw
W. J. Anderson	E. B. Henson	I. H. Reece
E. N. Barrs	G. R. Henson	J. K. Roberts
D. M. Bland	R. D. Herculson	G. D. Ross
T. R. Boyle	A. W. Hollis	R. A. Ross
L. Bradford	R. Jeremy	T. S. Ruthven
J. E. Bradwell	R. H. Jesse	W. N. Schofield
W. C. Brady	W. J. Johnson	N. W. Sharpe
H. R. Buckle	P. B. Kearns	R. D. C. Smith
K. L. Colley	F. Keskula	E. P. Smithers
J. W. Cramp	P. A. Koerstz	B. A. Sutherland
K. E. Crawford	B. W. Lake	M. S. Tate
G. Donaldson	B. R. Langevad	B. D. M. Thomas
H. C. Doust	A. R. Leverett	J. Thomson
K. G. Eldridge	W. J. McGuinness	K. P. Tognetti
B. C. Glover	N. S. McKnight	F. B. Walker
B. Donelly	W. R. Maguire	H. L. Wallace
C. R. Gobert	F. J. Margan	D. V. Warrimer
M. N. Goodsell	H. T. Millard	J. T. Webber
R. F. Grunseit	J. K. Montgomery	R. G. Weir
R. T. Hardwick	D. E. Palmer	A. W. Wells
B. C. S. Harper	R. E. Phillips	H. A. Yates

LEAVING CERTIFICATE HONOURS, 1948.

- B. C. Glover: English; Modern History.
- W. J. Johnson: Modern History (1st class).
- B. R. Langevad: English.
- F. J. Margan: English.
- D. E. Palmer: Modern History (1st class).
- I. H. Reece: Chemistry (1st class).
- R. G. Ross: Physics (1st class); Chemistry.
- R. G. Weir: Chemistry.

GOLD.

Since gold has advanced to something like £15 per ounce, the following notes on how to find it may be of interest.

First, you find an old creek bed where water flows only when it rains. Implements required are: pick, shovel, scraper, prospecting dish. And—hope-fully—a bottle for holding any gold you may find.

Then dig down to rock-bottom, usually not very deep in a creek bed. Scrape the holes and crevices in the rocks, and collect the dirt in the dish. When the dish is three-quarters full, take it to the nearest water.

Put the dish in the water, making sure all the dirt is covered. Puddle the dirt thoroughly to make sure all clay is dissolved and the stones and sand are free and separated. Now swirl the dish round and round till the surface of the dirt becomes quite level. Then scoop the bigger stones away, making sure that one, or more of them, is not a nugget of gold. This is not likely, but if there is a nugget, it would be a pity to miss it. Swirl the dish again, scraping off from time to time the coarse gravel. And again keep watch that no nuggets are being ignored.

By now the finer gravel and sand are fairly cleared of the liquid clay and mud. Gradually tilt the dish at the back, working what is left into the bottom half where it becomes half-moon in shape. With a deft movement of the wrists cause the water to wash off the lighter surface of the sand. The gold, if any, will have by now found its way to the bottom.

Now comes the exciting moment. Lift the dish and gently swirl water round the residue of dirt. If you are lucky specks of gold will show on the bottom of the dish. Being wet, these will always look a great deal larger than

what they really are. Having separated gold from dirt, tip the dish on to the bottom and rub the gold in with your thumb. The bottle, of course, should be full of water. Lastly dip the thumb in the bottle to remove any fine specks and colours that may be adhering.

Repeat the whole process—again and again—till the bottle is full of gold. Or, what is far more likely, there is no skin left on your finger tips and your back is broken.

The above process is one way of getting gold. It has much to commend it. Another way is to buy shares in a healthy sort of mine. And then there is the method adopted by certain gentlemen of the name of Hall and Kelly. A very quick way, too, but not to be recommended.

— R. JACKSON, 3D.

CO - EDUCATION.

Adjudicator writes: Concerning that debate, boys versus staff, on the above subject: That afternoon I, in theory, had the last word. At the end of a hilarious hour I faced an expectant audience, eager to hear me. But, despite unwarranted insults, inaccurate statements, illogical conclusions hurled at my sex by my own colleagues, I refrained from rending them apart. Gems of repartee trembled on my lips, indignant denials jostled in my throat, biting sarcasms stung my tongue. But I said nothing. Why? Because I knew the audience was aware of the fact that they couldn't leave till my speech was ended. So I made no speech.

But in all fairness some comment must be made now. First, many thanks to the speakers for one of the most enjoyable debates I have listened to. Every speech was provocative, stimulating and amusing. Some of the speeches even had a little sense in them. The boys, M. Withers, R. Harris, A. Kentwell, won easily on matter, and deserve high praise for their self-possession in the face of the unforeseen antics of the staff. They refused to be rattled. I admired their nice blending of prepared facts with humorous retorts. These boys should hold their own in any company after this experience.

As for the Staff — they won high points for manner, and prejudiced me in their favour because they made me laugh. I do hope, however, that the Junior School understands that in a debate one does not necessarily believe all he says.

I must congratulate Mr. Coutts on his imagination and commiserate with him on his embarrassing personal attractiveness. And to think we had never suspected it! This is truly a great man who can bear up so bravely under the amorous ogling of every female he meets, and hide his predicament so well! Mr. Smiles, as whip, entertained us royally, and his "notes" showed clearly that geography, with its close attention to contours, must be a rewarding study. Mr. Byrne, however, almost let his side down. Several times he seemed to be talking sense, or trying to make a logical point to his argument. Fie, Mr. Byrne!

SONNET — ON GIVING A NAME.

Oft have I pondered on the ways of men
 And women, who, without a trace of shame
 Condemn their helpless babes to bear a name
 Each like the other, bald, unlovely: Ken
 Or Tom, Amelia, George, Rebecca — when
 These infants all have sprung from men of fame
 And fortune, good or bad, some wild, some tame.
 And women, too, of course, for cock needs hen.
 My happier thoughts find solace in a plan
 Whereby the family's history may be read:
 To christen child of man and woman bred
 As sportsman name their colts. So, if the man
 Perchance by shearing sheep has won his fame
 While she likes swimming — Sheep-dip be the name.

JOTTINGS FROM CLASSES.

Some classes have sent along brief notes on their progress and prowess. We think that these may make a pleasing feature of the Magazine. And not the less so that these notes are marked by a highly commendable modesty. Almost a shrinking sort of modesty.

So let 4A rush in, almost breaking its collective neck, to be first:

4A is the best class in the school. That is not a boast: it is an axiom. Just look at our record! Both in academics and sport! What other class approaches us? There is no need to answer. None. We are as brilliant as we are humble.

But you need proof! Well, look at John Lehane — First in 4A (and that means, of course, first in 4th year). Look at Bruce Oliver — famous economist. Or at Ron Kirkland — the great French scholar. At Noel Hickson — orator. Don Casey — historian . . . These are just a few — taken at random, as it were. The rest are all like that. In sport — look at Bill Hook — in 1st Fifteen. Or K. Bigwood — 4th Fifteen. John Morey and Roland Rodda — C.H.S. athletes. John Morey again, and Don Mackie — 1st Grade Cricket. These are just a few — mentioned at random.

That, we say in all humility, is what 4A is like.

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3D bounces in: Our class is (by far) the best sporting class in Third Year. We have those leading athletes, Betts, Bugg and Talty. Betts and Bugg won their respective divisions at the annual carnival. Both were undefeated in their sprint events. Bugg also won the under 16 440 yards Championship. And Bugg, too, is chosen to play in the Second Eleven. Then there is Carpenter — captain of the 4th Fifteen.

We shall say nothing of the pale anaemic honours of Learning. We are a bit above that sort of thing, we hope. That is not a matter of brains. Brains! We have enough brains in our class to produce a good round half-dozen of future Prime Ministers. But, we'll mention no names. Certainly, too, some individuals (staff) declare that we are the noisiest class in the school. We don't deny it. We are. Noise! What does noise mean? Simply that we are young, fresh, alert, vigorous, spirited. Are these qualities found in the absence of noise? Then, there is that Mr. ———. He says we are a "pack of dim-wits." Well, what is a dim-wit, anyway? Perhaps Mr. ——— is, quite unconsciously, paying us a very high compliment.

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3E creeps in a little sadly:

We have not been, we are not, understood. But what's the use of talking? Our numbers are going down under the strain. We began with 31. Now there are 26, and still going down, down. It's not fair. We are not appreciated. It is not as if we are not keeping our end up at our work. We are. Not very high. But we are keeping it up. And we are quiet, sober and serious. We hardly ever smile. Just occasionally a ghostly giggle comes from one end of the room. No one knows who causes it. Mr. L—— even doesn't know. It is a mystery.

