



# The Record

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The Sydney High School

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*Prefects: See list, page 32.*

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*Third Year: R. May.*

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*First Year: N. Schwarzer.*

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*Master-in-Charge: J. M. Howard, Esq.*

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*Headmaster: FA 4904.*

*Sportsmaster and Staff: FA 1808.*





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## THE ROYAL VISIT

February 3rd, 1954, was a day of great significance for the people of Australia. For on that day, amid wild enthusiasm, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, landed on Australian soil, the first reigning British monarch to visit this land. She stepped ashore on historic ground, as near as we know, on that spot where Captain Phillip landed 166 years ago. But whereas Captain Phillip had landed with a handful of convicts, and a few blue-coated marines, to form a struggling penal settlement in an uninviting and unfriendly land, a place a monarch would have scorned to visit, our Queen came to a vast continent-dominion, holding a world position in science and sport, and taking an ever-increasing part in international affairs. A country whose potential, despite this progress, far overshadows its development to date.

During their visit the Queen and Duke saw our country from Sydney to Perth, and from Hobart to Cairns; they inspected both its development and its potential. They saw farming and mining, cattle stations and heavy industry, service establishments and schools and universities. They saw every facet of Australian life. They met all kinds of people, and to everyone whom they met it meant something.

To realise the full significance of the recent Royal Visit to the people of Australia, we must examine it from the viewpoint of all sections of the community. To do this we may conveniently divide the community into three sections: the average person—that is, the man or woman in the street—the old people, and the children.

From the viewpoint of the average person, the Royal Tour was an awakening and an inspiration. It was an awakening to the living vitality of the British Commonwealth of Nations. To the man in the street the Commonwealth had seemed to be declining since its struggle to victory in the Second World War. People all over the world began to say that Great Britain was a spent force. In Australia there was even mention of America beginning to take Britain's place in people's minds. But the presence of our Queen among us made a vast difference. Our minds were stirred to a full realisation that the Commonwealth of Nations and the family ties of the Commonwealth were not cold, meaningless terms, but warm, living reality. Before our very eyes was the living embodiment of the Commonwealth and the main tie that holds it together. Surely this was a great inspiration.



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Above: Waiting for the Queen.

Below: H.M. the Queen, H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Director of Education on the occasion of the Royal procession through Centennial Park, 3rd February, 1954.

But more than this, the Royal Couple, as they greeted Her Majesty's subjects throughout the length and breadth of Australia, gave us, through their words and through their actions, a demonstration of moral and spiritual values. No matter how trying the conditions, or how exhausting the routine, the Queen never failed. And always by her side was the Duke of Edinburgh, who endeared himself to us by his lively sense of humour, his human qualities, and the intense interest he took in our lives and activities. The Queen herself ever set us a splendid example of fitness of body, fullness of mind, and sincerity of purpose.

These are attributes we all need—and it is for us to follow her splendid example.

Thus the Royal Couple gave Australia a moral and spiritual uplift that can give her the impetus to achieve adult nationhood and greatness, and become an even prouder and worthier member of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Now let us turn to the old people. Many of these, to their disappointment and chagrin, were unable, because of ill-health and failing faculties, to go and see the Queen. But they followed her progress with keen interest by radio and in the newspapers. To them, as to the more fortunate of our old people, the Royal Visit brought nostalgic memories of earlier visits by members of the Royal Family. It brought memories of the time when they paid homage to Elizabeth's great grandmother, Queen Victoria, when they served that great Queen as loyally and so devotedly, that they made the British Empire the greatest empire in the history of mankind. But it meant to them something more than a revival of old memories; it meant reassurance to them in their old age that the British Empire, now a Commonwealth of Nations, which they had worked so hard and so gallantly to strengthen and preserve, was not on the wane, was not declining towards disintegration. In the person of the Queen, and all she stood for, they could see hope—hope in all its youth and beauty—hope for the world—a world so often pronounced doomed, both materially and morally.

And let us consider the children!

Well, for most of them the moment the Queen passed was the greatest moment of their lives. Anyone who was present among the vast concourses of children which greeted Her Majesty was conscious of the thrill that swept over the gathering as their Queen passed within a few feet of them.

For the little ones it was to be a fairy tale princess come from her distant golden castle. But they discovered a real woman, flesh and blood like themselves, the mother of the little prince and princess they regard with such affection, a young and beautiful woman whom they could look up to and admire—and, above all, remember.

For the older children there was the added excitement of the realisation that they were present at the making of history, actively sharing an experience unique in the annals of our history, the first



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*visit of a reigning monarch to our shores, and, at that, a monarch peculiarly their own, crowned Queen of Australia.*

*For all of them it was an experience that will remain engraved on their memories, to assist them to become worthy citizens of this great land. A memory to be, in the future, shared proudly with their own children, as they pass on to them the noble traditions of our race.*

*The Queen has gone now. She is separated from us by continents and oceans. But the spirit of the Royal Visit remains. To Australians, as they stand on the threshold of future greatness, the presence of their Queen in their midst has made clear to them the pathway which they must follow, a difficult pathway, beset by many hazards, yet a pathway to be followed courageously, fortified by that selfless devotion to duty, that unity of purpose, and that deep inner spiritual force inspired by a strong faith in God, displayed by their Queen as she moved among them. This pathway is the pathway to greater personal integrity, and from there to a more virile Australia, a stronger British Commonwealth, and a safer and freer world.*

J. HAMILTON (3A).

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## STAFF CHANGES

The number of transfers and resignations since the end of 1953 has been considerably higher than for many years. Mr. D. H. Edwards and Mr. D. B. Short both resigned from the Department of Education to take up lectureships at the Sydney Technical College; Mr. B. A. Bolt resigned to take up a position as Lecturer in Mathematics at Sydney University; Mr. D. G. Thompson resigned to take up a position as Lecturer in Mathematics at the Flinders Naval College; Mr. C. G. Arnold resigned to take up a position in England; Mr. R. P. Tisher, appointed to our Science Department at the beginning of this year, was within a few weeks appointed to a lectureship at Sydney Teachers' College; Mr. I. R. Cracknell resigned to take up a position at the University of Technology, and Mr. M. N. Kelly to take up a lectureship at New England University.

Among those transferred to other schools were: Mr. K. G. Harris (Yanco Agricultural High School), Mr. T. M. Knight (Canberra High School), Mr. L. G. Levick (Crow's Nest Central School), Mr. S. A. Pfitzner (who took up the Mastership of the Science Department at North Sydney Technical High School).

To Mr. J. J. Carlozzi, appointed to succeed Mr. Thompson and now on protracted sick leave, the School extends hearty good wishes for a speedy recovery.

The School also takes this opportunity of welcoming the following, who have been appointed to the Staff to replace those already mentioned: Messrs. H. G. Billington, D. J. Dickson, W. A. Fleming, S. G. Hughes, P. H. Leblang, J. R. Maddox, B. G. Nichol, R. G. Peterson, R. W. Poder, F. Simpson, R. W. Smith.

MR. I. R. CRACKNELL

Early in Third Term Mr. Brownie, in the absence of Mr. Barr, regretfully announced the resignation of a highly valued member of the School staff in the person of Mr. I. R. Cracknell.

After a period of seven years with the School, Mr. Cracknell left to take up a position with the University of Technology. We wish him the best of luck in his new position and sincerely thank him for his past interest in various phases of the School's activities. As well as his normal duties as Gym. Master, he was Officer in Command of the School Cadet Corps and Master-in-Charge of the School Rifle Shooting Team which scored such outstanding success this year. He also coached the First XV during the years 1949-51, in which years they were runners-up twice and premiers once in the C.H.S. Competition. A man of many parts, he was also Rowing Master in 1953 and 1954, and was elected Convener of the Regatta next year.

His loss will be sincerely felt by both masters and boys, who will long remember him for his cheerful and helpful nature and his rousing call:

"All personnel. . . ."

D. J.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1953

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; 12, Physics; 13, Chemistry; 17, Geography; 18, Economics.

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 students who have passed in the oral tests in French or German.

Alderdice, D. S., 1A 3A 5A 6A 12H(2) 13H(2).	Bland, J. E., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12B 13A.
Arnott, P. J., 1A 3H(1) (o) 5B 6A 12A 13A.	Bolton, R. F., 1H(1) 3A(o) 5B 6B 12A 18A.
Banwell, N. R., 1B 3B 7B 9B 13B 18B.	Braithwaite, M. S., 1B 7B 9B 18B.
Baxter, J., 1B 2B 3B 7B 9B 13B.	Brandon, L., 1B 3A(o) 5B 6B 12B 13B.
Beckhouse, J. A., 1B 3A(o) 5B 6B 12A 13B.	Burson, A. D., 1A 3B(o) 7A 9A 12A 13A.
Beeby, L. D., 1A 3B 7B 9A 13B 18B.	Caddy, J. B., 1B 3B 7B 9B 17B.
Bellingham, B. W., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12A 13B.	Callaghan, M. J., 1B 3A 6B 12A 18A.
Biegler, T., 1A 5H (1) 6H(2) 12A 13H(1).	Cambourne, B., 1B 3B 9A 12B.
Bilton, J. A., 1A 3B 5A 6B 13A 17H(2).	Carroll, D. C., 1A 3B 7B 9A.
Blackett, R. O., 1B 2B 3A(o) 7B 9B 13B.	Clapshaw, G. G., 1B 5A 6B 9A.
Blanch, E. S., 1A 3A(o) 7B 9A 12A 13H(1).	Claridge, J. N., 1A 2B 7B 9A 18A.
Blanchard, J., 3B 7B 9A 13B 17B.	Clark, R., 1A 3B 5B 6B 12B.
	Clark, R. T., 1B 7B 9A 13B 18B.
	Coleman, E. R., 1B 3B 5B 6B 9B.
	Colman, V. J., 1B 2A 5B 6B 12B 13H(1).
	Conninos, S. G., 1B 3B(o) 5B 6B 13B



