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First Year: I. MacAskill.

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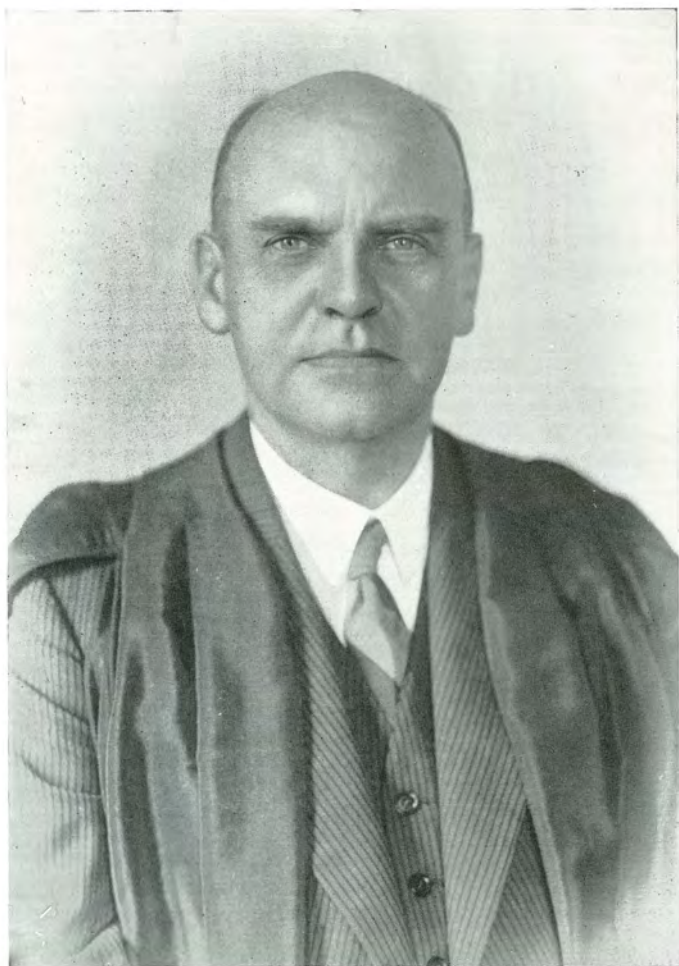
To the imposing list of Sydney High School's headmasters—John Waterhouse, Joseph Coates, R. J. Hinder, C. R. Smith, George Saxby, Frank McMullen, J. H. Killip—we add this year another name. The appointment of Mr. G. Barr as the School's eighth Headmaster carries with it a sense of satisfaction to all those who are closely associated with it, for Mr. Barr, like Mr. Saxby, is one of its Old Boys. There is, too, a significance for those who like to think in terms of the School's history and traditions: Mr. Barr's appointment is a symbol that the School has reached the stage where it can be "self-supporting" in the matter of headmasters.

From the days when he was Senior Prefect under John Waterhouse in the Mary Ann Street building—and to-day a picture of that building hangs appropriately just outside his office—to his appointment at the beginning of this year Mr. Barr has had an exacting career, during the latter part of which he has been in turn Headmaster of the High Schools at Parkes, Lithgow, Cessnock and Parramatta. For many years he has associated himself with the Rotary Movement. By way of relaxation from professional and self-imposed activities, Mr. Barr has devoted himself to music. An excellent pianist, he is also interested in all forms of vocal and instrumental work.

One more thing the "Record" would like to record: Mr. Barr thought well enough of the school which gave him his "chance for a place in the sun" (to quote a former headmaster) and of his schoolfellows and their many successors to perpetuate his association with them by belonging to the Old Boys' Union.

The School, through the "Record," says to Mr. Barr, "Welcome"; perhaps more significantly it might say, "Welcome home."

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MR. P. W. HALLETT, B.A.,
Deputy Headmaster, 1935-52.

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MR. HALLETT

When Mr. P. W. Hallett retires at the end of the year there will be left a gap in the School's ranks to which many will find it difficult to accustom themselves.

After teaching at some of the State's finest schools—Fort Street, Newcastle, Maitland, Wollongong, Canterbury and Parramatta High Schools—Mr. Hallett came to Sydney High School in 1927 as Mathematics Master and has remained with us ever since. After a quarter of a century's energetic service to the School, during the last seventeen of which he has filled the position of Deputy Headmaster, he has come to be regarded as an integral part of it and has been closely associated with much of its history. At different times in his career he has served under Mr. Waterhouse, Mr. McMullen, Mr. Saxby, Mr. Killip and Mr. Barr, while he knew Mr. Hinder at Maitland and Mr. C. R. Smith at Newcastle; that list includes every one of the School's headmasters except Mr. Coates. He taught in the old building at Mary Ann Street, was present at the laying of the foundation stone of the present building and at its official opening, and has witnessed the establishment of almost every school athletics record and major victory on the playing fields and on the river.

In 1939 and for part of 1950 and 1951 Mr. Hallett was Acting-Headmaster.

It is his personal qualities, however, which will live in the minds of all those who have been associated with him: his energetic handling of a multitude of tasks, none too big and none too petty for his personal attention; his efficiency in everything he handled; his thoughtfulness and consideration for others; his cheerful disposition, his verve and gusto; his ready participation in every activity of the Staff or the School.

In saying good-bye to Mr. Hallett, the School farewells one it can ill afford to lose.



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A. HILL.

Inset: A. GEOGHEGAN.



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TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS

The first assembly of the year lacked several faces in the ranks of the staff, some to which we had long grown accustomed. Amongst those transferred to other schools were Mr. J. J. Coffey, who went to Manly High School as Librarian, Mr. G. L. Reid who went to Parramatta High School, Mr. B. T. Dunlop who went to North Sydney Technical High School, and Mr. R. C. Wilson who accepted the position of Modern Languages Master at Canberra High School. Mr. G. W. Day ventured further afield; he took up an appointment in England, where he hopes to spend further time studying music. Mr. H. Walker was transferred to Randwick High School, Mr. A. Reichel to Orange High School, and Mr. C. C. Rohrlach to Gosford High School.

In place of those who were transferred we welcome to the School Mr. J. M. Howard from Broken Hill High School; Mr. D. B. Short, who prior to his appointment to S.H.S. was lecturing in English Literature at Sydney Teachers' College; Mr. R. T. Macrae, who comes to us from the Army; Mr. W. S. Toft, who has for some years been applying his specialised scientific knowledge in the field of industry; Mr. M. M. Kahn, who has been transferred from Sydney Technical High School; and Mr. D. W. Rowe, formerly a Lecturer in Music at the Wagga Teachers' College.

To two other new members of the staff we would wish to extend a special welcome: Mr. W. A. Dalby, who prior to his appointment to S.H.S. was teaching in England and Switzerland, and Mr. J. A. Riley, our new Counsellor, who is an Old Boy of the School. Mr. Kahn is also an Old Boy of the School.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1951

The following candidates from the School passed the examination:—

Key: 1, English; 2, Latin; 3, French; 4, German; 5, Mathematics I; 6, Mathematics II; 7, General Mathematics; 9, Modern History; 11, Combined Physics and Chemistry; 12, Physics; 13, Chemistry; 17, Geography; 18, Economics; 29, Greek.

The letters H(1) signify first-class honours; H(2) second-class honours; A, first-class pass; B, second-class pass. The sign (o) denotes those who have passed in the oral test in French or German.

Abbott, B. L., 1B 3B 5B 6A 18B.	Clark, E. B., 1B 5B 6B 8B 12H(2).
Aubrey, B., 1B 7B 9A 18B.	Colton, Jack, 1B 3B 7B 9B 17B.
Bailey, J. M., 1A 3A(o) 5H(1) 6H(1) 12A 13A.	Costoulas, A. J., 1B 3A(o) 6B 12A 13A.
Ball, R. G., 3B 5B 6B 17B.	Daly, R. F., 1B 3A 5B 6A 12B 13A.
Boatwright, D. J., 1B 3B 7A 9B 17B.	Desmond, D. R., 1B 3A 7B 9B.
Carse, M. D., 1B 5B 6B 12A 13B.	Duke, P. E., 1A 3A 4B 7B 12A 13A.
Chia, D., 1A 3A(o) 5H(1) 6A 12H(1) 13A.	Foote, B. H., 1B 3B 5B 6A 12B.
Clark, A. J., 1B 3B 5A 6A 12A 13A.	Francis, K. G., 1B 7B 9B 18A.
	Fraser, R., 3B 5B 6B 12A 18B.

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- Furey, P., 1B 3A 7A 13B.
 Garson, R. W., 1A 2H(1) 3H(1) (o) 13A 29H(1).
 Gillett, G. A., 1B 3B 5H(1) 6B 12A 13A.
 Glover, C. E., 1B 3A 5B 6A 12A 13B.
 Goldberg, H. J., 1B 2B 3A 7B 9A 13B.
 Goldman, P., 1B 3B 4H(1) (o) 7B.
 Graham, Melville W. B., 1B 3A 7B 13A.
 Gray, J. L., 1H(2) 3A (o) 5B 6B 12A 13B.
 Green, S., 1A 3B 5A 6B 13H(2).
 Greenberg, J., 1H(1) 2B 3A (o) 9H(1).
 Hamilton, H. E., 1A 3B 5B 6B 12A 13A.
 Handley, J. W., 3B 5B 6B 13B 17B.
 Harrison, J. S., 1B 3B 7B 9B 13B 18A.
 Harvey, I. L., 1B 3A 5B 6B 12B.
 Hilford, A. R., 1B 3B 6B 12B.
 Hudson, W. M., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12B 13B.
 Hunt, J. D., 1A 2A 3H(1) 4H(1) (o) 7B 13B.
 Hutchison, R. A., 1B 3B 5B 6A 12A 13A.
 Jakes, R. L., 1B 2A 3H(2) (o) 4H(1) (o) 7B 13B.
 Johnson, J. D., 5B 6B 12B 13B.
 Jones, R. W., 1B 5B 6A 13A 17A.
 Katis, B. E., 1B 3H(1) (o) 7B 9A 12B 13B.
 Kellerman, G. E., 1B 5H(1) 6H(1) 12H(2) 13A.
 Kennelly, J. E., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12B 13B.
 King, W., 1B 3B(2) (o) 4H(2) (o) 7A 13A.
 Kolivos, G., 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 13B.
 Lacey, I. I., 1H(1) 2H(1) 3A (o) 7A 9A 13A.
 Lake, J. T., 1B 3B 5B 6B.
 Lamerton, N., 1B 2A 3H(1) (o) 4H(1) (o) 7B 12B.
 Latter, D. A., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12A.
 Lo Giudice, C., 1B 3B 7A 12B 13B.
 Macarounas, E., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12B 13A.
 Macaskill, D. A., 1B 3B 7B 9B 13B 17B.
 McCann, D., 1B 5B 6B 9A 12B.
 Mah, G., 1B 3A 5A 6H(2) 12A 13A.
 Mallyon, J. S., 1B 3B 5H(1) 6A 12A 18A.
 Marchant, K., 1B 3B 6B 18A.
 Morrissey, D. J., 1B 3B 7B 9A 17B.
 Mulqueency, K. M., 1B 3A (o) 5B 6B 9A 13H(2).
 Neate, A., 1B 3B 5B 18A.
 Nunn, B. N., 1B 5B 12B 13A.
 Payne, N. H., 1B 3B 4B (o) 7B 12B 13B.
 Pearce, A. C., 1B 3A 5B 6B 9A.
 Ralston, H. H., 1B 5H(2) 6H(1) 12H(2) 13A.
 Richardson, A., 1B 3B 7B 9B 18B.
 Rivers, G. F., 1B 3B 6B 18B.
 Ruth, L. S., 1B 3B 7B 9B.
 Saunders, M. A., 1A 3B 7B 9H(2) 12B 13A.
 Sayer, L. K., 1B 3A 7B 9A 12B 13B.
 Schiff, P., 1B 3A (o) 4H(1) (o) 7A 12H(2) 13A.
 Shelley, R. M., 1A 3A 5B 6B 12A 13B.
 Sinderberry, K. W., 1B 3A (o) 4B (o) 7B 13B 18B.
 Smith, Richard J., 1H(1) 2B 3H(1) (o) 4A (o) 7B 13B.
 Smith, Ross A., 1B 3A 7B 9A 12B 13B.
 Soulos, J., 1B 3A 7B 9A 13B 18B.
 Star, Z. H., 1B 5A 6H(1) 12H(1) 13A.
 Thornett, J. E., 1A 3A 5A 6A 12H(1) 13H(1).
 Tobin, W. J., 1B 3A 7B 9A 13B 17B.
 Upton, R. W., 1B 7B 9B 17B.
 Warren, B. A., 1H(1) 3A 5H(1) 6A 12A 13A.
 Wood, K. G., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12A 13A.

Honours and Awards

R. W. Garson gained the James Aitken Scholarship, the John West Medal and the Graham Prize Medal for General Proficiency.

Commonwealth Open Entrance Scholarships were awarded to the following:—J. M. Bailey, D. Chia, A. J. Clark, P. E. Duke, R. W. Garson, G. A. Gillett, H. J. Goldberg, J. L. Gray, S. Green, J. Greenberg, H. E. Hamilton, J. D. Hunt, R. A. L. Hutchison, R. L. Jakes, B. E. Katis, G. Kellerman, W. F. V. King, I. I. L. Lacey,

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N. C. Lamerton, G. Mah, J. S. Mallyon, K. Mulqueeney, H. H. Ralston, M. A. Saunders, P. Schiff, R. M. Shelley, R. J. Smith, Z. H. Star, J. E. Thornett, B. A. Warren, K. G. Wood.

Public Exhibitions were awarded as follows:—

Faculty of Arts: R. W. Garson, J. D. Hunt, I. I. L. Lacey, R. J. Smith.

Faculty of Medicine: P. Schiff, B. A. Warren.

Faculty of Science: J. M. Bailey.

Faculty of Economics: D. Chia.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1951

The following candidates from the School passed the last Intermediate Certificate Examination:—

Alderdice, D. S.	Fitzgerald, M. B.
Allsop, B. J.	Franck, P.
Arnott, P. J.	French, R. A.
Babister, K. J.	Furness, D. C.
Ball, W. J.	Hall, S. C.
Baxter, J.	Hanscombe, N. T.
Beckhouse, J. A.	Hawke, J. B.
Bellingham, B. W.	Hazell, W. R.
Biegler, T.	Healey, D.
Bilton, J. A.	Henderson, J. R.
Bishop, R.	Holmes, R. J.
Blackett, R. O.	Howitt, I. K.
Blanch, E. S.	Hughes, W.
Bland, J. E.	Hymann, R. J.
Bolton, R. F. E.	Jenkin, R. B.
Braithwaite, M. S.	Jobling, R.
Brandon, L. L.	Kennedy, I.
Bunt, A. R.	Kern, I. B.
Burson, A. D.	Leroy, W. J.
Callaghan, M. J.	Levy, D. M.
Cambourne, B.	Lilienthal, M. R.
Carroll, D. C.	Lindsay, D. J.
Claridge, J. N.	Lions, J.
Clark, R.	Little, I. J.
Clark, R. G.	Llewellyn, K. R.
Cohen, A. A.	Lloyd, B. J.
Coleman, E. R.	Lucas, A. M.
Colman, V. J. Z.	Lumley, F.
Cooke, R. G.	McCoy, J. A.
Davidson, A.	McManus, K. E.
Davis, T. H.	Macpherson, R. L.
Denny, D. J.	Marriott, R. D.
Devereux, I. E.	Mathew, A. M.
Dillon, T. G. E.	May, B. E.
Dixon, D. J.	Meakin, T. C.
Donoghue, J. D.	Mildwater, F. A.
Downs, D. L.	Milson, R. A.
Drennan, L. D.	Nelmes, D. C.
Dudman, L.	Newton, K. W.
Ewing, J. D.	Nicholas, A. C.
Ferrier, R. F.	O'Brien, B. J.

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O'Dwyer, B.
Pangas, A.
Parsons, B. J.
Paul, J. A.
Peak, G. J. L.
Pegler, G. D.
Penny, R.
Phillips, R. D.
Polglase, K.
Potts, W. C. H.
Powell, P. E.
Rayner, J. H.
Rosenthal, L. J.
Rushall, R. T.
Ryan, R. J.
Salt, A. B.
Schollbach, I. F.
Seemann, J.
Seeney, B. T.
Shanahan, W. H.
Shipway, D. F.
Simpson, P. G.
Sloan, I. B.
Smith, H. G.
Smith, N. G.

Stern, N.
Stern, R. W.
Stock, R. S.
Stuart, M.
Swannell, M.
Taylor, W. A.
Thompson, A. A.
Thorne, C. P.
Thornton, J. A.
Turk, N. W.
Turnbull, K. D.
Vig, P.
Virgoe, R. T.
Wells, J. V.
Whitaker, M. D.
White, R. J.
Williams, R. G.
Willis, B.
Wilson, J. R.
Wilson, L. R.
Wise, J. W.
Woodcock, J. S.
Wyndham, J. D.
Younie, J. D.

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE, 1952

The following boys were successful in the French Oral Examinations held by the Alliance Française:—

P. Bailey, 1C (Grade 5); K. Dutton, 3A; R. Merrick, 3A (Grade 4); L. Dudman, 4C; S. Moutzouris, 5B; P. Fabian, 5C (Grade 3—First in State); N. Webster, 5D; D. Rosing, 5B (Grade 2).

In addition to the above, three boys competed in the Concours Général, an examination held to test the best three or four pupils in each High School in New South Wales. In this examination P. Fabian was placed second, D. Rosing four, and R. Loudon tenth.

Certificates and prizes were distributed to all the above on Tuesday, September 30, at 2 p.m. in the Union Hall, Sydney University.

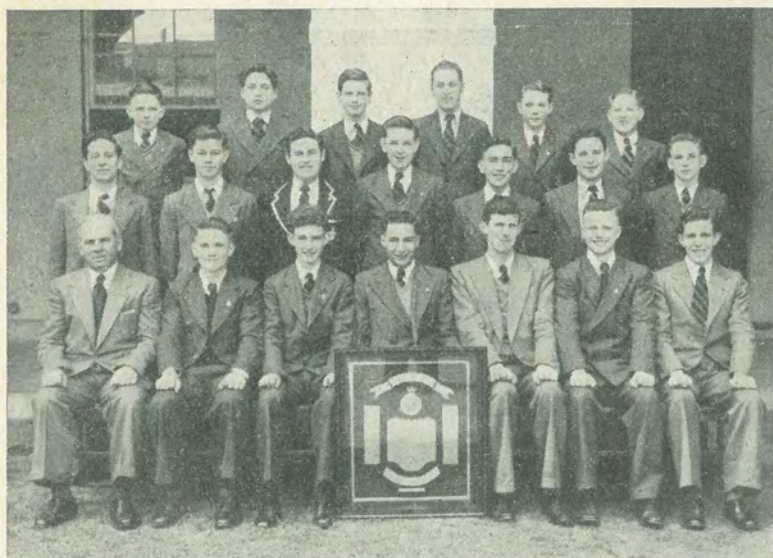
ROYAL EMPIRE SOCIETY'S ORATORY COMPETITION

Once again the School team has won the Royal Empire Society's shield for public speaking, this time being the fourth in succession.

Harold Sperling won the Over 16 section, Robert May being the runner-up. In the same section Noel Balzer was highly commended. John Hislop was runner-up in the Under 16 section, Kenneth Dutton was fourth, and John Hamilton and Ross Derham were highly commended.

At a function in the Society's room on the 15th August, Sperling delivered his prize-winning address. Later he, May, Hislop and Dutton received the shield on behalf of the School.

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WINNERS OF ROYAL EMPIRE SOCIETY'S ORATORY COMPETITION.
Back Row: R. DERHAM, D. FLINT, R. MAY, J. DONOGHUE, J. DUTTON,
J. HAMILTON.
Second Row: P. FREEMAN, L. KANE, I. KENNEDY, W. LILLYMAN,
A. SPERLING, D. SINGER, J. HISLOP.
Front Row: MR. F. J. ALLSOPP (Master-in-Charge), A. HILL, R. MAY,
H. SPERLING, R. LOUDON, N. BALZER, S. HALL.

All members of the team would like to express their thanks to Mr. Allsopp, who arranged and assisted the team.

The schools filling the first five places in the point score were as follow:—

Sydney Boys' High School	115	points
Sydney Girls' High School	102	"
The Scots College	77	"
Ravenswood	53	"
Gosford High (Girls)	42	"

DEATH OF KING GEORGE VI

At a very solemn gathering on 15th February the assembled School paid its tribute to his late Majesty King George VI. This is the text of the Headmaster's address on that occasion:—

"On this sad occasion we, the members of the staff and boys of Sydney High School, mourn the passing of His Majesty the King. Our hearts go out in sympathy with the members of the Royal family in their grievous loss.

"King George VI was a great and good King. His reign covered one of the most difficult periods in our history, a period marked by

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a war, world-wide in its savage destruction, by rapid social changes, and by a delicate adjustment in Empire relationships.

"Our minds go back to the dark years of the war, when his leadership was an inspiration to his people. He and his family in that period of great crisis were the embodiment of British hope and faith. The King shared the dangers with his people. In those perilous days he remained in London and was exposed to the onslaughts of the enemy's blitz. He frequently visited bombed areas and talked to people who had lost their homes and possessions.

"After the war came a difficult period of adjustment in the field of international crises, social reforms and Imperial relationships. No final settlements have yet been made, but political leaders everywhere in their tributes have emphasised the exacting call upon the personal qualities of the King in those post-war years. One feels that his late Majesty's wisdom and experience made him 'a valued counsellor and adviser of those whose duty it was to discharge public duties.' One positive result has been the transforming of a restless Empire into a Commonwealth of free nations.

"We reflect finally upon the King's life of service and simple goodness. It was the simplicity and sincerity and sympathy of his living that made him so beloved. He set a pattern for all in the depth and richness of his family life. He exemplified in a very full sense the sanctity of the home.

"It can truly be said of him: 'He put his hand into the hand of God and found it better than light, and safer than a known way.'

"The King is dead. Long live the Queen!

"We turn our thoughts to the accession of Queen Elizabeth. We proclaim our loyalty to her as our new Sovereign. We stand in awe as we think of the great tasks that lie ahead of her. Yet we have evidence of her systematic training for the exacting duties she will undertake and of the devotion she will give to her people.

"In the uttermost depths of her sorrow the Queen sent messages to the Army, the Navy and the Air Force, expressing gratitude for distinguished service during her father's reign and assuring them of her confidence in their loyalty and efficiency and promising that she would personally watch over their welfare.

"In a message to Parliament she said: 'The late King has set me an example of selfless dedication which I am resolved, with God's help, faithfully to follow.'

"We pray God's blessing and guidance upon our new Queen at this time and while ever she reigns over us."

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1951 PRIZE LIST

FIFTH YEAR

Dux (Frank Albert Cup and Prize by Mr. J. H. Killip), Dr. F. W. Doak Prize for Latin and Greek, Earl Page Prize for French: **R. W. Garson**.
A. B. Piddington Prize for English, History: **J. Greenberg**.
Earle Page Prize for German: **P. Schiff**.
G. C. Saxby Prize for Mathematics I and II: **J. M. Bailey**.
Alan C. Corner Prize for Physics, Mathematics I and II: **G. E. Kellerman**.
Henry F. Halloran Diamond Jubilee Prize for Chemistry: **Z. H. Star**.
Geography: **W. J. Tobin**.
Economics: **J. S. Mallyon**.
Oratory (aeq.): **R. J. Smith**.
Oratory and Best Poem in "The Record" and General Proficiency: **I. I. L. Lacey**.
Declamation: **M. Fitch**.
General Proficiency: **D. Chia**.

FOURTH YEAR

Dux (Mrs. Ethel Killip Memorial Prize), Prize for English, Mathematics II, Chemistry, J. W. Gibbes Memorial Prize for Latin and English: **R. M. May**.
French, German: **S. J. Moutzouris**.
History: **G. R. Curnow**.
Latin: **J. M. Stanhope**.
K. Saxby Prize for Mathematics and Physics: **A. J. Denham**.
Physics: **J. D. Denham**.
Geography: **G. F. Treble**.
Economics: **W. B. Havilah**.
Oratory, Declamation: **H. D. Sperling**.
General Proficiency: **A. F. Hill**.
Best Prose in "The Record": **W. B. Quigley**.

THIRD YEAR

Dux (Sir Frederick Jordan Memorial Prize), German: **T. Biegler**.
The H. A. Coss Prize for English, Latin, Science: **L. Dudman**.
History: **J. D. Wyndham**.
French: **R. S. Stock**.
Mathematics I: **M. Stuart**.
Mathematics II: **I. J. Little**.
Geography: **J. A. Bilton**.
Business Principles: **D. J. Lindsay**.
General Proficiency: **R. Penny**.
Oratory: **I. J. Kennedy**.
Declamation: **S. C. Hall**.

SECOND YEAR

Dux, Science, Latin: **A. G. Nicholls**.
English: **J. Mayson**.
Greek: **R. L. Casey**.
French: **K. R. Dutton**.
German: **G. Gluck**.
Mathematics I: **I. H. Findlay**.
Mathematics II: **J. S. Post**.
Science (aeq.): **P. L. Stelzer**.
Geography: **W. R. Gates**.
Business Principles: **R. Philcox**.
History, Oratory: **D. J. Hislop**.
Declamation: **I. McAndrew**.
General Proficiency: **J. H. Browne**.