But R. Burns and D. de Mestre play 1st Grade Football; M. Case, J. Smith, A. Whyte play 4th Grade; S. Ashton, 5th Grade. So there!

And we have three brilliant referees — J. Lawrence, N. Penfold, B. May (also known as May-be).

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4E comes ambling along: "The Boy with the Green Hair" — what IS his name, now? — created a new State record when he won the 165 yards Junior Medley Championship early this year. He's a great personality, but then most of the "Bankstown Bashers" are. "Baby Face" sings in our musical festival as Court Usher. The rumour is that he is not exactly brilliant at Mathematics, but his paintings and woodwork models are fine. Our best

runner is "Mo," who won the 440 by half a nose — quite a comfortable win really. He plays tennis, too, in the summer. "Bizwack" — he of the lairy tie — is a prominent cricketer, but he'll have to "wackem" this season to get an average. "Romeo," unlike the original owner of that name, is often heard to complain loudly of Juliet. But that is a matter not quite within the sphere of our comment. "Herbie" is by far the best golfer in 4E — you should see his score for a round. Ah! if "Herbie" only played cricket now, those double centuries of his would put Bradman into the shade.

You will perhaps note that we have obscured our celebrities deep in the mists of anonymity or aliasdom. And for good reasons. Further, note that we haven't boasted at all. 4E doesn't boast — it has no need to. We are known; we are brilliant. The mention of it would be superfluous.

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2C — with a flourish of Brains and Brawn: Dux of 2C, Hayes, J., was second in all Second Year. We have a number of Grade footballers: Sanders (4th); Bailey (5th); Frappell (Captain); Brabant, Harrison, Adams, Flowers (6th). In athletics we have Irving, Phizacklea, Bailack (Champion under 14 Athlete), Harper. In swimming we have Sanders and Bailey.

It all sounds like monopoly, but we can't help it.

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2D approaches with an air of questing philosophy: We are the worst class in the school. There is no doubt about that. The Head says so. The Deputy says so. Our class teachers say so (at some considerable length). All predict dire calamities in our future. Well, were all the great ones of the world bright, intelligent, well-behaved boys at school? Winston Churchill wasn't. President Roosevelt wasn't. Napoleon was notoriously dull and mischievous. So was Abe Lincoln. Yet Ned Kelly was a model child. So was Dick Turpin. The moral is plain. Our many detractors should take note of it. Then, think of our class captain. What a future statesman is hidden in him! Listen to his oratory! And when eloquence fails, his resort to such effective action. What a brilliant barrister is there in Gilleland! The constant practice he now gets in defending himself will stand him in good stead defending others later on. Then Quaken — what a salary he will command as a comedian! What talent is already his as a quick-change artist!

Then, there is the humble scribe of this — not so hopeful there. A second Peter Dawson? Um! A bit weak in languages, though. Painful memories, too, of having once told French teacher that I wore a turrup. An architect? Y—e—s, perhaps, but awfully weak in Maths. An explorer? Well, my Geography is pretty fair . . . Perhaps, after all, I'll be a teacher. Now, I sometimes wonder — this is a dreadful thought — what the Head was like as a boy. Or Mr. Bathgate — who instinctively knows when we are chewing. Or how did Miss Perrin come by that twinkle in her eye? But banish such thoughts and idle speculations.

I sit by the fire writing this. Mother says, "What ARE you doing? Get on with your homework. If you don't do better next exam, I'll want to know why." Have mothers no imagination? Or have they?

— J.S., 2D.

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4C adopts the tone of a perfectly satisfied star-boarder: Yes, indeed, our room has wonderful location and aspect — warm in winter, cool in summer and such a lovely view of the street — not to be sneezed at, bai jove! And in addition to all this, we have Britten. Yes, Britten! With Eagle, he is in 2nd grade Tennis (Premiers, by the way); with McKenzie and Read, he is a C.H.S. athletics representative; he is a C.H.S. swimming representative. There are others, of course: Doyle, in 1st Grade Football; Devine, Goudge and Storey in 3rd Grade; Doyle, again, in 1st grade Cricket; Affleck and Storey in Water Polo. What a galaxy is there! Yes, indeed! Just as amazing in their way are Wallyn's chem. experiments. Penhall's uncanny skill at radio; Snow's precision instruments; Bonwick's front wheel suspension

on his cycle. The class has discovered, too, the secret of perpetual motion: watch the jaws of Penhall and Devine. All this, by the way, of course.

4C produced a play for the Annual Festival; Snow is leader of the Law-son House debates team; Devine and James are corporals in the Cadets; and Flowers and Affleck are privates in the A.T.C.; Williams is in the Choir; and Stark in the Orchestra.

What manner of class is this? Of excellent manner, m'Lord.

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5A is pleased to call itself The Senior Class and hides highly actionable comments in a dark mysterious way: Who would this be? Hands in pocket, legs on desk, frayed end of tie in mouth, copy of "Macbeth" propped against "Tennis in 257 Easy Lessons." Says, "Do a complete paraphrase of 'Pickwick' for Monday!" Who is he? Well, he's not a bad old stick — in spite of everything . . . Who is he in the second row? Charmingly handsome, but, oh, so love-lorn. Mind perhaps on the face that launched a thousand ships, or, again, it may be the walk home after the School Ball . . . In front row — who's he? Roman nose, Spanish hair, French eggs, Irish name. Has Shakespeare open on desk, and book of French plays, also open, under desk. Who? . . . Nearby is a burly fellow — who is he? Strong in body, possibly strong in mind. Mind mostly occupied in getting round the North Sydney full-back and scoring right between the posts . . . A jet plans zooms over. Most boys know when you hear the thing you can't see it, and when you can't hear it you don't look. But not so He of the "lairy" appearance. He always looks. Since the Athletic Carnival he has gone from bad to worse — trying now to outdo Mr. Smiles in all his carnival glory. Who is that fellow? . . . And yet another one — no Shakespeare at all! Just a sheet of paper, and Horror! it is — yes, it is Calculus! . . . And still another — plays tennis, watches the birds through the window. And dreaming all the time of Tamworth. Ah, well, let him dream . . . And then the Good Boy near the door; and our sole musician who tries to dodge Mr. Lipscomb; and the physicist deep in the theory of heat; and he who sits behind the aeroplane maniac, going over again and again that lovely ride in from Cronulla; and the portly gentleman by the window who never gets far away from the deserts and clay pans of our Farthest West.

And a score of others besides, all equally distinguished. Senior Class! Indeed it is. The Cream of the School, if a homely dairying metaphor can be employed.

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3A weighs in with commendable brevity: We are a unique class. Brains! Goodwin, McCarthy, Astle and Holdstock are a fair sample. Sport! Well, there are Atfield, Guthrie, Thomas, Wright, Anderson, O'Brien, Morris and Hoddinett. We have, too, our comedians — we need them to relieve the tedium of the long and boring hours. As to work what Mr. M—— says is not generally said. He says, "Faugh! You are only fit for First Year!" Fancy that! Where has Mr. M—— been all this time?

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The other classes are still busy with their jottings, and at their present rate of progress should be ready for print by the turn of the century.

August.

*The ships steal in and out the port
To cities in the crazy distance,
When men fled to Austral seas in barren hope
To escape the chill of age-old habits.
— Wave upon wave tilts the barren shore
Where mountains rise in silent menace,
Here as men toil in sullen daze
— Here where life gives colour but no soul.*

— DENIS KEVANS.

THE OLD BOYS' UNION.

OFFICE BEARERS, 1949 :

Patrons: Mr. Roberts and Mr. Watson.
Presidents: A. N. Bryant and D. Furnass.
Vice-Presidents: D. Furnass and R. Brown.
Hon. Secretary: R. Ross.
Hon. Assistant Secretary: R. Foley.
Hon. Treasurer: T. Miller.
Committee: J. Bradwell, R. Brown, A. N. Bryant, J. Greening, R. Home, W. Horder, R. Linney.

REPORT.

This year found the O.B.U. off to a flying start with an enthusiastic committee and a brand-new badge.

However, just when preparations were under way for a Dance and Picnic Football match, the coal strike occurred and disrupted all plans. Consequently the O.B.'s played the school football and tennis on a Wednesday afternoon, both being enjoyable matches, the former resulting in a win, 27/3, and the latter in a loss 8/0 for the Old Boys.

Up to mid-October, the only Old Boys function was the Dance, held at the School on 5th October — a most delightful evening for the 100-odd who attended.

The Committee has decided to wage an all-out campaign to increase membership in 1950, and we appeal to all retiring 5th year students to become active members. Further enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary, R. A. Ross, Gumnut Road, West Pennant Hills.

TEXTS FOR 1950.