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- Davis, T. H., 1B 7B 9A 13B 18A.  
Denny, D. J., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12A 13B.  
Donoghue, J. D., 1A 3A(o) 7B 9A 18A.  
Drennan, L. D., 1B 7B 9A 13B 18B.  
Dudman, L., 1A 2H(1) 3H(1)(o) 7A 9A 13A.  
Fitzgerald, M. B., 1B 3B 5B 6B 13A 17B.  
Forster, M. E., 1B 7B 9B 13A.  
Furness, D. G., 1A 3A 5B 6B 12A.  
Goddard, J. A., 1B 7B 9A 13B 17B.  
Hall, S. C., 1A 2B 3A(o) 4H(1)(o) 7B 13B.  
Hazell, W. R., 1B 3A 5A 6B 12B 13B.  
Heywood, N. W., 5B 6B 12B 13A.  
Hogue, C. O., 1B 3B(o) 9A 17B 18B.  
Holmes, R. J., 1A 3B 5B 6B 13B 18B.  
Hughes, W., 1A 3H(2)(o) 5B 6A 12A 13A.  
Hymann, R. J., 1B 3B 7B 9A 13B.  
Jenkin, R. B., 1A 3A(o) 5A 6B 12A 13B.  
Jobling, R., 1A 3B 5B 6B 12B 13A.  
Joffick, D. A., 1A 3A(o) 5H(2) 6A 12H(1) 13A.  
Kern, I. B., 1A 3A(o) 5H(1) 6B 12H(1) 13A.  
Kopp, T. H., 1A 5H(1) 6H(1) 12H(1) 13A.  
Leonard, M. J., 1B 5B 6B 12A 13A.  
Leroy, W. J., 1B 5B 6B 13B.  
Lilienthal, M. R., 1A 2B 5B 6B 12H(2) 13A.  
Lions, J., 1A 3A(o) 5H(1) 6A 12H(1) 13A.  
Little, I. J., 1B 3B 5H(1) 6A 12H(2) 13A.  
Llewellyn, K. R., 1A 3B 5B 6B 12A 13A.  
Lloyd, B. J., 1A 3B(o) 5A 6B 12H(2) 13A.  
Lucas, A. M., 1B 3B 7B 9A 13B 17B.  
Lumley, F., 1B 3B 7B 9B 12B 13B.  
McCabe, L. J., 1B 7B 9B 17B.  
McCoy, J. A., 1B 2A 7A 9A 12B 13A.  
Macpherson, R. L., 1B 3B 5B 9A.  
Mathew, A. M., 1B 3B 5A 6B 12A 13A.  
May, B. E., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12A 13B.  
Meakin, T. C., 1B 3B 5B 6B 9B.  
Mills, D. R., 3B 7B 9A 12B 18B.  
Milson, R. A., 1A 2B 7B 9A 13A 18B.  
Nelmes, D. C., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12B.  
Newton, K. W., 2B 3A(o) 9B 13B.  
Nichols, A. C., 1H(2) 3H(2)(o) 5B 6B 12B.  
O'Brien, B. J., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12A 13B.  
Parsons, B. J., 1B 5B 6B 9A 13B.  
Paul, J. A., 1B 2B 3A(o) 7B 9A.  
Peak, G. J., 1B 2B 5B 9B 13B.  
Penny, R., 1A 3A(o) 5A 6A 12H(1) 13H(1).  
Phillips, R. D., 1B 2B 7B 9A 12B 18A.  
Pluthero, B. M., 1A 3B 7A 9A 12B 13B.  
Rosenthal, L. J., 1B 2B 7B 9A 13B.  
Rushall, R. T., 1B 3H(2)(o) 4H(2)(o) 7A 12A 13A.  
Ryan, R. J., 1B 3B 5B 13B.  
Saravanos, C., 3B 5B 6B 12A 13B.  
Seemann, J., 1A 3A(o) 5H(2) 6B 12H(1) 13A.  
Simpson, P. G., 1B 3A(o) 5H(2) 6A 12A 13A.  
Sinclair, K. E., 1B 3B 5B 6B 9A 12B.  
Smee, C. F., 1B 7A 9B 18B.  
Smith, H. G., 1H(2) 3A(o) 7A 9A 12B 13A.  
Stern, R. W., 1A 3A 7A 9A 13B 17B.  
Stock, R. S., 1A 3H(1)(o) 4H(1)(o) 7A 12A 13A.  
Stuart, M., 1A 3A(o) 5H(2) 6H(2) 12A 13A.  
Taylor, A. E., 1B 7B 9B 13B 17A.  
Taylor, W. A., 1A 3B 5B 6B 12A 13B.  
Thorne, C. P., 1B 3B(o) 5B 6A 12H(2) 13A.  
Thornton, J. A., 1B 7B 9B 13B 17B.  
Tilley, P. L., 1B 3B 5B 9A 13B.  
Turk, N. W., 1B 2B 7B 9B 13B.  
Vig, P., 1A 3B(o) 5B 6B 12B 13H(2).  
Virgoe, R. T., 1A 2A 3A(o) 5A 6B 12B.  
Wells, J. V., 1A 3A(o) 5A 6B 12A 13H(2).  
Weston, H. N., 3B 7B 9A 13B 17B.  
White, R. J., 1A 3B 7B 9A 13B 18B.  
Wise, J. W., 1B 3B 7B 9B.  
Younie, J. D., 1B 3B 5B 6B 13A 17B.

The following gained University Bursaries:—

T. Biegler, D. A. Joffick, I. B. Kern, T. H. Kopp, J. Seemann.

Commonwealth Scholarships were awarded as follows:—

D. S. Alderdice, P. J. Arnott, T. Biegler, J. A. Bilton, E. S. Blanch, R. F. E. Bolton, A. D. Burson, J. N. Claridge, V. J. Z. Colmon, J. D. Donoghue, L. Dudman, S. C. Hall, W. R. Hazell, C. O. F. Hogue, W. Hughes, R. B. Jenkin, D. A. Joffick, I. B. Kern, T. H. Kopp, M. J. Leonard, M. R. Lilienthal, J. Lions, I. J. Little, B. J. Lloyd, J. A. McCoy, A. M. Matthew,

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R. A. Milson, A. C. Nichols, R. Penny, R. D. Phillips, R. T. Rushall, J. Seemann, P. G. Simpson, H. G. Smith, R. W. Stern, R. S. Stock, M. Stuart, C. P. Thorne, P. Vig, R. T. Virgoe, J. V. Wells, R. J. White.

### INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1953

The following boys were awarded the Intermediate Certificate on the results of the 1953 examination:—

Abel, J.	Fear, R. E.	Martin, W. J.
Aberneathy, R. J.	Fisher, G. A.	Masnick, A. J.
Alexander, J. A.	Fitzgerald, B. W.	Mayes, N. J.
Applebaum, A. J.	Flint, D. E.	Mellish, P.
Armitage, S.	Ford, D. L.	Melman, G. R.
Attwood, P. L.	Francis, L. N.	Milham, H. S.
Avery, W. A.	Freeman, L. H.	Mladek, A. R.
Bailey, I.	Fry, P. S.	Ower, T. J.
Barker, B. J.	Gabriel, N.	Page, R. K.
Beaumont, B. A.	Gaul, J. J.	Pawsey, S. F.
Bennett, K. V.	Glaser, P.	Pegrum, R. C.
Beverley, G. E.	Goldberg, N.	Perry, J. H.
Biro, G. A.	Goldsmith, R. J.	Phillips, H. T.
Bishop, C. T.	Grace, P.	Porter, K. J. V. M.
Blackwood, R. L.	Grantham, D. R.	Quigley, G. P.
Bless, J. J.	Graves, R. F.	Ré, A. N.
Boone, P. M.	Green, A. N.	Reddish, G. G.
Bottomley, B. W.	Greig, D. G.	Reid, J. A.
Bower, P. A.	Guest, G. W.	Richards, R.
Bradshaw, R. D.	Hall, G. T.	Rileigh, J. R.
Brown, L. J.	Hardy, J. R.	Robb, J. F.
Budge, J. S.	Hayman, J. H.	Robberds, L. P.
Burke, M.	Hayes, K. R.	Rosen, J.
Butler, P. H.	Hazell, J. R.	Rutkewitz, J.
Caisley, G.	Hickson, N. G.	Sankey, L. E.
Campbell, B.	Hirst, J. F.	Saunders, J. R.
Cantrill, A. S.	Holloway, K. M.	Schulze, R. R.
Carey, P. R.	Holt, A. E. V.	Seamonds, P.
Carruthers, A. V.	Hovev, L. J.	Selinger, B. K.
Carruthers, R. J.	Howell, W. E.	Shapiro, R. M.
Chapman, T. M.	Hudson, R. S.	Shea, G. R.
Chegwyn, P. G.	Hunt, T. S.	Sidery, D. G.
Clemens, K. J.	Hutchinson, K. R.	Small, R. MacL.
Clines, D. J. A.	Johnson, L. B.	Smith, N. C.
Cohen, H. A.	Jullian, D. J.	Smith, P. N.
Colman, R. J.	Kaye, B. N.	Smith, R. W.
Cornwell, R. M.	King, G. W.	Spence, R. C.
Craig, B. A.	King, J. R.	Stamper, W. J.
Cunningham, A. G.	Lambert, P. E.	Stone, G. M.
Curnow, J. A.	Lawrence, A. J.	Stoneham, P. N.
Day, B. G.	Le Quesne, D. M.	Steuart, R. F.
Delaney, K. R.	Letts, L. I.	Summers, W. L. G.
Denning, D. B.	McClatchey, S. I.	Sutton, R. H.
Derham, R. A.	McClellan, G. J.	Thornhill, P. C.
Donaldson, R. R.	McDowell, R. W.	Tilney, G. R.
Dudman, M. P.	McGrath, K. G. A.	Tucker, A. E.
Eagleson, W. L.	McMahon, B. K.	Turner, H. P.
Einfeld, M. R.	Maidment, R. B.	Wall, A. J.
Face, J. R.	Manning, P. H.	Warren, R. C.
Farquhar, A. J.	Marr, G. W.	Watson, W. J.