FIRST YEAR

Dux, History: **L. J. Brown**.
Latin: **R. E. Fear**.
French, English (aeq.), Science (aeq.): **R. F. Stuart**.
Mathematics I: **L. J. Hovev**.
Mathematics II (aeq.), English (aeq.): **J. R. Rileigh**.
Mathematics II (aeq.): **R. B. Maidment**.
Science (aeq.): **J. A. Curnow**.
Geography: **G. A. Fisher**.
Oratory: **R. A. Derham**.
Declamation: **R. J. Colman**.
Manual Training (aeq.): **G. W. Guest**.
A. R. Mladek.
Music: **B. W. Fitzgerald**.
General Proficiency: **P. E. Lambert, L. H. Freeman**.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Oswald Chapman Memorial Prize: **J. Thornett**.

1950 Ladies' Auxiliary Special Prize: **A. J. Clark**.

P. and C. Association Prizes for General Proficiency:

Year V: **B. A. Warren**.
Year IV: **P. L. Freeman**.
Year III: **J. Lions**.
Year II: **C. Chamberlain**.
Year I: **G. E. Caisley**.

The Old Boys' Union Prize: **J. Thornett**.

The John Waterhouse Prize: **J. Thornett**.

The John Skyring Cross Memorial Cup: **J. Thornett**.

The John Francis Bush Memorial Prize: **V. R. Littlewood**.

J. and E. Saxby Bequest Prize: **J. A. Bilton**.

Lodge Sydney High School Prize: **J. M. Eckert**.

SPORTS PRIZES

Sydney Girls' High School Cup for Games and Sportsmanship: **J. E. Thornett**.

Frank Albert Cup for Senior Athletics Championship: **M. A. P. Saunders**.

A. C. McKibbin Cup for Best All-round Cricketer: **R. E. Ambrose**.

AWARD OF BLUES, 1951

Athletics: **A. Clark**.
Cricket: **R. Ambrose, M. Hudson**.
Football: **J. Kennelly, M. Saunders, C. Smeed, D. Stuart*, J. Thornett, G. Treble**.
Rowing: **B. Foote, N. Payne, D. Stuart**.
Swimming: **J. Thornett**.
Tennis: **W. McEwan**.

* Re-award.

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SPEECH DAY

The School's Sixty-eighth Annual Speech Day was, as usual, celebrated in the Great Hall, Mr. K. C. Cameron occupying the chair. Mr. P. G. Price, B.Sc., Superintendent of Secondary Education, was in attendance to present the prizes. Special prizes were presented by W. B. Nehl, Esq., President of S.H.S. Parents and Citizens' Association; K. C. Cameron, Esq., President of S.H.S. Old Boys' Union; T. P. Pauling, Esq., B.Ec., Worshipful Master, Lodge S.H.S.; G. T. Fletcher, Esq. (The Oswald Chapman Memorial Prize); G. C. Saxby, Esq., B.A. (The J. and E. Saxby Bequest Prize), and by Barbara Aldrich, Captain of Sydney Girls' High School.

More than one speaker commented on the quality of the musical programme, which was supplied by the School Choir and Orchestra combined. Among other items, they rendered "The Song of Sydney High," "Land of Mine" (Krips), and "Australia" (Varney Monk).

A vote of thanks to our visitors was proposed by the School Captain, John Thornøtt. Proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

INDUCTION OF PREFECTS CEREMONY

The School was assembled in the Great Hall on March 6 in order to witness the induction of prefects for the current year. After leading them into the Hall, Mr. Hamnett proceeded to present to the Headmaster the prefects elect for 1952. The Headmaster asked the prefects to repeat after him their pledge of allegiance to the School: to have zeal in studies, to participate in different phases of school life, and to set an example at all times to the rest of the School. When the prefects had been sworn in, Mr. Hamnett pinned on them their badges of office, and Mr. Barr congratulated each boy separately on his election to such an office of honour. The new prefects later signed the register of prefects, which is kept in the Headmaster's office.

P. N.

ANZAC DAY

The Anzac Day ceremony this year had perhaps a solemnity beyond what is usual. The assembled School had borne home to its members the eternal sacrifice that must be made to preserve the democratic way of life, when for the first time in such a gathering they turned towards the Honour Roll which records the names of over a hundred former members of the School who gave their lives in the War of 1939-45 that we might live. This Honour Roll was presented to the School by the Old Boys' Union and officially dedicated on 4th November last year. Turned towards this, and its companion Honour Roll which bears the names of Old Boys who fell in the War of 1914-18, the present pupils listened to the Headmaster's words:—

"We pay tribute and homage to our glorious dead, the men and women who died for their country during the two great World Wars.

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"At this Anzac Commemoration in School Assembly our thoughts go out especially to those Old Boys of our School whose names are before us and who made the supreme sacrifice. They were mostly in the bloom of young manhood, and they died that we might live and live more abundantly.

"They saved us from defeat and desolation. They preserved for us our freedom and all the finest things in our national life, and they did not count the cost, even unto death.

"We honour them at this time. The sacrifice they made should inspire us to prove worthy of them. By dedicating our lives in the service of our country and our fellow men—in that way and in truth we will remember them."

EMPIRE DAY

Empire Day was commemorated in the Great Hall on the 24th May, there being two separate assemblies, one for the Junior and one for the Senior School. At the junior assembly, after the National Anthem had been sung, W. Lillyman (3A) delivered an address on "The Effect on the Empire of a Reigning Queen," and was followed by J. Hislop (3A), who spoke on "The Future of the British Empire."

The Senior School was addressed by R. May (5A) in a speech entitled "A Changing Empire in a Changing World." May maintained that, although the British Empire has been considerably weakened by the recent war, nevertheless she is still a leading force in the world to-day. Following the singing of a hymn, H. Sperling (5A) spoke on "Queen Elizabeth, Our New Sovereign." In Elizabeth he maintained there stands a symbol, although a different one from that afforded by her father. In George VI we found courage to ward off the threat of war and the foreign invader, while, in the young Queen, we see a cause for a more personal faith. The celebration concluded with the School singing the Recessional Hymn.

Worthy of note was the high standard of all the speeches and the quality of the choir's singing, particularly that of the bass part contributed by the Fourth Year boys.

J. ECKERT (5A).

SCHOOL CONCERT

For the second time in the past six years the members of the School Dramatic Society, Choir and Orchestra joined forces to present a concert of music and drama instead of the usual presentation of a light opera. Perhaps the most pleasing fact about this year's concert, which played to very good houses on both August 18th and 19th, was that it was undertaken with more enthusiasm than usual on the part of the boys of the Senior School; a fact which added greatly to the general success of the programme.

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The very large programme was opened by the rendering by the School Orchestra of "The Doge's March" from the Merchant of Venice Suite by Rosse. This year's Orchestra, although considerably smaller than last year's, consisting in all of 17 players, was, nevertheless, a reliable and sweet-sounding group, and must be commended for a professional rendering of a none-too-easy piece. Thanks must here be made to Miss Marie Patterson, who so very kindly played her 'cello in the Orchestra, which provided a beautiful contrast to the other soprano instruments of the ensemble, especially in the solo passage.

The first dramatic item was the Russian comedy by Nikolai Gogol, "Diamond Cuts Diamond." It is not an easy play to perform, as all the laughs must come from the movements, facial expressions and mannerisms of the cast, who are caricatures rather than real people, yet our players must receive full marks for their presentation of the play.

This play was followed by a flute solo from R. Coleman, who played both the "Minuetto," from the Royal Fireworks Suite by Handel, and "Minuet" by Bach. He performed both pieces with ease and confidence, and received the applause which he fully deserved.

These pieces were followed by two poems, "The Old Clock on the Stairs" by Longfellow and "Overheard on a Saltmarsh" by Monro, presented by a Verse Speaking Group from Class 1E. Congratulations must go to Mr. Harrison for the high standard reached by the group he trained.

In the choir's next bracket perhaps the two-part round "Sing We and Chant It" was the most charming number. In a choir so large, consisting in all of eighty-one boys, where so much depends on team work and co-operation, one does not wish to single out individuals, but mention should be made of the five First Year boys, Graham Hawk, Raymond James, Graeme Lees, Gordon Lavers, and Duncan McEwan, who sang most creditably the descant to both "Loudly Proclaim" and "The Ash Grove."

The next item was the famous tragedy by J. A. Ferguson, "Campbell of Kilmhor."

Congratulations must go to all concerned for an exceedingly lifelike production on a very well dressed stage. Apart from the reaction by the audience to the volley of rifles, which caused no little excitement, nothing untoward happened to mar a very fine production.

Undoubtedly an artist of great possibilities in the musical world is Fourth Year pianist, Robert Landa. He was scheduled on the programme to play only one piece, Chopin's Revolutionary Etude, but this proved so popular that on the second night he included two more pieces, the "Black Key Study" by Chopin and "Concert Etude" by Liszt. Congratulations, Robert, and all the School wishes you well in furthering your pianoforte studies.

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The Choir was again assembled for the last item and suitably brought down the curtain with two hymns, "The Passion Chorale" by Hassler and "Cum Rhondha" by Hughes.

And so we come to those behind the scenes, those without whom our show could not go on: Our producer, Mr. Short; our musical director, Mr. Rowe; Mr. Harrison, who was in charge of the verse speaking choir; Mr. Pfitzner and Sidney Metcalf for the lighting; Mr. Bembrick, for the sale of tickets, and many more no less invaluable. To all these gentlemen and their assistants we offer our hearty thanks.

S. HALL (4c).

THE SCHOOL CAPTAIN

The honour of the captaincy of the School has this year been conferred on Vivian Littlewood. Few boys have been more popular or have taken a greater part in school activities than Viv, who has an outstanding record of school sport.

In 1948, his first year, he represented in the Sixth XV, in 1949 the Fifth XV, and in 1950 the Fourth XV, the last two teams being C.H.S. runners-up. Last year he was Vice-captain of the Second XV (C.H.S. co-premiers) and this year is in the First XV. In cricket, Viv played in the Fourth XI in 1948, was Vice-captain of this team (co-premiers) in 1949, representing in the Combined High Schools' Fourth XI, and in 1950 was promoted to the Second XI (co-premiers). Last year he became a regular member of the First XI and this year is Captain. He also has the honour of having represented in the Combined High Schools' team against the Combined Northern High Schools, in which game his 51 was the top score. As well as at football and cricket, Viv has represented the School at athletics, and also coxed the winning Third IV in the 1949 Regatta.

Viv has never missed a cricket or football match through injury or any other reason, and will soon play his fiftieth competition football game for the School. The fact that he has been a Class Captain since second year indicates the confidence his school-mates have in him and shows that they all feel sure that the traditions which lie behind the captaincy of this School are safe in his hands.

B. S.

SCHOOL FEATURED IN BROADCAST

Under the direction of John Appleton, Sydney radio and theatrical personality, a series of fifteen-minute broadcasts under the title of "Schooldays" are being broadcast over Station 2UW every Sunday evening.

Our School was the first one honoured in this manner, and although the programme was only of a quarter-hour duration, the facts, which were presented briefly but graphically, traced the sixty-nine years of the School's progress. Highlighted were the

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PARK AND ELIZABETH STREETS, SYDNEY

now famous men who have passed through the School since Sir Henry Parkes said in Parliament that Sydney children should be able to further their scanty primary education free of cost. This suggestion led to the establishing of Sydney High School on the ground now occupied by the David Jones' Department Store and the St. James Picture Theatre. The programme made specific mention of the late Arthur Malcolm Eedy, who was the first boy ever enrolled at the School, and who until his recent death was such a great friend of S.H.S.

We also heard of the remarkable wins by the School during their first years of rowing. Many activities were featured, including debating, cadet parades, music and singing. The programme was suitably brought to a close by the finale from last year's production of the Australian operetta, "Collitt's Inn."

S. HALL (4c).

A HISTORIC OAR

Mr. K. C. Robinson, towards the end of last year, presented to the School the oar he used to stroke the School's First Four to victory on the Parramatta River in 1924. At a School Assembly towards the close of 1924 each member of the Champion Crew was given the oar he used in that memorable year. It is interesting to note that Mr. Robinson also stroked the 1925 and 1926 Champion Eights, the former being the first Eight entered by Sydney High School in a G.P.S. Regatta. Thus it can be seen that Mr. Robinson played an important part in establishing the School's name in the sport of rowing. The oar has been mounted above the archway inside the main entrance of the School, and beneath it a plaque has been suitably inscribed with the words: "This oar was used by the Stroke of the First Crew ever entered by S.H.S. in a G.P.S. Regatta—First Fours (Yaralla Cup), 1924—Won by 10 lengths. "Presented by the Stroke, Mr. K. Robinson, October, 1951."

W. R. H.

S.H.S. CADET CORPS

The strength of the Cadet Unit reached the hundred mark this year, but among that number were few boys of the Senior School, which is very disappointing, as it is usually Fourth and Fifth Year boys who hold the ranks of officers and N.C.O.'s. However, considering our strength the numbers on parade were reasonably good, the average attendance being about seventy.

This year's officers were Cadet-Lieutenants K. Cole, G. Kelly, and J. Watson, while other Cadets who received promotions were W.O.II Squires, Sergeants Leonard, Sinclair, Owers and Ford, and Corporal Davis. Here I would like to thank the N.C.O.'s for their assistance at camp and at school parades.

The annual camp this year was held for the first time at Singleton, and was attended by about sixty cadets. I feel sure that all

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those present enjoyed themselves (especially when the officers and most of the N.C.O.'s were obliged to return to school a week before the rest of the Unit). At the camp various field exercises, which lack of time and space prevent our practising at school, were carried out, and the Unit attended a Field Firing Day, when various modern weapons were demonstrated in action. On quite a few occasions the cadets fired the .303 rifle and the Bren Light Machine Gun.

Special mention must be made of the excellent score made by W.O.II Squires at the open range: he scored 94 points out of a possible 100. The highest score of any unit at camp was 96.

The only other event of major importance was the G.P.S. Shoot, held at Long Bay Range on the 15th and 16th September. As these dates fell in the middle of the Trial Leaving Examination, no Fifth Year boys were able to participate. Considering that, of the boys in the team, only Sinclair, this year's captain, had previously been in the G.P.S. Shoot, they acquitted themselves very well. At any rate, we now have a more experienced team for next year's competition.

At the School Fete on September 27 forty cadets from the Unit formed a Guard of Honour for Major-General Dougherty, who opened the fete. The Major-General inspected the Guard, and the proceedings went off quite successfully, despite the rather discomfiting heat.

The cadets would like to thank Mr. Cracknell and Mr. Bromham, as O.C. and 2 I.C. respectively of the Unit, for their advice and assistance throughout the year.

R. WOTHERSPOON,
Cadet-Lieut.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Office-bearers, 1952

Patron: The Headmaster. *President:* Mr. M. Howard.
Vice-Presidents: N. Balzer, R. May. *Secretary:* H. Sperling.

Early in the year weekly meetings were held on Tuesday afternoons in Room 13, in order to select the Senior and Junior teams. Strong attendance by members of the Junior School showed promise of a healthy future for debating.

In June the annual debate against the Girls' School was held in the Great Hall. The boys again fell victims to the eloquence of the fairer sex.

The Senior Team, comprised of H. Sperling, P. Freeman, R. May and N. Balzer (reserve), recovered the Louat Shield for G.P.S. debating, defeating Newington, St. Joseph's and King's in their own division, and then St. Ignatius, the winners of the second division. The topic for the final debate (held at Grammar) was "That science has contributed more to man's development than has literature."

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Having won their zone in the C.H.S. (Hume-Barbour Trophy) Competition, they defeated Wollongong in the final at History House. The topic for the debate was "That civilization is not worth the effort."



SENIOR DEBATING TEAM—WINNERS OF LOUAT SHIELD (G.P.S. TROPHY)
AND HUME-BARBOUR TROPHY (C.H.S.).

N. BALZER, H. SPERLING, MR. J. M. HOWARD (Master-in-Charge), R. MAY,
P. FREEMAN.

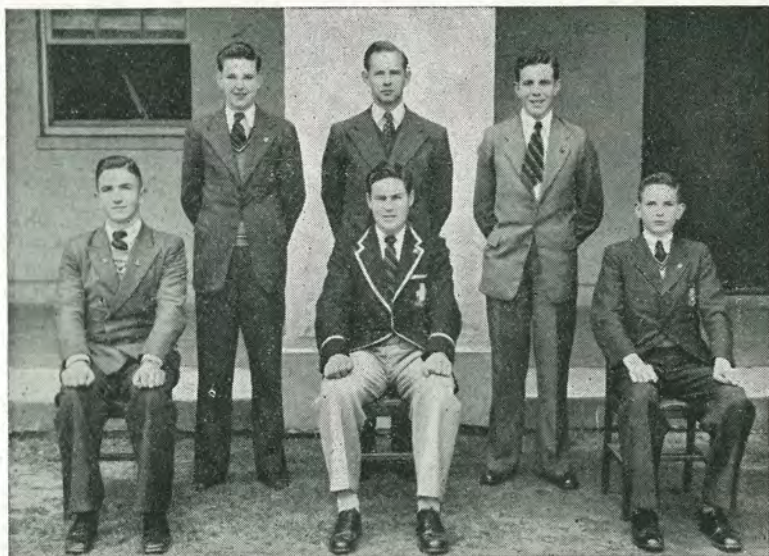
The Juniors, although not as successful as the Senior team, performed creditably, being narrowly defeated by North Sydney in the final of their section of the Hume-Barbour Competition. In their zone they had convincing wins over Sydney Technical High and Canterbury, and in the inter-zone final defeated Fort Street.

The team consisted of J. Hislop, R. Bolton, and I. Kennedy, with W. Lillyman and S. Hall as reserves. Against Sydney Technical High, Lillyman ably filled the place of Hislop, who was ill.

The thanks of both Senior and Junior teams are due to their coach, Mr. Howard, for his invaluable advice and assistance throughout the season.

The Ladies' Auxiliary must be thanked for those delightful suppers which have won Sydney High School a reputation for its hospitality.

H. SPERLING (5A).



JUNIOR DEBATING TEAM—RUNNERS-UP, C.H.S. COMPETITION.
Standing: W. LILLYMAN, MR. J. M. HOWARD, S. HALL.
Sitting: R. BOLTON, I. KENNEDY, J. HISLOP.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Drama Club has this year been responsible for two very creditable performances, "Diamond Cuts Diamond" and "Campbell of Kilmhor." The first play, a comedy by the Russian playwright Nikolai Gogol, was given its first Australian performance by the Mercury Theatre, with Peter Finch in the leading role of Ikharev. The Club produced the play for the Secondary Schools Drama Festival held at the Conservatorium of Music, and after four performances in the Festival repeated it on 18th and 19th August for the School's Music and Drama Nights.

"Campbell of Kilmhor" is one of the plays in the syllabus of the Leaving Certificate, and the cast presented it with a warmth and understanding which did credit to the effort they had put into the preparation.

Four players in these two plays deserve special mention, because they very ably filled roles in both the plays and were called upon to give performances which were unrelated and difficult. These players are Stephen Hall, Robert Bolton, Ian Kennedy, and Brian Stansfield. Other members who gave very ably performances are John Caddy, David Joffick, Thomas Davis, Brian Allsop, David Downs, John Lyons, Ron Woodlands, Geoffrey Quigley, William Summers, Kerry Porter. Allen Rogers gave a very capable female impersonation in his role as Morag Cameron in "Campbell of Kilmhor."



CAST OF "DIAMOND CUTS DIAMOND."

J. KENNEDY, B. ALLSOP, D. DOWNES, B. STANSFIELD, D. JOFFICK, T. DAVIS,
S. HALL, J. CADDY, R. BOLTON.

A notable feature of the Club's activities is that all the stage properties were made by boys in the School. Howitt, Leroy, Davidson and Clark of Fourth Year and Silver of First Year did good work in constructing furniture; Colin Smee and Ronald Acher did yeoman service as Stage Manager and Property Man respectively.

The Club would like to see many boys of the Junior School take an active interest in its dramatic presentations in 1953, so that under the patronage of Mr. Short it may extend its activities and build upon the successes it enjoyed in 1952.

THE CHOIR

Since the beginning of this year Mr. Rowe, formerly Music Lecturer at Wagga Wagga Teachers' College, has trained our School Choir. Under his capable leadership the Choir has attained a high standard of performance.

The Empire Day celebrations were enhanced by the Choir's spirited four-part renditions of "The Recessional" and "O God Our Help." The Choir presented twelve items from its extensive repertoire at the annual School Concert on August 18th and 19th. The Junior Choir delighted very large and appreciative audiences with their two- and three-part singing.

A fitting finale to the evening's musical entertainment was the singing by the massed Choir of Junior and Senior boys of Hassler's "Passion Chorale" and the well-known Welsh hymn tune "Cum Rhonda." This very fine choral singing was a source of enjoyment to both audience and singers.

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The Choir is now practising for its final appearance this year at Speech Day.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Rowe for his capable leadership, and we wish also to extend our gratitude to the Headmaster for his support and interest.

W. HAZELL (4A).

THE ORCHESTRA

This year's Orchestra has been a small but well-balanced combination of eighteen players, and Mr. Rowe has succeeded in raising the general standard of performance to a high level.

An outstanding success of the new Orchestra was its appearance at the School Concert on 18th and 19th August, when "The Doge's March" from The Merchant of Venice Suite by Rosse was presented. This item was received very enthusiastically. We wish to extend our congratulations to all members of this fine combination.

K. D.

CHESS CLUB

The Sydney High School Chess Club has reached an all-time peak by increasing its membership to almost a hundred playing members.

This increase has been due mainly to the interested efforts of Mr. Jessep, who supervised and planned tournaments to grade the players. During the year new chess sets were purchased, enabling each grade member to play with a school set.

The Chess Competition was very successful from the School's point of view.

The "A" Grade, comprising M. Stuart, N. Balzer (Capt.), R. Simons, J. Seeman, R. Cann, finished second to Grammar. Congratulations, Grammar.

The "B" Grade, comprising J. Rosen, R. May (Capt.), A. Osborne, L. Brandon, L. Hovev, finished two games behind the leaders, and the "C" Grade, comprising P. Lambert (Capt.), R. Graves, P. Bailey, J. Rutkiewitz, A. Landa, did well to finish third in a strong division.

After the competition Malcolm Stuart was chosen to represent in the Combined Schools Team against the University, and in the State Chess Championships L. Hovev came second in the Under 14 Division.

The School Chess Championship was conducted early in the year, the placings being: M. Stuart, 1; N. Balzer, 2; R. Simons, 3.

The Chess Club congratulates Malcolm Stuart on winning the School Chess Championship.

The Chess teams extend their thanks to Mr. Jessep for his invaluable assistance, and also to Mrs. Bailey, who provided refreshments for the teams.

N. BALZER (5A).

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THE INTER-SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Leader: A. Taylor.

Secretary: G. Dunn.

The aim of the I.S.C.F. is to provide boys of the School with an opportunity of hearing the Gospel and of meeting in Christian Fellowship. Many boys showed a keen interest in the I.S.C.F. this year. The average attendance was thirty-five, while on several occasions about fifty boys were present.

During the year a number of interesting talks were given by visiting speakers, such as Mr. D. M. Henderson, M.Sc., Dr. Holt, Dr. Cole, Mr. B. Williams, B.A., and numerous others. Many boys of the School also gave excellent talks.

We would like to take this opportunity also of thanking the Headmaster for his co-operation and Mr. Rowe for consenting to act as master-in-charge.

The I.S.C.F. is run by boys of the School for boys of the School. All are invited to attend meetings, which are held every Tuesday during the lunch-hour in Room 4.

A. TAYLOR (4D), Leader.

THE GLENDALE RAILWAY CLUB

The Glendale Railway Club is a club for pupils and Old Boys of the School who are interested in railways and model railways. The Club is run entirely by pupils, except for an Old Boy, who is chairman at meetings. During vacations the Club inspects signal boxes, locomotive depots, workshops, etc. The members are now making a model railway, planned to contain 250 ft. of track. All rolling stock to run on the layout will be built up from parts by members themselves. The Club has, in its clubroom at Hurstville, a large number of tools and a small reference library.

J. HENDERSON (4B), Hon. Secretary.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

During the year 146 new books and 16 pamphlets were added to the Library, which now contains 5,097 books and 245 pamphlets. The majority were purchased from the P. and C. donation of £100 supplemented by the Sydney Boys' High School Union grant. Books were given to the Library by the Lord Mayor of Sydney on behalf of the pupils of the Rylands School in England, the Hemingway, Robertson Institute, Mr. J. Harrison, Mr. R. Lloyd Jones of U.S.A., Mr. J. Killip, Rev. B. G. Judd, Mr. W. Franklin, Miss F. E. Osburne-Tilly, and the U.S. Information Library, Sydney.