ENGLISH.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE (A): 1. "Julius Caesar" (Verity); 2. "Essays Old and New" (ed. Barnes): Sir Roger at Home; Recollections of Childhood, Tunbridge Toys, Child's Play, Old China, The Silk Mercer, On Fashion, Of Revenge, The Danger of Procrastination, Jack Lizard, The Stage Coach, First Snow, Candilli On Being Hard-up, On Running after One's Hat, In Praise of Chimney-Sweepers.

(B) 1. Short Stories of To-day (omitting "Little White Frock"); 2. "Kipps — H. G. Wells (any edition). 3. "Representative English Poems" (Coombes) pp. 192-263, omitting "Adonais."

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE: 1. "Midsummer Night's Dream" (any edition. 2. "Kidnapped." 3. Wind in the Willows. 4. Treasury of Verse III (Australian Edition), p. 102 to end. 5. "Sohrab and Rustum."

LATIN.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE: 1. Horace — Selected odes (ed. Wickham-Oxford Clarendon Press): Omit 4, 7, 17, 25, 30, 31. 2. Livy—Book V (ed. Pickstone—Bell's Alpha Classics): Chapters 1—11, 19—22, 36—54.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE: Caesar-Gallic Wars, Book II (ed. Gould and Whitby—Macmillan): Omit 3, 4, 8, 9, 20, 22, 24; 25, 27; 34, 35. Ovid—Selections (ed. Freeman-Oxford Clarendon Press): Lines 841—1025.

"CHRISTMAS DELIGHT"

I was approached by a friend, rather renowned for his sense of humour, the other day, and was greeted with the news that he had won a photography competition. "Indeed," I said. "What was the title of your photograph."

"On the beach — with a peach," was his reply. Quite contrary to my expectations, the photo turned out to be that of an old man, seated by the seaside, contentedly devouring a monstrous peach.

This, however, brought to my mind thoughts concerning that particular fruit. Firstly, it is with us the year round — fresh and ripe from the tree in summer time, and preserved, either cold, or served in a pie or tart, in winter time. What could be better than peaches and ice-cream in summer, or steaming peach pie and rice pudding in winter? One great advantage is that the housewife has the option of serving up the peach either fresh or cooked at any time in the year.

The pleasant flavour and odour of the peach speak for themselves. Another very advantageous, perhaps even thrilling, quality is that one may rub it against one's cheek, close one's eyes, and pretend that it is one's true-love — its smooth skin . . . and, anyway, most boys regard their girl friend as a peach.

With this fruit there is no waste. The fruit having been eaten, the peelings are immediately thrown to the fowls and the rather intriguing stones given to the next-door neighbour's small boy to go and plant. Well, he thinks they'll grow, anyway.

Many unreasonable persons will say, "Bah—peaches—too frail—too easily bruised." This is not one bit fair, because in every case it is not the fault of the peach, but rather the fault of the clumsy complainer which results in the presence of bruises.

We cannot help but admire the beauty in colour-shadings of the peach—from a deep red, through pink to a golden yellow, and thence to a pale green—all in one piece of fruit; what masterly workmanship, what exquisite artistry! And then when we behold an avenue lined with fragrant peach blossom—what more could be asked for?

And so it is to the peach we turn: the banana is a common fruit, twelve a shilling. Its only advantages are that it is easily peeled and has no bones. Where are its radiant colours? Black against yellow—somewhat sickly, if you ask me. The pineapple is a disagreeable, acidic type of fruit. It's far too bulky and cumbersome—ask any woman who has to manoeuvre one home on top of over-full shopping baskets. And when she does get it home, look at the trouble involved in preparing it for eating: it just amounts to hard labour. Apart from everything else, it is only really appreciated in the height of mid-summer. What a mess the operator finishes up in when he has completed consuming a large piece, especially if sugar has been added—messy face and messy hands — and what a taste it leaves in the mouth! Follow it up with a glass of water if you really want to find out. Somebody indignantly asks: "Isn't there a good word to be spoken for the quince?" A feeling of repulsion immediately invades my stomach. Quinces can only be eaten after they have been cooked, and then they are only pleasing to some palates; best to let them cook dry so that the syrup hardens and the water evaporates: you then have quince toffee which, I must in all fairness admit, is not bad. But we don't see them for long in the year — they sneak into season and, just as quickly, vanish.

The peach—ah . . . that sensuous fruit (indeed, for it appeals to sight, smell and touch) . . . it is without equal! All other fruits may have their weaknesses, their follies, their faults, but our friend—the king of summer fruits, the queen of the fruit salad, it is simply unimpeachable.

— A. KENTWELL, 5A.

SPORT

SPORTS AWARDS :

1. **HOUSE COMPETITIONS:**
 Mick Simmons Shield: Undecided.
 Oldfield Shield (Cricket): Undecided.
 Priestley-Easson Sh'eld (Football): OXLEY.
 Murdoch Shield (Athletics): LAWSON.
 Jenner Shield (Swimming): STURT.
 Smith Cup (Drill): STURT.
2. **A.A.A of C. H. S. AWARDS:**
 ATHLETICS: R. Lyons, L. Linsell, G. Howard, M. Thomas, L. Betts,
 J. McKenzie, W. Armsworth.
 SWIMMING: F. Jordan (Barney-Keiran Trophy): D. Talbot.
 Junior Relay: D. Talbot, D. Anderson, J. Wright, B. Cragg.
 (Record).
 CRICKET: G. Howard, A. Doyle (C.H.S. Representatives).
 TENNIS: 2nd Grade, 4th Grade.
 FOOTBALL: G. Vaughan, H. Brown (C.H.S. Representatives).
3. **BLUES :**
 (a) FOOTBALL: G. Vaughan, R. Nay.
 (b) CRICKET: G. Howard, M. McCubben, R. Nay.
 (c) ATHLETICS: R. Lyons, L. Linsell, G. Howard.
 (d) SWIMMING: F. Jordan, G. Vaughan.
 (e) TENNIS: B. Jurd.
4. **CHAMPIONSHIP PENNANTS:**
 (a) ATHLETICS: Senior: R. Lyons; under 16, K. Bugg.
 Under 15: L. Betts.
 Under 14: L. Bailey.
 Under 13: N. Ferguson.
 (b) SWIMMING: Senior: F. Jordan; Under 16: D. Talbot; Under 15:
 D. Anderson; Under 14: R. Lane; Under 13: G. Brady.
 (c) FOOTBALL: B. May (best football referee).
5. **INTER-SCHOOL PENNANTS :**
 SWIMMING: F. Jordan, J. Wright, E. Goodwill, D. Talbot, A. Whyte,
 D. Anderson, R. Lane.
 ATHLETICS: R. Lyons, L. Linsell, J. Morey, G. Howard, P. Allen,
 K. Storey, C. Wilson, K. Bugg, B. Lyons, L. Betts, J. McKenzie,
 W. Armsworth, M. Thomas, L. Bailey, J. Harris, J. Phizacklea,
 H. Ross, N. Ferguson, C. Barry, C. Roche, C. Wilson.
 FOOTBALL: J. Buckley, J. Wright, A. Thompson, K. Wilson, R. Jol-
 low, C. McPherson, M. Case, D. Foster, L. Bailey, A. Frappell,
 N. Ferguson.
 CRICKET: H. Brown, A. Doyle, L. Drake, H. Henderson, J. Stutchbury.
 TENNIS: W. Peters, J. Millard, R. Quaken, B. Jenkins.
 WATER POLO: F. Jordan, G. Vaughan.

ATHLETICS:

The Murdoch Shield for athletics was won by Lawson. The points score results were: Lawson 373 points, Oxley 328, Blaxland 245, Sturt 203 points.

The Annual Athletic Carnival was held on 3rd-4th August. The track was sodden and three records only were broken:

SENIOR: L. Linsell: Mile, 4 min., 57.4 secs.

R. Lyons: 120 yds. Hurdles, 16.4 secs.

G. Howard: Shot Putt, 40 ft., 10½ in.

RESULTS.

SENIOR DIVISION :

100 yds.: R. Lyons 1; J. Morey 2; K. Storey 3. Time, 10.4s.

220 yds.: R. Lyons 1; J. Morey 2; K. Storey 3. Time, 24.5s.

440 yds.: R. Lyons 1, L. Linsell 2, B. Wilson. Time, 55.8s.

880 yds.: L. Linsell 1; R. Warrener 2; G. Stinson 3. Time, 2m., 17.4s.

Mile: G. Watson 1; D. Watson 2; J. Paciullo 3. Time, 5m, 19s.

Shot Putt: G. Howard 1; F. Jordan 2; L. Linsell 3. 40ft., 10½ in.

High Jump: P. Allen 1; B. Wilson and G. Howard 2; 5ft., 1 5/8 in.

Broad Jump: G. Howard 1, P. Allen 2, B. Upfold 3. 18ft., 10in.