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Webb, R. B.  
White, B. W.  
Whitelaw, G. J.  
Wicks, G. R.  
Widerberg, N.

Wilding, P. A.  
Wilenski, P. S.  
Williams, W.  
Wilmot, W. E.  
Wilson, R. J.

Wolfe, T. S.  
Woodlands, R. A.  
Wright, J. R. G.  
Wynberg, B. C.

### ALLIANCE FRANCAISE EXAMINATIONS

#### Top Position to High Boy

First place in the Concours General was gained this year by Ken Dutton, Fifth Year. This is a distinct honour, as the examination is open to the best pupil of every school in N.S.W. The prize is a free vacation of some weeks in a French home in New Caledonia.

In addition to the above, the following pupils gained passes in the ordinary examinations conducted by the Alliance Francaise:—

*Grade 2:* K. Dutton.

*Grade 3:* R. Acher, P. Fry.

*Grade 4:* J. Hamilton, N. Thompson.

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## 1953 PRIZE LIST

## FIFTH YEAR

Dux (aeq.) (Frank Albert Cup and Headmaster's Prize), Dr. F. W. Doak Prize for Latin: **L. Dudman.**

Dux (aeq.) (Frank Albert Cup and Headmaster's Prize), Alan C. Corner Prize for Physics, Henry F. Halloran Diamond Jubilee Prize for Chemistry: **R. Penny.**

A. B. Piddington Prize for English, Oratory: **R. Bolton.**

Earle Page Prizes for French, German: **R. Stock.**

G. C. Saxby Prize for Maths. I and II, General Proficiency: **T. Biegler.**

History: **H. G. Smith.**

Geography: **J. Bilton.**

Economics: **M. Callaghan.**

Special Prize for Mathematics: **T. Kopp.**

Declamation (aeq.): **R. T. M. Clark,**

**S. Hall.**

General Proficiency: **D. Alderdice, M.**

**Stuart.**

## FOURTH YEAR

Dux (Mrs. Ethel Killip Memorial Prize), K. Saxby Prize for Mathematics and Physics, Chemistry (aeq.): **A. Nicholls.**

English, German, Declamation: **W. Lillyman.**

History, Oratory (aeq.): **J. Hislop.**

French, Oratory (aeq.): **K. Dutton.**

Chemistry (aeq.): **B. Sampson.**

Latin, General Proficiency: **J. Post.**

Greek: **R. Casey.**

Geography: **M. Hanson.**

Economics: **B. King.**

General proficiency: **J. Browne, G.**

**Graham, J. Pullin.**

## THIRD YEAR

Dux (Sir Frederick Jordan Memorial Prize), H. A. Coss Prize for English, History, Latin, Mathematics I: **L. Brown.**

French, Greek: **D. Clines.**

German, General Proficiency: **L. Freeman.**

Mathematics II, General Proficiency: **J.**

**Rileigh.**

Science, General Proficiency: **W. Williams.**

Geography, Business Principles: **G. Fisher.**

Declamation: **J. Reid.**

Oratory: **R. Derham.**

General Proficiency: **J. Curnow.**

Best Prose in "Record": **J. Wright.**

## SECOND YEAR

Dux, English, French, Science: **J. Hamilton.**

Mathematics I: **A. Yuen.**

Mathematics II: **R. Eyland.**

History (aeq.): **W. Firkin, J. Masselos.**

Latin, General Proficiency: **G. Edwards.**

Greek: **B. Curry.**

German: **N. Witton.**

Geography, Business Principles: **R. Windsor.**

Declamation: **R. Acher.**

Oratory: **R. May.**

General Proficiency: **N. Moses, T. Ashworth.**

## FIRST YEAR

Dux, English (aeq.): **A. Brennan.**

English (aeq.), Mathematics II, French,

General Proficiency: **G. Case.**

German, Latin, General Proficiency: **G. Reid.**

Science, General Proficiency: **T. Lan-decker.**

Mathematics I: **R. Donnan.**

History: **G. Wotherspoon.**

Geography: **P. Stone.**

Manual Training: **B. Edenborough.**

Declamation: **J. Thompson.**

Oratory, Special Prize for Prose in

"Record": **P. Thompson.**

General Proficiency: **J. Stubbings, D.**

**Brigden.**

## SPECIAL PRIZES

Oswald Chapman Memorial Prize: **M.**

**Stuart.**

1950 Ladies' Auxiliary Prize: **J. Bilton.**

P. & C. Association Prizes for General

Proficiency:

Year V: **J. Lions.**

Year IV: **J. Bennett.**

Year III: **G. Caisley.**

Year II: **A. May.**

Year I: **J. Riley.**

The Old Boys' Union: **C. Smee.**

The John Waterhouse Prize: **S. Hall.**

The John Skyring Cross Memorial Cup:

**A. Taylor.**

The John Francis Bush Memorial Prize:

**C. Chamberlain.**

The J. & E. Saxby Bequest Prize: **L.**

**Brown.**

Lodge Sydney High School Prize: **B. King.**

J. W. Gibbes Memorial Prize for Latin

and Sport: **S. Hall.**

## SPORTS PRIZES

Sydney Girls' High School Cup for Games

and Sportsmanship: **C. Smee.**

A. C. McKibbin Cup for Best All-round

Cricketer: **D. Lindsay.**

Frank Albert Cup for Senior Athletics

Championship, MacArthur Memorial

Cup for One Mile Championship: **D.**

**Denny.**

A. M. Eedy Cup for 100 Yards Cham-

pionship: **B. Allsop.**

Under 16 Championship: **E. Sheedy.**

Under 15 Championship: **R. Fear.**

Under 14 Championship: **B. Rushall.**

Under 13 Championship: **D. Hinks.**

Claude Tressider Shield (100 Yards Breast-

stroke) and Senior Championship: **C.**

**Smee.**

Under 16 Championship: **B. Parsons.**

Under 15 Championship: **R. Carruthers.**

Under 14 Championship: **P. Hayes.**

Under 13 Championship: **J. McGill.**

G. C. Saxby Shield for House Competi-

tion: **Reid House.**

## AWARD OF BLUES

Athletics: **B. Allsop, R. Hardy, G. Smith.**

Cricket: **B. Allsop, D. Lindsay\*, J. Mc-**

**Cabe\*.**

Football: **R. Clark, C. Smee\*, M. Stuart.**

Rifle Shooting: **G. Quigley.**

Rowing: **J. Caddy, R. Clark, E. Coleman,**

**W. Leroy, J. Woodcock.**

Swimming: **C. Smee\*.**

Tennis: **T. Meakin.**

\* Re-award.



### SPEECH DAY

The Seventieth Annual Speech Day of the School was held on Tuesday, 15th December, 1953, and was chaired by Mr. Preston G. Saywell, President of our active Old Boys' Union. We were particularly honoured by the attendance of the Director-General of Education, Dr. H. S. Wyndham, M.A., Dip.Ed., Ed.D., who gave an address and distributed some of the prizes. Other official guests included Mr. A. G. Leroy, President of the Parents and Citizens' Association, and Fanny Carr, Captain of Sydney Girls' High School. Mr. L. A. Swan presented the prize donated by Lodge Sydney High School.

The Headmaster's report briefly showed parents the grand progress the School is making in both the scholastic and sporting spheres, and made particular mention of the vigorous assistance lent by the P. & C. Association and the keen Old Boys' Union.

The Choir, which led the musical section of the programme, was conducted by the Music Master, Mr. C. C. Arnold, A.R.C.M., L.T.C.L. A powerful rendering of the School Song by the whole School really shook the building.

The School Captain, Malcolm Stuart, completed the programme with a vote of thanks to "Our Visitors".

M. E.

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### THE SCHOOL CAPTAIN

This year the honour of leading the School has been conferred on Colin Chamberlain. Extremely popular, Colin has taken a great part in school activities and has had a school career which is the ideal of every boy. He has an outstanding record in sport, having won the athletics cup for his division and having represented the School in the G.P.S. and C.H.S. Athletics Carnivals with considerable success each year he was in the Junior School. In 1952 he won his division of the G.P.S., C.H.S. and All Schools 100 Yards and 220 Yards races. A pulled muscle curtailed his activities last year, but he was again fit to participate in the athletics carnivals of the current year.

In football Colin has also represented the School each season since 1951, in which year he was the leading point scorer for the Fifth XV, undefeated C.H.S. Premiers. In his third year he was already playing for the Second XV, and last year played with the First XV. He has also played a prominent part on the cricket field, having found a place in the Fourth XI (C.H.S. Runners-up) in 1951; in the Third XI in 1952; Second XI, 1953, and again this year. In the scholastic field Colin has kept up a high standard, his name often having appeared in the prize lists.

The confidence his school mates place in him is shown by the fact that he has been a class captain every year since he entered the School. Indeed, Colin's fine record makes him truly worthy to carry on the School Captaincy.