Among the reference books purchased were "The Australian Parliamentary Handbook" edited by W. F. Whyte, "The Oxford

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Companion to the Theatre" edited by P. Hartnoll, "Stanley Gibbons' Simplified Stamp Catalogue, 1952," "The Record Guide" by E. Sackville-West and D. Shave-Taylor, "The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Music," "Harrap's Standard French and English Dictionary," "Fish and Fisheries of Australia" by T. C. Roughley, "Masterpieces of the National Gallery of Victoria," "Dictionnaire des Synonymes de la Langue Française" edited by R. Bailley, and the "Oxford Junior Encyclopædia, Vol. VII—Industry and Commerce." Other books purchased included "Basic Physics" by S. L. Martin and A. K. Connor, "Europe Since 1914 in its World Setting" by F. Lee Benms, "The History of Japan" by K. S. Latourelle, "The Puppet Theatre Handbook" by M. Batchelder, "The Model Railway Hobby" by M. H. Binstead, "The Territory" by E. Hill, "Coin Collecting" by J. G. Milne and others, "Australian Spiders" by K. C. McKeown, "The Boys' Book of Engines, Motors and Turbines" by A. Morgan, "The Art of Plain Talk" by R. Flesch, and a number of the English Universities Press Publications on subjects such as camping, sailing, music, anatomy, and so on.

The most valuable of the pamphlets received were those issued as supplements to "British Book News" by the British Council. Each deals with an English writer of note and has been written by an authority on his subject.

Thirty-two periodicals were received in 1952, of which eighteen were donated. Subscriptions to "The Australian Children's Pictorial" and "Pays de France" were commenced.

During the year a step-stool and several pamphlet boxes were purchased, while the Education Department supplied an additional catalogue filing cabinet.

The Fifth Year Library Committee of twelve boys with their thirty-two assistants from Second, Third and Fourth Years were responsible for the issue and recall of books at lunch-time and carried out their work conscientiously and efficiently.

Library material has been kept at a satisfactory standard during the year and, although the room is too small to allow of adequate accommodation for either books or pupils, the Library has been used extensively and with discrimination.

J. K. L.

LODGE SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL, No. 631

Since the previous issue of "The Record" Wor. Bro. Tom Pauling has concluded his term as Worshipful Master, and at the August meeting Bro. H. L. Craig was installed as his successor. The Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. His Excellency Lt.-General Sir John Northcott, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.V.O., was represented at the Installation by Rt. Wor. Bro. J. Brunton Gibb, P.S.G.W., an Old Boy of

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S.H.S., and included in the Grand Lodge Delegation of 14, were four other Old Boys of Sydney High School, viz., Very Wor. Bros. D. M. Angus, H. F. Halloran, A. G. J. Leroy, and H. B. Young.

Wor. Bro. Les Craig, who enrolled at Sydney High School in 1928, has given ample proof of the manner in which the Lodge will be conducted during his term as Master by the high standard of work he has carried out, both at the Installation and at subsequent meetings of the Lodge. He is the 24th Master of the Lodge, which was inaugurated in 1929, with Wor. Bro. John Leaver as Foundation Master.

Wor. Bro. Tom Pauling had a very happy and successful year as Worshipful Master, during which the membership was increased by the initiation and affiliation of a number of highly recommended Old Boys of the School.

During the past year the Annual Lodge Picnic and Xmas Tree was held at National Park, when the not-so-young competed with the children in making the day memorable for its carefree and happy atmosphere. The Lodge was well represented at the "High" Ball and members were enthusiastic in their praise of the arrangements for the happiness of those who attended.

The Lodge works in close co-operation with the Sister School Lodges, and in the short period since his installation Wor. Bro. Craig has participated in the installation ceremonies of The Old Sydneians Lodge, No. 639, Wyvern (Newington), No. 813, and The King's School, No. 760. The annual combined meeting with Lodge Fortian, No. 649, in October, is always a very happy occasion and is hailed with enthusiasm by the members of both Lodges.

The Second Annual Combined Meeting of the School Lodges was held at North Sydney in January last and was a great success in every way. The arrangements were in the hands of Lodge Torchbearer, No. 638, and the Wor. Masters of Lodges "The Old Sydneians, No. 639, Fortian, No. 649, Cranbrook, No. 723, The King's School, No. 760, Wyvern, No. 813, and The Scots, No. 822, and Sydney High School, No. 631, occupied the various offices at the meeting. The inauguration of the Combined Meeting was the result of a meeting called by Wor. Bro. Alan Beveridge, when W.M. of Lodge Sydney High School in 1950, and, as mentioned in a previous issue of "The Record," he had the honour of presiding over the first Combined Meeting held in January, 1951, under the charter of Lodge Sydney High School, No. 631.

The Lodge has a membership of 142 and meets at 7.15 p.m. on the second Friday each month at the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh Street, Sydney. The members are all Old Boys, Masters or ex-Masters of Sydney Boys' High School, and visiting Masonic brethren are always welcome. The Secretary is H. B. Young, 4 Birrellea Ave., Earlwood (Tele., LF 1532, Home, and XB 7051, Day).



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Meetings: Third Thursday in each month at 8 p.m.

To commence the year 1952 we have been fortunate in having the services of Mr. Gordon Barr, B.A., as Headmaster, who succeeds Mr. J. H. Killip, B.A. (retired). Mr. Barr has topped a brilliant scholastic career in being selected by the Education Department to become Headmaster of the Premier Secondary School in the State, and this Association extends its congratulations to him and pledges its loyalty and co-operation in every possible way. We trust that Mr. Barr will enjoy good health and stay with us for the remainder of his teaching career to add lustre to the record of the School where he himself gained his secondary education.

We are indeed fortunate in having as Headmaster an Old Boy of the School to guide its destinies for several years to come. To Mrs. Barr we are most grateful for the great interest she is taking in the activities of the Association, and more particularly in the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The School will lose the services at the end of this year of Mr. Percy W. Hallett, B.A., whose association with the School has extended over a period of 27 years, the last 17 years as our able and popular Deputy Headmaster.

This Association and the Old Boys' Union are joining together to organise a fitting farewell to Mr. Hallett, which is to take place at the School on the evening of 3rd December, 1952, to which all parents are cordially invited. A Testimonial Fund has been opened and all donations will be thankfully received and faithfully applied. It is hoped that a considerable sum will be raised, and this is to be presented to Mr. Hallett on the occasion of his farewell function, together with a similar fund being organised by the Old Boys' Union.

Since publication of our last report in this magazine we are happy to write of the successful completion of two major projects in which we have played a very great part—we refer to the purchase of the freehold property at Abbotsford, formerly known as Green's Boatshed, at a cost of £3,000, and report that, after 28 years "On the River" as a rowing school, we now have our own boatshed, where our fleet of racing boats are housed and where we also have satisfactory accommodation for our rowing boys. These lads have ably represented the School for many years and have brought credit

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to the School, and now at long last we can say "thank you" to them by providing this much-needed accommodation. In this project we were fortunate in having the co-operation of Mr. James Budge, an Old Boy of the School, whose son is now also a rower.

In addition to the purchase of the boatshed, we also report that the additions to the Fairland Pavilion at our McKay Sports Ground are now complete at an approximate cost of £4,500. Our footballers, cricketers, and athletes now have a pavilion with amenities second to none in this State.

To the School Council, who have so successfully welded the efforts of the Old Boys' Union and Parents and Citizens' Association together, we shall always be most grateful, and to them we offer our hearty congratulations on having brought to a successful conclusion these two major projects at a total cost of approximately £7,500.

We take this opportunity, also, to acknowledge our indebtedness and convey our thanks to Mr. Preston G. Saywell, Honorary Solicitor; and Mr. Sidney G. Hirst, Honorary Architect, who have voluntarily made their professional services available to the School Council.

At our last Annual General Meeting Mr. B. R. White, Mr. F. G. Arnold, and Mr. C. A. Fairland were elected Honorary Life Members of the Association in recognition of their many years of devoted service to the School.

The McKay Sports Ground Committee report that a new groundsman (Mr. Lester) has been appointed and that he has the cricket wickets in excellent condition, the first match of the season having been played on our ground on Saturday, 27th September.

Our rowers have already shown their appreciation of the provision of their own boatshed by winning three minor races on the river during the winter rowing season.

The School Grounds Committee have recently completed the laying of two practice cricket wickets in concrete with malthoid covering, and it is expected that our cricketing boys will be much improved in their play during the season about to begin.

The Dance Committee continue to carry out their organising duties and have successfully arranged the regular Saturday night dances for the students and their friends.

The Ladies' Auxiliary continue to support the School in all its activities and are always on hand to provide luncheons and suppers to visiting teams in the field of sport, debating, and for our various official functions. The enthusiasm of the ladies in everything they do is indeed a great example to us all.

The Annual Garden Fete has again proved an outstanding success, the nett gain to our funds being approximately £500. In this function we were pleased to have the valued services, once again as organiser, of Mr. T. W. Rushall, who was very ably supported by his Fete Committee and a host of workers, who toiled for several months to make this year's Fete the success it has undoubtedly

proved. In this regard the efforts of the ladies were outstanding. On this occasion the School Cadet Detachment were "on parade" and provided a guard of honour for our distinguished "Guest of the Day," Major-General I. N. Dougherty, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., General Officer commanding the Second Division, C.M.F. Congratulations to Capt. Ivan Cracknell and Lieut. Ronald Wotherspoon (Guard Commander) and his officers, N.C.O.'s and Cadets of the Guard, on such a splendid Guard.

The 45th Battalion (St. George Regiment) Band provided the music, and to them we express our appreciation.

Finance

The Parents and Citizens' Association set out at the beginning of this year to raise £1,600 to cover our estimated expenditure for 1952. Six months of the year having now passed, we report that some £1,800 has already been raised from all sources, and it is expected that this total will be carried to £2,000 by the end of our financial year.

The items budgetted for this year include:—

	£
Rowing	400
McKay Sports Ground	400
Cricket, Football, Gym.	250
Library	150
Debating	10
Prizes	75
School Equipment and Sundry Items	200
Printing, Stationery and Postages	115
Total	£1,600

In conclusion, it is pointed out that, although much has been done towards the comfort and convenience of our lads at the School, there still remains a great deal to be done, the most urgent being the maintenance and renovating of the newly acquired boatshed. It is proposed to carry out this work with voluntary labour, the material being purchased from funds allocated by the Rowing Committee.

It is very urgent that our boatshed be placed in a condition of repair and satisfactorily painted so that we shall all be proud of the building which is now the "home" of our rowers. If you are in a position to help in this regard, please contact any official of this Association and your assistance will be gratefully accepted.

Looking forward to the continued support of every parent connected with the School.

W. B. NEHL, *Hon. President.*

W. H. WILSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

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This year the Auxiliary started its activities by serving the usual morning tea and extending a welcome to parents of new students.

Attendance at meetings has been particularly good, and special mention should be made of the continued support and help given by mothers of ex-students.

A large number of card parties, house parties and other functions has been held, and these have helped augment the funds as well as further the social life of the Auxiliary. To the ladies who organised such functions, and to St. George County Council and David Jones Ltd., the Auxiliary expresses its thanks.

The Reunion of old and new parents, the Annual Fete and the Auxiliary Ball were outstanding functions. The Buffet Organiser and Committee are to be commended on their excellent work, as also are the committees responsible for the Regatta catering, cricket luncheons, football afternoon teas, etc.

During 1951 the Auxiliary raised £756, and it is anticipated that 1952 will be another successful year.

It is with deep regret that members will say good-bye to Mr. Hallett, the Deputy Headmaster, on his retirement at the end of the year.

The President, Mrs. Tilley, and her Executive wish to thank all members and helpers for their valued support throughout the year, especially Mrs. Cope for arranging musical programmes, and Mr. and Mrs. Clark for all printing.

(Mrs.) E. A. SHEEDY,

Hon. Secretary.

SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' UNION

Founded 1892

Office-bearers, 1952

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A. Ferguson, G. B. Nehl, M. McGee, G. King, R. Morrow, R. Fraser, J. B.
Agnew, K. Binns, J. F. Collins, F. Bolton, V. Littlewood (School Captain).

Diamond Jubilee

The Old Boys' Union celebrated the sixtieth year of its existence at the Diamond Jubilee Ball held at The Trocadero and at the Diamond Jubilee Dinner held at The Savarin. Both functions were well attended and very successful. The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of Sydney and the Lady Mayoress were the guests of honour at the Ball and received the debutantes.

It was recalled that the first meeting of Old Boys of the School was held on 6th June, 1892, at the Sydney Girls' High School, then situated on the site of David Jones' Elizabeth Street store, and Mr. Joseph Coates, M.A. (Oxon.), the Headmaster, became first President and Mr. Arthur Eedy, who passed away last year, was elected Honorary Secretary.

Since its inception the Union has been an integral part of the life of the School and has made outstanding contributions, both material and spiritual, to its alma mater. It has taught the precept that to have attended High is a privilege, not to be taken lightly, but to be accepted and valued as a badge of honour and carrying the obligation to uphold the traditions of a school which has won a great reputation in the world of scholarship and on the fields of sport, and has served our nation well.

Membership

The Membership Committee, under the strong leadership of Arch Harvey, has really functioned this year and is making plans for the increase of the financial membership of the Union. It is important that those who have been the recipients of the assistance rendered to the School by the O.B.U. should, in their turn, join the Union so that they may help in this valuable work.

P. W. Hallett Testimonial

Mr. P. W. Hallett—known to all by other, but none the less estimable names—has been in the service of High for many years. Old Boys will regret the news of his retirement and wish him well for the kindness and scholarship which have been the outstanding qualities that have endeared him to many generations of pupils who have passed through the School. To honour him, a fund has been opened, to which donations are solicited, that we may express in a practical way our gratitude to our former friend and mentor. All Old Boys are invited to attend the farewell function to be held in School Hall on 3rd December at 8 p.m.

Football Club

"Tich" Howard again organised the O.B.U. Football Team, which had quite a good season this year in the Metropolitan Junior Rugby Union Competition. More players will be needed next season, so there is no need to hang up the chocolate and blue jersey. The team trains at Woollahra Oval every Wednesday night during the football season.

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The O.B.U. v. School match held on a Saturday this year was the best ever. Even referee Tom Pauling had a kick at goal and showed that he hasn't lost much of his skill since he wore the green and gold of Australia.

Cricket Club

The O.B.U. Cricket Team plays each Saturday in the City and Suburban Association. Most matches are played on the McKay Oval and new players are always welcome.

Fairland Pavilion

The Union and the P. and C. Association financed the additions to the Fairland Pavilion this year to the extent of £4,150, and the completed building has all the amenities desirable in a modern dressing-room, together with other accommodation.

Rowing

Primarily through the efforts of Jim Budge and the assistance of the O.B.U. and the P. and C. Association and allied bodies, Green's Boatshed, on the Parramatta River, has been acquired by a syndicate of Old Boys for the use of the School and the conducting of a boat-building business. Old Boys are invited to assist by either taking shares in the organisation or direct donation. The Union pays tribute to the work of Jim Budge, and also to the members of the P. and C., who, through working bees and other means, have provided the boat crews with accommodation and storage space for the School fleet.

A new racing "Four" has been presented to the School Rowing Club by the O.B.U. and named the Allan R. Callaway, to honour one of the coaches who has rendered service over many years to the School.

Ladies' Auxiliary

Our gratitude is recorded to Mrs. A. B. Napper, the President, and to the other members of our Ladies' Auxiliary, who have done so much to help the work of this Union. Mothers, sisters and friends of Old Boys are asked to join the Auxiliary, which meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the C.E.N.E.F., 201 Castlereagh Street.

P. and C. Association

We pay tribute to the efforts of the Parents and Citizens' Association on behalf of the School. We doubt whether a finer or better organised body exists in our community.

Younger Set

Garry Nehl (President) and Jeff Lake (Secretary) have reorganised the Younger Set and are making their presence felt. The first dance held at the School was a "wow," especially the

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entr'acte, when John Thornett as Spring led a ballet of no mean charm and achievement in a fantasy entitled "The Awakening of Spring."

The next big show is a dance at the School on 20th December. You can't afford to miss it.

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Our thanks and appreciation are extended to the members of the Old Girls' Union who assisted so ably in the organisation of the Diamond Jubilee Ball and the Younger Set Dance. It is gratifying to note that the bond between the two Schools—who once shared the same building—is preserved among the alumni at these social functions.

Personal

Congratulations to Lieut.-Col. Des Duffy on his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 15th National Training Regiment at Puckapunyal.

Congratulations also to Wing Commander Ron Susans, D.S.O., D.F.C., who represented Australia at the Jet Fighter Conference held in England this year. Ron was the first D.S.O. winner among the R.A.A.F. during the Korean Campaign.

Lt.-Col. A. E. Ross is still in London as a member of the Australian Army Staff.

Alan Watt was another to visit England this year. As head of the Dept. of External Affairs he went overseas with the Prime Minister.

Lieut. B. R. Topfer, having graduated from Duntroon, is with the 1st Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment in Korea.

Congratulations to Alan Ray Cutler, V.C., who is now Australian High Commissioner in Ceylon.

Maurice Rosenberg is doing Pharmacy at Witwatersrand Technical School, Johannesburg.

"Howdy" Rees, now of Launceston, paid the old School a visit recently.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for Ron Bracewell, Jack Abeshouse (U.S.A.), Lou Goldman, and Ron Pickering.

The following paragraph is quoted from the "Herald" of 20th May:—

"Laurence Davis, of Randwick, was among twelve international pianists who passed yesterday into the final of the Queen Elizabeth piano contest in Brussels. Davis, who is 22, in 1948 won the Australian Broadcasting Commission's N.S.W. Concerto and Aria Competition. Last year he tied with three other pianists for second place in an international contest conducted by the Geneva Conservatory of Music. No first place was awarded."

Laurence Davis attended Sydney High School in 1944-45.

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Alan McLeod (L.C., 1945), who has been lecturing in English Literature at the Wagga Teachers' College, left Sydney on September 4 to take up a scholarship from the Pennsylvania State College to do advanced work in remedial speech education.

Two other prominent members of the 1945 Honours English class have sailed for overseas during the year. Ken Cable has gone to King's College, Cambridge, to do the History Tripos on a Barker Scholarship from Sydney University. Ken had been lecturing in History at the University. Hans Freeman has gone to the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena on a Rotary Travelling Scholarship.

Ludwig Bauer (L.C., 1944) is at the North-western University at Chicago, but just what he's doing there we haven't yet been able to ascertain.

Another Old Boy who has gone abroad to do research is Mr. K. J. C. Back, who was awarded a Nuffield Scholarship in Natural Sciences. "Mr. Back entered the University of Sydney in 1943 from Sydney Boys' High School and graduated as a Bachelor of Science in 1947 with first-class honours. He worked as a research bacteriologist and in February, 1950, took up an appointment as lecturer in bacteriology at the University of Queensland. He intends to study recent developments in the field of bacterial metabolism, as well as teaching methods in the United Kingdom" ("Herald").

OBITUARY

We regret the passing of Mr. Arthur M. Eedy in November of last year. The late Mr. Eedy was the first pupil of the School and the Founder of the O.B.U., and throughout a long and distinguished career never forgot his association with the School.

No words can express the tribute that we pay to this former member of the School and the O.B.U. for his unselfish service in the cause of "High".

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We regret to announce the death of Mr. Frank L. Davis, who had for many years been one of the School's supporters. It was a donation by Mr. Davis that established the Oswald Chapman Memorial Prize, and a further donation of his which put one of our four-oar shells on the river. The skilfully built "Frank L. Davis," as it is called, has always been up among the leaders on Regatta Day. As well as taking a keen interest in the School, Mr. Davis was also a supporter of The Police Boys' Club and The Citizens' Boys' Club.

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Another regrettable death is that of Dr. George Hardwicke, also for many years a keen and generous supporter of the School. Dr. Hardwicke was particularly interested in the rowing crews and made

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it his personal concern to supervise their general health and attend to casualties. Dr. Hardwicke was President of the Old Boys' Union in 1945-46.

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Mr. A. W. Highfield, an Old Boy of the School, also passed away earlier in the year. Mr. Highfield was well known in business circles in the city and had for several years been Managing Director of Searles Ltd.

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The School learns with regret of the death of Mr. O. A. Cropley, who died on 20th September last. In 1920 Mr. Cropley was appointed as Physical Training Instructor at the School, which was then situated at Mary Ann Street. He remained a member of the Staff until 1934 and was thus one of the original members of the Staff of the Moore Park building. Mr. Cropley had distinguished service in the War of 1914-18, and was awarded the D.C.M. for distinguished service at Gallipoli.

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Many a Speech Day has been honoured and graced by the presence of Mrs. Mary Louisa Eliza Ann Cross, and many were those in the audience who were moved by the few words to which she limited herself when she presented the John Skyring Cross Prize in memory of her son, who enlisted from Sydney High School to serve in World War I, in which he gave his life.

"Mrs. Cross, a member of a famous Queensland pioneering family, died at her daughter's home, Shenstone, Mosman, last week.

"Her grandfather, Daniel Skyring, came to Australia in 1835 and took the first cattle from Sydney to Brisbane, where he later planted the first pineapple. Her father, Zachariah Skyring, discovered gold in Queensland.

"Mrs. Cross had nine children, one of whom was the poetess Zora Cross. Two of her sons served in World War I—Sgt. V. Cross, M.M., and John Skyring Cross, who was killed in action.

"In his memory she established a prize for sportsmanship at Sydney High School.

"A third son, Douglas, served in New Guinea in World War II.

"Mrs. Cross was an authority on aboriginal lore and has left a valuable collection of aboriginal stories." ("Sun.")

A portrait of John Skyring Cross is hung in the corridor near the main entrance.

SPORT

FOOTBALL

FIRST XV

Our congratulations are extended to Fort Street, who were undefeated Premiers in a closely contested Combined High Schools Competition this season.

The School team finished equal fourth with Homebush behind Fort Street, Parramatta and North Sydney.

C. Smee (Captain) and B. Allsop were unable to play in serious combination until the fifth round of the competition due to injuries received at the commencement of the season. This more or less upset the combination of the whole back line. However, in later games, centres, B. Fuller and R. Norris, showed some initiative in attack and gave our wingers, J. Thomas and G. Pauline, chances to worry the opposition with their speed and determination. Full-back B. Seeney settled down towards the end of the season and gave a sound display.

The forwards worked tirelessly when endeavouring to gain possession of the ball. They were ably led by G. Treble (Vice-Captain), who gave a grand display of a loose forward's play throughout the entire season. Treble took over captaincy against North Sydney and Canterbury, due to the Captain's absence through injury. Also in the forwards who played with marked courage and consistency were V. Littlewood, N. Balzer, C. Saravanos and M. Diamond. In the line-outs and hard rucking A. Rosewell and M. Stuart were outstanding and were given good support by E. Coleman.

The Great Public School's Competition was won by St. Joseph's, and to them we extend our hearty congratulations.

The School team finished the season in fourth position, and although it won only two games, the scores in the other games were not a true indication of the way the team played.

As usual, the School team played its best game against St. Joseph's. Their bright, open style of football gave the School team a chance to show the strength of its defence. In this sphere G. Treble, B. Fuller and C. Smee showed ability.

Against King's the team was honoured by playing as a curtain-raiser to the Fijians on the Sydney Cricket Ground. The forwards showed endless perseverance, but the King's backs proved too speedy, and the team was beaten after a good, hard game.

As the C.H.S. v. G.P.S. is no longer an annual fixture, representation was somewhat limited. C. Smee was selected to play in G.P.S. First XV against Duntroon Military College, and A. Rosewell in G.P.S. Third XV against Waverley College.



FIRST XV.

Back Row: E. COLEMAN, C. SARAVANOS, J. THOMAS, M. DIAMOND, B. ALLSOP.
 Second Row: R. NORRIS, N. BALZER, A. ROSEWELL, MR. I. R. CRACKNELL (Football Master), B. SEENEY, N. HEYWOOD,
 B. FULLER.
 Front Row: M. STUART, G. TREBLE (Vice-Captain), MR. G. BARR (Headmaster), C. SMEE (Captain),
 MR. D. SHORT (Master-in-Charge), B. STEPHENS, G. PAULINE.
 In Front: V. LITTLEWOOD.

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In conclusion, the team wishes to thank Mr. Short for his inspiration as coach during the season. Also Mr. Barr, Mr. Cracknell and various other members of the staff for their enthusiasm, and the Ladies' Auxiliary, who provided afternoon teas and a magnificent luncheon at the end of the season. B. Cusack, R. Donaldson, and "Heckle" and "Jeckle" deserve mention for their work as linesmen and ball boys.

C.H.S. Scores.

S.H.S. v.—

Hurlstone Agricultural High—Won, 9-0.
Sydney Technical High—Won, 9-3.
North Sydney High—Lost, 3-15.
Canterbury High—Lost, 6-12.
Fort Street High—Lost, 6-13.
Parramatta High—Lost, 8-11.
Randwick High—Won, 21-0.
Homebush High—Lost, 3-8.
North Sydney Technical High—Won, 6-5.

G.P.S. Scores.

S.H.S. v.—

Sydney Church of England Grammar School—Lost, 0-19.
St. Joseph's College—Lost, 3-21.
Sydney Grammar School—Won, 11-9.
The King's School—Lost, 9-17.
The Scots College—Won, 3-0.
St. Ignatius' College—Lost, 0-17.
Newington College—Lost, 6-9.

SECOND XV

This has been another very successful season for the Second XV, which finished the C.H.S. Competition as Co-Premiers with North Sydney High School. It is the fourth year in succession that the Second Grade Team has finished on top of its competition and the sixth time in seven years.