120 yds. Hurdles: R. Lyons 1, J. Morey 2, L. Linsell 3. Time, 16.4s. (Record).

Special Mile: L. Linsell 1, G. Stinson 2, C. Potter 3. Time, 5m. 2.8s.

Winner of Senior Championship: R. Lyons.

UNDER 16 DIVISION :

100 yds.: K. Bugg 1, G. Stratford 2, R. Pate 3. Time, 11.4s.

220 yds.: K. Bugg 1, G. Stratford 2, S. Reid 3. Time, 26.3s.

440 yds.: K. Bugg 1, B. Davis 2, G. Barden 3. Time, 60.3s.

880 yds.: G. Paciullo 1, L. Bailey 2, E. Goodwill 3. Time, 2m. 33.4s.

Shot Putt: B. Britten 1, J. Mater 2, B. Jurd 3. 39ft., 2in.

High Jump: B. Lyons 1, B. Britten 2, P. Grigor 3. 4ft., 11¾ in.

Broad Jump: S. Reid 1, G. Stratford 2, K. Bugg 3. 18ft., 3¾ in.

90 yds. Hurdles: B. Lyons 1, B. Britten 2, J. Barden 3. Time, 13.2s.

Winner of Under 16 Division: K. Bugg.

UNDER 15 DIVISION :

100 yds.: L. Betts 1, W. Armsworth 2, J. McKenzie 3. Time, 11.5s.

220 yds.: L. Betts 1, J. McKenzie 2, W. Armsworth 3. Time, 26.4s.

90 yds. Hurdles: L. Betts 1, J. McKenzie 2, M. Thomas 3. Time, 13.8s.

High Jump: R. Anderson 1, L. Betts 2, D. Firth and J. Talty 3; 4ft. 9in.

Broad Jump: J. McKenzie 1, J. Talty 2, L. Betts 3. 17ft., 3in.

Shot Putt: L. Betts 1, J. McKenzie 2, D. De Mestre 3; 36ft., 4½ in.

Winner of Under 15 Championship: L. Betts.

UNDER 14 DIVISION :

100 yds.: J. Harris 1, L. Bailey 2, J. Phizacklea 3. Time, 12.5s.

220 yds.: J. Harris 1, L. Bailey 2, H. Ross 3. Time, 28s.

60 yds. Hurdles: L. Bailey 1, P. Day 2, H. Ross 3. Time, 10.5s.

Broad Jump: L. Bailey 1, A. Harper 2, J. Harris 3. 14ft., 10in.

High Jump: L. Bailey and H. Ross 1; R. Stewart 3. 4ft., 3in.

Winner of Under 14 Championship: L. Bailey.

UNDER 13 DIVISION :

100 yds.: N. Ferguson 1, C. Barry 2, C. Glasier 3. Time, 13.2s.

High Jump: J. Bartlett 1, N. Gibson 2, N. Ferguson 3. 4ft.

Broad Jump: C. Roche 1, N. Ferguson 2, J. Yager 3. 13ft., 10in.

Winner of Under 13 Championship: N. Ferguson.

HOUSE EVENTS.

SENIOR:

100 yds.: O. Latta 1, A. Thompson 2, R. Harris 3.
 220 yds.: R. Harris 1, O. Latta 2, A. Bree 3.
 440 yds.: A. Bree 1, W. Wh'nnall 2, A. Thompson 3.
 440 yds. Handicap: B. Atfield 1, C. Poole 2, W. Jones 3.

UNDER 16:

100 yds.: J. Wilson 1, O. Pilcher 2, B. Loudon 3.
 220 yds.: R. Churches 1, B. Loudon 2, N. Hamilton 3.
 440 yards: R. Churches 1, R. Pate 2, N. Hamilton 3.

UNDER 15:

100 yds.: M. Case 1, K. Lewis 2, N. Hoddinett 3.
 220 yds.: B. Atfield 1, M. Case 2, B. Muir 3.

UNDER 14:

100 yds.: N. Edwards 1, E. Westwood 2, P. Day 3.
 220 yds.: P. Day 1, N. Edwards 2, R. Lindsay 3.

UNDER 13:

100 yards: C. Wilson 1, M. Roach 2, R. Peffer 3.

TUG OF WAR: Blaxland 1, Lawson 2.

SENIOR RELAY: Sturt 1, Lawson 2, Blaxland 3.

JUNIOR RELAY: Oxley 1, Lawson 2, Blaxland 3.

JUVENILE RELAY: Oxley 1, Blaxland 2, Sturt 3.



ATHLETES.

Top Row (left to right): R. Lyons, F. Jordan, L. Betts, P. Grigor, G. Howard, G. Vaughan, R. Anderson, P. Allen.

Third Row: K. Bugg, A. Bree, J. Mater, R. Warrener, R. Rodda, L. Linsell, J. Stinson, B. Lyons, J. Talty.

Second Row: S. Reid, J. Morey, J. McKenzie, D. De Mestre, G. Barden, G. Paciullo, W. Armsworth, G. Stratford, C. Roche, L. Bailey.

Front Row: N. Ferguson, P. Day, J. Phizacklea, J. Harris, C. Wilson, Mr. Parsonage, H. Ross, M. Thomas, F. Duffy, R. Sewart, C. Barry.

In front: N. Gibson.

Combined High Schools Athletic Carnival.

Our results this year were not up to last year's effort, but we improved in the Senior Section. In the Aggregate, Sydney was first with 251 points, Newcastle second with 193 points, and Homebush third with 184 points.

SENIOR DIVISION points were: Sydney 1st, 97 points; Homebush 2nd, 70 points; Wollongong 3rd, 58 points.

JUNIOR DIVISION points were: Sydney 133 points; Newcastle 90 points; Sydney Tech. 74½ points; Homebush 72½ points.

JUVENILE POINTS were: Newcastle 103, Canterbury 43½, Homebush 42½ points.

Our outstanding effort was shown in that we occupied places in all relays. Our prominent position in Athletics is largely due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Parsonage.

RESULTS :

SENIOR DIVISION :

R. Lyons: 2nd in 100 yards Division 1; 1st in 220 yards, Division 1.

L. Linsell: 1st in 880 yds. Div. 1; 3rd in Mile, Div. 1; 2nd in 440 yds. Div. 2.

G. Stinson: 3rd in 880 yds. Div. 2.

J. Morey: 1st in 120 yds. Hurdles, Div. 2.

G. Howard, 1st in Shot Putt, Div. 1; 4th in Broad Jump, Div. 1.

F. Jordan: 3rd in Shot Putt, Div. 1.

P. Allen: 4th in High Jump, Div. 1.

RELAY TEAM: R. Lyons, J. Morey, K. Storey, C. Wilson, 3rd in final.

UNDER 16 DIVISION :

K. Bugg: 4th in 100 yds., Div. 1.

G. Stratford: 5th in 100 yds., Div. 2.

B. Lyons: 3rd in High Jump, Div. 1.

RELAY TEAM: K. Bugg, G. Stratford, G. Barden, S. Reid, 4th in final.

UNDER 15 DIVISION :

L. Betts: 3rd in 100 yds., Div. 1; 3rd in 220 yds., Div. 1; 2nd in 90 yds. Hurdles, Div. 1.

J. McKenzie: 2nd in 220 yds., Div. 2.

W. Armsworth: 2nd in 100 yds., Div. 2.

RELAY TEAM: M. Thomas, L. Betts, J. McKenzie, W. Armsworth, 1st in Final.

This team has the record of having never lost a relay whilst in the school.

UNDER 14 DIVISION :

L. Bailey: 3rd in 220 yards, Div. 2.

J. Harris, 5th, Div. 1, Under 14.

Relay: L. Bailey, J. Harris, J. Phizacklea, H. Ross: 2nd in Final.

UNDER 13 DIVISION :

N. Ferguson: 5th in 100 yds., Div. 1.

C. Roche: 1st in Broad Jump, Div. 2.

Relay: N. Ferguson, C. Roche, C. Wilson, C. Barry: 2nd in Final.

N.S.W. Schoolboy Championships.

Our most prominent athletes participated in the Championships on Saturday, October 2nd.

In the Senior Division, Ross Lyons recorded 10 secs. in his heat of the 100 yards, and was second to David Johnson, of Wollongong, in the final (time, 9.7s.). Ross won the 120 yds. Hurdles in the record time of 15.4s.

Graham Howard, in the Under 17 Division, won the Broad Jump (19ft., 11½in.), the Shot Putt (53ft., 3in.), and was third in the Hop, Step and Jump. Les Linsell was second in the 880 yds.

In the Under 15 Division, L. Betts won the 220 yds. (time, 23.7s.) and with M. Thomas, J. McKenzie and W. Armsworth, maintained the team's unbeaten record in relay events.