P. W.

## AWARD OF HONOUR CAP TO BRIAN ALLSOP

Brian Allsop's achievements in three major school sports—football, cricket and athletics—(to which reference is made in other parts of "The Record") mark him down as one of the most distinguished sportsmen in the annals of Sydney High School. It was therefore felt that, apart from the award of a Triple Blue, he should be granted the School's rarest and most coveted distinction, an Honour Cap for "outstanding ability in a number of sports."

The rarity with which the award is made is shown by the fact that it was last granted 16 years ago, when Robert Higham was the recipient.

The School's congratulations, therefore, go out to Allsop, who, apart from his excellence as footballer, cricketer and athlete, showed himself at all times a fine leader and a true sportsman in the wider sense of the term.

F. J. A.



Brian Allsop, Senior Athletics Champion, Captain of First XI, Captain of First XV, talks to Mr. C. A. Fairland at the 1954 Athletics Carnival.



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**SENIOR DEBATING TEAM — WINNERS OF HUME-BARBOUR TROPHY.**

**Standing:** W. LILLYMAN, K. DUTTON.

**Sitting:** J. HISLOP, MR. J. M. HOWARD (Master-in-Charge), I. KENNEDY.



**JUNIOR DEBATING TEAM — WINNERS OF K. R. CRAMP TROPHY.**

**Standing:** N. MOSES, MR. R. J. MADDOX (Master-in-Charge), R. DERHAM.

**Sitting:** T. TREFFRY, J. HAMILTON, R. MAY.

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**DEBATING SOCIETY**

**Office-bearers, 1954**

*Patron:* The Headmaster.      *President:* Mr. J. M. Howard.

*Vice-Presidents:* J. Hislop and I. Kennedy.

*Secretary:* K. Dutton.      *Assistant Secretary:* W. Lillyman.

The Senior Team this year consisted of J. Hislop, K. Dutton, and I. Kennedy, with W. Lillyman as reserve.

This team was narrowly defeated in the annual debate against Sydney Girls' High School; but after this, went on to a very successful season.

In the G.P.S. Competition we defeated Newington College and Sydney Grammar School. However, we were defeated by two points by St. Ignatius College, who ran out the eventual winners of the Competition.

In the C.H.S. Competition we defeated Sydney Tech., Canterbury, Randwick and Manly, thus qualifying for the final. An excellent debate against Wollongong on the topic "That Australia should recognise Communist China" resulted in a win for our team. So the Hume Barbour Trophy will remain for another year at Sydney High.

The season was a successful one, both from the point of view of results and support given by members of the School and parents.

The Junior Team also achieved considerable success. For the first time in seven years a team from S.H.S. won the Junior C.H.S. Competition. This has now been re-named the K. R. Cramp Competition, and a handsome trophy has been donated by Angus & Coote. In their zone, the team defeated Sydney Technical High, Canterbury High and Randwick High, thus qualifying for the semi-final. This was contested against North Sydney High, and resulted in another S.H.S. win. The final was held at Fort Street against Hurlstone Agricultural High, whose defeat gave us the trophy. Mr. K. R. Cramp adjudicated in person. The teams consisted of J. Hamilton, T. Treffry and R. May. R. Derham also spoke on two occasions, and N. Moses was reserve.

This year two junior teams (the Senior Team was fully engaged with study for the Leaving Certificate) were entered in the Under Eighteen Debating Section of the City of Sydney Eisteddfod. These teams were: "A" Team: J. Hamilton, N. Moses, and R. May. "B" Team: R. Derham, D. Bailin, and P. Harper. The "B" Team was narrowly defeated in the Quarter-Finals by Sydney Grammar, but the "A" Team reached the final by defeating St. Joseph's, St. Ignatius and Scots. In the finals they were defeated on a majority decision by Fort Street.

The attendance of many First and Second Year boys at meetings after school gives promise of strong teams in future years. It is pleasing to note also that a number of First Year boys performed creditably in the Under Fourteen Oratory section of the City of



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Sydney Eisteddfod; L. Offner came second, while D. Brennan and D. Urquhart shared third place.

The teams would like to thank sincerely Mr. Howard and Mr. Maddox for their unflagging interest and helpful criticism during the year.

### THE ROYAL EMPIRE SOCIETY'S ORATORY COMPETITION

Once again the School team has secured the Royal Empire Society's shield for public speaking, this being the fifth time in the last six years that it has won this honour.

David Flint won the Over 16 Section, with Ian Kennedy second, John Hislop third, and Kenneth Dutton fifth. In the Junior Section Ronald May was winner, with John Hamilton second and Ross Derham fourth.

Later in the year, at a function in the Society's rooms, David Flint and Ronald May delivered their prize-winning speeches. Then they, with the other place-getters, were presented with the shield on behalf of the School.



#### ROYAL EMPIRE SOCIETY ORATORS.

Back Row: D. URQUHART, R. DERHAM, T. TREFFRY, D. BAILIN.  
Second Row: L. OFFNER, R. MAY, N. MOSES, J. HAMILTON, T. PARROTT.  
Front Row: D. FLINT, G. BIRO, W. LILLYMAN, MR. A. F. ALLSOPP, J. HISLOP,  
K. DUTTON, C. BISHOP.

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All members of the team would like to express their thanks to Mr. Allsopp, who supervised and encouraged the speakers during the period of preparation.

The comfortable margin by which the victory was won may be seen in the points gained by the first five schools:

Sydney Boys' High School .. ..	195 points
Burwood Home Science School .. ..	75 ..
Sydney Girls' High School .. ..	55 ..
North Sydney Girls' High School .. ..	43½ ..
St. Joseph's College .. ..	40 ..

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## DRAMATIC SOCIETY

This year saw a change of leadership for the Dramatic Society, Mr. Howard becoming Master-in-Charge in place of Mr. Short, who has left the School. The Society is fortunate in having two such fine producers in succession, for Mr. Howard showed the same enthusiasm and zeal as characterised the work of his predecessor.

The plays performed this year at the School Concert were "The Quack Doctor" and "In the Zone". The former is an adaptation of "Le Médecin Malgré Lui" by Molière, and performed by the Juniors, received the laughs it deserved. The Seniors performed "In the Zone" by Eugene O'Neill, and held the audience in suspense up to the final curtain.

Mention must be made of a team of workers from 3c, led by John Silver, who constructed the scenery. Their work was very realistic, especially in the senior play.

John Milson and Peter Rawlings, stage managers, played a major part in the success of the plays. Also we must thank Mrs. Howard, who gave valuable assistance in making-up the performers.

The actors gave of their best, and their reward was the applause of the audience and the thrill of appearing on stage.

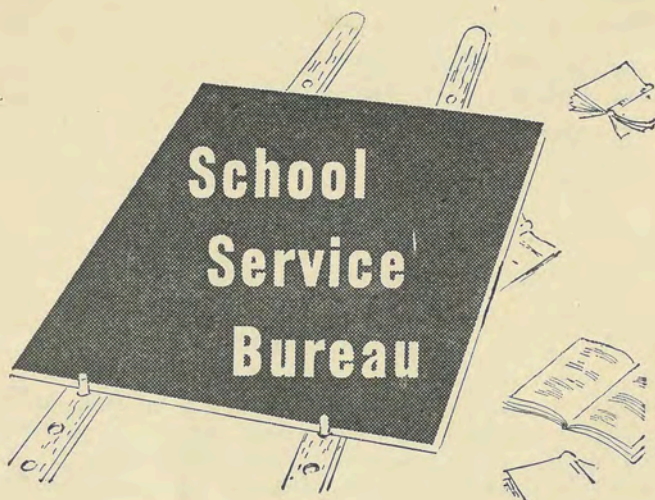
Mr. Howard attributed the success of the performances to the talent of the boys themselves, but doubtless he himself must take much of the credit. The Society has a membership of nearly sixty boys, whose keenness was no doubt another contributing factor in the success they enjoyed.

N. M.



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### CHOIR

During the year the Senior Choir, consisting of Fourth Year boys, took part in a choral concert for high schools at the Town Hall. For most of the year the Choir was under the able leadership of Mr. Billington, and our thanks are due to him for his endurance and guidance in the teaching of the difficult pieces which were at times undertaken.

At the School Concert a combined choir of First and Fourth Year pupils sang "The Emperor Waltz" from Strauss, "Amid the New Mown Hay" and "Turn Ye to Me". The Junior Choir's rendering of the round "Gabriel John" and the Senior Choir's rendering of two sea shanties, specially arranged by Mr. Terence Hunt, were also much appreciated by the audience. The Choir is now preparing for Speech Day.

P. L. and P. S.

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### THE ORCHESTRA

This year the Orchestra has been a select group of only fourteen players, comprised as follows:—

*First Violins:* P. Boone (Leader), P. Schiller, J. Robb.

*Second Violins:* G. Davies, G. Philpott, T. Landecker.

*Violoncellos:* B. Fitzgerald, R. Merrick.

*Concert Flute:* R. May.

*B $\flat$  Flute:* R. Colman, A. Applebaum.

*Cornet:* R. Spence.

*Drums:* J. Charles.

*Piano:* A. Mladek.

At the annual Music and Drama Evening, however, it acquitted itself well, its rendering of Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance March" being much appreciated. Owing to the enthusiastic practice by the members of the Orchestra, a first-class performance was given. The members of the Orchestra would like to thank Mr. Billington for the time and energy he devoted to perfecting the efforts of the group.

The Orchestra urgently needs new members, as this year it consists mainly of senior boys. Any boys who have instrumental ability and would like to be members of the Orchestra are particularly welcome.

Solo performers at the Music and Drama Evening were P. Boone, who played the violin solo "Romance in F" by Beethoven, Opus 50, and the pianists, M. Eskin and P. Seamonds, who played "Polichinelle" and "Prelude in G Minor" respectively, both by Rachmaninoff.