In early practice matches the team did not shape well, but after a great deal of hard training it developed into a strong combination. After a reverse in the third round of the C.H.S. Competition it won seven games in succession, although on several occasions it played at well below full strength.

In the G.P.S. Competition the team found the opposition too strong, and was able to win only one game, that against Newington, with the Grammar game drawn. However, except for those against St. Joseph's and Scots, all games were closely contested.

Players deserving praise during the season were Sinclair, behind the scrum, and Weston at five-eight. Despite early difficulties, this pair combined well and kept the three-quarters moving comfortably. Until his unfortunate injury, which put him out of action for the remainder of the season, Curran proved an able winger.



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Coming up from the Fourth XV to play four G.P.S. matches, Chamberlain gave sound displays both in defence and attack from the outside-centre position, while his fine goal-kicking was also to be commended. He should prove a strong player in future seasons.

Always a danger in attack were Jenkin, Craigie and A. Taylor, who all gave great strength to the back line. Wise, at full-back, played soundly, and as goal-kicker often gained vital points for the team.

The forwards proved the team's strong point this season. Led by an experienced captain, Geoghegan, they formed a hard-hitting unit, which often smashed stout defences. Geoghegan was an inspiration to the team, and time and again rallied the players to greater efforts.



SECOND XV — CO-PREMIERS.

Back Row: H. WESTON, J. WISE, P. JOHNSON, C. CHAMBERLAIN, A. TAYLOR.

Second Row: R. CLARK, D. HEALEY, W. TAYLOR, I. HENKE, B. SHARPE, T. CRAIGIE.

Front Row: L. BRANDON, B. HAVILAH, A. GEOGHEGAN (Captain), MR. F. J. ALLSOPP (Master-in-Charge), D. CURRAN, K. DAVY, R. JENKIN.

Absent: K. SINCLAIR (Vice-Captain).

Johnson, the hooker, ably supported by Davy and Henke, gave the backs a generous share of the ball, while Clark, second row, and Havilah, lock, were always in the thick of the play.

Geoghegan and Brandon spearheaded the attacks from the roving breakaway positions.

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The team is deeply indebted to our coach, Mr. Allsopp, who unselfishly gave up a great deal of his valuable time to help and guide us. His efforts were most appreciated by all members of the team.

Our thanks also to those grand workers, the Ladies' Auxiliary, who provided afternoon tea for all players when Saturday matches were played at home.

We congratulate North Sydney Seconds, who shared the C.H.S. Premiership with us, and St. Joseph's, the G.P.S. Second Grade Premiers, who proved themselves by far the superior team and whose efforts thoroughly deserved the honours gained.

G.P.S. Scores.

S.H.S. v.—

Sydney Church of England Grammar School—Lost, 3-11.

St. Joseph's College—Lost, 3-17.

Sydney Grammar School—Drew, 6-6.

The King's School—Lost, 3-12.

The Scots College—Lost, 0-28.

St. Ignatius' College—Abandoned.

Newington College—Won, 9-0.

C.H.S. Scores.

S.H.S. v.—

Hurlstone Agricultural High—Won, 12-0.

Sydney Technical High—Drew, 3-3.

North Sydney High—Lost, 6-9.

Canterbury High—Won, 6-3.

Fort Street High—Won, 10-3.

Parramatta High—Won, 19-0.

Randwick High—Won, 3-0.

Homebush High—Won, 9-0.

North Sydney Technical High—Won, 9-3.

Manly High—Won, 11-0.

THIRD XV

Though the Thirds scored a total of 147 points to their opponents' 17, a narrow defeat by Fort Street cost them the competition. As a result of the keenness shown not only by the competition team, but also by the players in the reserve team, many of whom did not secure a game with the first team, the standard of play was high throughout the season.

In the early games, before the backs settled down, many movements were marred by bad handling and hanging on to the ball too long, but later they developed into a sound combination. Though the forwards tackled well, they were inclined at times to play too loosely, particularly in the rucks. Nevertheless, they gave the backs a very large share of the ball and joined in passing rushes, which resulted in many tries.

Players: Furness, sound half; ran well from base of scrum and kicked many fine goals. Ball, five-eighth; fine attacking player with good sidestep and swerve. Carrol, centre; cut in well

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at times; sound tackler. Blackett, solid and speedy centre; developing rapidly into a fine player. Rosenthal, Schollbach, O'Neill, ran determinedly on wings. Bilton, lock and full-back; solid tackler and determined runner. Hill, hooker; won major share of ball. Denham and Tilley provided able assistance in front row. Cook, Braithwaite, Taylor, solid, hard-rucking forwards. Butchart, captain and breakaway; an inspiration to team as a hard-tackling forward; always on the ball. Goddard, breakaway; broke up many opposition movements by fine tackling; started many tries.

Leonard, Holmes, Dunn, Joffick, Quinton, Dadd were sound reserves.



THIRD XV — RUNNERS-UP.

Back Row: M. BRAITHWAITE, W. BALL, A. HILL, J. GODDARD, L. ROSENTHAL,
Second Row: T. O'NEILL, R. BLACKETT, M. LEONARD, I. SCHOLLBACH,
 R. COOK, D. CARROLL.
Front Row: W. TAYLOR, P. TILLEY, I. BUTCHART (Captain), MR. J. HUDSON
 (Master-in-Charge), D. FURNESS (Vice-Captain), A. DENHAM, J. BILTON.

Scores.

S.H.S. v.—

Hurlstone Agricultural High—Won, 26-0.
 Sydney Technical High—Won, 18-0.
 North Sydney High—Drew, 5-5.
 Canterbury High—Won, 9-3.
 Fort Street High—Lost, 0-3.
 Parramatta High—Won, 25-0.
 Randwick High—Won, 6-0.
 North Sydney Technical High, Won 16-0.
 Manly High—Won, 20-6.
 Homebush High—Won, 22-0.

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FOURTH XV

This year the Fourth Grade Team had a very good season, which they finished as runners-up to Randwick. The team would like to extend its congratulations to a very fine competition-winning side.

The outstanding player in our team was Chamberlain, who scored 90 points during the season. The backs played excellent football behind an efficient pack of strong forwards, who were always on the ball.

Many of the boys are looking forward to playing in the Second XV next season. Those who fail to make it will no doubt be found in the ranks of the Third XV.

We extend our gratitude to Mr. Rowlands for his invaluable service as coach.



FOURTH XV — RUNNERS-UP.

Back Row: L. VASS, H. MACLEAY, B. PARSONS, W. SUMMERS, J. HISLOP, K. RICHARDSON

Second Row: J. BROWNE, J. HAVILAH, J. ELFICK, M. CURLEY, B. KING, G. HUMPHREY, G. MASHMAN.

Front Row: W. EGAN, G. CRAM, M. JOBBINS (Captain), W. ROWLANDS (Master-in-Charge), C. CHAMBERLAIN (Vice-Captain), A. WALL, A. NICHOLLS.

Scores.

S.H.S. v.—

Hurlstone Agricultural High— Won, 8-0.

Sydney Technical High—Won, 17-6.

North Sydney High—Won, 20-0.

Canterbury High—Won, 67-0.

Fort Street High—Won, 20-12.

Parramatta High—Won, 37-6.

Randwick High—Lost, 8-10.

Homebush High—Won, 16-3.

North Sydney Technical High—Won, 14-3.

Manly High—Lost, 8-13.

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FIFTH XV

The Fifth Grade Team had a fairly successful season, suffering only three defeats. This compares very favourably with last year's season, when we won only three games. The team is confident of doing well in next year's Fourth Grade Competition, as it obviously seems to be improving.

The team would like to thank Mr. Bromham for his assistance as coach.

Scores.

S.H.S. v.—

Hurlstone Agricultural High—Drew, 3-3.
Sydney Technical High—Won, 14-0.
North Sydney High—Won, 3-0.
Canterbury High—Won, 12-3.
Fort Street High—Won, 6-5.
Parramatta High—Won, 24-0.
Randwick High—Won, 18-11.
Homebush High—Lost, 6-15.
North Sydney Technical High—Lost, 8-18.
Manly High—Lost, 3-6.

SIXTH XV

The Sixth XV feels sure, although they were not so successful as to win the competition, that they played creditably throughout the season.

They have had a good deal of useful experience, which will no doubt stand them in good stead next year, and they look forward, therefore, to the coming season with a good deal of hope.

Scores.

S.H.S. v.—

Hurlstone Agricultural High—Lost, 0-6.
Sydney Technical High—Lost, 0-17.
North Sydney High—Lost, 0-9.
Canterbury High—Won, 14-0.
Fort Street High—Won, 5-0.
Parramatta High—Won, 25-0.
Randwick High—Won, 3-0.
Homebush High—Lost, 3-12.
North Sydney Technical High—Won, 9-5.
Manly High—Lost, 0-6.

C.H.S. FOOTBALL COMPETITION POINT SCORE

In the table below, the points won by each team in each school participating in the C.H.S. Competition are shown. Points in each grade are calculated on the basis of two for a win and one for a draw. Total points are calculated by multiplying First Grade points by 7, Second Grade by 5, and other grades by 3.

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SCHOOL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Total Points
Canterbury H.S.	8	9	12	2	5	2	164
Fort Street	22	8	20	17	17	11	389
Homebush H.S.	13	11	11	11	18	5	311
Hurlstone A.H.S.	12	16	2	16	7	11	272
Manly H.S.	—	16	7	13	19	20	257
North Sydney H.S.	15	19	17	6	7	21	353
North Sydney Tech. H.S.	13	12	10	11	16	6	280
Parramatta H.S.	16	6	9	4	9	6	226
Randwick H.S.	8	7	13	19	15	12	268
S.H.S.	12	19	19	18	15	10	365
Sydney Tech. H.S.	11	9	12	15	4	18	269

CHAMPION SCHOOL: Fort Street, 1; S.H.S., 2; North Sydney High, 3.

In the following table the winners and runners-up in each grade are listed:—

GRADE.	WINNERS.	RUNNERS-UP.
1	Fort Street	Parramatta H.S.
2	Nth. Syd. High, S.H.S.	Hurlstone A.H.S., Manly H.S.
3	Fort Street	S.H.S.
4	Randwick H.S.	S.H.S.
5	Manly H.S.	Homebush H.S.
6	Nth. Sydney H.S.	Manly H.S.

CLASS FOOTBALL

Class football competitions were organised for all non-grade players, the total number of boys taking part being nearly five hundred. The teams on the whole achieved a very reasonable standard, and the competitions were marked not only by the keenness of the players, but by the closeness of the matches and the good spirit prevailing generally. A pleasing feature this year was the greater interest and effort maintained by the classes beyond Third Year.

The following classes won their respective competitions, the margins of the win being narrow in each case—1D, 2E, 3D, 4B, 5A.

A regular team of linesmen was available, and the active interest shown by these boys in the games helped the referees and players considerably. The competitions could not have been conducted satisfactorily without the assistance of the boy referees, and the following deserve our congratulations and thanks for their fine work: Caddy, Milson, Phillips, Bishop, Clapshaw, Osborne, Thornton, Fenwick, Kuskey.

A series of matches was played again this year against Sydney Technical High School. The boys of the latter school had been playing in house competitions during the season, and although the matches were marked by the usual vigour and enthusiasm, the S.H.S. boys had the advantage of playing as well-established teams and won practically all games.

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CRICKET

FIRST XI

The second half of the 1951 competition games soon showed that the boys had gained much experience from the earlier matches. The teams won an exciting game against Manly in the final C.H.S. (Allsop scoring a chanceless 83) and put up creditable performances in the G.P.S. games against Shore, King's and Grammar, twice scoring over two hundred runs.

At the end of the season Hudson and Ambrose were selected in the Combined G.P.S. Second XI and the C.H.S. First XI.

Although the team came only seventh in the G.P.S. Competition and third in its division of the C.H.S. Competition, the experience gained by the young members was expected to aid in making the 1952 team a strong one.

However, the team which emerged this year failed to live up to its expectations. Eight of last year's team were still at school, and the batting was expected to be of a high standard, but only once did the team score over two hundred runs.

In the first G.P.S. game, against Newington, the boys seemed overawed and, after allowing the opposition to recover from 5 for 39 and to make 290, failed in both innings.

Against Riverview and St. Joseph's the team showed improvement and teamwork was slowly but surely becoming a part of the play. The Riverview match provided an exciting finish, mainly because of a magnificent 48 by McCabe.

The team gave its best display against the very strong Shore XI. The fielding was faultless and the batting and bowling showed the High School spirit that had been lacking in former games. Although it collapsed in the first innings, the team fought back and forced a very close finish.

After a disastrous start in losing to Randwick the team recovered, until it is now fourth in the C.H.S. Competition.

The most exciting game of the season was against North Sydney. With a slight first innings lead the team dismissed North's in the second innings, leaving 93 to win outright with fifty minutes to play. The captain, Littlewood, opened with Cusack, and these two managed to score the required runs with seven minutes to spare.

In the game against Sydney Technical the team showed its real ability. With McCabe scoring a magnificent 142 the team scored 237 and dismissed the opposition for less than 100. The team then comfortably beat Manly, but lost to the strong North Sydney Technical team.

In April Littlewood and McCabe were selected in the C.H.S. team which played Northern High Schools at Newcastle, Littlewood top-scoring with 51. McCabe was presented with an inscribed bat for his fine century against Sydney Technical High.



FIRST XI.

Back Row: MR. M. ADAMTHWAITE (Master-in-Charge, G.P.S.), C. SARAVANOS, N. BALZER, M. STUART, R. FRENCH, K. SINCLAIR,
MR. O. TAYLOR (Master-in-Charge, C.H.S.).

Second Row: D. CURRAN, G. TREBLE, J. McCABE, V. LITTLEWOOD (Captain), B. CUSACK (Vice-Captain), B. ALLSOP,
D. LINDSAY.

In Front: H. WESTON, S. WHITE (Scorer).

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The presence of the Headmaster at every G.P.S. game gave the team much moral support and his kind remarks were greatly appreciated.

The team's thanks go to the untiring and patient coaches, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Adamthwaite, to the ladies who prepared the lunches at the G.P.S. home game, and to Mr. Boatwright, who not only prepared perfect wickets, but also offered some expert advice on our play.

G.P.S. Scores.

S.H.S., 91 and 87 (Saravanos 27, Littlewood 21, McCabe 23 and 21), lost outright to Newington College, 290 (Balzer, 5 for 57).

S.H.S., 116 and 158 (French 35, McCabe 28 and 48), lost outright to St. Ignatius' College, 198 and 5 for 77.

S.H.S., 142 and 7 for 96 (Balzer 37, Curran 35, Cusack 35), lost to St. Joseph's College, 269 (Curran 5 for 69).

S.H.S., 38 and 147 (Stuart 26, Treble 24, Littlewood 22), lost outright to Sydney Church of England Grammar School, 146 and 3 for 40 (McCabe 4 for 13).

C.H.S. Scores.

S.H.S., 110 (Allsop 51), lost to Randwick High, 165.

S.H.S., 9 for 83 and 1 for 99 (Curran 35 not out, Littlewood 50, Cusack 44 not out), defeated North Sydney High, 81 and 8 for 98 (Curran 4 for 7) outright.

S.H.S., 9 for 237 (McCabe 142, Littlewood 57), defeated Sydney Technical High School, 78 (Lindsay 5 for 25).

S.H.S., 118 (McCabe 35, Treble 24 not out), defeated Manly High, 8 for 93 (Curran 4 for 16).

S.H.S., 108 (Allsop 45), lost to North Sydney Technical High School, 7 for 163 (Curran 3 for 73).

SECOND XI

During the past season the School Second XI has met with mixed success, but is looking forward to a more successful second half. The members of the Second XI were for the most part promoted from the Third and Fourth Grade sides of the previous year. However, helped by the more experienced members of the team, the side was moulded into quite a presentable combination.

The season commenced with an easy victory by 99 runs over Randwick. The team's captain, G. Treble, starred with a fine 65 and was ably supported by D. Furness (38) and D. Lindsay (23). Chiefly responsible for the opposition's low score was N. Balzer, whose consistent fast bowling accounted for 5 wickets at a cost of only 40 runs. In the following game against the strong North Sydney combination the team was narrowly defeated. In the team's first innings J. Cope top-scored with a stubborn 32, while in the second innings both Treble and M. Stuart passed the twenty mark. The bowling of the fast bowlers J. Thomas, Lindsay and Stuart, was steady, and they succeeded in capturing all of their opponents' wickets, of which Thomas took 4-44. Against Sydney Technical High the School team could muster only 89, with T. Craigie (33) and Stuart (26) scoring best. Sydney Technical easily passed this total, and once again it was left to the fast bowlers to dismiss

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their opponents, Thomas (4-56) perhaps bowling the most accurately. In the team's second innings Treble treated the onlookers to a brilliant 59. An outright win against the weak Manly team was welcome and batting honours went to K. Sinclair with scores of 21 and 37, while in the bowling department Stuart (8-19 and 4-15) and Thomas (4-18), ably supported by left-hander M. Jobbins, were outstanding. In the final game, against North Sydney Technical, the team was again beaten. After dismissing the opposition for 166 (King 4-45) the team collapsed until a brilliant stand of 74 runs was made by L. Brandon (52) and H. Weston, who carried his bat for 36. The total was brought to within 30 runs of the required score when the last batsman was dismissed.

Throughout the competition the lads were keen, as was reflected by the steady fielding, even when under pressure. The team would like to express their sincere thanks to their coach, Mr. Harris, whose untiring efforts considerably helped the younger and less experienced members of the side.

Scores.

- S.H.S. (207) defeated Randwick High (108).
- S.H.S. (112 and 7-70) lost to North Sydney High (134).
- S.H.S. (89 and 8-171) lost to Sydney Technical High (160).
- S.H.S. (79 and 4-71) defeated Manly High (46 and 64) outright.
- S.H.S. (136) lost to North Sydney Technical (166).

THIRD XI

The first half of the 1952 season has been most promising. The team followed an outright win against Randwick with an unlucky outright defeat by North Sydney. High opened with 113 after a shaky start, and had North Sydney back in the pavilion for 63 at the end of the first day. North Sydney were sent in again and scored 115, leaving High 66 for the "outright." However, disaster ensued and we could only manage 60 of the required runs.

Then followed an outright win over Technical High and first innings wins over Manly and North Sydney Technical.

In our section of the competition, with 28 points, we finished second to North Sydney, who gained 33 points.

The outstanding performances so far have been Andy Wall's 117 not out and 5-19 against Manly, Wes Egan's 10-49 against Technical High, and the fielding of Barry Parsons, Col Chamberlain and John Brown.

Scores.

- S.H.S., 5 for 125 (declared), won on forfeit from Randwick High, 7 for 48.
- S.H.S., 113 and 60, lost outright to North Sydney High, 63 and 115.
- S.H.S., 9 for 168 (declared) and 4 for 38, defeated Sydney Technical High outright, 71 and 121 (Egan 10 for 49).
- S.H.S., 5 for 195 (Wall 117 not out) and 1 for 10, defeated Manly High, 160 (Wall 5 for 19).
- S.H.S., 3 for 43 (declared), defeated North Sydney Technical High, 23 and 4 for 54 (Egan 4 for 13, Chamberlain 6 for 6).

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FOURTH XI

The Fourth XI, under the captaincy of Bruce Day, after losing ground in the first half of the season, has taken fifth place in the point score. R. Webb has gained the batting honours with consistently high scores, including a 49 and a 47. G. Whitelaw has also done well with the bat. R. Fear and P. Bower have proved to be reliable fast bowlers while P. Mellish and B. Beaumont have helped the team in the slow division.

The team would like to thank Mr. Wick for his spirited coaching and the time he spent with it.

Scores.

S.H.S., 43, lost to Randwick High, 59.

S.H.S., 85 and 92, lost to North Sydney High, 152 and 1 for 32.

S.H.S., 69 and 7 for 44, defeated Sydney Technical High, 44 and 68 (Fear 10 for 41).

S.H.S., 58 and 4 for 77, lost to Manly High, 120.

S.H.S., 9 for 106, defeated North Sydney Technical, 48 and 3 for 27.

ROWING

The 1951 rowing season, we all felt, had been a disappointing one, and it was with some uncertainty that we faced 1952, a season which we knew would be keenly contested.

As in previous years, our coaches were all Old Boys, viz., Mr. Nichols (Eight), Lt.-Col. Duffy (First and Second Fours), Mr. Callaway (Third and Fourth Fours), and Mr. Bolton (Junior Eight). To these gentlemen we extend our grateful thanks for all they have done towards the crews' training and welfare.

We also appreciate greatly the work done by Messrs. G. Pilger and R. White, in helping the coaches with the crews and the repairing of the boats.

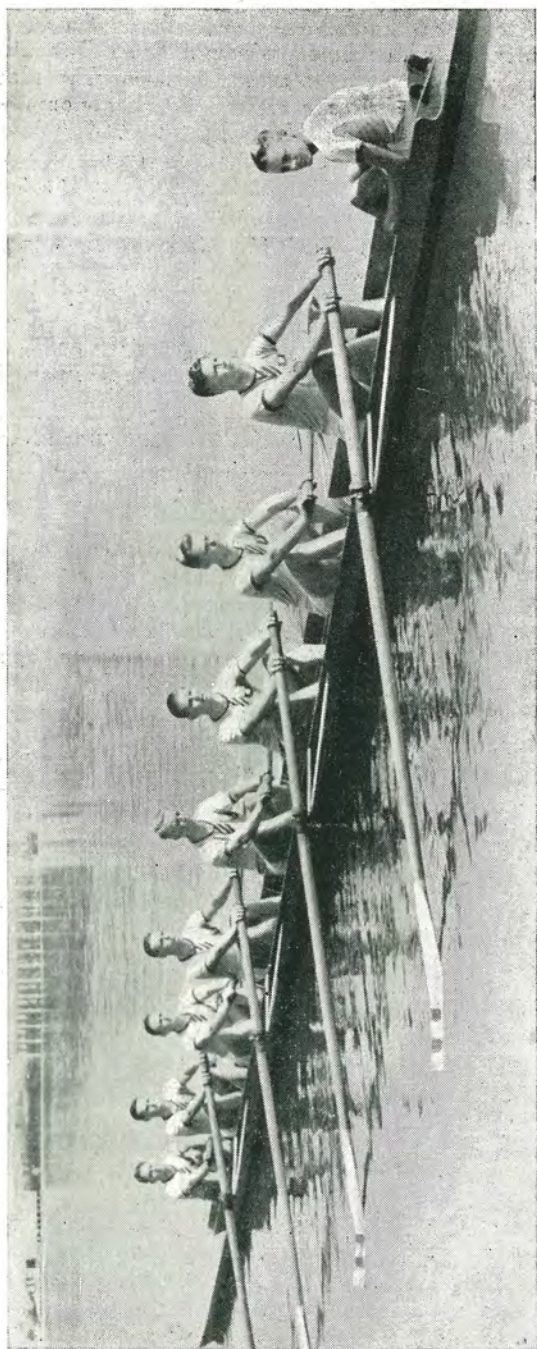
We would like also to express here our great appreciation of the work done by Mr. Wick, who in his capacity as Rowing Master had for many years done much to keep up the standard of rowing at Sydney High School.

The first problem which faced the coaches and Mr. Cracknell, the new Rowing Master, was that of the accommodation of rowers and the "fleet," which had to move after having boated from premises at Drummoyne for over twenty years.

The real team spirit of rowing was shown when other clubs came to our assistance. Leichhardt Rowing Club took in Lt.-Col. Duffy and the First and Second Fours, while Mr. Callaway's Fours were accommodated by Sydney Grammar School at Gladesville. The Eight trained from Sydney Rowing Club, while the Junior Eight boated from the Scots College boatshed. We appreciate the assistance of these clubs and fellow schools, for without their help rowing at Sydney High School could not have gone on.

The School's two Eights eventually moved to Green's Boatshed at Abbotsford, and the Senior Eight was fortunate in being able to have four weeks' camp at this shed.

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THE EIGHT.

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Prior to the big races, all crews except the Eight appeared in club regattas in order to gain racing experience. At the J. B. Sharpe Regatta our First and Second Fours participated, and the First Four very convincingly won the Novice Fours, with the Second Four gaining third place in the same race. At the Riverview Regatta the First Four came second in its race to a very good Shore crew. The Second Four was unplaced, while the Third and Fourth Fours both rowed well to gain fourth place in their respective finals. The Junior Eight entered in the G.P.S. Junior Eights' race and rowed very well to gain fourth place in the final. In the King's-Newington Regatta the Junior Eight gained a very convincing fourth. Our First and Second Fours participated again in the University Regatta, the First Four gaining second place. These results gave crews and coaches alike great confidence for the G.P.S. Regatta.

Regatta Day dawned calm and fine, but as the day grew on a stiff breeze began to blow straight down the course. The river was running in the middle, the crews on the bank being at a slight disadvantage.

The first event was the First Fours, in which High rowed well into second position three lengths behind Shore, with the Scots crew third.

In the Second Fours High was unplaced.

The Third Fours' race was won by Shore, with High four lengths away in second place, and King's third.

In the Fourth Fours High rowed into fourth place.

Finally came the "Head of the River." The wind had dropped and the race was started without difficulty. After having rowed a half mile Grammar led from King's, with Shore and High level, just behind. At the three-quarter mile post the order was Grammar, Shore, High and Newington. Rowing magnificently, Shore went on to win by two feet from Grammar, with Newington, one and a half lengths away, third. High was fourth, just behind Newington. We congratulate Shore on their excellent performance in winning every race on the programme.