Homebush was also placed third in the Under 14, 440 yds. Relay.

SWIMMING.

The Annual Swimming Carnival was held at Bankstown Baths on Tuesday, 8th March, 1949. In spite of wet weather, the Carnival was completed and twelve new records set up.

RESULTS :

SENIOR:

55 yds. Freestyle: F. Jordan 1, J. Wright 2, W. Mills 3. 30.2 (record)
 110 yds. Freestyle: F. Jordan 1, J. Wright 2, J. Bailey 3; 1m 11.3s.
 220 yds. Freestyle: F. Jordan 1, L. Green 2, G. Watson 3; 2m.33s (rec.)
 440 yds. Freestyle: F. Jordan 1, J. Wright 2, L. Green 3; 5m 51.5s.
 880 yds. Freestyle: J. Wright 1, L. Green 2, R. Grenenger 3; 14m 34.4s.
 110yds. Breaststroke: L. Green 1, J. Legg 2, J. Stinson 3. 1m 54.1s.
 55 yds. Breaststroke: W. Mills 1, J. Wright 2, F. Jordan 3; 39.1s. (rec.)
 Dive: K. Wilson 1, W Mills 2.
 220 yds. Relay: Oxley 1, Lawson 2, Blaxland 3; 2m 27.1s. (record).
 Senior Champion: F. Jordan 1, J. Wright 2, L. Green 3.

JUNIOR (UNDER 16):

55 yds. Freestyle: D. Talbot 1, G. Vaughan 2, E. Goodwill 3. 29.1s. (record).
 110 yds. Freestyle: D. Talbot 1, G. Vaughan 2, L. Little 3. 1m. 11.2s.
 220 yds. Freestyle: D. Talbot 1, G. Vaughan 2, E. Goodwill 3. 2m. 46.3s.
 440 yds. Freestyle: D. Talbot 1, G. Vaughan 2, E. Goodwill 3. Time, 6m. 11.6s.
 880 yds. Freestyle: D. Anderson 1, G. Vaughan 2, E. Goodwill 3. Time, 13m. 9s.
 55 yds. Breaststroke: E. Goodwill 1, D. Talbot 2, G. Vaughan 3. Time, 38.5s.
 55 yds. Backstroke: D. Talbot 1, E. Goodwill 2, L. Little 3. Time, 38.2s. (record).
 Dive: D. Talbot 1, J. Wright 2, E. Goodwill 3.
 Relay: Sturt 1, Oxley 2, Blaxland 3. Time, 2m. 14.5s.
 Under 16 Champion: D. Talbot 1, E. Goodwill 2, G. Vaughan 3.

JUNIOR (UNDER 15):

55 yds. Freestyle: D. Anderson 1, A. Whyte 2, R. O'Connell 3. Time, 31.5s (record).
 110 yds. Freestyle: D. Anderson 1, A. Whyte 2, R. O'Connell 3. Time, 1m. 15.9s.
 220 yds. Freestyle: D. Anderson 1, A. Whyte 2, K. Carpenter 3. Time, 2m. 45.s (record).
 440 yds. Freestyle: D. Anderson 1, A. Whyte 2, R. Lane 3. Time, 5m. 59.6s (record).
 55 yds. Breaststroke: A. Whyte 1, B. Butler 2, R. O'Connell 3. 45.5s.
 55 yds. Backstroke: D. Anderson 1, A. Whyte 2, K. Eldridge 3. 49s.
 Under 15 Champion: D. Anderson 1, A. Whyte 2, K. Eldridge 3.

JUVENILE (UNDER 14):

55 yds. Freestyle: R. Lane 1, R. Anderson 2, D. Sanders 3. 35.2s.
 110 yds. Freestyle: R. Lane 1, D. Sanders 2, R. Anderson 3. 1m. 26.2s.
 220 yds. Freestyle: R. Lane 1, D. Sanders 2, R. Anderson 3. 3m. 19.9s.
 55 yds. Breaststroke: R. Lane 1, K. Aitken 2, R. Anderson 3. 46.8s.
 55 yds. Backstroke: R. Lane 1, R. Anderson 2, D. Sanders 3. 46.1s. (record).
 Dive: R. Matthews 1, P. Day 2, L. Bayley 3.
 Relay: Blaxland 1, Oxley 2, Lawson 3. Time, 3m. 5s.
 Under 14 Champion: R. Lane 1, R. Anderson 2, D. Sanders 3.



SWIMMING

Rear: D. Anderson, R. Lane, D. Sanders, D. Talbot, T. King, R. O'Brien, L. Bailey.
 Centre: J. Bayley, E. Goodwill, J. Wright, G. Vaughan, A. Whyte, A. Anderson, K. Eldridge, P. Brown.
 Front: R. O'Connell, L. Little, F. Jordan, Mr. Allars, W. Mills, L. Green, W. Morris.
 Sitting: B. Ayre, J. Sumner.

JUVENILE (UNDER 13):

55 yds. Freestyle: T. King 1, P. Brown 2, G. Dytor 3. 44.1s.
 110 yds. Freestyle: G. Brady 1, J. Sumner 2, B. Cashman 3. 2m. 3.8s.
 55 yds. Breaststroke: P. Brown 1, T. King 2, A. Towers 3. 57.3s.
 55 yds. Backstroke: G. Brady 1, B. Air 2. Time, 1m. 6s.
 Under 13 Champion: G. Brady 1, T. King and A. Towers, aeq. 2.

Combined High Schools Swimming Carnival.

The swimming team again performed creditably in the Combined High Schools' Swimming Carnival. The school was placed third in the Aggregate, second in the Senior division, and third in the Junior division.

We congratulate Sydney High School on winning the Championship.

The school wishes to congratulate Frank Jordan on winning the Barney Kieran Memorial Cup for 1949.

Homebush boys were placed in the following events:

SENIOR:

880 Freestyle, Division 1: F. Jordan, 1st.
 880 Freestyle, Division 2: D. Anderson, 1st.
 440 Freestyle, Division 1: F. Jordan, 1st.
 220 Freestyle, Division 1: F. Jordan, 1st.
 55 Freestyle, Division 1: J. Wright, 2nd.
 110 Breaststroke, Div. 1: E. Goodwill, 2nd.
 55 Backstroke, Div. 2: E. Goodwill, 3rd.

JUNIOR (UNDER 16):

55 Freestyle, Division 1: D. Talbot, 1st.
 110 Freestyle, Division 1: D. Talbot, 3rd.
 220 Freestyle, Div. 1: D. Talbot, 5th.
 55 Backstroke, Division 1: D. Talbot, 4th.
 440 Freestyle, Div. 2: G. Vaughan, 2nd.
 55 Freestyle, Division 2: G. Vaughan, 2nd.
 110 Freestyle, Division 2: G. Vaughan, 3rd.
 220 Freestyle, Division 2: G. Vaughan, 3rd.
 55 Backstroke, Division 2: J. Wright, 1st.
 55 Breaststroke, Division 2: J. Wright, 4th.
 Dive, Division 1: D. Talbot, 5th.
 Dive, Division 2: J. Wright, 3rd.
 Relay, 1st (D. Talbot, D. Anderson, J. Wright, D. Cragg). Time,
 2m. 3.5s. (record).

JUNIOR (UNDER 15):

55 Freestyle, Division 2: A. Whyte, 2nd.
 220 Freestyle, Division 1: D. Anderson, 5th.
 220 Freestyle, Division 2: A. Whyte, 2nd.
 440 Freestyle, Division 1: D. Anderson, 2nd.
 440 Freestyle, Division 2: A. Whyte, 2nd.
 55 Breaststroke, Division 1: A. Whyte, 3rd.

JUVENILE (UNDER 14):

55 Backstroke, Division 1: R. Lane, 5th.
 55 Breaststroke, Division 2: R. O'Brien, 4th.
 Relay, 5th (R. Lane, R. Anderson, D. Sanders, W. Morris).

JUVENILE (UNDER 13):

55 Breaststroke, Division 2: T. King, 5th.

WATER POLO.

This year has been a very successful one in Water Polo, the results of matches being:

"A" GRADE

v Sydney Tech. High School. Won 3-2
 North Sydney. Won 4-2.
 Manly. Won 3-2.
 Canterbury. Won 9-2.
 Randwick. Won 10-0.
 Sydney. Won 5-1.

"B" GRADE

v Sydney Tech. High. Drew 3-3.
 North Sydney. Lost 0-3.
 Manly. Lost 2-3.
 Canterbury. Won 6-0.
 Randwick. Won 4-0.
 Sydney. Lost 2-3.

The competition this year is in two grades for the first time and is proving highly satisfactory. "A" grade is held at Rushcutter's Bay, and "B" grade at Elkington Park, Balmain.