A very pleasing trio, also drawn from the Orchestra, consisted of P. Boone (violin), B. Fitzgerald ('cello), and M. Dudman (piano), who played Haydn's "Trio in G," Third Movement "Rondo all'Ongarese."

P. SCHILLER (5E).



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### CHESS CLUB

*President:* Mr. W. Poder.

*Vice-President:* R. Simons. *Secretary:* R. Cann.

*Treasurer:* J. Rosen.

Once again the S.H.S. Chess Club has completed a successful year. The Junior School this year showed much more enthusiasm than in recent years, and the School is assured of having an ample supply of players for some years.

The Chess Club extends its most grateful thanks to Mr. Poder for his invaluable assistance throughout the season. For the first time the School entered a Beginners' Team, limited to First Year only, which did very well.

The "A" Grade Team (J. Rosen, R. Cann, J. Riliegh, P. Lambert, L. Hovev) finished behind a strong team from Homebush.

The "B" Grade Team (S. Goldman, R. Derham, D. Anderson, D. Goldberg, G. Marx) came fourth in its division to Scots College.

The "C1" Grade Team (A. Rosenberg, R. Freyer, F. Cooper, D. Brennan, D. Mangan) won its division well, and followed this by defeating Waverley College, another division winner.

The "C2" Grade Team (A. Johnson, D. Bailin, F. Lowe, R. Power, D. Brigden) came fifth in its division to our own "C" Team.

The Beginners' Team (R. Heath, R. Darroch, R. McLeland, W. Boyd, I. Swords) came fifth to a strong Scots team.

D. Brennan (1A) is to be congratulated on winning a special prize for the highest individual point score against other schools. Five of our number—F. Lowe, D. Bailin, D. Anderson, G. Marx and R. Derham—entered in the New South Wales Under Sixteen Championships, F. Lowe coming fifth and R. Derham eighth.

There is always a need for new players. If you can't play, or wish to improve and attain the standard of a grade team, come along to Room 9 at 3.15 p.m. on Friday afternoons, where ample opportunity will be provided.

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### S.H.S. CAMERA CLUB

After your film is taken from the camera and screwed up, most of you will admit having it processed at a local chemist's some week later, and then being disappointed with the results. But the lucky enthusiasts who regularly attend Monday's meetings know how to achieve perfect results in their own time.

This group finds photography not only an enjoyable hobby, but also a profitable pastime from which great pleasure can be derived.

The Club, established this year, meets in Room 2 at 12.45 p.m. every Monday, and, in addition, each month a representative from Kodak's gives demonstrations. We are indebted to Mr. Swan for the use of his blinds, which enabled us to project slides and strips.

Our President, Mr. Dickson, has done much to start the Club off on the right foot, and has even started us on a film strip of the School.

The Club is a recognised activity of the School and was affiliated with the Union during the year.

Competitions, quizzes, demonstrations and lectures are but a few activities enjoyed by the members. Plans for next year's programme are near completion, due to the hard work of the committee, D. Jullian, S. Pawsey, T. Bystricky, and R. Cann.

It's up to you to keep the Club running. Why not be in it? One noticed many familiar faces at the recent Photographic Trade Exhibition. This show marked the first time that a deliberate effort has been made to show the general public the wide range of goods available to them and to stimulate a greater interest in photography among the general populace. Photography is no doubt about to enjoy an increased popularity as a hobby.

R. C.

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### GLENDAL RAILWAY CLUB

This Club was formed within the School over three years ago for boys who are interested in railways, either model or full size. A small clubroom has been built for the use of members at Hurstville. It contains a small library and workshop. The latter is used by the members to construct their own locomotives, carriages and waggon for use on the layout. A section of a proposed electric model railway has been completed and is in operation. The completed layout will contain over three hundred feet of track with hundreds of yards of electric wiring.

Work this year has been suspended since May, owing to the majority of members being Leaving Certificate candidates.

The Club is open to receive visitors on most Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Further particulars may be obtained from either the President (LJ 2450) or from the School representative.

J. HENDERSON (5D), *President*.

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### S.H.S. CADET CORPS

Vacancies were few this year, as membership was limited to one hundred cadets and four officers. These, however, were filled and two infantry platoons full of new cadets were launched into an interesting school activity dealing with the basic study of the platoon weapons, viz., the rifle, the Bren light machine gun, and hand grenades; and also with fieldcraft and elementary discipline and drill. The cadet gains a knowledge of basic military training, which to-day seems invaluable.

A Medium Machine Gun School was attended by Under-Officer K. Porter and Sgt. N. Smith. The two passed the course with flying colours, and on their return to the unit lost no time in forming a platoon, which is progressing rapidly in the specialisation of the Vickers Medium Machine Gun.



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Petty Officer Thornhill and Sgt. W. Watson, three-inch mortar specialists from the same course, also deserve praise for a well-organised mortar platoon.

No signals course was attended this year, but under the skilful leadership of Under-Officer McLaughlin, the signal platoon is maintaining the high standard set in technical training by former signal platoons.

The drum band now flourishes under the leadership of Corporal J. Charles.

A ceremonial guard of fifty cadets and three officers welcomed Rear-Admiral Showers to the School Fête on September 25th. The drill was of a very high standard, and credit is due to the cadet instructors for the training of such arms drill.

The annual camp this year is to be held after all exams and at a place yet to be decided, probably East Holdsworthy. This annual fixture usually lasts for ten days, and is much looked forward to by all ranks. After having learnt the basic drill the cadet is then taught more interesting tactics in weapon-handling and fieldcraft. At this camp specialists are allowed to use and fire under realistic conditions their specialised equipment and weapons, and all the cadets fire the Bren and rifle.

Camp life itself is interesting. The atmosphere is different, quite a change from home life, and the cadet in camp is well looked after with camp concerts, well-stocked canteens, free medical service, free kitchen duty and good, if plain, food.

Perhaps the most pleasing aspect of the unit this year is the interest being taken in rifle shooting. After a revival last year a team has been shooting in the monthly competition and acquitting themselves well. Two "crossed rifles" shoots, shot in two parts each, were held over four Saturday mornings during Second Term. As a result, no fewer than twenty cadets now hold crossed rifles, several being re-awarded after the second shoot. Crossed rifles are the highest award for marksmanship a cadet can gain, and the holders are now being looked to as possible future members of the rifle team.

Sincerest thanks go to Capt. I. R. Cracknell, O.C., and Lt. W. Fleming, 2 I.C., for their interest in the organisation of the cadets, without whose leadership and help a cadet unit would not be possible.

G. QUIGLEY, *Cadet Under-Officer.*



## ROYAL REVIEW

We of Australia have during this past year been very fortunate in having had our Queen with us. During her visit one of the many places which she visited was Canberra, where she opened a session of the Federal Parliament. This in itself is an important historical event, as it is the first time a reigning monarch has opened an Australian Parliament. At the celebration of this great event the Queen reviewed a parade consisting of personnel drawn from all the services, men and women from all over Australia and the closer Pacific Islands. The following description concerns only a portion of the Army group, namely, the Cadet Battalion, which was encamped at what was known as Camp Royal.

Most of the cadets from Eastern Command (N.S.W.) assembled at Central Station on Monday, 8th February, and there entrained for Camp Royal, Canberra, which was reached during the late afternoon. On arrival at the camp all personnel were issued with bedding, work dress and eating utensils. Camp Royal was tented and consisted of four sections, occupied by groups drawn from the Regular Army, the Citizen Military Forces, the Australian Cadet Corps, and by the Pacific Island Regiment. The Cadet Group was made up of 398 ordinary ranks, 34 N.C.O.'s and 27 officers drawn from schools all over Australia. Royal Military College, Duntroon, also took part.

The camp was situated in front of the Australian War Memorial and commanded an excellent view of Parliament House and the surrounding district, all this being lit up at night. Each camp section was serviced by two mobile canteens, an Everyman's Tent, messing tents and kitchen. There were entertainments each night and Everyman's Hut was a recreational centre, where reading materials, games, writing materials, etc., were available.

The Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday following the arrival of services groups were occupied entirely with drill, for a high standard had to be reached by the big day.

In the morning of Friday, 12th, a modified dress rehearsal of the review was carried out so that all would know what was expected of them. During the afternoon a tour over Parliament House was conducted, and after that a group of about thirty accompanied a medical orderly to an interesting afternoon at the Institute of Anatomy. That night cadets were invited to dances held by the various Canberra schools.

Saturday morning was again taken up by drill, but with the arrival of the Queen the whole camp lined the roadside in front of the War Memorial to welcome her as she drove along the road from the airport into Canberra. That night cadets attended a first-rate variety show put on by members of a Sydney bank.

Sunday morning was occupied by church parades, and a selection of about sixty cadets lined the road when Her Majesty attended a service at St. Johns, the oldest church in Canberra. That afternoon was free, and most of the cadets visited the War Memorial, where it is quite easy to pass a whole day, because it takes the form of a most interesting museum of wartime relics.

Monday was the big day and the camp was a general hive of activity with last-minute adjustments to dress. It was raining, but, despite this, safari jackets were worn by all army personnel. The camp assembled at 10.30 a.m., and after a small snack were conveyed by trucks to the assembly area. At 1 p.m. all groups marched on to the spacious lawns surrounding the King George V Memorial in front of Parliament House, where a general salute was given to the Queen. This was a spectacle never to be forgotten, as over ten thousand members of the armed services presented arms while "God Save the Queen" was played. Fortunately, the rain held off during this time. When the Queen went inside the whole parade returned to the assembly area, where a light lunch was served. A couple of hours later the parade, led by the Army, Navy and Air Force Guards of Honour, moved off for the march past and, despite the driving rain, presented a fine spectacle to Her Majesty. The whole parade then returned to their respective camps, thoroughly wet in body but not dampened in spirit, being proud to have taken part in such a historical event.