Another year of rowing has come to a close, but we cannot omit mention of all those friends who helped to make the season a satisfactory one. Especially we thank the Parents and Citizens' Association and the Ladies' Auxiliary for their invaluable support in providing meals, etc., for the crews; the Old Boys' Union and Mr. Cameron, who helped with gifts of fruit and biscuits during the season; Mr. White, who bought Pepsi-Cola for all the boys after the race; Mr. Agnew, for his gifts of ice-cream and milk at Penrith, and the Junior Eight, who "cleaned up" at Green's after the crews had left, and also at the Nepean shed after the races were over. Again we thank the coaches, the main people responsible for keeping High on the river. Especially we would like to thank Mr. Cracknell, who

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in his first season as Rowing Master carried out his duties very ably. The Senior Eight in particular would like to thank him for his attempts to provide them with a speedboat at the peak of their training, and for the amount of time he sacrificed to act as camp supervisor for them.

In conclusion, let me say, although we did not win any title this year, we gained places, and this augurs well for 1953, when we hope that the School's flag once more will be at the top of the mast in the "Head of the River."

J. CADDY,
Captain of Boats.

The Crews

Eight: E. Coleman, 11.12 (bow); C. Jeffreson, 11.2 (2); R. T. M. Clark, 11.12 (3); R. Thompson, 11.1 (4); R. Barnwell, 11.2 (5); A. Salt, 12.12 (6); J. Caddy, 11.1 (7); A. Denham, 10.10 (stroke); J. Donoghue, 8.4 (cox).
First Four: M. Braithwaite, 9.13 (bow); R. Jenkin, 9.8 (2); D. Denny, 10.6 (3); W. Leroy, 10.4 (stroke); R. Donaldson, 6.7 (cox).
Second Four: W. Taylor, 10.9 (bow); R. Bolton, 10.2 (2); B. Lloyd, 11.4 (3); R. Curnow, 9.7 (stroke); P. Thornhill, 5.8 (cox).
Third Four: S. Hall, 9.8 (bow); I. Howitt, 10.0 (2); R. Clark, 10.10 (3); J. Woodcock, 9.11 (stroke); J. Budge, 6.2 (cox).
Fourth Four: I. Callaway, 9.7 (bow); P. Arnott, 10.6 (2); R. G. Clark, 10.6 (3); B. May, 9.0 (stroke); B. Bottomley, 5.10 (cox).
Junior Eight: I. Smith, 8.13 (bow); M. Curley, 10.0 (2); I. Kennedy, 10.5 (3); G. Cram, 10.10 (4); K. Newton, 10.13 (5); J. Lyons, 10.5 (6); J. Bloom, 10.6 (7); R. Hardy, 9.3 (stroke); G. Guest, 6.9 (cox).
Reserves: J. Henderson, H. Macleay.

NEXT YEAR

The train pulled slowly out of the station on its return trip to Central, but even amidst the cheering and the happiness there was still in me that feeling of disappointment.

"Anyway, High will win next year," we said.

The train rumbled on to the bridge. I looked out the window. On the river there were many crews still, all quietly moving to the landing stage in the order in which they finished.

"There they are, just following Newington in," was heard almost throughout the length of the train.

We were off the bridge; there was nothing else to see, so I sank back into my seat and relaxed.

High hadn't won any races, but yet I envied those rowers, those fellows who, wearing the Chocolate and Blue, were representing Sydney High School and who, on reaching that last quarter-mile mark, heard the roar go up from the crowd, the roar of thousands of people cheering for Sydney High and for them.

The following Monday at recess I walked up to one of the rowers (the stroke of the Eight, in fact), congratulated him, and then began to ask him many questions concerning rowing—about its good and bad points. Well, he thought for a while, and then he brought out his wallet, opened it up and handed to me a ragged and torn scrap of paper. It was a newspaper cutting.

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"I think that's better than anything I can tell you," he said.

I unfolded the cutting, which read:

"Rowing is a curious sport," says Archbishop Owen, Primate and Archbishop of New Zealand, who rowed for Oxford in 1946.

"You have to be prepared to drive yourself to the last limit of endurance, and when you have reached that limit not to stop, but to go on.

"The odd thing is that you can go on.

"Seven other men are depending on you and that settles it. In most other sports you can get a breather; you can't get a breather in rowing until the race is finished.

"You must be prepared to row yourself out in the first two minutes and then just trust to your leg muscles and a bit of determination to take you to the end of the course.

"But where does the pleasure come in?

"To row in a good crew when everyone is doing his share of work and always trying to do a little more than his share is one of the most joy-producing experiences in sport.

"There is nothing quite like the feel of the boat moving under you, driven by eight men working perfectly together, each man trusting the others."

That started me. The following Saturday I went out to the boatshed at Abbotsford (that's right, training started then) and talked to the coaches, the rowers and other people connected with the sport.

I spoke to Mr. Alan Callaway, former High oarsman, now the successful coach of our Third and Fourth Fours.

"Rowing builds character as well as muscle," he said. "To the average sport-minded individual it represents a challenge—a challenge to one's skill, for it requires a higher degree of co-ordination than any other sport."

In the last two or three months I have learnt the truth of these words, for in rowing, the whole body, and each and every muscle, works in driving a blade deep and fast through the water. As the legs drive, so must the body lift and the arms draw. These three movements, co-ordinated, are designed to have the maximum power coming off the end of the blade.

Also, until I went out to row I did not realise just how much work (from both rowers and coaches) and cost there is in carrying on rowing at Sydney High School. I am now enjoying rowing as a sport, and even in the short while I have been connected with it I have found in rowing something that has been lacking in other sports.

Maybe it's spirit; maybe it's co-operation; I don't know, but it's there.

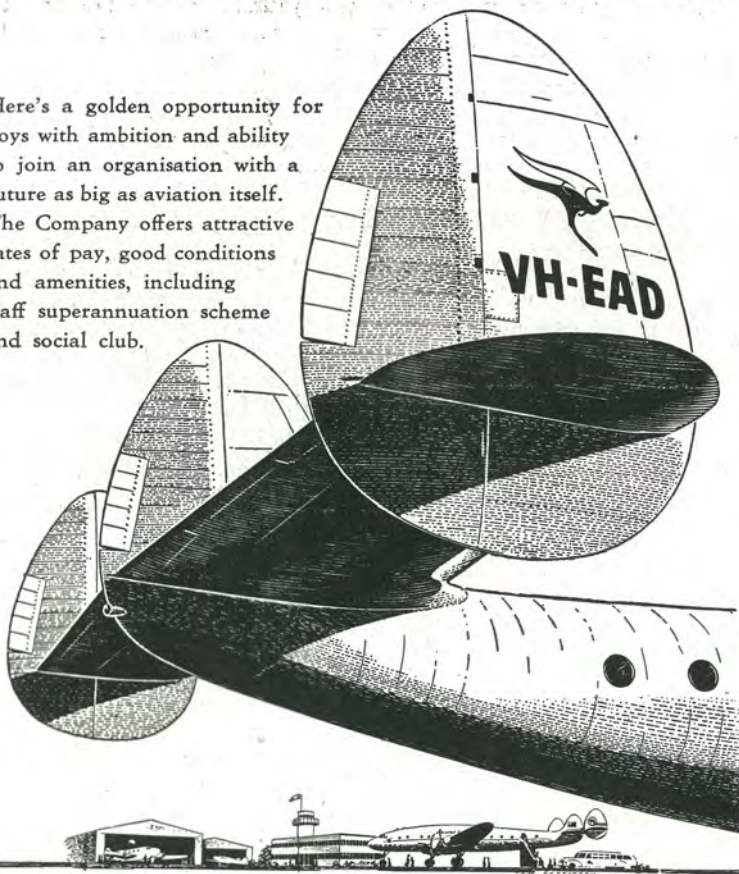
Everyone who passes through the School has the opportunity of rowing for High. If you are of about average weight, fairly tall and really keen about it, be in it. You're missing something.

D.

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SWIMMING

Results of the S.H.S. Carnival

Senior Championships:

880 Yards: 1, D. Mills; 2, K. Quinton (12 mins. 29 secs.),
440 Yards: 1, C. Smee; 2, T. O'Neill (6 mins. 6 secs.).
220 Yards: 1, C. Smee; 2, T. O'Neill (2 mins. 44 secs.).
100 Yards: 1, C. Smee; 2, I. Butchart (62.7 secs.).
50 Yards: 1, C. Smee; 2, I. Butchart (26.6 secs.).
100 Yards Breaststroke: 1, C. Smee; 2, B. Duncan (77.8 secs.).
50 Yards Backstroke: 1, C. Smee; 2, A. Cohen (34.2 secs.).
Dive: 1, B. Duncan; 2, A. Cohen.
Senior Cup: 1, C. Smee; 2, T. O'Neill.
Claude Tressider Shield: C. Smee.



SWIMMING RELAY TEAMS.

Standing: B. PARSONS, D. HEALEY, R. HARDY, W. EGAN (Under 15 C.H.S. Winners).

Sitting: B. SEENEY, C. SMEE, MR. K. MENZIES (Master-in-Charge), I. BUTCHART, D. MILLS (Senior C.H.S. Winners—Record Time).

Under 16 Championships:

440 Yards: 1, D. Mills; 2, K. Quinton (5 mins. 46.2 secs.).
220 Yards: 1, D. Mills; 2, K. Quinton (2 mins. 38.4 secs.).
100 Yards: 1, D. Mills; 2, K. Quinton (62.3 secs.).
50 Yards: 1, D. Mills; 2, K. Quinton (26.8 secs.).
50 Yards Breaststroke: 1, P. Johnson; 2, J. Woodcock (36.1 secs.).
50 Yards Backstroke: 1, L. Beeby; 2, D. Mills (38.5 secs.).
Dive: 1, J. Havilah; 2, M. Powditch.
Under 16 Cup: 1, D. Mills; 2, K. Quinton.

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Under 15 Championships:

440 Yards: 1, D. Healey, B. Parsons, dead-heat (6 mins. 10 secs.).
220 Yards: 1, B. Parsons; 2, D. Healey (2 mins. 44 secs.).
100 Yards: 1, B. Parsons; 2, D. Healey (63.5 secs.).
50 Yards: 1, B. Parsons; 2, D. Healey (28.6 secs.).
50 Yards Breaststroke: 1, B. Parsons; 2, G. Corry (38.1 secs.).
50 Yards Backstroke: 1, B. Parsons; 2, R. Hardy (36 secs.).
Under 15 Cup: 1, B. Parsons; 2, D. Healey.

Under 14 Championships:

220 Yards: 1, A. Cunningham; 2, R. Clulow (3 mins. 27 secs.).
100 Yards: 1, R. Carruthers; 2, J. Reid (75.4 secs.).
50 Yards: 1, J. Reid; 2, A. Cunningham (33.4 secs.).
50 Yards Breaststroke: 1, P. Crittle; 2, N. Murphy (45.2 secs.).
50 Yards Backstroke: 1, R. Carruthers; 2, A. Cunningham (39 secs.).
Dive: 1, N. Widerberg; 2, P. Hayes.
Under 14 Cup: 1, R. Carruthers, A. Cunningham (aeq.).

Under 13 Championships:

100 Yards: 1, N. Walsh; 2, H. Langford (82.6 secs.).
50 Yards: 1, H. Langford; 2, G. Birrell (35.1 secs.).
50 Yards Breaststroke: 1, H. Langford; 2, P. Hayes (48.1 secs.).
50 Yards Backstroke: 1, P. Hayes; 2, F. Pender (42.1 secs.).
Under 13 Cup: 1, H. Langford; 2, P. Hayes.
Class Point Score: 40.

Results of the C.H.S. Carnival

Senior Point Score: S.H.S., 3.

Senior Championships:

55 Yards: C. Smee, 3.
110 Yards: C. Smee, 3.
55 Yards Backstroke: C. Smee, 2.
220 Yards Relay: S.H.S. (C. Smee, A. Cohen, I. Butchart, D. Mills), 1
(1 min. 58.7 secs.—Record).

Under 16 Championships:

55 Yards: D. Mills, 2.
220 Yards: D. Mills, 3.

Under 15 Championships:

110 Yards: B. Parsons, 3.
220 Yards: B. Parsons, 2.
55 Yards Breaststroke: B. Parsons, 3.
220 Yards Relay: S.H.S. (B. Parsons, D. Healey, R. Hardy, W. Egan), 1.

Under 14 Championships:

55 Yards Breaststroke: R. Clulow, 3.

LIFE SAVING

Life saving classes had a very successful season, with the result that the School won one of the Progress Pennants of the Royal Life Saving Society. A new process of early training is being applied by means of which much of the monotonous routine usually associated with the land drill is being eliminated. The result has been more interest and better balanced squads.

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Instructors G. Lyons, R. Owers and P. Tilley, all of whom also passed the Award of Merit Examination, did a fine job of work with their squads. It is boys like these who make it possible to run such big classes, and to them the School expresses its thanks.

The most outstanding achievement of the season was that of B. Havilah, who scored remarkably well in the Award of Merit (96%) and Bronze Cross Bar (97%) Examinations.

In a total of 214 awards gained during the season, 44 pupils gained the Bronze Medallion, 33 the Intermediate Star, 36 the Intermediate Certificate, 8 the Unigrip Certificate, 33 the Elementary Certificate, and 40 the Resuscitation Certificate. The following gained higher awards:—

Instructor's Certificate: G. Lyons, R. Owers, P. Tilley.

Award of Merit: M. Cherney, H. Duncan, B. Havilah, G. Lyons, T. O'Neill, R. Owers, G. Pegler, K. Quinton, P. Tilley.

Bronze Cross Bar: M. Cherney, L. Beeby, J. Goddard, G. Pegler, B. Havilah.

Bronze Cross: R. Carrall, P. Johnson, R. Letts.

Non-swimmers

Mr. Edmonds again spent many hours of time and patience with the non-swimmers. His fine record of success was maintained in that of the thirty lads who joined his class in February twenty-six could swim twenty yards or more by April, when the season closed.

C. B.

ATHLETICS

Results of S.H.S. Carnival

Senior Championships:

100 Yards: B. Allsop (10.9 secs.), 1; P. Vig, 2; R. Harman, 3.

220 Yards: R. Harman (24.8 secs.), 1; W. McEwan, 2; B. Allsop, 3.

440 Yards: I. Butchart (55.0 secs.), 1; W. McEwan, 2; R. Harman, 3.

880 Yards: A. Hill (2 mins. 17.6 secs.), 1; C. Hearne, 2; W. McEwan, 3.

Mile: I. Butchart (4 mins. 50 secs.), 1; D. Denny, 2; A. Denham, 3.

120 Yards Hurdles: J. Eckert (18.1 secs.), 1; B. Duncan, 2; J. Thomas, 3.

Hop, Step and Jump: J. Eckert (41 ft. 4½ ins.), 1; W. McEwan, 2; R. Jenkin, 3.

High Jump: J. Eckert (5 ft. 5½ ins.), 1; B. Duncan, 2; W. McEwan, 3.

Broad Jump: P. Vig (20 ft. 3 ins.), 1; R. Harman, 2; J. Eckert, 3.

Shot Put: R. Jones (35 ft. 6½ ins.), 1; P. Vig, 2; M. Stuart, 3.

SENIOR POINT SCORE CHAMPIONSHIP: J. Eckert.

Junior Championships:

100 Yards: C. Chamberlain (10.7 secs.), 1; J. Browne, 2; E. Sheedy, 3.

220 Yards: C. Chamberlain (24 secs.), 1; L. Rosenthal, 2; E. Sheedy, 3.

440 Yards: C. Chamberlain (54.2 secs.), 1; D. Denny, 2; L. Rosenthal, 3.

880 Yards: D. Denny (2 mins. 21 secs.), 1; L. Rosenthal, 2; P. Bland, 3.

90 Yards Hurdles: C. Chamberlain (13.8 secs.), 1; S. Hall, 2; D. Denny, 3.

High Jump: I. Smith (4 ft. 8 ins.), 1; A. Wall, 2; D. Denny, 3.

Broad Jump: R. Hardy (19 ft. 1 ins.), 1; C. Chamberlain, 2; D. Denny, 3.

Hop, Step and Jump: A. Wall (40 ft. 0½ ins.), 1; D. Denny, 2; R. Hardy, 3.

Shot Put: M. Stuart (41 ft. 8 ins.), 1; W. Egan, 2; D. Denny, 3.

JUNIOR POINT SCORE CHAMPIONSHIP: C. Chamberlain.

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Under 15 Championships:

100 Yards: R. Casey (11.4 secs.), 1; G. Coulson, 2; J. Hodes, 3.
 220 Yards: R. Casey (25.4 secs.), 1; J. Hodes, 2; D. Greig, 3.
 90 Yards Hurdles: G. Coulson (15.7 secs.), 1; G. Wicks, 2.
 High Jump: G. Cram (4 ft. 11 ins.), 1; J. Wicks, 2; D. Gregor, 3.
 Broad Jump: G. Cram (17 ft. 6½ ins.), 1; G. Coulson, 2; J. Hodes, 3.
 Shot Put: G. Coulson (40 ft. 9 ins.), 1; G. Cram, 2; I. Hanscombe, 3.

UNDER 15 POINT SCORE CHAMPIONSHIP: G. Coulson.



SENIOR ATHLETICS TEAM.

Back Row: N. JONES, G. PAULINE, W. McEWAN, A. DENHAM, R. HARMAN.
 Front Row: A. HILL, I. BUTCHART, MR. H. EDMONDS (Master-in-Charge),
 J. ECKERT, MR. S. PFITZNER (Master-in-Charge), B. DUNCAN, B. ALLSOP.

Juvenile Championships:

100 Yards: J. Reid (11.9 secs.), 1; A. Ré, 2; P. Cruikshank, 3.
 220 Yards: J. Reid (27.5 secs.), 1; A. Ré, 2; P. Bartlett, 3.
 60 Yards Hurdles: J. Reid (9.5 secs.), 1; P. Bartlett, 2; B. Barker, 3.
 High Jump: B. Day (4 ft. 8 ins.), 1; C. Bridge, 2; J. Hardy, 3.
 Broad Jump: J. Reid (15 ft. 4½ ins.), 1; Roberts, 2; Wilson, 3.
 Shot Put: G. Stone (41 ft. 7½ ins.), 1; B. Barker, 2; P. Bartlett, 3.

JUVENILE POINT SCORE CHAMPIONSHIP: J. Reid.

Under 13 Championships:

100 Yards: P. Kelly (13.0 secs.), 1; N. Thompson, 2; R. May, 3.
 220 Yards: P. Kelly (29.9 secs.), 1; N. Thompson, 2; B. Rushall, 3.
 60 Yards Hurdles: B. Rushall (10.5 secs.), 1; R. May, 2; N. Thompson, 3.
 High Jump: R. Cornwell (4ft. 5 ins.), 1; B. Rushall, 2; J. Warnock, 3.
 Broad Jump: B. Rushall (15 ft. 4 ins.), 1; R. May, 2; N. Thompson, 3.

UNDER 13 POINT SCORE CHAMPIONSHIP: B. Rushall.

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Results of C.H.S. Carnival

Senior Championships:

100 Yards: Div. 1—B. Allsop, 2. Time: 10.5 secs.

Mile: Div. 1—I. Butchart, 3. Time: 4 mins. 30 secs. (C.H.S. Record).

High Jump: J. Eckert, 1. Height: 5 ft. 8 ins.

Relay: S.H.S. (R. Harman, W. McEwan, G. Pauline, B. Allsop), 1. Time: 45.7 secs.

SENIOR POINT SCORE: Newcastle High, 1; Canterbury High, 2; S.H.S., 3.



JUNIOR ATHLETICS TEAM—C.H.S. PREMIERS.

Back Row: G. MELMAN, R. CASEY, J. HODES, L. ROSENTHAL.

Second Row: R. HARDY, G. COULSON, G. WICKS, G. CRAM, E. SHEEDY, S. HALL.

Front Row: D. DENNY, H. G. SMITH, MR. H. EDMONDS, C. CHAMBERLAIN, MR. S. PFITZNER, M. STUART, A. WALL.

Under 16 Championships:

110 Yards: Div. 1—C. Chamberlain, 1. Time: 10.6 secs.

220 Yards: C. Chamberlain, 1. Time: 23.7 secs.

880 Yards: D. Denny, 2. Time: 2 mins. 8.6 secs. (C.H.S. Record).

High Jump: H. G. Smith, 2. Height: 5 ft. 6 ins.

Shot Put: M. Stuart, 4. Distance: 50 ft. 7 ins.

Under 15 Championships:

100 Yards: Div. 1—R. Casey, 3. Time: 11.2 secs.

220 Yards: R. Casey, 3. Time: 24.4 secs.

Shot Put: G. Coulson, 1. Distance: 41 ft. 4½ ins.

Relay: S.H.S. (J. Hodes, G. Melman, G. Coulson, R. Casey), 1. Time: 49.6 secs.

JUNIOR POINT SCORE: S.H.S., 1.

Under 14 Championships:

100 Yards: Div. 1—J. Reid, 5. Time: 11.8 secs. Div. 2—P. Bartlett, 1. Time: 12.4 secs.

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220 Yards: J. Reid, 5. Time: 26.2 secs.

60 Yards Hurdles: J. Reid, 1 (New Event). Time: 9.1 secs.

Shot Put: G. Stone, 5. Distance: 43 ft. 7½ ins.

Relay: S.H.S. (A. Ré, P. Bartlett, W. Wynberg, J. Reid), 1. Time: 51.8 secs.

Under 13 Championships:

100 Yards: Div. 1—P. Kelly, 4. Time: 12.4 secs. Div. 2—N. Thompson, 4. Time: 12.6 secs.

High Jump: R. Cornwell, 1. Height: 4 ft. 6 ins.

Broad Jump: B. Rushall, 2. Distance: 17 ft. 0½ ins. (S.H.S. Record—16 ft. 0½ ins.)



JUVENILE ATHLETICS TEAM—C.H.S. PREMIERS.

Back Row: G. STONE, P. BARTLETT, B. RUSHALL, W. WYNBERG, A. RE,
R. MAY.

Front Row: B. DAY, R. CORNWELL, MR. H. EDMONDS, J. REID,
MR. S. PFITZNER, P. KELLY, N. THOMPSON.

60 Yards Hurdles: B. Rushall, 2. Time: 9.6 secs.

Relay: (N. Thompson, B. Rushall, R. May, P. Kelly), 1. Time: 54.8 secs.

JUVENILE POINT SCORE: S.H.S., 1.

Aggregate Point Score: S.H.S., 1; Newcastle High, 2.

G.P.S. Carnival

Senior:

High Jump: J. Eckert, 1. Height: 5 ft. 9 ins.

Under 17:

100 Yards: P. Vig, 3. Time: 10.3 secs.

880 Yards: A. Hill, 4. Time not taken.

SENIOR POINT SCORE: Scots College, 1; S.H.S., 8.

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Under 16:

- 100 Yards: Div. 1—C. Chamberlain, 1. Time: 10.5 secs.
220 Yards: C. Chamberlain, 1. Time: 23.6 secs.
880 Yards: Div. 1—D. Denny, 3. Time: 2 mins. 9.8 secs. Div. 2—L. Rosenthal, 3. Time: 2 mins. 12.8 secs.
High Jump: H. Smith, 2. Height: 5 ft. 5 ins.
Broad Jump: R. Hardy, 5. Distance: 20 ft. 6½ ins.
Shot Put: M. Stuart, 2. Distance: 46 ft. 7 ins.
440 Yards Relay: S.H.S. (C. Chamberlain, L. Rosenthal, E. Sheedy, S. Hall), 2. Time: 45.9 secs. (Equals Record.)

Under 15:

- 100 Yards: Div. 1—R. Casey, 2. Time: 10.9 secs.
220 Yards: R. Casey, 3. Time: 24.3 secs.
High Jump: G. Wicks, 5. Height: 5 ft. 3 ins.
Broad Jump: G. Coulson, 2. Distance: 19 ft. 5 ins.

Under 14:

- 100 Yards: Div. 1—J. Reid, 3. Time: 11.0 secs. Div. 2—P. Bartlett, 3. Time: 11.4 secs.
220 Yards: J. Reid, 4. Time: 24.9 secs.
High Jump: B. Day, 4 (aeq.). Height: 5 ft. 3 ins. (Record.)
440 Yards Relay: S.H.S. (P. Bartlett, W. Wynberg, R. Cruickshank, J. Reid), 2. Time: 49.5 secs. (Record.)

Under 13:

- 100 Yards: Div. 1—P. Kelly, 1. Time: 12.0 secs. Div. 2—R. May, 1. Time: 12.1 secs.
440 Yards Relay: S.H.S. (N. Thompson, R. Cornwell, R. May, P. Kelly), 1. Time: 53.6 secs. (S.H.S. Record.)
JUNIOR POINT SCORE: Scots College, 1; S.H.S., 2.

The athletes, having enjoyed a successful season in the C.H.S. athletics events and a comparatively successful one in the G.P.S. events, would like to thank Mr. Edmonds and Mr. Pfitzner, who gave valuable coaching throughout the season, and Mr. Bassar, who polished up the relay teams and thus aided their success. Especially, too, would they like to thank Mr. J. Argue, who gave up so much of his time in laying the foundations of the relay teams.