Homebush are undefeated premiers in "A" grade. Goal scorers for the team are: Jordan 15, Talbot 12, Wright 12, Anderson 5, Vaughan 3, Whyte 1, Green 1. The total scores: For, 48; against, 11.

During March a match was played against the Balmain Teachers' College at the Drummoyne Baths, the school winning, 6-0.

"B" grade has won two matches, drawn one and lost three, the totals being, 17 for, and 12 against. This team shows promise of developing into a worthy successor to the "A" grade.

Teams vary during the year, but players generally were as follows:

"A" Grade: F. Jordan (c.), G. Vaughan, J. Wright, D. Anderson, J. Green, A. Whyte, D. Talbot, K. Storey, W. Mills.

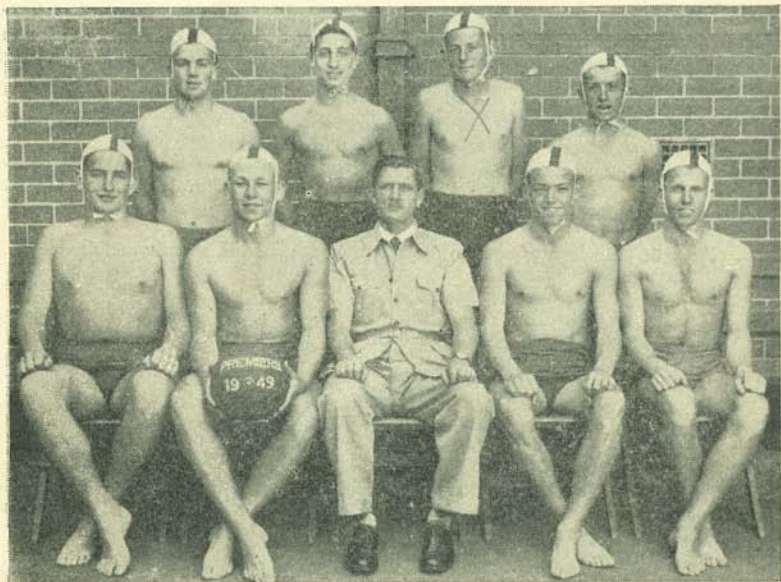
"B" Grade: D. Affleck (c.), R. Lane, L. O'Connell, I. Fail, E. Goodwill, D. Storey, D. Cumming, B. Eldridge, D. McMillan.

During the early part of the season, our "A" grade captain, Frank Jordan, was unavailable, being selected to represent the State in the Australian Championships at Brisbane. Congratulations, Frank.

Top goal scorer for the season is Don Talbot, who has developed into a fast and capable forward. Geoff. Vaughan is again with the team and has been at all times a safe and reliable back — some say the opposition tire because they have to swim around him!

Don Anderson and John Wright, always on the ball, will be successful players next year. Goalkeeper Warren Mills, who suffered a broken ankle at football, will be back with us again. Storey, Green and Whyte have contributed their share to the team's success. With players as willing as these, Homebush will be well represented. Among "B" graders, Lane, Goodwill, Fail and Affleck deserve mention.

The teams wish most heartily to thank Mr. Allen and Mr. Brown for their keen interest and excellent coaching. The success of our teams is greatly due to their efforts.



WATER POLO, 1949.

Back Row (left to right): D. Talbot, L. Green, A. Whyte, D. Anderson.
Front Row: G. Vaughan, F. Jordan (Capt.), Mr. Allen, J. Wright, W. Mills.

LIFE SAVING.

This year the principle of prevention is better than cure—even in life saving—was applied, according to the following plan:

(a) As a result of a learn-to-swim campaign, some 70 pupils were taught to swim; and to float.

(b) Boys who were able to swim across the pool were given more advanced instruction on freestyle, and taught to tread water.

(c) Boys able to swim at least 55 yards were instructed in breaststroke and life saving backstroke.

(d) Boys attaining proficiency in these styles were instructed in the correct methods of release and rescue.

In this way it was hoped to reduce the number of pupils from this school likely to need assistance in the water, and at the same time to make the work of rescuers as safe as possible for themselves and for their patients.

Messrs. Cullen and McQueen were in charge of this section.

Once again, all First Year pupils were instructed in the application of the Schafer method of artificial respiration. The practical work was given by Mr. A. Watson, Physical Training teacher, and the theory by Mr. McQueen.

Homebush filled second place in the Hendry Cup for aggregate point score in the R.L.S.S. competition with 974 points, to Granville Technical School's 1300 points. But our aggregate gave us first place in the High Schools competition.

In the Arthur Parker competition, Homebush was third out of six schools who competed. Fort Street A and B teams filled first and second places respectively. The School's performance was a considerable improvement on that of last year, and in the Resuscitation section of the work Homebush recorded the highest score.

Awards gained by pupils of this school during the season included:

Award of Merit: 11.
Bronze Cross: 20.
Bronze Medallion: 46.
First Class Instructor: 6.
Pupil Instructor: 7.
Intermediate Certificates: 50.
Elementary Certificate: 50.
Resuscitation: 164.

Messrs. A. Watson, McFarland, Cullen and McQueen gave the life saving instruction, with the assistance of a team of vigorous pupil instructors led by T. Grenenger.

At each test by Homebush pupils the R.L.S.S.'s examiners commented favourably on the high standard of efficiency reached by the candidates.

Oxley House won the drill competition for Bronze Medallian squads and will hold the cup for one year. The team comprised J. Miller (instructor), M. Core, K. Eldridge, E. Webber, P. Curnow.

FOOTBALL—Rugby Union.

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6
v Sydney	3-9	0-3	0-19	3-12	5-6	12-3
v Parramatta	6-8	Bye	0-13	3-13	11-0	9-3
v Randwick	14-0	Bye	17-0	5-13	11-3	3-3
v Nth. Syd. Tech. ...	0-3	11-2	3-6	11-9	8-5	6-3
v Manly	Bye	0-9	3-3	14-9	0-0	0-6
v Hurstone	0-15	11-0	Bye	11-9	5-3	0-0
v Technical	3-18	5-8	8-14	3-11	6-3	0-9
v North Sydney ...	0-32	11-15	0-22	0-12	0-17	0-3
v Canterbury	12-9	3-6	3-14	3-23	3-0	3-0
v Fort Street	0-6	8-15	0-25	3-13	3-14	3-11
Points For—Against	38-91	49-58	34-116	56-118	52-51	33-44

FIRST FIFTEEN.

TEAM: H. Browne (captain), G. Vaughan (Vice-Captain), T. Grenenger, L. Browne, R. Nay, J. Buckley, G. Howard, J. Mater, G. Watson, J. Stinson, J. Wright, P. Oxford, A. Smith, W. Mills, W. Hooke, A. Bree, D. De Mestre, A. Doyle, K. Wilson.

The Homebush Boys' High School first fifteen had the makings of a good team early in the season, but unfortunately we suffered many injuries, which left us weak. Those out for most of the games included some of our best players — Harry Browne, the captain, Warren Mills, Ron Nay, and Graham Howard.

The best players of the season were Geoff. Vaughan, Trevor Grenenger



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1949.

Back Row (left to right): J. Buckley, D. De Mestre, J. Mater, R. Nay, A. Bree.
 Second Row: W. Mills, W. Hook, G. Watson, G. Howard, T. Grenenger, R. Doyle.
 Front Row: L. Browne, J. Wright, H. Browne (Capt.), Mr. Jeffrey, G. Vaughan (Vice-captain), J. Stinson, P. Oxford.
 Seated in Front: K. Wilson. A. Smith (absent).

and Lindsay Browne, in the pack; and John Wright, Ron Nay and Peter Oxford shone in the three-quarter line. John Wright also played a sound game when needed in the forwards.

The most improved players were D. De Mestre, Ken Wilson, and Archie Doyle, all of whom were promoted from lower grades to fill places left through injuries.

Geoff. Vaughan and Jim Buckley both represented C.H.S. Vaughan played all games with the combined firsts, and Buckley with the seconds, while Lindsay Browne was reserve for second grade.

Harry Browne was chosen for the C.H.S. 1st XV, but unfortunately fractured his collarbone just before their first game against University.

The annual trip to Tamworth was undertaken and the home team proved the stronger. Congratulations Tamworth!

The team extends its thanks and appreciation to Mr. Jeffrey who conscientiously coached us throughout the season, and also to Mr. Kean, who was always there to give us a helping hand.

Blues have been awarded to G. Vaughan and R. Nay, and J. Buckley and J. Wright have received inter-school pennants.

SECOND GRADE.

TEAM: B. George (Capt.), D. Solari (Vice-Capt.), N. Kew, A. Thompson, J. Dundas, R. Madden, R. Baker, N. Goodall, K. Wilson, E. Leet, J. McLeay, R. Mumford, J. Miller, D. Gay, G. Watson, J. McKnight, R. Burns, J. Fail, A. Doyle, C. McPherson.