The breaking of a sunny Tuesday morning saw many wet garments on the lines. During the morning a number of cadets walked over the Royal Military College, Duntroon, where they witnessed a dress rehearsal of the Trooping of the Colour. In the afternoon camp was broken, and in the evening there was an address by Colonel Grant, Commander of the Second Cadet Brigade (Aust.), while Lieutenant-Colonel Jenkins, officer in charge of the cadet battalion, read out a message of congratulation from the Duke.

Wednesday, 17th, was moving out day. All personnel rose early and entrained for their homes, happy in the thought that they had taken part in such a great event as the Royal Review at Canberra on the occasion of Her Majesty's opening of the Federal Parliament.

M. J. ASTON, *Under-Officer*,  
Representative, S.H.S. Cadet Corps.

## INTER-SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Leader: R. Taylor. Asst. Leader: C. Chamberlain.

Secretary: J. Henderson.

The I.S.C.F. in Sydney High School is just one branch of a movement which came to Australia in 1935 from Canada. I.S.C.F. is now world-wide, and the N.S.W. Branch is connected with similar work among high school pupils in the United Kingdom, New Zealand, India, America, Germany, and many other parts of the world, as well as the other States in Australia. In N.S.W. alone there are 141 active groups.



## THE RECORD



### I.S.C.F. IN CAMP.

Top: Morning Inspection at Mount Kiera.

Bottom: Cooking Lunch on a Hike.

The aims of the I.S.C.F. are twofold—that schoolboys and schoolgirls should come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour and that they should be built up in their faith by prayer, Bible study, witnessing and fellowship with other Christians.

This year the main meeting has been held on Tuesdays and a Bible study meeting on Fridays. Another important part of I.S.C.F. has been camps and week-end house parties.

For our main meetings on Tuesdays we have alternated between boys from the School and guest speakers. Among the latter were Dr. Paul White, M.B., B.S., "The Jungle Doctor," who spoke about "A Christian as a Missionary," a meeting which attracted a record attendance of 160 boys. Early in the year Rev. Walter Newmarsh, Th.L., the first missionary ever in Tawan Borneo, spoke on "Our God is Able". In April Mr. D. Campbell, the boys' I.S.C.F. Staff Worker, spoke on "Easter". Later Mr. R. Tisher, M.Sc., who is a lecturer in Physics at the Sydney Teachers' College and a former member of Sydney High Staff, gave a talk on the subject "A Christian as a Student and as a Sportsman". Also, a research worker from Sydney University, Mr. D. Foord, M.Sc., spoke in our series on the Christian life. The meetings had throughout the year an average attendance of 65.

The Bible Studies held on Fridays are specially designed to enable boys to get a better understanding of the meaning of the Scriptures.

Our third way of fulfilling I.S.C.F.'s aims is by means of camps in school vacations at Mt. Kiera, near Wollongong, and house parties for week-ends at the "Grange," Mt. Victoria. At these, the boys who go have a thoroughly good time in fellowship together. Hiking and outdoor sports are supplemented at night by singing around open fires and group discussions.

In our I.S.C.F. there functions a branch of the Scripture Union. This is a part, together with I.S.C.F., of a parent body known as the Children's Special Service Mission, which is world-wide. The Union promotes the daily reading of the Scriptures and publishes notes to assist in understanding the appointed portion. The above badge is not that of the I.S.C.F., which has no official badge, but of the Scripture Union.

Our branch also has a small library of 150 pamphlets and books, among which are the famous "Jungle Doctor" books. Anyone may make use of this library, which is open at the Tuesday meetings.

An open invitation is extended to everyone to come along to our meetings and/or camps.

It is by virtue of the Headmaster's consent that I.S.C.F. is able to function, and we give our grateful thanks to him for his support. We would also like to thank Mr. Peterson for acting as Master-in-Charge.

J. HENDERSON (5D), *Secretary.*



## LIBRARY

After the addition of 150 books and four pamphlets during the year the Library now consists of 5,394 books and 274 pamphlets. The Library is indebted for their donations of books, pamphlets, and periodicals to Mr. Hallett, the Hemingway Robertson Institute, the Children's Book Council (whose donations were in appreciation of the loans of projects from the School, for the 1953 Children's Book Week Exhibition) and the Australian Commonwealth Naval Board; also to D. Goldberg, G. Hawk, A. Bell, J. Henderson, and W. Hanson of S.H.S.

The new reference books include: "Native Trees of Australia," by J. W. Audas; "Australian Shells," by J. Allan; "Elioth Gruner"; "Practical Australian Motorist Illustrated," by D. K. Thomson; "A Dictionary of Economic Terms," by J. R. Winton; "Australia's Royal Welcome"; "A Dictionary of German Synonyms," by R. B. Farrell; "Oxford Junior Encyclopædia," Vol. V; "Great Lives"; Everyman's "Dictionary of Shakespearean Quotations," by D. C. Browning; "Fighting Ships of Australia and New Zealand," by F. Norton; "The Wonder Book of the Navy"; "An Explaining and Pronouncing Dictionary of Scientific and Technical Words," by W. E. Flood and M. West; "Funk and Wagnall's Standard Handbook of Synonyms, Antonyms and Prepositions," by J. Fernald; "Aircraft of the World," by W. Green and G. Pollinger; "Everyman's Dictionary of Dates," by C. Arnold-Baker and A. Dent.

Among the new non-fiction and fiction books are: "Greek Drama for Everyman," by F. L. Lucas; "Bandoola," by J. H. Williams; "The Second World War, Vol. VI, Triumph and Tragedy," by W. S. Churchill; "Swimming and Diving," by D. A. Armbruster and L. E. Morehouse; "The World's Airways and How They Work"; "Seven Years in Tibet," by H. Harrer; "Frigate Bird," by P. G. Taylor; "The Ascent of Everest," by J. Hunt; "Reach for the Sky," by P. Brickhill.

Thirty-nine periodicals were received regularly during the year, of which eighteen were donated. The new periodicals included the German magazine, "Der Stern," and the sportsman's magazine, "Anglers' and Shooters' Monthly".

During the year an electric stylus was obtained for lettering books. This should render the lettering on the books cleaner and longer-lasting. Several new periodical covers were also purchased so as to safeguard the soft-covered magazines and make them more durable.

The Library is becoming more and more popular with each year, so that, in order to increase the number of books, expansion of accommodation is necessary.

The Librarian, the Fifth Year Committee, and the assistants from the other years were responsible for the efficient handling of the many books issued this year.

R. H.

## ATTENDANCE AT ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

On Sunday, February 7th, a portion of the School was privileged to take part in the Divine Service at St. Andrew's Cathedral attended by Her Majesty the Queen during her Sydney visit. Along with representative groups from all Great Public Schools, a group of over a hundred boys from S.H.S., under the supervision of Mr. C. C. Arnold, attended the service. The group, led by the Scots College Band, marched from Hyde Park along Bathurst Street to the Cathedral, where a colourful assembly of clergy, choristers, Government officials, Scouts and Guides, members of the Militia and school children were waiting to greet Her Majesty. The occasion was a unique one, and will no doubt be long remembered by those concerned. The boys expressed the wish that their warmest thanks should be extended to the officials of the Great Public Schools and the Church of England, who made their attendance possible.

J. M.

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## ROTARY CLUB DINNER

The Annual Youth Night of the Bondi Rotary Club was held at the Bondi Esplanade on Wednesday, 24th March, 1954. The School was represented by the Headmaster and Prefects B. Allsop, J. Browne and C. Chamberlain were invited to attend as guests. The aim of this social evening was to interest youth in the Rotary Movement.

After the dinner a short talk was given on Rotary. Rotary was founded in Chicago in 1905 by the late Paul Harris. Membership grew rapidly and it was found necessary to establish additional clubs. Over the 49 years of its existence Rotary International has expanded, till to-day it consists of 7,949 clubs and over 376,000 members in 88 different countries in the world. The high ideals and aims of Rotary, which are centred around the "Ideal of Service," were explained. There followed a specially enjoyable part of the evening when The Honourable J. J. Cahill, Premier of N.S.W., gave an entertaining talk on the Queen and the significance of her visit to Australia.

The School would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Rotary for the courtesy extended to its representatives and to assure those concerned that they had an enjoyable and profitable evening.

C. C.



## INSURANCE EDUCATION DAY, 1954

Insurance Education Day is organised by the Fire, Accident and Marine Underwriters' Association of N.S.W. with the object of increasing school pupils' knowledge of the business world and showing them the important role insurance plays in the community to-day. On 24th March a party of Fifth Year Economics students, under the supervision of Mr. Swan, were included in a larger group which made an extensive tour of institutions connected with insurance.

The group first visited Fire Brigade Headquarters, Castlereagh Street, with the object of seeing the way in which the city is guarded against loss by fire. A most extensive display of fire-fighting methods and equipment took place, and boys saw, among other things, asbestos suits, different kinds of breathing apparatus, fire extinguishers in various shapes and sizes, and fire engines. All this equipment is most valuable, one fire engine alone being valued at £20,000.

After this display the party embarked from Man-o'-War Steps in a special launch to see something of the uses and effects of marine insurance. After visiting Captain Cook Dock the launch went on to Darling Harbour and Blackwattle Bay, in which areas a great variety of ships carrying a wide assortment of cargoes are to be seen. Vessels from the United Kingdom, Sweden, Japan, America, Denmark and all parts of Australia carried, among other things, tinned fish, timber, coal, oil, spices, meats and other valuable merchandise. Also prominent in the area were tugs and passenger ships of all descriptions.