HIGH AT HELSINKI

During this year the Olympic Games were again held, this time at Helsinki in Finland. And once again the nations of the world, in all pomp and splendour, gathered at the sporting arena, at the cycling track, and at the swimming pool to compete in the greatest sports carnival the world has ever seen.

Furthermore, the nations, forgetting their petty disputes and old grievances, met in a most friendly and sporting manner. Rather ironical, isn't it, when these same nations are at present engaged in conflict, causing men to fight, to suffer and to die in the treacherous terrains of Korea?

But to the point. In the Australian team there were five former Sydney High School students, viz., Mervyn Wood, Edward Pain, David Anderson, Nimrod Greenwood, and Raymond Smee.



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Wood competed in the Single Sculls; Pain, Greenwood and Anderson were members of the Australian Eight; Smee being a member of the Water-polo team.

Whilst at school, Wood was twice a member of the High Eight (1934 and 1935), and less than a year after he had left S.H.S. he represented Australia at the Berlin Olympic Games in 1936 as a member of the Australian Eight. After this Wood took up sculling and in 1948, having already won the Henley Diamond Sculls, he gained a gold medal in his event at the London Olympics. Again this year Merv. won at Henley and, although troubled by an injured arm, rowed into second place in his event at Helsinki. Rowing critics throughout the world agree that he is possibly the greatest sculler the world has seen.

A member of the School's Eight in 1945 and 1946, Greenwood also distinguished himself at this School. He represented in swimming and athletics from 1942 to 1946, and played in the First XV in 1945 and 1946, as well as being a prefect of the School.

Pain starred in football, swimming and lifesaving at S.H.S., being also stroke of the 1943 Eight and Captain of Boats.

High's third representative in the Australian Eight was David Anderson, a young Teachers' College student, who was at High only four years ago. A member of the victorious 1948 Eight, Anderson made a spectacular entry into international sport. Only days before the crew left Sydney for the Games he was included in the Eight, originally being chosen to compete in the pair-oar event. The Eight finished a very creditable third to U.S.A. and Russia in the final of their event.

The fact that, of the Eight, three were former High oarsmen is a great tribute to Frank Nichols, High's coach, who gave these young men their initial training in rowing.

It was his rowing spirit, specialised coaching and friendly advice which started these three on the road to fame in their chosen sport.

The fifth member of the Australian team was Ray Smee, whose brother, Colin, is at present at the School and who shows all the promise and ability of his brother. Ray represented S.H.S. in athletics and swimming. Also, he played in the First XV in 1946 and 1947. In Ray's time at the School there was no water-polo team. At the Games, Smee's water-polo team was beaten, but by no means disgraced. It is interesting to note that after the Olympics two water-polo teams were chosen (The World and The Rest) from all the players at Helsinki. Only one Australian was chosen—Ray Smee.

Incidentally, another High boy was at the Games, not as a competitor, but as an observer. He is Warwick Mahony (stroke of the School's successful 1948 Eight), who is at present touring England and the Continent.

And so another Olympic Games has passed and the School, through the "Record," would like to congratulate those five fine young men, for they, in representing their country at the Olympic Games, have reached the goal for which so many strive, but which so few attain. By their friendly demeanour and fine sportsmanship

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they have brought untold honour and prestige to their country and to Sydney High School, and in doing so they have upheld the finest traditions of the School.

J. D.

TENNIS

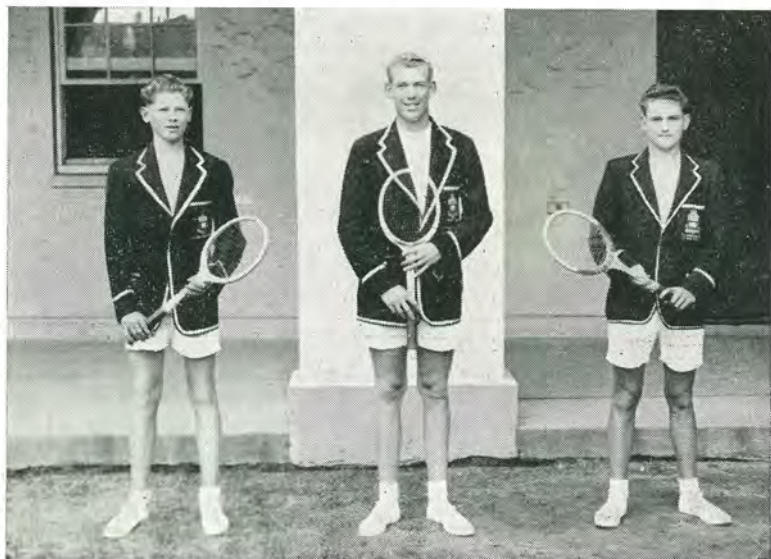
This year Sydney High had the best year in tennis since Viv. McGrath was a student at the School. The Fourth Grade Team were undefeated premiers, the Second and Third Grade Teams were both runners-up, while the First Grade Team finished in fifth position. The teams were:—

1st Grade: W. McEwan (Capt.), R. Brown, M. Callaghan, E. Prince.

2nd Grade: F. Hendry (Capt.), N. Jones, J. Claridge, T. Meakin.

3rd Grade: A. Polyblank (Capt.), W. Hunter, A. Cowdroy, R. Bailey.

4th Grade: R. Warren (Capt.), W. Stamper, N. Thompson, W. Firkin, D. O'Neill.



FIRST GRADE TENNIS.

M. CALLAGHAN, W. McEWAN, R. BROWN.

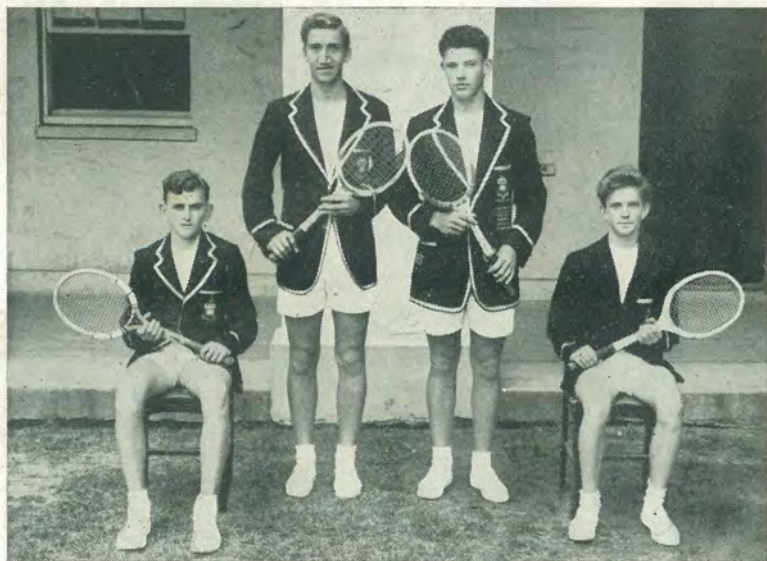
Absent: E. PRINCE.

The First Grade Team was very unlucky throughout the season. The team lost to Fort Street by one game and to Randwick High by four games. In each case both teams won four sets, and it was not until the final set was concluded that the result turned against us. Both Canterbury High and Homebush High were too strong and ran out the winners by six sets to two. The team wishes to congratulate the Homebush team on gaining the First Grade Premiership and the title of Champion School. The standard was

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unusually high this year and, although finishing fifth, our team was by no means disgraced. Each match was played in the true spirit of sportsmanship, and the season was one which will be remembered with pleasure by all who shared in the games.

The Second Grade Team filled second position in their competition, having lost to the strong Canterbury team, which was undefeated. Our team this year was particularly strong, much stronger than in previous years, and its high placing was very gratifying. The two pairs, Hendry-Jones and Meakin-Claridge, combined well and presented a solid front as a team. The competition in each match was keen, and the sportsmanship displayed throughout made the matches most enjoyable. Against Canterbury our team fought magnificently and eventually were beaten by two games after the schools had won four sets each.



SECOND GRADE TENNIS — RUNNERS-UP.
T. MEAKIN, F. HENDRY, N. JONES, J. CLARIDGE.

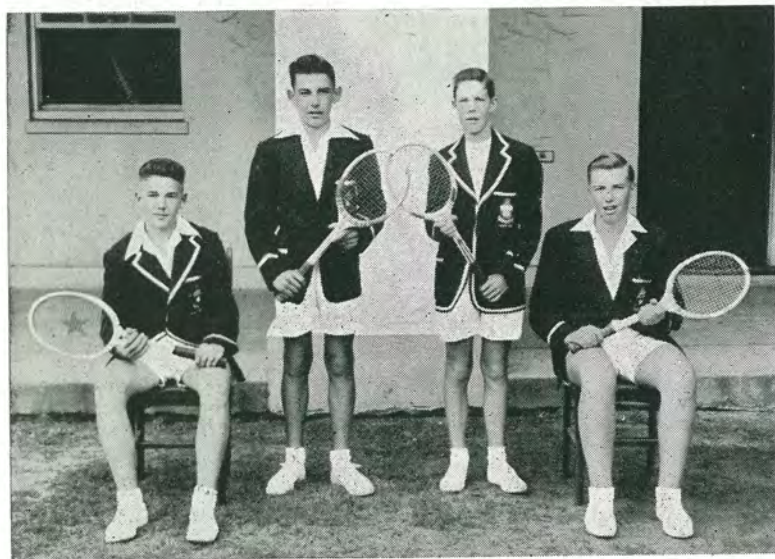
Third Grade played well and finished second in their competition, losing one match only, to Homebush High. This match was extremely close from beginning to end, but Homebush just managed to win by a game. The team performed well, as there were several strong teams opposing them, and to fill second place was a very good effort by the boys concerned. Polyblank-Hunter and Bailey-Cowdroy proved two strong combinations and proved their superiority during the season beyond doubt.

Fourth Grade performed magnificently to win their competition without losing a match. Against North Sydney High they won by two games. After losing four sets in which they scored only four

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THIRD GRADE TENNIS — RUNNERS-UP.
W. HUNTER, A. COWDROY, R. BAILEY, A. POLYBLANK.



FOURTH GRADE TENNIS — PREMIERS.
D. O'NEILL, W. FIRKIN, N. THOMPSON, R. WARREN.

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games, they won the four remaining sets with the loss of only two games. After the second match Stamper went down with pneumonia and virus 'flu and Firkin ably took his place. The youngsters were exalted with their win, and the School heartily extends to them its congratulations.

During the season McEwan and Brown were requested to try out for the Combined Tennis Team, and McEwan was again selected.

Any such article as this must make some reference to Mr. Hamnett, the Master-in-Charge, who, by his adoption of a definite policy in regard to tennis in the School, has been one of the main factors in raising the standard of play.

The summer season, starting in October, will be confined to the 32 top players on the School ladder. Challenges for places on the ladder may be played on Monday and Thursday afternoons after school, on Wednesday afternoons after normal sport.

W. McEWAN.

SCORES

	First Grade.	Second Grade.	Third Grade.	Fourth Grade.
S.H.S. v.—				
Hurlstone Agricultural High	*	*	*	*
Sydney Technical High ..	Won 8-0	Won 8-0	Won 6-2	Won 8-0
North Sydney High	Won 6-2	Won 6-2	Won 8-0	Won 4-28, 4-26
Canterbury High	Lost 2-6	Lost 4-36, 4-38	Won 5-3	Won 5-3
Fort Street	Lost 4-35, 4-36	Won 7-1	Won 8-0	Won 8-0
Randwick High	Lost 4-34, 4-38	Won 5-3	Won 5-3	Won 5-3
Homebush High	Lost 2-6	Won 7-1	Lost 4-37, 4-38	Won 6-2
North Sydney Tech. High	Won 5-3	Won 6-2	Won 7-1	Won 8-0
Manly High	Won 8-0	Won 7-1	Won 8-0	Won 7-1

* Rain washed out play.

C.H.S. Tennis Competition

POINT SCORE

The following table sets out the points scored by the various teams in the C.H.S. Competition. Aggregate points are arrived at by multiplying First Grade points by 6, Second Grade by 4, Third Grade by 2, and Fourth Grade by 3. (Fourth Grade scores more heavily than Third Grade because it is a restricted grade, its players

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being under 14 years of age.) On this basis Homebush gained the title of Champion School, and were closely followed by Canterbury, with S.H.S. in third place:—

SCHOOL.	First Grade.	Second Grade.	Third Grade.	Fourth Grade.	Total Points.
S.H.S.	11	17	17	19	225
Homebush H.S.	20	16	18	14	254
Canterbury H.S.	15	19	15	17	247
Fort Street	14	9	10	4	152
Hurlstone A.H.S.	3	10	7	9	99
Sydney Technical H.S.	11	5	5	9	123
Randwick H.S.	15	15	15	11	213
North Sydney H.S.	9	10	9	17	163
North Sydney Technical H.S.	6	4	12	4	88
Manly H.S.	6	7	2	6	86

The following table shows the successful teams in each grade of the competition:—

Grade.	Winners.	Runners-up.
1	Homebush H.S.	Randwick H.S. and Canterbury H.S.
2	Canterbury H.S.	S.H.S.
3	Homebush H.S.	S.H.S.
4	S.H.S.	Canterbury H.S. and Nth. Sydney H.S.

LITERARY

JOURNEY'S END

February 6th, 1952, dawned bright but chilly at Sandringham, very similar, in fact, to the previous day. As the first ploughmen and other labourers made their way to their fields this cold winter's morning they realised that something was amiss at the residence of their beloved squire. They had been accustomed during the last few weeks to hear Pipe-Major Alexander MacDonald playing on the terrace during breakfast, and this was the first morning that they had not been greeted with a vigorous skirl as they got ready for work.

Villagers gathered in little groups, commenting on this omission, casting occasional glances up at the grey pile of Sandringham, where they could see the Royal Standard hanging limp at the masthead in the morning mist, as though unwilling to unfurl itself. Some even made so bold as to go up to the gates of the estate to see if they could gain any information, but it was not till 10.45 a.m. that an official announcement was made. People at first were unwilling to believe. They stood in silence, thunderstruck by the stark black letters of the news-stands. Then suddenly this paralysis was broken—telephone exchanges all over the world were jammed with callers seeking confirmation; people rushed to buy newspapers and openly wept; all radio programmes were cancelled; the great bell of St. Paul's in London tolled for two hours. This finally made thousands of Britons certain that what they feared was true, for every Londoner knows that this bell is only tolled at the passing of a reigning sovereign or at that of the Lord Mayor of London.

Thudding guns hammered out the knell of King George the Sixth. They were part of the rich ritual of a monarch's death. But the real requiem for this most human of kings came in tears from the hearts of his people. Tears stood in the eyes of many not easily moved. In fact, people mourned him as a personal loss. Just what sort of person was this King who had endeared himself so much to the people?

As a boy, he was shy and delicate in health. He suffered from a serious hesitation in speech, a kind of stutter, which made public functions an ordeal for him. His shyness was brought on by this fact, and so school was a fear for him. The class knew that they could always get a laugh out of Windsor, because when asked a question, even though he might know the answer, he could not mouth it and was thus reduced to a state of humiliation. But, as in other things, he showed great fortitude, and by the time he had been married a few years he was able to carry on a normal conversation.

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Perhaps we can gain no better information as to the late King's character than go to Churchill's speech, which he made at the King's death:—

"He was respected as a man and prince far beyond many of the realms over which he reigned. The simple dignity of his life, his manly virtues and sense of duty—alike as ruler and servant of vast spheres and communities for which he bore responsibility—his gay charm, happy nature, his example as husband and father, his courage in peace or war—all these were aspects of his character which won a glint of admiration from innumerable eyes whose gaze falls upon the throne."

The Second World War and the acute economic stresses that followed it made serious inroads on the King's health. Although urged to go abroad in the dark days after the tragic fall of France, he did not shirk his duty, and when the blitz came he and the Queen continued to live at Buckingham Palace, in the very midst of the bombing. Such was his attitude all through his reign. Duty came first. At last came the time to obey another call, this time one in which he could exercise no choice. He knew that his appointed time was near. Churchill pictured this period vividly:—

"During these last months the King walked with death as if death were a companion—an acquaintance whom he recognised and did not fear. In the end death came as a friend, and after a happy day of sunshine and sport, after a 'Good-night' to those who loved him best, he fell asleep as every man or woman who strives to fear God and nothing else may hope to do."

S. HALL (4c).

ADVENTURE IN NEW HOLLAND

Early in February this year we were visited by a Dutch family who had just arrived in Australia. There were two boys, Jan (John) and Roulef (Ralph), who had been learning English from a friend of my mother's in Eindhoven, where they had lived. The day they came we had some carpenters in our home putting in a new floor, and much of our furniture was on the front verandah. We had a difficult time explaining this situation to the boys, who knew very little English at the time, and probably assumed that this was the normal distribution of furniture in an Australian home.

After this the boys came every day and we all tried to teach them to read and pronounce English. My younger sister (aged

seven) was the most insistent. She made them give full recognition to full-stops, count four and lower the voice when they came to one, as well as teaching them to write capital letters in the way she had been taught at the Infants' School.

After three weeks they were ready to start school. By this time they had increased their vocabulary, could go shopping, and knew the names on most of the trams. We were very anxious to know how they got on during their first day at school in Australia, so we invited them to afternoon tea. When they came, however, the talk was not of school but of a swimming carnival! The Intermediate High School which they were attending was holding its swimming carnival the next day and the boys, who had both won championship events in Holland, wanted us to translate the names of all the races. (Since they had been prisoners of war in Java, they had both been taught swimming to help them back to health.) We wrote out lists of the events in which we thought they should compete and arranged for them to put in late entries. Both boys swam so well that they represented their school in the Combined Intermediate High Schools' Carnival, and again both gained places.

Now they know quite a good deal of English and have been introduced to surfing and football and are getting lots of fun out of them.

P. BAILEY (1c).

THE BOY AND THE FISH

The boy slowly picked his way through the dense undergrowth till he came to a spot where he could hear the gurgling rush of the river as it wended its tortuous way through the countryside. He paused for an instant as he drank in the sound, and a smile slowly spread over his face because he loved and cherished the river. He stood there thinking about it. His name was Jimmy, and he was a tall, spare lad about twelve years old; he had tousled, sandy hair, dreamy blue eyes and a much befreckled face. He wore a tattered blue shirt, battered sandshoes and old faded blue jeans. The jeans were tight-fitting hand-downs, which seemed to accentuate his natural leanness.

The shrill cry of the Whip-poor-will pierced the still air and brought Jimmy back to reality. He continued on his way to the river and soon reached its banks. Jimmy had always regarded the river as his friend and used to sit for hours whiling away the time on its banks. He loved to watch it. It seemed to him to be so powerful, so majestic, like a great king. Yet it was carefree and merry and Jimmy was always happy when he was near it. He sauntered downstream, revelling in nature, and the whole forest seemed to be happy with life, which made Jimmy happy, so happy that he did not notice how far he had gone and soon found himself on the banks of a pool. It was a shady, leafy stretch of water where part of the river seemed to disengage itself from the main stream and filter under the overhanging branches to form a large,

quiet backwater. Jimmy clambered on to a big limb that reached out right over the water and sat gazing wistfully into the pool. It was then that he saw the pike! No more than four feet down, sunning himself in the path of one of the rays of light that filtered down through the dark canopy, lay the biggest pike Jimmy had ever seen. The pike was round and fat, with a huge head and lifeless eyes. He was an old pike, who had come into the pool to spend his last years in peace. After watching his find with curiosity till it was dark, Jimmy began his way homewards, his eager mind filled with one desire—to land the pike. He knew his little rod wouldn't hold such a fish. That meant he would have to wait till next fall for the man's rod his Dad had promised him.

Every day he went to the pool and sat on the overhanging branch and studied the pike. Soon he knew every scale on that silvery back and every feature of that horny head. In time he could even tell the mood of the fish, knowing that when he was happy he would laze around the pool and when he was vexed he would swim around it in wide circles. Jimmy began to bring scraps of food from home and to feed them to the pike, who became quite tame and seemed to look forward to Jimmy's visits. Jimmy knew that if the pike became used to his food he would stand a better chance of landing him next fall. Every day till the fall the pike filled his mind more and more, until it became almost an obsession with him. It became the central idea of his existence and his life became one of unfulfilment.

At last the fall came! One night Jimmy's father brought home the rod and Jimmy felt his pulse quicken and his heart beat faster at the sight of the stout, workmanlike length of cane. He could hardly sleep that night, he was so excited, and tossed and turned in his bed all night. He woke early in the morning, collected his pole and bait and made for the pool. "Yes," he thought to himself, "I've waited a long time, but it should be worth it." He reached the pool and began preparing his tackle and reel for the battle. He knew his chances were good. His pole was very stout, his line very heavy, his hook was huge, and, above all, he had the confidence of the unsuspecting pike. Once he hooked the gullible pike, one backward heave and he would have him gasping on the bank. Jimmy pressed the cold, sharp barb firmly into the cube of cheese that he had included in his bait. He knew that the pike had a partiality for cheese and should bite at it readily. At last Jimmy was ready and he stood, pole in hand, on the bank of the pool. "How good he'll look when I show him to Mum and Dad! Why, he'll be the biggest fish that's ever been caught in these parts, and I'll be the one who caught him," mused Jimmy. He knew that when he took the pike home it would be his moment of crowning glory and, as he did not receive many chances to shine as the youngest of a large family, he was determined not to miss this one.

Then some unknown impulse prompted him to take one last look at the pike for old time's sake and, laying his rod against

a mossy ridge, Jimmy clambered out over the water to take up his position on the overhanging bough. Yes! The old pike was still there sunning himself in the ray of light and in the identical position where he had been on the day Jimmy had first seen him. Suddenly it struck Jimmy for the first time that when he caught the pike those pleasurable, idyllic days spent in his company would come to an end. The realisation came that through his constant visits to the pool and his feeding of the pike, deep down in his heart he had developed an undeniable fondness for him. Soon Jimmy was torn between conflicting emotions. He sat there for about five minutes, his mind locked in mental conflict. Then he arrived at his decision and climbed back along the bough. He jumped to the ground and stood at the water's edge. He turned and took up his rod.

The cheese sank slowly, tumbling almost to the bottom of the pool before the pike, with lazy movements of his tail, sidled up to it, sniffing discerningly. "Go ahead, boy," whispered Jimmy with a smile on his face, "there's no hook." As if Jimmy's words gave him the confidence he needed, the pike snapped up the cheese and glided silently away.

J. PAUL (4b).

PROGRESS

*We marvel at our centuries of progress,
We wonder at our strength and at our power,
We think how mighty is the hand of man
And how it's might grows mightier every hour.*

*Yet sometimes we awake from our repose
And view man's progress with less sleepy eyes,
Like birds who know within a shiny shell
A boneless, ugly slug so often lies.*

*And, having broken off the glistening shell
Of self-esteem that hides humanity,
We view our progress in its nakedness,
Awakened from our idle vanity.*

*We find our so-called progress to be torn
By threat of war, by hate, by death, by strife,
Till peace has now become a distant dream,
A vision far beyond this mortal life.*

*What has become of life's own true content?
Where is the happiness there was of yore?
Why cannot work be prayer as once it was?
Where is the joy of life there was before?*

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*For man has, through the course of evolution,
Denied himself contentment, life and joy,
And in their place has deftly substituted
The will, and now the power, to destroy!*

H. SPERLING (5A).

A MYRIAD OF EYES

Eyes, hundreds and hundreds of eyes, staring and menacing in the half-light. At every turn he met a pair of eyes, large, staring, terrified. His sense suddenly fled from him and he panicked, terror-stricken and lost. He blundered for long minutes, trying to escape from those unmerciful eyes. A light gleamed ahead and he made for it, only to meet an invisible barrier. Again and again he tried; still the haunting eyes followed him, searched him, mocked his vain efforts to escape.

At last he found an exit—how, he couldn't say, but some obstacle gave way and he stumbled out into a paper-strewn, faintly-lit roadway, free of those frightening eyes. Dazed, he turned to examine a small painted sign on the door through which he had evidently been liberated. He couldn't read it. In any case, the words "Mirror Maze" would have meant nothing to the lost little four-year-old who turned disconsolately to the milling crowd searching tearfully for his mother.

A. NICHOLS (4A).

A BUSH FIRE

It was a hot, sultry day. The weather had been dry for weeks, and the Fire Demon was getting angry. Here were beautifully big trees, dry bushes with half-dead leaves, flowers and shrubs just asking for a fire—and the Fire Demon couldn't find a spark. There was silence, a lazy silence, prevailing over all. Suddenly it was rudely shattered by the roaring engine of a train.

"Oh, blow!" thought the Fire Demon. "Another one of these trains, and just when I was about to fall asleep."

He roused himself and regarded the oncoming train with a resigned expression. The train thundered past with the Fire Demon sitting near the line, half asleep.

Suddenly he was aroused and awake in an instant, for he had seen a spark, a tiny spark, and he pounced on it. It was only a little one, from a cigarette butt, and it started to go out. He fanned it gently, gently. It became slightly bigger. He continued fanning, fanning. The spark developed into a flame and the flame into a bush fire!