Practice matches at the beginning of the season indicated that second grade would be a fairly strong combination. However, an unprecedented crop of casualties in second and first grade, with consequent promotions of second graders, made great inroads into the available talent.

Able led by Barry George, the team performed creditably.

Special mention should go to A. Thompson for many brilliant dashes on the wing; to K. Wilson for intelligent half play; to D. Solari, G. Watson, B. George, D. Gay, N. Goodall and R. Burns for tireless forward play; and to E. Leet for fine goal kicking.

THIRD GRADE.

TEAM: R. Jollow (Capt.), J. Legg, P. Weekes, K. Beehag, H. James, G. Rhodes, R. Devine, G. Moore, M. Case, P. Curnow, G. Goudge, D. Hardacre, L. Green, D. Hayward, M. Withers, R. Baker, G. Morgan.

Third grade commenced with a surfeit of players and good prospects of a successful season. However, injuries and absences in higher grades quickly depleted the number of players available, and the original combination of seasoned players was broken up.

Every game was keenly contested, and a most pleasing feature throughout the season was the fact that, despite an adverse score, the eight forwards and the backs continued to give of their best right to the final bell.

It was noticed that whenever a third grade player was promoted to a higher grade he acquitted himself well and held his position. Particularly, we could mention D. De Mestre and C. McPherson, who both show promise of developing into very handy players.

Third grade is gradually developing into a sturdy combination and will eventually win a competition.

FOURTH GRADE.

Very few boys in the Fourth Grade team had had previous grade experience, but by the close of the season a good combination had been built up. Every player showed improvement in positional play, and the team spirit is worthy of high commendation. The higher grades should be strengthened in future years by the inclusion of members of this team. W. Randall was best forward while Case, Anderson and Smith were always prominent in the backs.

The players were: K. Carpenter (Capt.), N. Hoddinett, J. Smith, A. Smith, A. Whyte, D. Anderson, M. Case, J. Wilson, B. Chadwick, J. Davidson, D. Sanders, E. Greene, B. Jenness, B. Lyons, B. Atfield, W. Randall, B. Sheppard, R. O'Connell, R. Gillett, C. Bigwood.

Inter-School Pennant: M. Case.

FIFTH GRADE.

Team: R. McKittrick (Capt.), A. Halliburton (Vice-Capt.), C. Jordan, D. Foster, R. Lindsay, M. Ryan, L. Bailey, L. Guthrie, S. Ashton, I. Gil-
Ireland, D. Margan, G. Nesbitt, C. Pitches, T. Bourke, B. Claxton, B. Moore.

Fifth Grade had only a fairly successful season, the team being rather weak in the forward line. The best matches were against Parramatta and Randwick. Also quite a good performance was up against the undefeated premiers, North Sydney, the score 17-0 not indicating what a good match it was.

Among our best players were Foster, Lindsay, Halliburton and McKittrick. The team wishes to thank Mr. Kevans for his valuable coaching.

SIXTH GRADE.

Team: L. Frappell (Capt.), A. Flowers (Vice-Capt.), J. Maloney, B. Beaverstock, N. Ferguson, C. Crowe, B. Gazzard, D. Donaldson, J. Buchanan, J. Armsworth, K. Doughty, J. Drew, H. Carter, J. Bartlett, A. Hansen, B. Pollock, D. Carter.

These boys, for the main part inexperienced, began the season well by defeating High, 12-3. As the season progressed the team had its share of wins, and finished fourth in the aggregate point score. Difficulty was experienced in ascertaining the right player for the right position, but eventually quite a good little team was welded together. This was evidenced by the 3-0 victory against Canterbury, and the 0-0 draw with Hurlstone at the close of the season. The whole team gave of their best during the season, the outstanding players being Ferguson, Flowers, Maloney, Frappell, Armsworth and Crowe. These boys should make useful members of next year's teams.

Congratulations, Sixth Grade, on your fine efforts!

CRICKET.

FIRST GRADE.

TEAM: H. Browne (Captain), G. Howard (Vice-Captain), P. Allen, H. McCubben, R. Doyle, R. Nay, A. Skulander, J. Morey, G. Watson, B. Loudon, J. Mater.

First Grade acquitted itself well, and at present is in second place with a good prospect of winning the competition.

The team combined well under the capable captaincy of H. Browne. In the first match, Homebush convincingly defeated Sydney Technical. This was due to the splendid batting of H. Browne, R. Doyle and G. Howard, and the accurate bowling of J. Morey.

A very fine bowling and fielding effort enabled Homebush to defeat North Sydney High with only two minutes to spare. G. Howard took 6-34 and Mater 3-11. H. McCubben contributed a valuable 54, and J. Mater 26.

A serious lapse in fielding contributed to the loss of the next match against Canterbury. R. Doyle batted well for 26.

In the last match of the first half, Homebush defeated Randwick. Homebush closed at 2 for 125, obtained in 80 minutes. G. Howard again scored an aggressive 53 not out.

H. Brown and R. Doyle have done well as opening batsmen, and were well supported by G. Howard, J. Mater and H. McCubben.

Best bowling performances were: G. Howard, 6-34; J. Morey, 7-41; R. Doyle, 5-14; J. Mater, 3-11; H. McCubben, 4-58.

G. Howard, J. Mater and R. Doyle are developing into splendid all-rounders. R. Nay kept brilliantly behind the stumps. G. Howard and R. Doyle were chosen as opening bowler and opening batsman, respectively, for the C.H.S. representative team against Newcastle.



FIRST GRADE CRICKET.

Back Row (left to right): B. Loudon, R. Nay, P. Allen, G. Watson, J. Morey, A. Skulander, R. Doyle.

Front Row: G. Mater, H. Browne (Capt.), Mr. M. Sykes, G. Howard (Vice-capt.), H. McCubben.

SECOND GRADE.

TEAM: H. Henderson (Capt.), A. Thompson (Vice-Capt.), M. Chapman, L. Irwin, K. Wilson, D. De Mestre, N. Goodall, K. Bugg, D. Cragg, R. Harris, B. Wilding, N. McDill (12th).

Our team has moulded into a good all-round combination under the able leadership of its experienced captain, Harold Henderson. So far, we are unbeaten, but as all matches this season are one-day fixtures, a series of drawn games has robbed us of valuable points.

It is most unfortunate that luck has not favoured us a little more, because we have been in a winning position in all these drawn games. Greater "devil" will be essential in the remaining games, if we are to lift ourselves from fourth place to the top of the competition table.

Congratulations to K. Wilson, M. Chapman, A. Thompson and N. Goodall for good performances with the bat, and to L. Irwin and H. Henderson for consistently good bowling. D. De Mestre is showing considerable promise in all departments, and will be our best all-rounder before the season ends. K. Wilson is developing into an excellent wicketkeeper.

THIRD GRADE.

TEAM: Drake (Captain), Peters, Brennan, Jurd, Kerridge, Morris, Mathie, Stinson, Neideck, Carpenter, Upfold.

This team is doing very well, and at present is only two points behind the leaders, with a very good chance of winning the competition.

The team is very strong in batting, and the captain has closed the innings in every match. The following are the scores for Homebush for each match played: 6 for 135, 5 for 113, 7 for 143, 5 for 111, 4 for 133. Best batting performances: Jurd 69, Peters 67, Drake 47.

Outstanding bowling performances: Carpenter 7-31 and 5-19; Upfold 6-4; Kerridge 4-4, including the hat-trick.

The boys are very keen to go into action again, and sincerely hope that captain Drake can break the hoodoo and win the toss, as he lost the toss on all five occasions this year.

FOURTH GRADE.

TEAM: R. Lindsay (Capt.), B. Rudd, J. Clarke, J. Divan, P. Brown, A. Halliburton, G. Dytor, J. Stutchbury, J. Davidson, N. Edwards, B. Parsons, R. Stewart, J. Gilleland.

At the present stage the team is running fifth in the competition, although it has lost only one match, and that on the first innings. By narrowly missing two outright wins (one by one wicket), it jeopardised its prospects of heading the point scores, but could still get into the final.