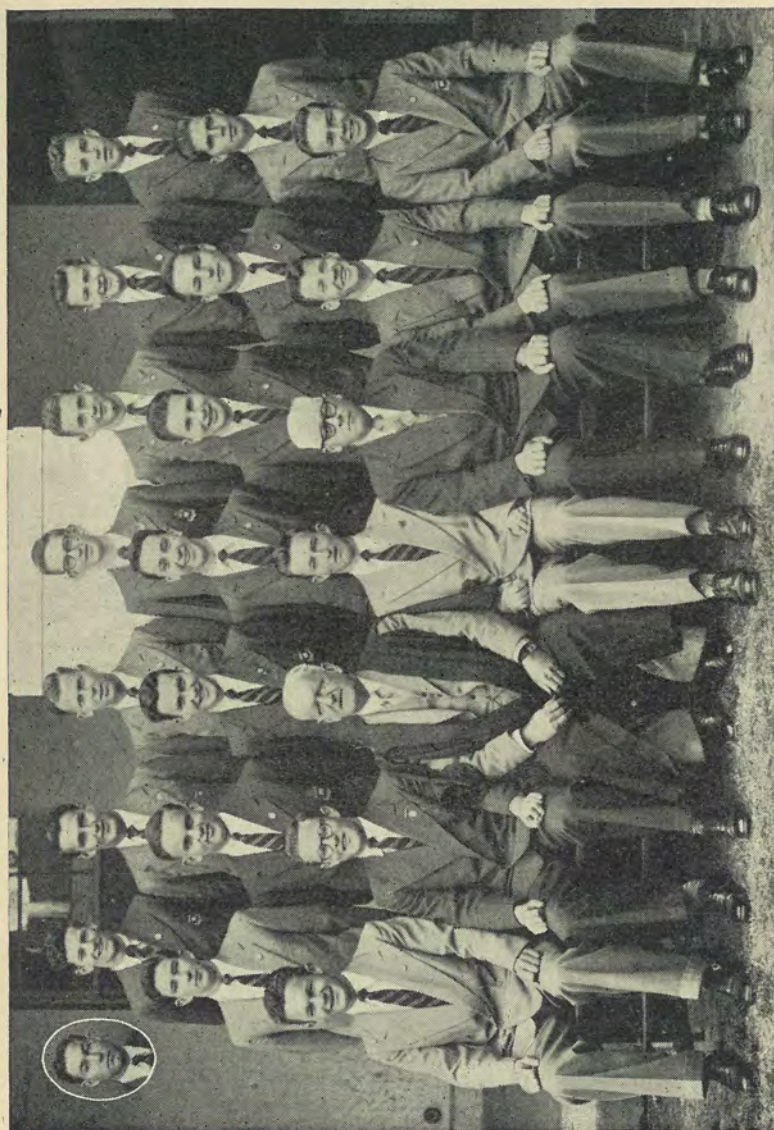
En route to the Lever Brothers' factories at Balmain the launch stopped for boys to make a brief inspection of the Marine Salvage Depot, where one may see a small but extensive collection of salvage equipment, used in the repair and recovery of all kinds of merchant vessels. Every item in the equipment, from diving suits to cables, plays an important part in marine insurance activity.

The party finally visited Lever Brothers' manufacturing plants, which are spread over thirteen acres of land, comprise forty separate buildings, and house £3,000,000 worth of machinery. A labour force of a thousand is engaged in the manufacture of washing agents, cattle feed, toothpaste, hair oils and other commodities. A tremendous amount of raw materials, including copra, tallow, coal, caustic soda and timber was to be seen, and the boys saw all stages in the making of soaps and other domestic products.

The launch then transported all present back to Man-o'-War Steps. Every boy who had taken part in the excursion had benefited greatly from it, and the School extends its thanks to the Fire, Accident and Marine Underwriters' Association for making the occasion possible.

A. COURT (5B).

# THE RECORD



## PREFECTS

Back Row: E. SHEEDY, M. ASTON, J. WOODCOCK, J. HISLOP, R. HARDY, R. TAYLOR, J. COPE.  
 2nd Row: I. SMITH, M. WATT, J. POST, E. KING, M. CURLEY, A. NICHOLLS, A. COURT, HAMNETT,  
 Front Row: J. HAVILLAH, J. BROWNE, MR. G. BAHR (Headmaster), C. CHAMBERLAIN (Capt.), MR. H. J. HAMNETT,  
 E. ALLSOP, M. JOBBINS.  
 Inset: G. CORRY.



## INDUCTION OF PREFECTS

The ceremony for the induction of prefects for the current year was conducted in the Great Hall on March 26th. Mr. Hamnett, the Prefects' Master, led the twenty new office-bearers on to the platform and formally presented them to the Headmaster as the prefects elect for 1954. The solemn oath of allegiance to the School was repeated after the Headmaster by the prefects and then they were sworn in. Mr. Hamnett proceeded to pin the coveted badges of office on the boys and Mr. Barr congratulated each prefect on the distinction he had attained. After appealing for the co-operation of all members of the School in the maintenance of fair-mindedness and exemplary conduct in all places, the Headmaster expressed his confidence that the prefect system would function smoothly for 1954.

The new prefects later signed the Register of Prefects in the Headmaster's office.

J. B.

### *Prefects for 1954:*

C. Chamberlain (Capt.)  
J. Browne (V.-Capt.)  
B. Allsop  
M. Curley  
J. Cope  
M. Aston  
J. Hislop

J. Havilah  
I. Smith  
E. Sheedy  
M. Jobbins  
M. Watt  
J. Post  
A. Nicholls

B. King  
R. Taylor  
R. Hardy  
J. Woodcock  
G. Corry  
A. Court

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## ANZAC DAY

On April 26th the School solemnly assembled for the annual Anzac Day commemorations.

After being addressed by the Headmaster, the School faced the Honour Rolls, where the names of those Old Boys who lost their lives in both wars are perpetuated, as Colin Chamberlain, the School Captain, repeated Laurence Binyon's well-known lines:

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning*

*We will remember them.*

After the customary two minutes' silence and the sounding of The Last Post, the School was addressed by a prominent Old Boy, Mr. Jack Davenport, D.S.O., D.F.C. and Bar, George Medal, a distinguished bomber pilot of World War II. Mr. Davenport pointed out that he was not competent to speak of the original Anzac, which was an army and, only to a lesser extent, a navy operation.

His theme, however, was that "at Gallipoli, in France, in the Battle for Britain, in the Battle of the Atlantic, on the Normandy Beachhead, in the homes of the people, lives the spirit of Anzac." He proceeded to illustrate this contention with a story of an attack on an enemy vessel in Sonje Fiord, Norway, describing in graphic detail the plan of operation, the actual attack and the way the aircraft limped back to the Shetland Islands with a shattered instrument panel and a wounded crew. Those who heard this vivid narrative will long remember.

D. J.

### EMPIRE DAY, 1954

This year, as Empire Day coincided with the May vacation, the celebrations were postponed until Friday, 28th May. In the manner initiated last year, two separate assemblies were held, one for the Junior School and one for the Senior School. Also, as in previous years, the assemblies were addressed by pupils of the School. This system allows groups of pupils to be addressed by some of their fellow pupils who have much the same outlook. The Junior School this year was addressed by John Hamilton (3A), who spoke on "The Family Spirit of the Empire," and by Ron May (3A), who spoke on "Royalty and Loyalty."

At the Senior School assembly John Hislop (5A) spoke on "The Significance of the Queen's Visit to Australia," in which he stressed the unity of the British Commonwealth of Nations and the close ties between England and Australia; and Kenneth Dutton (5A) spoke on "Empire Citizenship."

L. B.

### THE SCHOOL CONCERT

The annual Music and Drama Nights were held on Monday and Tuesday, the 23rd and 24th August.

Following the National Anthem, the massed choirs, consisting of First, Second and Fourth Year boys, sang two traditional airs, "Amid the New Mown Hay" and "Turn Ye to Me," and the Junior Choir then gave a really delightful rendition of Purcell's round, "Gabriel John". Later the Senior Choir again took the stage and presented two rousing sea shanties, "Shenandoah" and "Rio Grande" (arrangements by T. Hunt). Perhaps the best-received choral item, however, was a stirring rendition of Strauss's "Emperor Waltz" in six parts. The choir and the conductor, Mr. H. Billington, received the applause they so richly deserved.

Three distinguished solo performances were given by M. Eskin and P. Seamonds, who both played Rachmaninoff pieces ("Polichinelle" and "Prelude in G Minor"), and by P. Boone, who played Beethoven's violin solo, "Romance."

A more novel part of the programme came when a verse-speaking choir drawn from the boys of 2A and trained and conducted by Mr. J. Harrison, presented a bracket of three numbers, which included one of Mr. Harrison's own compositions, a poem called "The Night Express."

The instrumental music was provided by a trio (M. Dudman, P. Boone, B. Fitzgerald) and by the School Orchestra, under the baton of Mr. H. Billington.

The dramatic part of the programme consisted of two plays: Molière's comedy, "The Quack Doctor," presented by the junior players, and "In the Zone," by Eugene O'Neill, presented by the senior players. Both dramatic pieces were produced by Mr. J. Howard and were a credit to him and a talented cast.

D. J.



## VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

### Dr. Paul White

Dr. Paul White, the author of a series of books generally known as the "Jungle Doctor" Series, and a missionary who has for many years worked in Tanganyika, East Africa, spoke to about 150 boys at the lunch-time meeting of I.S.C.F. on Tuesday, 13th July. Dr. White was already known to many through his wireless broadcasts, but it was an added pleasure to meet him in person.