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Several miles away, on a hill, stood a lone man. Suddenly he noticed a puff of smoke towards the west. Straining his eyes, he perceived a flame shoot into the air. And then he realised! He spun round and started to run as fast as he could, although it was five

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miles to the homestead. After having covered, in a fairly fast time, a distance of nearly two miles, he saw in front of him a stock rider. He called out and the rider turned and galloped to where the man was standing, nearly exhausted.

"It's a bush fire, Bill," the runner gasped out, "about two miles due west; and travellin'." Bill gestured and the first man clambered up behind him and they both galloped towards the homestead. Approaching it, the first man dropped off, leaving Bill to tell the news.

Meanwhile the Fire Demon was enjoying himself tremendously. Riding at the crest of the fire, which was tumbling over bushes and flowers and devouring trees, he was in his seventh heaven. He swept along for miles, leaving behind him black, smouldering ruins of stately trees, shrubs and plants.

"Ha ha!" he cried, when he came to the creek, and with a mighty rush he was over! Laughing merrily, he goaded the fire on and on, destroying mile upon mile of beautiful forest land.

And then they met!

The men and the fire. The men armed with boughs and the fire with the Fire Demon. Then ensued a gigantic battle which lasted for more than three hours. The men were sweating a great deal, but reserved all their energy for the time when the fire would leap their improvised barricade.

The Fire Demon was gradually losing his temper. "Fancy not being able to pass these mortals," he kept thinking. So he put on an extra spurt and the men leaped behind their barricade and fought with renewed vigour. They were not fighting only a bush fire, they were fighting for their wives, their homes, their lives and their belongings. And the Fire Demon knew this and so he, too, fought desperately.

But after three hours he had not gained a foot and his hopes began to fade.

Then came the bitter end.

Down the valley a battered, ancient truck hove into sight with a tank of water on the back. This was the town's "fire-engine." Within a few minutes it pulled up near the men and the four stalwart firemen jumped down and ejected a powerful stream of water at the fire.

The Fire Demon danced round in a rage, jumping up and down and calling the "fire-engine" all the names in the Slang Dictionary.

But soon, after a few minutes, the water petered out, but not before it had done its job. Then the men jumped to it again and within a quarter of an hour the fire was no longer a fire.

The Fire Demon sat angrily on the top of a burnt tree and disconsolately regarded the burnt, blackened ruins for miles behind him.

Some of the men, however, were already asleep with fatigue. But the fire had done its job—it had ruined luscious pastures, grand forests and miles of magnificent bushland.

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The Fire Demon cheered a little when he thought of this, and reminded himself that he was very lucky to have got a spark at all, but—well, he should have made more of it.

A few days later a certain man picked up a paper and, browsing through, noticed a paragraph entitled, "Bush Fire in Northern District."

"Hmm," he casually remarked to a friend, "I was up there about that time, on a train, but I didn't notice anything. I suppose it was only a small fire, caused by some careless person, anyhow."

R. TAYLOR (3A).

WHAT A LOT OF ROT!

*A garden is a funny thing, I wot—
Rose plot, flower pot,
Forget-me-not,
Apricot,
Bronze wilt and black spot,
How polyglot!
Eschalot (shallot),
Carrot,
Ergot
In grass plot,
Ferned grot,
House (hot) with wood-rot;
And yet the veriest fool contends that rot is not.
What?
Not rot?
Not rot in gardens?
No jot?
What rot!*

J. S. and J. H.

THE SHADOW ON HIS HEELS

He had known that something was going to happen—he had known it ever since he had left the war-neurosis ward at the hospital.

Not more than five minutes could have passed before the thought came to him, "I could be killed and robbed as I stand here alone waiting for the 'bus."

No sooner had the little suburban man thought of this than a man in an overcoat with turned-up collar rounded the corner. The little man looked at him, and through his mind flashed the thought that this man might be the murderer so prominently featured in the papers. He looked harmless enough, standing waiting for the 'bus, but was he really waiting for the 'bus? Who could tell?

The dark man lit a cigarette, and in the sudden flare the little man saw his face, dark eyes under dark brows and deep marks down one side of a bony nose.

"I mustn't look at him. It will only give him an opening to speak," thought the little man, "for when he speaks he will have the opportunity to move closer; then he might kill and rob me. I must look the other way and try and pass the time by counting the minutes and seconds till the 'bus comes. Fifty, forty-nine, fort. . . ."

"I beg your pardon." The man moved closer as he spoke.

"I didn't speak," replied the little man.

"I'm sorry," said the dark man. "I thought you were counting. I used to count the minutes as a youngster to pass the time more quickly."

The little man looked at him and murmured. "The 'bus must be late," but he was thinking. "Now he has marked me he will get on the 'bus with me and wait till I get off. . . ."

"Here it comes," the other's voice broke the silence.

As he got on, the little man wished that he had acted on the doctor's orders and stayed in the hospital until he was completely cured from the fear of shadows that he had contracted while soldiering in the rain and swamps of New Guinea. The 'bus journey seemed to take an age, but at last the 'bus approached his stop.

"Not far now," he thought. As he descended the steps to the pavement he was followed by the man in the overcoat. His worst fears were justified. He quickened his pace to the busy intersection he had to cross. Stepping off the footpath on to the road, the little man was suddenly conscious of running feet behind him, an arm grasping him, and the flash of the man's white teeth as he shouted something. He wrenched himself from the man and ran blindly across the street, not seeing the blinding lights or hearing the rasping screech of the brakes that were too late.

A crowd gathered and women fainted at the sight of quivering flesh under the front wheels of the big semi-trailer.

That the dark man's arm had been stretched to steady him and that the unheard shout was one of warning the little man never knew, for his fear of shadows and his imagination had played a cruel joke on him, and the family who waited to welcome him home, and with their love and kindness make his cure complete.

K. McMANUS (3B).

ON PAINTING

Every person, when still young and ignorant, must surely have desired to pick up a discarded paint brush and paint for the rest of his life. I am no exception. I used to imagine myself painting all manner of things, my house, my room, my furniture, but I am sure I would not have minded painting other people's homes and furniture. Indeed, I would even have been overjoyed to be allowed to paint the door of the backroom which had been hanging askew for the past ten years.

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As my father was a sailor, the opportunity in life to don the ragged trousers and spotted shirt came earlier to me than to most others. With the vision of a newly painted house before me I rushed head over heels into my task. Having bought my quart of paint, I eagerly pondered over the choice of a brush—for there were two. One was two inches wide, the other was five inches. The former I passed over, for surely I was painting a house and not a cabinet, so I used the second. But, alas and alack! the diameter of the tin was four inches. The eagerness to get on with the job prompted me to squeeze the hairs of the brush into a smaller bunch by tying with string and to so distort the tin of paint that the mouth became broader.

Can you imagine yourself trying to alter the shape of a tin full of paint with a hammer? Can you imagine me doing it? Or what I said? Or what my mother said? I shall leave the details undescribed except to say that, even after their completion, I dipped the reduced brush into the still further reduced paint only with difficulty. But at last I was now able to attack the main job. The preliminaries were over.

I merrily assailed the side fence. I had finished nearly twenty-five palings when the dear, sweet little brat from next door was let loose on the front lawn. With a mouth full of fist and a fist full of biscuit, he toddled gaily over to inspect the work. I had an idea of what was coming. He stuck one grubby paw over on to the freshly painted, brilliantly glittering fence and merrily ground biscuit into the adjoining paling with the other hand. I glared and fumed; he moved—naturally he moved towards the next paling. I finished the fence four hours later; myself with an extremely red face, the little boy next door was red nearly everywhere.

I should have guessed what was coming, because it was practically unavoidable. A human volcano was erupting in the doorway of the house next door. It bubbled down the front steps and on to the lawn. The volcano took the form of the mother of the little human biscuit-grinding machine from next door. It seemed he had just been thoroughly washed, and it seemed to be my fault that he had paint all over himself. Naturally I was accused, abused, but not in the slightest way amused over the situation.

Eventually I moved to the front fence, which was an entirely different proposition. There was no little boy sticking his fingers on the paint here—only little girls. Unfortunately, I had begun this fence at the time when its most sticky state coincided with the homecoming of the little girls from the kindergarten down the road. If I did nothing else I certainly provided a source of amusement for two of these little wretches who delighted in putting their hand-prints ("like the film stars") on the first paling just as I was approaching the last.

But there was something worse than these little tyrants. These were friendly neighbours. These people are well known to all painters and fall into two groups, namely, the experts and the benevolents.

The expert (usually coming home from work), seeing one whom he thought was in dire plight would drop his bag of tools, stand and advise—

"Too late in the day to paint." "Not enough turps." "Too much turps." "Wrong brand." "A wee spot you missed there." All of which, because of my youth, I was forced to take with a grin.

Then came the benevolents. No worse menace ever walked the streets. Usually they took the form of plump, middle-aged women who, on their way home from shopping, would acknowledge the way I had brightened the place, tell me I was a great help to my mother, wish they had a son like me, lament the death of their husbands, and inform me the weather was cold.

There came a time when I finished the fence and started on the windows. I looked with disgust at the white paint which adhered to the glass and, armed with some turpentine and a hacking knife, scraped away all of that obtrusive-looking thick paint. When a storm came up a few nights after and the window blew in, I refused to acknowledge that I ought to have known that that paint was putty.

Then came the supreme task—the stucco. I surveyed my position. I had two ladders, the one a step-ladder with a platform atop, the other an ordinary long ladder which reached to within three feet of the stucco. I did the only thing possible; that is, I left the pail of water paint on top of the step-ladder, climbed up the long ladder, dabbed on a few drops of paint and then climbed fourteen feet down to the platform on the step-ladder, where I replenished the supply of paint and advanced upwards again.

Naturally I was prompted to save my own physical exertion by taking more paint on the brush. This was an ill-fated idea. When I raised the paint-laden brush the majority of the paint fell with a voluminous rush all over my face, while the remaining portion flowed down the handle of the brush and proceeded steadily to my armpits.

At last I had finished. I found the paint pot's lid, and to my great annoyance realised that I had so greatly altered the shape of the tin that the lid had not a hope of resuming its exalted position on top of the tin. With a carefree smile of impatience I approached the tin with lid in hand. Three-quarters of an hour later in our backyard a man-to-tin struggle was ensuing in a battle of the fittest. I battered, hammered, squeezed and thumped. Yes, the result was a foregone conclusion. The tin was the fittest. I altered the shape all right, but I'm afraid there was not much method in my madness.

I scrubbed the verandah tiles where the paint had landed after dropping from the glistening roof. I picked the little bits of grass

from the fence. I surveyed the front path which I had painted despite the malevolent efforts of the iceman, baker, milkman and dew and surveyed the house.

Just then along came the local clergyman. "You must like painting," he remarked with friendly patronage, but I just mumbled and walked inside.

R. PHILLIPS (4c).

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN

Ever since the production of the famous pair's first comic opera, "Thespis," they have gone from success to success with the later operas of the series. However, it did not need the comic operas to make the pair famous, although the operas have far surpassed most, if not all, of their own individual works. Before the famous partnership began, Gilbert had distinguished himself with the "Bab Ballads," while Sullivan composed ballets, overtures and hymns such as "Onward, Christian Soldiers." He also set the comic opera "Cox and Box" to music.

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Such songs as "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes," "I am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General," and "A Wand'ring Minstrel I," to quote only a few of the hundreds of songs and tunes which abound in the operas, will never lose their popularity.

Such everyday sayings as "Vegetable, animal and mineral" (Pirates), "A tale of cock and bull" (Yeomen) and "Said I to myself, said I" (Iolanthe) all originated from Gilbert's librettos.

Such dances as the "Cachucha" and "Gavotte" (Gondoliers), "Tell a Tale of Cock and Bull" (Yeomen), "I am a Maiden, Cold and Stately" (Princess Ida), and "Faint Heart Never Won Fair Lady" (Iolanthe), with many others will continue to bring two and three encores every performance.

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However, the operas were not written or composed in pleasant circumstances. Sullivan did not enjoy good health and much of his music was written while he was suffering intense pain. Also, towards the end of the partnership both men began to tire of the comic operas. Sullivan wanted to attempt a Grand Opera, which, in fact, he did, namely, "Ivanhoe," while Gilbert did not consider himself capable of tackling such a task. Gilbert was drowned in 1911 and Sullivan died whilst composing "The Emerald Isle."

Senior members of the School will remember with enjoyment the three Gilbert and Sullivan operas that have been produced by it during the last five years, but it should not be forgotten that the enjoyment of all the boys who worked in these productions, as well as that of the parents who attended the performances, was in no small measure a tribute to the lasting popularity of their joint authors.

K. NEWTON (4c).

ABORIGINAL FOLK-LORE

In less than a century there will scarcely be a trace left of the once big race of aborigines. Many Australians of to-day, however, are exerting themselves in the collecting of aboriginal folk-lore and information about their way of life so that the history and beliefs of this interesting people will not be lost to the world.

In their own way they could explain the origin of nearly everything around them. We think that they are queer, but they lived by their primitive beliefs. One story is told of the origin of the 'possum and the native cat. It goes something like this:

Once long ago there lived in Southern Australia a terrible monster at least ten miles long. The Mindi, as he was called, had a terrible cry, which at night filled the aborigines who heard him with fear. He eventually met his death at the hands of Pilla and Inda, two great warriors, who crept up on him while he was asleep. As soon as they struck their spears became blunt. Quarrelling between themselves over this, they began a duel in which Pilla stabbed Inda in many places, receiving in return a dreadful blow on the nose. Finally reconciled, they finished the killing of the monster and returned home to a rejoicing people. These two heroes were later changed into the 'possum (Pilla) and the native cat (Inda). They still retain the scars of their battle—the furrow down the nose of the 'possum, and the white spots of the native cat.

Another story is told about the first waratah. Many years ago there lived an aboriginal girl called Krubi. She was the fairest in the land. One day she made a cloak out of the red skin of the rock wallaby ornamented with the crimson plumes of the gang-gang cockatoo. Krubi knew a tribesman whom she loved a great deal, and every afternoon as she sat upon her perch of rocks her red-clad figure was always the first to be seen by her man, Camoola, as he returned from the hunt with the other men. One day, as she stood upon the ridge, she heard far off the fierce yell of battle. Then,

that afternoon, as she watched their return, the young figure of Camoola did not step forward and peer eagerly up at the red-cloaked Krubi. For days she stayed there, waiting in vain for his return. Then, with the remarkable power the blacks have, she willed herself to death and passed into the sandstone and grew into the most beautiful of Australian flowers, the waratah. The stalk is firm and straight, just like the man she died for. The leaves are serrated and have points just like his spears, and the glorious flower is red, redder and more glowing than any in Australia.

Many legends are told by the aborigines about the moon and the stars. Every phase of the moon and every shooting star has a special meaning for them. Far away in the east, they say, whole families of moons live together in a beautiful country. However, close by lives a wicked giant, who attacks the moons whenever he can and cuts them into hundreds of stars. Some moons escape, but it is a very rare occurrence. Mostly there is little left of the moon at all. The stars do not come out by day, as they have no protection against the sun, which burns them up.

The aborigines believe eclipses are caused by their enemies holding bark over the moon to scare them, and whenever an eclipse takes place they try to drive the evil men away.

Shooting stars they believe to be lights dropped by a medicine man on his way to wreak vengeance on his enemies.

P. WICKES (3E).

THE GINGERBREAD MAN

*I wonder how old Granny makes
A man from gingerbread!
I can't see how she makes his legs,
Or shapes his little head.*

*Perhaps when I'm a bigger boy
She'll show me how it's done;
And I shall make a lot of them
To sell to everyone.*

*Perhaps I'll have a tiny stall,
On which it may be read:
"We always sell the very best,
The finest gingerbread."*

*I'll sell my wares from early morn
Until it's time for bed,
And quickly make my fortune from
Those men of gingerbread.*

K. HAYES (2E).

ROBERT BURNS

Robert Burns was born on the 25th of January, 1759, in a humble thatched cottage in the village of Alloway, about two miles south of Ayr, in Scotland. He went to school at the age of six, and before he had attained his sixteenth birthday he had made his first attempt at poetry. Hitherto he had been an awkward, shy, retiring boy.

In 1785 Burns fell in love with Jean Armour, a girl of great goodness of heart, who ultimately became his wife. One year later the world-famous Kilmarnock edition of his work was printed. Burns, out of sheer love of the practice, continued to write poetry.

Towards the end of 1795 his health gradually declined. Soon he was labouring under an accumulation of worldly calamities—sickness, sorrow and debt. Finally, on the 21st of July, 1796, he died at the age of thirty-seven.

Burns was well educated, but was only a commoner, and there is many a thought in his verse, such as "Man was made to mourn" and "A man's a man for a' that," which proves that he belonged to the common people.

It is as a poet of love and humanity that Burns is so great, and not as a poet of Nature as an acquaintance with his life might have suggested. His schools were the country tavern and the small cottage, for it is in those places where we find the elemental passions, the open heart and the bold tongue.

It was very seldom that Burns allowed a nature passage to rely on its own beauty without nailing it down with a fine piece of wisdom, or, as was often the case, a fine touch of personal emotion. In this matter of expressing emotion, Burns was supreme.

Burns, however, with his candour and sincerity, is very unlike our modern poets. He was not ashamed to mention anything that gave him pleasure, whether it was love or ale. He was too truthful and sincere to hide any thing that grieved him. There are not many poets who would write like this:—

"Thou'lt brake my heart, thou bonny bird,
That sings upon the bough,
Thou minds me o' the happy days,
When my fause luvie was true.

"Thou'lt brake my heart, thou bonny bird,
That sings beside thy mate,
For sae I sat and sae I sang,
And wist no o' my fate."

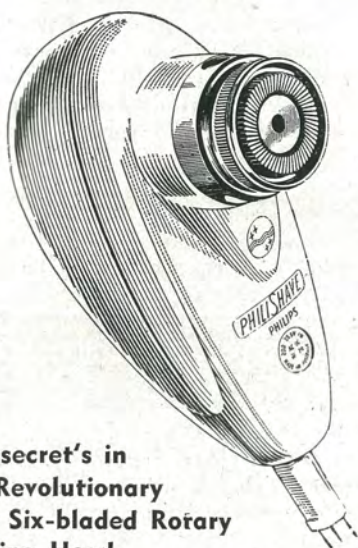
Burns, I think, reached his very highest note in tenderness in such poems as "To a Mountain Daisy" and "To a Mouse." Tenderness is the main test of his greatness, for only a master can be tender without losing strength and becoming sentimental. Although Burns could not sing, he grew to be possibly the world's greatest writer of songs. People everywhere have become familiar with the

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After Sir Walter Scott had met him he said of Burns: "His person was strong and robust; his manner rustic, not clownish."

Like many other great poets, Burns is rich in quotations and is a splendid subject for journalism, but it is left to his readers to find these things for themselves, and it is assured that they will not pass through many leaves before they came to fruit.

"But, Mousie, thou art no thy lane,
In proving foresight may be vain,
The best-laid schemes o' mice and men
Gang aft agley,
And lea'e us naught but grief and pain
For promis'd joy!"

I. McANDREW (3D).

WAXHALL '24

We were asked to inspect, examine and test the new Waxhall '24 and report to you on the results of our examination. Being impressed with the information we had received regarding this model, we decided to carry out a most exhaustive analysis of its performance, and, except for its size, shape, height, colour, performance, and a few other minor details, it is considered on our authority a good buy.

Our preliminary examination brought out the following features: Rakish in appearance, would stagger you as it staggered us, slight lean forward to near side hock, but brilliance of brass headlamps left nothing to the imagination. Closer examination disclosed a cunningly concealed receptacle which has been provided in the near side headlamp in order to hold matches to light up at night-fall. The addition of soupa-louvres is an added attraction. The colour scheme used by the manufacturers impressed us in the cunning use of purple and orange, the paint apparently being partly mixed before application. Featured on this design are the latest type wire wheels, embodied with dainty pink and blue bows (optional) tied at random upon the $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch stainless steel spokes (also optional). We were impressed by the all-weather hood, which, with its patchwork effect, combined with the colour scheme, was rather startling. The new balloon tyres were pleasing, having the tread design embodied with Cupid's lips, which we considered a technical development because of its ability to hold road surfaces.

Being intrigued by this cursory examination we (my test-driver and I) proceeded last Tuesday to submit this car to a gruelling road test. After considerable discussion we agreed on the hill route.

This particular route is Surry Hills to Summer Hill, returning by way of Brickfield Hill, then proceeding north along Pitt Street and south along Castlereagh Street, to conclude the run at the Central Court.

The outstanding characteristics of this car on the open road were its cornering ability and its riding, steering and road-holding ability, but it was a little unsteady and erratic on various types of road surfaces, including the tramlines at King Street.

During the run we had time to examine the interior finish, which is simple and quietly impressive, except for the antimacassars, which kept slipping. The seating is of the rough bench type, which could be considered very satisfactory, had it not been for the fact that the test driver collected a splinter from the bench. The leg room is all to be desired, but hardly believed. I am quite certain that if a cushion is taken on each trip you won't even feel it when you travel in Oxford Street.

The windows are of the latest type, and the manufacturers are to be complimented on their choice of soupa-louvres on this particular model, which gives the car a quiet dignity. This system would have proved very satisfactory except that we lost several louvres on the trip.

The engine performed amazingly well during the entire trip and never missed a beat, as we tried them all—the upbeat, the downbeat, and the deadbeat, and others of equal standing, but it was the deadbeat that its best performance became audible. Leisurely cruising can be done around $7\frac{1}{2}$ M.P.H., with ample power in hand for hill climbing and overtaking, provided the hills are not very steep and the bridges too narrow.

The technical side of the engine was most interesting. This car is rated at 150 B.T.U.'s and develops hot and cold water and off-peak loading. Its maximum output—well, we didn't open it right out, as you know the way it is, with all these anti-parking regulations and all that sort of thing, but we are certain, if pushed, this car will really go places.

The three wheels and two spares are independently sprung, coiled coil, semi-epileptic, underslung, non-return type. I'm told as an item of technical interest that the designer, too, was supported by semi-epileptic leaf springs, which accounts, no doubt, for the drunken approach to pot-holed roads.

On the test, acceleration in top gear was rather leisurely, and overtaking should not be undertaken below 5 M.P.H., but in second gear rapid pick-up was promised but did not eventuate. But it is fast all right—why, stone the crows, on the outward journey we passed an Abbotsford tram, full of young lads in brown and blue blazers singing something I'd rather not repeat about rowing up and down the river. However, it was not till the return short circuit that this car really showed its outstanding performance and passed at least two stationary 'buses with surprising ease.

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The pick-up, however, is of an unknown quantity, as there was not one good-looking "sort" on the whole trip.

On this model a two-wheel braking system has been added, a large improvement on the previous model. It is a hydraulic system and was particularly responsive to light pedal pressure. The only difficulty encountered was in putting the pedal back after each application. The system can be considered satisfactory, we believe, under normal conditions, but then we wouldn't know. . . . But we still have the hand brake to prove it.

Weather for the test was excellent, and the roads dry, fortunately, which is more than can be said of the test team on their return.

The results of this test proved that the Waxhall '24 is a rattling good buy, and it is recommended by us to reach the top of its peak, if the engine doesn't do that before another test.

G. QUIGLEY (2E).

BRITISH SEAMEN

*Once Grenville and brave Drake
Would sail across the main,
For good old England's sake
To meet the men of Spain.*

*To-day such men as these
Our countrymen have called,
To sail before the breeze
And fight our foes abroad.*

*Across the rolling seas
Their battleships have sailed,
In howling gale or breeze,
And they have never quailed.*

*Their daring deeds are sung
In hut, or house, or hall.
Our sailors, though far-flung,
We think of, one and all.*

J. HAMILTON (1A).

NIGHTFALL

*The sun had sunk in the fiery west
And set the sky ablaze,
The eagle had made for its lofty nest
Through the last long blinding rays.*

THE RECORD

*The moon peered over the dark blue hill
And cast its silver light,
And the stars broke out of their velvet cloak
To welcome the birth of night.*

J. FOX (1B).

A GOOD CAUSE

Jacques Laval was sitting at a little table in a restaurant. Although he had ordered bacon and eggs and a cup of coffee, he was neither hungry nor thirsty. Instead of paying attention to his meal, Laval was looking about him, for he had come into this restaurant for a purpose unknown to the other diners. He was disappointed to see that most of the diners in the restaurant that evening looked rather poor.

"I'm wasting my time here," he said to himself bitterly. "I'm tired of stealing hats and umbrellas. Besides, they are difficult to sell."

He was just beginning to despair, thinking he would have to be satisfied with the two spoons off the table which he had slipped into his pocket, when his glance fell on a man who had just come in. The newcomer looked tired, and although the evening was very cold, he wore neither coat nor overcoat. He bought some bread and a few cakes, and when he went to pay for them Laval, who was standing nearby, saw that the newcomer had several banknotes in his purse. At the sight of all this money Laval could not help smiling. "What good luck!" he thought. "I have not wasted my time after all." The man gathered his parcel and left, followed by Laval, who walked out without paying for his meal.