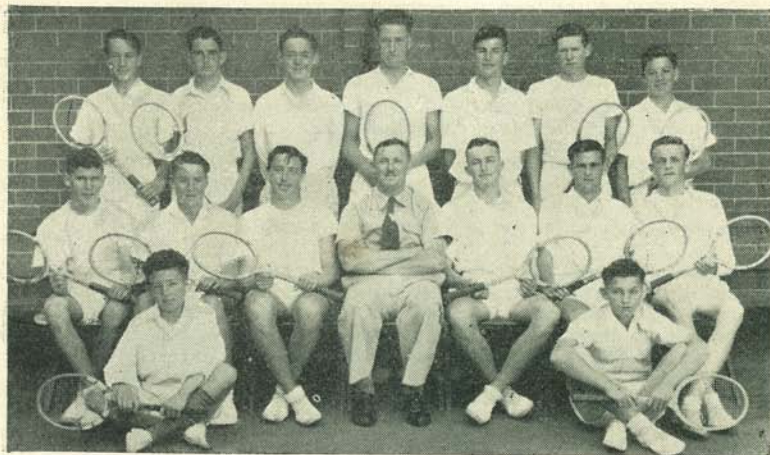
The team has proved fairly strong in batting, with Rudd, Clarke, Brown, Divan and Dytor contributing for scores through the season.

Stutchbury has been the spearhead of the attack. Gilleland and Davidson have offered very able support in that respect. Davidson is improving, and may take a lot of wickets next season.

Tributes must be paid to the excellent wicket-keeping of Rudd, and also to the sound fielding of Lindsay, the captain.

The fact that five of the team are first year students augurs well for Fourth Grade next year.

TENNIS.



Back Row (left to right): B. Jenkins, C. Plummer, J. Golder, B. Britten, B. Jurd, B. Barden, W. Peters.
 Second Row: M. Chapman, A. O'Brien, J. Brown (Capt.), Mr. S. Jones, P. Allen, E. Eagle, J. Emery.
 Sitting: H. Home, R. Quaken.
 Absent: W. Whitnall, J. Millard, M. Wheeler, B. Upfold, H. Davidson.

Grade	Played	Won	Lost	Points
First Grade	12	11	1	22
Second Grade	12	12	0	24
Third Grade	12	11	1	22
Fourth Grade	12	12	0	24

TEAMS —

FIRST GRADE: J. Brown (Capt.), P. Allen, B. Jurd, B. Barden, W. Peters.

SECOND GRADE: J. Emery (Capt.) M. Chapman, B. Britten, E. Eagle, B. Upfold.

THIRD GRADE: D. Cragg (Capt.), B. Jenkins, J. Golder, A. O'Brien, W. Whitnall, C. Plummer.

FOURTH GRADE: J. Millard (Capt.), R. Quaken, H. Home, M. Wheeler, J. Davidson.

For the fourth year in succession the School repeated its success by winning the Combined High Schools Tennis Championship, but was strongly challenged by Canterbury, who was only four points behind. Homebush won the second and fourth grades, and was runner-up to Canterbury High in first and third grades.

First Grade, captained by J. Brown, played well throughout the season. During the year their ranks were strengthened by the inclusion of W. Peters, who was elevated from Third Grade, and more than held his own. The final was played at Canterbury between Homebush and Canterbury, the latter team winning by two games, the sets being equal. Homebush number one pair,

J. Brown and P. Allen, won their four sets. Congratulations, Canterbury!

John Emery led his second team to victory without losing a match. Both pairs, Emery-Chapman and Britten-Eagle, were very even, and this accounted for the success of the team. In the final against Canterbury High, Eagle and Britten gave an excellent exhibition of sound all-round tennis.

Thirds had a grand run till the final against Canterbury, winning all their matches easily. Canterbury's number one pair carried the day by winning their four sets easily. The most consistent player for Thirds throughout the competition was B. Jenkins.

Fourths won their grade with the loss of only six sets. Captain John Millard and Ross Quaken proved a formidable pair, but they were closely followed by Hugh Home and Max Wheeler, who lost only four sets.

HOUSE COMPETITION.

The House Competition was again very popular, Lawson winning for the second time with 10 points. Oxley was second with 8 points, Blaxland third with 4, and Sturt last with 2 points.

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Annual School Championships were conducted in two grades and a large entry was received. There were no surprises this year in the "A" grade, the first team reaching the quarter-finals in the singles. Barry Upfold pushed Bruce Barden to three sets, and Warren Whitnall put up a similar performance against Barry Britten. Peter Allen was in trouble to Bruce Jenkins, but rallied to win the next two sets.

The "B" grade, as usual, brought to light some fresh talent. Hugh Home won four rounds without losing a game, and was narrowly beaten 7-5 by Marr Farr in the quarter-final. John Hollick proved very consistent to reach the quarters, and only succumbed 10-8 to Ross Quaken. Another "find" was Gibson, a first year boy from Camden, who plays Ross Quaken in the semi-final. C. Plummer and R. Harris are in the finals of the "B" grade doubles, and should win, but might be surprised by Millard and Quaken.

John Brown was again the outstanding player for the School, winning the singles title and the schoolboy doubles with K. Rosewall.

Homebush boys did very well in their district competitions this year, no few than seven, A. O'Brien, W. Peters, J. Emery, M. Chapman, P. Allen, B. Jenkins and C. Plummer securing places in Tremlett Cup teams (Junior inter-district), and J. Brown securing Blackwell Cup honours (senior inter-district) for his district, Dulwich Hill.

AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Homebush entered a large contingent in the Age Championships conducted by the N.S.W.L.T.A. Apart from Brown's success in the schoolboys' doubles, B. Jurd, P. Allen, J. Millard and W. Peters did well.

The School played two outside matches, one against Old Boys and the other against Tamworth High. The match against Tamworth was dourly fought, but Homebush eventually won 8 sets to 6. J. Emery and B. Barden were in excellent form for Homebush. Homebush won 8 sets to love against Old Boys.

The following awards have been made:—

Blue: B. Jurd.

Pennants for most improved players: W. Peters, J. Millard, R. Quaken and B. Jenkins.

J. Brown won the School Singles Championship for the third year in

succession. Peter Allen was runner-up. J. Brown and P. Allen won the doubles championship from Barry Jurd and Bruce Barden.

The "B" grade singles was won by Ross Quaken, with John Millard runner-up.

RESULTS :

A GRADE SINGLES :

J. Brown v P. Allen, 6/4, 6/0.

A GRADE DOUBLES :

J. Brown and P. Allen v B. Jurd and B. Barden, 6/2, 9/7.

B GRADE SINGLES :

R. Quaken v J. Millard, 6/2, 6/0.

B GRADE DOUBLES :

H. Home—M. Wheeler.

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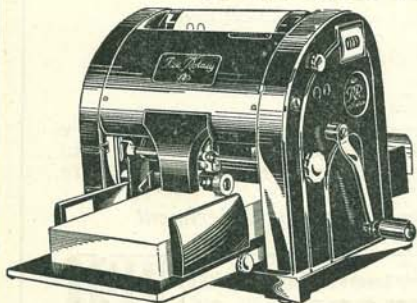
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2. The careful moulding of the character of the Staff Cadets by means of the right training of their minds and bodies so that they will be worthy citizens.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY — Applicants must:

- (i) Be over 16 years and under 20 years of age on the Saturday nearest to the 15th February of year of entry.
- (ii) Be unmarried.
- (iii) Be a natural born British subject permanently resident in Australia.
- (iv) Be medically fit.
- (v) Possess a "Pass" or higher certificate in the matriculation, Leaving, School Leaving or Senior Public Examinations in — ENGLISH, One MATHEMATICAL Subject, and any other THREE Subjects.
- (vi) Be interviewed and recommended as suitable to become an Army Officer by a Selection Board.
- (vii) Be approved by the Minister of State for the Army.

INSTRUCTION:

The Course occupies four years and is devoted to academic and practical training in military and civil subjects on the lines of a University.

In the first year a Cadet reaches the standard of a "trained Soldier" and thereafter his progress is directed to efficiency as a potential instructor.

Civil education begins as first year University standard, and under the guidance of civil Professors and lecturers, the cadet carries out a course with either an "Arts" or a "Science" bias, depending on his individual aptitude.

Physical education is continuous throughout the four years and is designed to assist study by providing the healthy body which in turn will help provide a healthy mind.

SPORTS AND AMENITIES:

Each Staff Cadet is encouraged and expected to take part in at least two forms of sport, throughout the year. Facilities exist for the playing of football, hockey, cricket, tennis, and basketball. Athletics and swimming are also contested. Boxing is taught and championships held.

Recreation rooms are well equipped with paper and journals and a College library covers a wide range of some 20,000 books.

PAY AND ALLOWANCES:

Whilst at the College, a Cadet is educated and maintained by the Government and there is no expense to his parents.

A Cadet's pay commences at the rate of 7/- per day in his first year, increasing to 8/- in the second, 10/- in the third, and 11/- in the fourth. An amount of 1/6 per day is deferred and is credited to him for payment on graduation.

1/- per day, in addition to his pay, is credited to maintain and replace uniform and clothing.

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Applications setting out data and place of birth, details of school record including copies of reports, and copies of references may be made in writing, or by personal application, to the Staff and Industrial Officer.

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