It was still raining, and there were few people in the street. Laval was pleased to notice, too, that he was much bigger than the man he was following. "Of course, I don't want to hurt him," he said. "He is so small that when I ask him politely to hand over the purse he will realise that it would be useless to refuse. However, if he is stupid enough to want to resist, so much the worse for him!" Meanwhile, the two men were approaching the poorest quarter of the town. The streets were narrow, dark and deserted. Laval knew his victim could not escape now. He was about to overtake the man when something prompted him to wait for a while. A few minutes later the man slipped unexpectedly into the most wretched little house Laval had ever seen. It was not much bigger than a cowshed; it had no garden and the fence had almost disappeared. Laval noticed a lighted candle in one of the rooms. He approached, looked through the window, and heard voices. The only piece of furniture in the room was a little bed without a mattress, on which lay a child of about seven years of age. His pale, thin face showed that he was dangerously ill. A box, on which could be

seen the bread and cakes his father had just brought home, served as a table, but there were no chairs. The boy's mother was speaking to the man whom Laval had been following. "Have you the money?" she asked anxiously.

"Yes," answered the husband. "Here it is. Seven pounds! I succeeded in selling everything, even my overcoat. We shall at last be able to send little Pierre to a doctor to be cured, and we have enough money to buy food."

Suddenly there was a knock on the door. His wife opened it.

"What do you want?" she asked the visitor.

"I want to give you this," answered Laval, handing her a handkerchief in which was wrapped all his money. The woman, very astonished, took it. But a few moments later, when she went to thank Laval, the latter had disappeared.

E. COLEMAN (4B).

SILLY SONNET

*Ah! sixty suffering song-birds sang a sad
And sorrowful sonnet (This part's called the octave)
As Silly Susie supped a lettuce salad:*

*(Note rhymes—Shakespearean sonnet) "Who can save
(The second quatrain starts) sad Silly Sue?"*

*She sits, and such a sorry sight she is.
The senseless Susie's soul is saved by who?*

(The syntax suffers, but rhyme's right, I wis.)

*(And now the sestet.) So the song-birds sing,
But Silly Susie none shall save or bring
To Heaven at last. The solemn song shall wing*

*On searching wings: "Salvation to her bring,
That she may saved be from Hades' King,"*

(The rhyme-scheme's UN-Shakespearean) they sing.

J. STANHOPE (5B).

This sonnet reminded the Editor of a limerick.

*There once was a boy from Taree
Who was stung on the neck by a wasp.
When asked if it hurt,
He said, "Certainly not;
It can do it again if it wants—to."*

A VISIT TO CLYDE

A year ago a party from the School was conducted over the works of the Clyde Engineering Company. This company, usually referred to as "Clyde," is Australia's biggest, privately owned railway works. Not so many years ago the outlook for Clyde seemed a little bleak. Work was there, it was true, but there seemed something lacking and, in an effort to expand, Clyde commenced to manufacture baths, lawn-mowers and refrigerators.

THE RECORD

To-day a visit to Clyde will reveal no lack of energy and a real faith in the future. The explanation? Diesels! Clyde has become Australia's first manufacturer of diesel-electric locomotives.

The first big shop a visitor is shown over is the Machine Shop. Here rows of modern clean machines can be seen neatly arranged. The Boiler Shop comes next. This is the largest shop in Clyde, covering approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres. It is a hive of activity, with steam and locomotive parts, boilers, tenders and rail petrol tanks in various stages of manufacture. At full pressure, this shop is capable of producing one steam locomotive, three boilers and six 11,000-gallon tank cars monthly. Overhead cranes of 50 tons capacity handle components with ease, as does a 600 tons capacity hydraulic press.

Going out a door, we saw the scrap metal stockpile, covering over two acres, spanned by a huge electric crane, capable of reaching any point in the stockpile. This crane, about three times as big as those in the boiler shop, has a capacity of only five tons, but compensates for this lack in manoeuvrability.

Next came the pride of the works—the Diesel Electric Locomotive Assembly Shop, which, when completed, will be capable of turning out finished diesels at the rate of one each week. As each costs about £100,000, Clyde seems to handle a large amount of money. This shop is 410 feet long and 110 feet wide.

Lastly, we were shown Clyde's "sideline"—the manufacture of modern 'buses in the shops which were used for aircraft work during the war.

J. HENDERSON (4B).

FOR EVER I FIGHT

How delightful it is to relax in your favourite chair before a warm fire and spend the evening quietly, read the evening papers and then, maybe, take up a book. This is for me the ideal relaxation and the way in which I invariably spend my winter's evenings, if other engagements do not interfere.

On one such night I had settled down by the dancing fire after a tiring day at the court. The pleasant warmth played round me and I picked up the papers, browsed through them quickly and placed them aside. True, I was worried over my current case: Grahame Holland was innocent, I knew, but the Crown had built up a strong case, although mainly on circumstantial evidence. One cannot help but feel the weight of responsibility in a case like this.

Just then the 'phone rang. It was Roland Jenkin, my business partner. He rang to ask me whether I had read the story in the "Sun" about Jimmy Cunningham. I thanked him for his trouble and returned to the fireside, picked up the paper again, and saw the story I had passed over. I read it. It was devoted solely to Jim Cunningham. It was his story. And as I read I remembered. . . .

THE RECORD

The memories floated back and mixed with the pictures in the fire, memories of Jim and myself, of the many months we spent together in the jungles and swamps of New Guinea, of our life before '39 and our struggle to rehabilitate ourselves afterwards.

We had been friends since our school days. Jim had never married, although he was best man at the wedding, Jane's and mine. Ray, our first child, was born, then Ann came along. Jim and I were the best of friends and he was just one of the family, a second father to the kids. Life was good in those days. Jane, Ray, Ann, Jim and myself, we were as happy as anyone has a right to expect in this world.

Hitler marched into Poland. War was declared. There is no need to comment now on how it changed the pattern of our lives, how it preyed on our minds, and after repeated discussions we decided, Jimmy and I, to join the forces. I suppose we were younger then and thought we were going to help rid the world for ever of the Hitlers and Tojos who have plagued it from the beginning of time. I did not like leaving Jane and the kids, but this splitting of families is part of the heartbreak and sorrow of war. Anyhow, we thought, better to destroy the enemy on his own soil than to have Australian cities the scenes of war's devastation, and our women and children exposed to its horrors and dangers.

I recall, as if it was yesterday, the landing on Scarlet Beach at Finschafen. Yes, we were there, both of us. Shrapnel, shells, and bullets filled the air, and the dead and dying covered the beach. It was a scene of blood and death. The Nip infantry swarmed towards us, bayonets fixed, murder in their eyes. One of them hit me with a burst of machine gun fire. I fell to the ground, unable to move. Death was very near then. Lying there, bleeding profusely from my wounds, I saw hand to hand, bayonet to bayonet fighting, men dying so that others might live. A filthy Nip noticed that I still breathed; he came at me, bayonet ready. I waited with eyes closed to the cold steel. I thought of Jane and the kids, and still waited for that final thrust. It never came. When I opened my eyes again Jimmy was standing over the Nip and his bayonet was red and dripping. I had good cause to remember Jimmy Cunningham.

Just then Jane sat down beside me; the memories faded and once more I faced reality. "Darling, you're so pale; what's happened? Tell me! What is it?"

I did not know how to tell her. She had as much affection for Jimmy as I did. I suppose I stammered it out somehow. All I know is that I came to a halt and I couldn't go on.

After a while I took control of myself, picked up the paper and read again, this time aloud. Each word, each syllable brought a new stab of grief to us both.

"Australian Commander killed in heroic action in Korea," I read.

"The Commander of the Australian Military Forces in Korea, Lieut.-Colonel J. R. Cunningham, was killed yesterday in action in Korea. Army comrades said that they were attempting to win back a ridge of great strategical value, just to the north of Pusan. Australian losses were heavy, because of the amazing accuracy of an enemy mortar group. The Australian company was in danger of being annihilated, and as they were under orders not to retreat, Lieut.-Colonel Cunningham decided that he himself must attempt to put the mortar out of action. Alone he scaled the heights and managed to do this. But in doing so, a gallant Australian soldier paid the supreme sacrifice. Members of his company found his bullet-ridden body at the top of the ridge. Of him, General Pollock, Australian Chief of Staff, said: 'Australia has lost a fine soldier, a man who thought first of others, who thought first of his men. His was an epic of self-sacrifice, a deed which we will long remember.'"

After the peace with the Japanese, Jimmy and I had returned to Australia and I settled down again with Jane and Ray and Ann. We took up where we had left off. Again we went to Bondi, again we rode the Big Dipper at Luna Park, and once again we went to see the Derby at Randwick. We settled down.

Then came Korea, disaster. I did not think it possible that once more I would be torn from my wife and from my children and sent to a distant land to help rid the world forever (ironical word now) of the new Hitlers and Tojos. I knew I could never go again. With Jim it was different. He felt it was his duty to go, as he was single and had no ties; now he is dead.

It makes you think, doesn't it? You fight a war to end all wars, and before you know it you find yourself fighting another.

I sometimes wonder if it's worth it. Then another mood seizes me. If we didn't fight for our land and what we knew to be right, all those men who died at Tobruk, El Alamein and Rabaul, all those who died in the skies over England, New Guinea and Germany, all those who fought and died on the "Sydney," the "Perth" and the "Canberra," all those gallant Australians like Jimmy Cunningham would have died in vain. We must not fail them. These thoughts come and go. I only know that I am not my own master any more, and I wonder sometimes if soon I shall not find myself on the ground that Jimmy has hallowed.

J. DONOGHUE (4c).

THE SOLDIER

One thought ran deep in his brain: destroy!

*Destroy and kill! What else was left for him,
His hopes, ideals and faiths a burnt-up toy.*

And his past life faded, lost in the battle grim?

THE RECORD

*His hope was killed when the fiery bullets sang,
His faith expired with the cannon's fiery breath,
His life-blood dried when all the trenches rang
With the fearful cries of the vanquished, and victors, and Death!*

*So this was war. His very brain was numbed,
And thought was dead, and feeling a brutal hate;
And he lost for ever, there where the bullets hummed,
The things which make a human being great.*

A. HILL (5A).

KOREANA

*Night has come.
The darkness rules the world
And the cursed battle-line,
Where the endless unshattered
Night has come.*

*Morn has come.
And sweet the birds all sing,
But the cursed battle-line
Cannot hear the cry wherein
Morn is hymned.*

*Noon has come.
The sun above gleams bright,
Yet the cursed battle-line
Lies in its own stark darkness.
Noon is come.*

*Night has come.
And so the day grows old,
And your tears, O widow, naught avail,
For there in the darkness he lies so pale,
Shattered and broken,
O cursed battle-line.*

J. STANHOPE (5B).

THE TOMB OF TUTANKHAMEN

A Classroom Lecturette

In the year 1915 Mr. Howard Carter, under Lord Carnarvon, began excavations in The Valley of the Kings, near Luxor. The result was, that in 1922 he discovered the tomb of Tutankhamen when a pile of debris and rocks fell away in a semi-landslide. The door was accidentally revealed and Carter knew he had stumbled on the tomb of an eighteenth dynasty Pharaoh, but didn't realise that his seven years of waiting and searching for Tutankhamen's tomb had ended.

A walled-up doorway confronted the party of excavators who were tired and exhausted from the scorching midday sun. The door was soon broken down and the party stepped into the darkness of what was found to be a passage. With beating hearts the excavators walked down the steep incline, only to come to another walled doorway bearing the seal of the necropolis priests. Part of the wall had been re-sealed after ancient tomb robbers had broken in, yet taking nothing of importance. This part was pierced, and Lord Carnarvon and Mr. Carter impatiently thrust their heads through, only to gasp in astonishment, for, there in front of them, were objects of 3,000 years ago with a value beyond calculation.

Carter immediately jumped into the room, which was small and plain. He lit a lantern and read various inscriptions and shouted back to the others, "This is Tutankhamen's Tomb!" The others climbed in and they, too, were amazed at the remarkably preserved furniture of 3,000 years ago. Thus, the bridge of time between to-day and about 1,000 B.C. was crossed in an instant.

This room they had just discovered was the Antechamber, the entrance room to the Burial Chamber. The wall facing them consisted of a doorway sealed with sandstone and rocks; the door that would perhaps lead them to the young Pharaoh himself. Guarding this door were two life-like wooden statues of the King. The wood was covered with a substance like bitumen. The sceptres they held and the clothes they wore were of gold leaf. Just to the left of these was a huge bouquet of flowers, so preserved that one would think that they had been sent from the florists only a few weeks previously. Inscriptions told the party of archaeologists that this particular bunch of flowers was from the nine-year-old queen as a last farewell to her husband. Stacked nearby were a number of alabaster vases delicately decorated in hieroglyphics, and next to these stood a basket of the King's clothes, while across the room was a black box containing his underwear. It would be impossible to describe the amazement of the party as their eyes wandered from object to object. Perhaps the most outstanding articles in the Antechamber belonged to the funeral furniture, especially the three great couches of the gods that occupied the far wall. They represented the lion-god, the goddess of the hills and the goddess Taunt. Ablaze with gold, they had stood in the darkness of the room, waiting through the ages for the Pharaoh to use them in his after-life. Around and about these couches were scattered small caskets, vases, stools, armchairs and small oval boxes. In these boxes were found embalmed joints of beef, haunches of venison, trussed ducks, liver and so forth—the food for the King's spirit.

Among the other valuable items of the room was a beautiful golden throne encrusted with precious stones; on the back were carved pictures of the King and his bride. Next to this, in a confused heap, were four chariots dismantled by thieves in an attempt to rob the tomb, despite the vigilance of the necropolis priests. They were highly decorated; some parts were covered with gold leaf and the upholstery stood out in red leather.

Leaving the chariots, Mr. Carter examined a gold statuette of the King. It wore the Crown of Lower Egypt and the face bore the soft smile which the artists of that period like to portray.

Turning towards the exit, the small party ascended the sixteen steps that led to sunlight. Their dreams of finding the tomb were realised and the splendour of the objects that had met their eyes would not be forgotten in a lifetime.

Another examination of the room revealed more astonishing facts; for instance, in a small wooden box was a lock of plaited hair which was worn in Egypt by young boys before they reached manhood. Inscriptions on the side of the box read, "The sidelock which His Majesty wore when he was a boy." A cotton hood of the King's was discovered in another box, and on the opposite side of the room were a number of simply folded napkins which had been worn by the Pharaoh when he was a baby.

The work had just begun for Lord Carnarvon and Carter; light had to be installed, pictures had to be taken, arrangements had to be made for a burglar-proof door and for a guard to be placed at the entrance.

In addition to this, the articles found would have to be treated with chemical preservatives, press conferences had to be attended, and he had to complete negotiations for the opening of the burial chamber. After a short rest the tired men resumed work, while on top sightseers, pressmen and soldiers lined the way to the workshop where the precious objects would be stored and treated.

On February 16th, 1923, the royal seals on the burial chamber entrance were broken and the door smashed down. By the light of arc lamps a huge golden shrine was seen which almost filled the room in which it stood. Carter immediately squeezed himself down the narrow passage beside it and closely examined the box-like structure which was the coffin of Tutankhamen. Managing to reach the front of the shrine, Mr. Carter, with great difficulty in the intense heat, discovered two doors. After opening these he was met with another pair of doors. Suddenly he realised the situation; probably there would be more shrines as he proceeded, which meant that he would have to dismantle each of the shrine-tops, a process that would perhaps occupy months, even years.

The excavators' attention was now turned to seven gold oars lying in the passage-way. These were intended for the King's use in his journey across the skies in a golden barge. All this shows that the ancient Egyptians had a firm belief in an after-life.

In the corner of the room was a rock-opening, which the party had not seen in their hasty entrance. It proved to be another antechamber stocked with all types of valuable goods, including statues, model boats, jewelled bracelets, mysterious small boxes and other valuable treasures large and small. In the opening stood an image of Anubis, the jackal god, resting on his golden pylon and guarding the entrance to what Mr. Carter named the "treasury."

The craftsmanship in the carving of the model boats and other objects was far superior to that of any other articles found in the tomb. One small box contained an ostrich-feather fan with an ivory handle. It was used by Tutankhamen when he was fourteen years old, and one would think it had just left his hands, so well was it preserved. In another box lay a small figure of Osiris, the Egyptian god, and in other boxes were statuettes of gods and animals, all of which bore evidence of enormous wealth and displayed craftsmanship equal to any of to-day.

One of the most beautiful and interesting objects in the "treasury" is the "Canopic" chest. Surmounted by rows of golden cobras, it is a gilded chest containing four "Canopic" jars. In these alabaster jars were the internal organs of the King, which were removed from the body by the embalmers. The lids of the jars were in the form of the Pharaoh's head, and four goddesses with outstretched arms were mounted on the corners.

Lord Carnarvon looked pale and exhausted as he ascended the steps into daylight. The richness of the objects had overwhelmed him, for he was a very delicate man.

Two days later, in the early hours of the morning, the Valley was alive with all nationalities, as this was the official opening day of the burial chamber. All the notables of Egypt and their guests inspected the tomb, and with them were personalities from Britain, America and Europe, including Field Marshal Lord Allenby, King of the Belgians, Henry Breasted, the famous archæologist and historian, and delegates from other countries.

The work that confronted them now was to demolish the partition dividing the Antechamber and Burial Chamber. With this done, work could be started on dismantling the tops of the shrine. This work would be extremely difficult, as the surface was of 2½" oak planking and delicate gold work, which had to be handled with care.

Soon the top from the first shrine was removed to reveal the surface of the second shrine, covered with a black linen pall. Two more shrines were uncovered, until a beautiful sarcophagus, covered with inscriptions, was revealed. Inside this was the coffin or coffins that bore the remains of Tutankhamen. Several personalities were present when the lid was lifted to show an object covered with a black pall, which was removed somewhat hurriedly to disclose the coffin made in the form of the god Osiris. It was covered with gold leaf, while the eyes were of precious stones and the eyebrows of fine glass. The crossed hands clutched the royal emblems, the Crook and the Flail, and on the breast was a small bouquet of flowers.

The lid was lifted and a second coffin appeared, similar to the first. When the lid of this was removed a third coffin appeared; this time of solid gold. Immense difficulty was experienced in raising the lid of the second coffin because of the sticky liquids which held the two coffins together. These were embalming fluids used to preserve the mummy of the King. The onlookers were

stunned, for never before in their lives had they seen such wealth as this coffin of solid gold. Eight men were unable to lift it owing to its great weight. Parts of it were disfigured owing to the hardened embalming liquids which had been poured over it. Eventually the coffins were moved into the Antechamber for a more thorough examination.

The lid of the third coffin was raised and the preserved mummy of Tutankhamen was at last revealed. Straps and side straps held the mummy firmly together. It was wrapped in black linen, which was very sticky. Small plaques adorned the body and a mask covered the face of the eighteen-year-old boy-king. It was found that the mask stuck to the body and could not be removed. The hardened liquids were dissolved by arc lamps, but even then the mask did not come off. Later, after a scientific examination, the mask was freed and the withered head of Tutankhamen disclosed.

King Tutankhamen is now lying in a museum, an object of interest to the whole world. It is also interesting to note that, however much we disbelieve the courses of the tomb, Lord Carnarvon passed away six weeks after the discovery of the burial chamber and his assistants did not long survive him.

J. PILGER (1E).

A BOY

A boy is a creature who does all the things except those for which he was intended. One will find boys everywhere, but generally sitting on, prying into, jumping on to, swinging from or standing precariously close to something. Boys are found to torment girls, to frighten dogs and cats, and particularly to get into and out of trouble. They come in all sizes and shapes, short, fat, tall, red-haired, pug-nosed, bandy-legged, and knock-kneed. One needs not to look far for a boy, and there is probably only one place where you would not find him, and that is at a girls' school. Boys don't like school, sisters, big brothers, park rangers, bedtime and doing what they are told. They are first to rise and last to table, first to get dirty and last to get clean. Catapults, frogs, bikes, movies, cars, cigarette cards, water, boats, birds' eggs and nests are liked most by the ordinary street and garden variety of boy. It's wonderful to know what a boy crams into his pocket—string, a catapult, shells, marbles, photos, a bottle of frogs' eggs, a rabbit's tail, a pencil, a tube of paint, and the latest, most fantastic comic.

If you see a boy don't scold him, he'll resent it; don't praise him, he'll become bashful; don't ignore him, he'll feel slighted. What will you do? When you find that out you'll have the answer to one of the world's problems.

B. RUSHALL (1A).

WRITTEN ON VISITING THE FIRE LOOKOUT NEAR
LANSDOWNE, NORTH COAST, N.S.W.

1. *The Ascent.*

The long ascent is almost done;
But now the endless throb and drum
Quivers their bodies
Like the never still, ever shimmering, quivering heat,
That ever before them
Wavers before them,
Luring them on,
Seeming out of their dust, that is dragging and shrouding,
Yet ever rising, never-stop-smothering,
Gradually mingling in the slow, dull sky,
Seeping through, covering, impartially sifting
Its colourless colour on each weary leaf:
A turning! Relief!
At last the motor's whining stops.
No—only some timber cutter's track
Filled with ruts all filled with dust
That now lies still.

On, on again: one final, painful effort—
The journey's done.

2. *The Lookout.*

High on thin stilts the frail-looking structure stands,
Roughly knocked up with some cheap stuff from the mill,
Little thicker than palings in suburban backyard fences—
Old and dirty grey, some half rotted,
Soon to be replaced by others—
New, garish colour of half-ripe quince
To grow grey in their turn.

Here on the bald, rocky summit
No wind blows.
To the north a whitish mass of bushfire smoke stands,
Unmoving and ominous.

The small party mounts and sits.

When last they came it was early spring:
The air was bright and brittle
As a clear-lacquered ladybird,
Bracing,
Full of invigorating sounds and smells of the bush:
The tang of turpentine,
The rush and ebb of the wind-tide in the grass-shored sea of trees,
The constant splash of some hill-side creek unseen,
And over all, the rich glory of the heavens

THE RECORD

Mottled back in creek and river,
In the shoal-slashed seas and the farm dams.

This day, all is limp, oppressed with the air's gritty burden.
Far, far below, the cattle lie beside the brown-green river
Waiting till the sun's long course brings milking time around,
Waiting till the glare of day's heat will change to the stifling night's,
And flies to mosquitoes.

Round Port Macquarie side
The sand draws a yellow streak in the dun-coloured landscape,
Dividing the borders of sea and land.
Rocky-cragged ridges stretch southward and westward
Till they dissolve in smoke.
Suddenly,
From one of them,
Seeming to spring from the wide-strewn rock,
A mighty winged creature glides
Tawny-feathered, floating,
The one moving form in a world void of motion.
Then, with a strong wing clasp it shoots
Up, up, swift, oh! swift,
Seeming to soar on a current invisible.
Up, up, high, oh! high,
High as a bat's thin cry, imperceptible.

And they below strain to glimpse
Its fading form, that's sucked into the sky.

But again it appears,
And with it life and motion re-awake:
Over the land a darker shadow is seen approaching from the south,
Pervading all with an uneasy stirring, felt rather than seen.
The drooping leaves stir as if trying to shake off their pall of dust.
Far below the groups of cattle move together, vaguely disquieted,
Till several deep mutterings, that throbbed in the air,
Swell loud in a crescendo, and burst
With a thunder clap,
Startling near.
Close after, a flow of cooling wind, gentle at first,
Then also swelling, carries a rush of refreshing smells to the nostrils:
Rain, and the sweetness of new-wet earth and grass.

The cloud of fire-smoke in the north starts like an animal surprised.

The sea grows a greenish grey, fitfully lit by great flashes of light,
And now the wind, rushing along the earth, catches the dust
And whirls it up the mountain side in long, brown spirals,
Till these meet the first raindrops

THE RECORD

That now begin to fall, large and heavy,
The dust mixes with them till they are like diluted mud,
Not pure, but discoloured, brownish,
Falling in the dust with little spurts.

Hurriedly the small party descends,
Quickly they scratch their initials in the wood,
Obliterating others before them, as theirs in turn will be obliterated.

3. *The Descent.*

The long descent is quickly done.
Colour returns, but they cannot see it—
The falling mud so blotches the windows—
But the smells are theirs and the sounds,
And the memory of a glimpse of another world of immensity
And space, of freedom of movement and rhythm,
Where the plain is vast with the vastness of oceans, and the sky—
A glimpse like that of a sleeper
When, half-waked from dream's other land,
His cheek is gently caressed
By the hand of the wind
That's stolen in through the window,
Calling, caressing with strange fascination,
Pregnant with the mystery of darkness,
That's peopled still with imagination's fancies,
But whose call is unable to be answered.

R. M. LOUDON (5A).

PERSONAL MESSAGE

To those of you who will pass through the School gate for the last time and enter other spheres of learning or the commercial or industrial life of our city, I direct this personal message.

Your association with the School does not end with the Leaving Certificate. The five years that you have spent at the desks and on the playing fields have prepared you for a fuller life, and much of its meaning will be lost if you cut away from the friendships which were yours at High.

The Old Boys' Union exists to preserve these ties, and you will find them more valuable as the years go by. It exists also so that you may repay in some way the debt you owe to the School for giving you the opportunity to develop your abilities and character.

Join with us, retain your pleasant associations, and help to make our School a better place for those who come after.

Mr. E. Bembrick, Secretary of the School Union, will gladly enrol you as a member of the O.B.U., or you may prefer to contact the Hon. Secretary, c/o. Jamieson, Patterson and Coy., 10 Martin Place, Sydney.

The Younger Set caters especially for those of you who are just leaving school, and remember always that a friendly welcome awaits you at the O.B.U.

KEITH C. CAMERON, *President.*