Dr. White outlined the necessary qualifications for missionary service, and gave some account of his work. With elaborate attention to detail, he described work in the jungle hospital, which he supervises, the war against the diseases of the jungle, and the many and sudden calls to come to the assistance of those who run foul of its dangers.

His lively humour came into many places, and his talk was much appreciated by all present.

D. C.

### His Excellency the Minister of Israel

Twice during this year the School was visted by His Excellency, Mr. M. Nurock, O.B.E., Minister of Israel to Australia and New Zealand, who paid an official call on the Headmaster and addressed a group of about 70 boys on Isreal and the Middle East.

His Excellency was born in Dublin in 1893. He became the editor of his school magazine in his last year of school, and entered Dublin University, having topped the final exam. and gained a high scholarship. He graduated with honours in Classics and Philosophy, heading each faculty with record marks. For these scholastic achievements he won two gold medals and £500.

He joined the British Army in 1914 and served for four years, then travelling to Palestine. In 1920 he joined the British Colonial Service, remaining in Palestine for sixteen years, Uganda for nine years, and, on loan to the British Foreign Office, Germany and Austria for four years.

In 1948 Mr. Nurock returned to the newly-established State of Israel and assisted the Government in administrative problems. Thence he was appointed Minister of Israel in Australia, and has been here for one and a half years.

His permanent home is alternately Israel and England, and in the latter live his two daughters and seven grandchildren. He takes a keen interest in many forms of sport, and his hobbies are philology, golf, surfing and walking.

M. E.

### Rev. Alan Walker

The School was honoured on 29th July by a visit from Rev. Alan Walker, leader of the Methodist Mission to the Nation. To many, Mr. Walker was known through his dynamic radio personality, but it was a pleasurable experience to meet him in person. After an appropriate introduction by Mr. Barr, Mr. Walker addressed an assembly of all boys of the Protestant denominations on the sub-

ject "The Time for Decision." He stressed the fact that as young Australians at this time of our lives we are in the "Valley of Decision," and said that the important decision to be made was in connection with our relationship with God.

Rev. Walker gave four reasons why he considered it was necessary to decide for God. 1. Because of the reasonableness of the fact of God. 2. Because of the Person of Jesus Christ. 3. Because of the evidence of God in creation. 4. Because of the need for God, the One Who solves life's problems and heals this world's ills.

The talk was much appreciated, and it is hoped that it has created a deep spiritual impression upon many. D. C.

### **LODGE SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL, No. 631, U.G.L. OF N.S.W.**

Lodge Sydney High School celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday on August 14th, 1953. The new Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. L. A. Swan, provided a birthday cake, surmounted by a model of the School, for the occasion, and about 200 attended the Ceremony of Installation. Wor. Bro. Swan was a foundation member of the Lodge and is the first of the masters of the School to occupy the chair.

The year proved a very successful and happy one, close association being maintained with Lodge University of Sydney and the other School Lodges. The combined meeting with Lodge Fortian was held in October, and the Combined Meeting of all the School Lodges took place in January, Lodge Fortian being the host Lodge on this occasion. The toast of the Schools was proposed by Wor. Bro. Swan, Sydney High School.

The annual Picnic and Christmas Tree was held at National Park in the happy atmosphere associated with that function, and the Ladies' Night was revived. This proved a most enjoyable function. During June a Complimentary Dinner, presided over by Wor. Bro. John Leaver, was extended to Bro. Charles Fairland and Wor. Bro. Jack Trier, two foundation members of the Lodge.

An outstanding evening was the Anzac Celebration, at which addresses were given by John Dexter and Jack Davenport, the latter the most decorated Air Force Officer of World War II. During the year Lee Ruth, Ken Buckley, Ron Upton and Malcolm Beveridge were amongst the initiates, all following father's footsteps. Mr. Ivan Cracknell, Rowing Master, was also a welcome new member. Recently elected to junior office were Peter Mullinger and Garry Nehl.

The new Master for 1954 is Wor. Bro. John Clark, Ph.D. (London), M.A., B.Sc. (Syd.), Professor of Applied Psychology at the University of Technology.

Invitation is extended to all members of the Craft, particularly Old Boys, to the regular meetings held at the Masonic Temple, Castlereagh Street, on the second Friday of the month. Present Secretary is Very Wor. Bro. M. G. Speedy, Tele. FA 5587 or LJ 2348.



# WHAT NOW- YOUNG MEN?

To those leaving school this year and crossing the threshold that separates boys from men, I ask: "After these coming Christmas holidays you take your place in the world as adults—what now, young men?"

**What kind of a position should you take? What is your future to be?**

**What will you be earning 5 or 10 years from now?**

You know full well that the answer to all those questions is another question—

**What kind of training will you have had?**

A discussion with one or other of our advisors costs you nothing and does not bind you to take up any line of study at M.B.C., but it may prove really helpful. We may advise you to carry on through University. We may suggest a scientific or industrial career, rather than business. But the majority of you will be businessmen, and to those we offer sound, efficient business training in all branches, including Accountancy and Company Secretaryship, on which you can build a prosperous, successful future.

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*Do something about it. Your position in future depends almost entirely on what you do now; and so we cordially invite you to call in or write.*

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• *If it's Shorthand — let it be SHORTERhand.*

## S.H.S. PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

### Office-bearers, 1954

*President:* Mr. T. W. Rushall.

*Vice-Presidents:* Mr. C. W. Watt, Mr. A. W. Rawlings.

*Hon. Secretary:* Mr. L. Collins.

*Hon. Treasurer:* Mr. Carroll Taylor.

*Executive Committee:* Mrs. C. Delaney, Mrs. E. Sheedy, Mr. S. Nicholls,  
Mr. W. H. Wilson, Mr. H. Wilmott, Mr. G. E. May, Mr. W. B. Jobling.

*Public Relations Officer:* Mr. R. J. Delaney.

*Hon. Auditors:* Mr. W. W. Vick, Mr. H. V. Quinton.

*School Councillors:* Mr. T. W. Rushall, Mr. C. W. Watt, Mr. W. H. Wilson,  
Mrs. C. Delaney.

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

The Annual Meeting of the Association was held in the Great Hall on 18th March. The retiring President, Mr. A. G. Leroy, and the retiring Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. H. Wilson, were not available for re-election, and although they are still very active members of this Association, it would be as well to record the valuable service they have rendered during their long association with the School. We also include the past President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. M. Tilley, and the past Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. J. T. Gray, for their outstanding devotion to the School. At the same time we welcome the new President, Mrs. C. Delaney, and the new Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. I. Ré, who have already demonstrated their drive and ability by their efforts so far this year.

It is with regret we bid Mr. I. R. (Sam) Cracknell farewell. The tower of strength he has been during school hours and the amount of his own time that he has given to the boys of the School can only be gauged by the high esteem in which he is held by everyone. We wish him well in his new venture and may he always be "High" minded.

### Finance

Income for 1954 was estimated at £1,800, but already this figure has been exceeded. The estimated expenditure was £1,770, and this figure does not include the stage curtains, the new piano or the erection of the extra buildings at the boatshed; therefore, the Parents and Citizens' Association are having a far busier time than anticipated.

### Boys

We are proud of the boys' sporting achievements during the year, and with their general conduct on and off the field, and while they continue to keep up the tradition of the School they can be assured of the continued support of the Parents and Citizens' Association.

### "High Notes"

Another step in the right direction was the first publication of the Parents and Citizens' Association magazine, "High Notes," which we hope to produce several times a year.



### **McKay Sports Ground Committee**

Mr. A. W. Rawlings, Mr. S. Nicholls, and Mr. S. Donnan have surmounted many difficulties in providing playing fields for the footballers and pitches for the cricketers. Their outstanding accomplishment this year was the installing of six hot showers in the Fairland Pavilion for the use of the boys of the School all the year round.

### **Rowing Committee**

Mr. G. E. May, Mr. J. Woodcock, and Mr. E. Thomas are very active, always having the interest of the rowing boys at heart, and now that the boys have their own boatshed there is plenty of scope for them to show their ability, which they are demonstrating by the improvements taking place there all the time.

### **Ways and Means Committee**

This committee consists of Mr. C. W. Watt, Mrs. C. Delaney, Mrs. E. Sheedy, Mr. K. Ellis, Mr. S. Nicholls, Mr. C. Taylor, Mr. R. Beath, and Mr. W. H. Ross. Some of the suggestions which the Ways and Means Committee put forward are being carried out. This committee automatically forms the foundation of the Fete Committee.

### **School Grounds Committee**

Mr. A. Beckhouse, Mr. J. Bilton, Mr. R. Beath, Mr. J. Woodcock, Mr. G. E. May, Mr. E. Sheedy, Mr. R. Paillas, Mr. B. W. Soothill are always ready and willing to lend their services for any work at the School. They did a fine job in helping to prepare for the Fete and then clearing away afterwards.

### **Dance Committee**

The members are Mr. H. Wilmott, Mr. C. Mahaffy, Mr. S. Tzannes, Mr. B. T. Laing, Mr. W. Cameron, Mr. L. C. Skinner, Mr. E. Sheedy, Mr. W. H. Ross, Mrs. P. Wilmott, Mrs. I. Ré. They have been working hard and the attendances at the dances are very satisfactory. The new piano which the Parents and Citizens' Association provided is a decided improvement. It looks as though the financial return from the dances will be an all-time record.

### **Tennis Committee**

The members are Mr. B. W. Soothill, Mr. A. Beckhouse, Mr. S. Nicholls, Mr. R. Beath, Mr. A. W. Rawlings, Mr. W. Cameron. This Committee is there for anything appertaining to the Tennis Courts. They are having a rather lean time this year in comparison with their splendid effort of last year, when they organised the top-dressing and re-marking of the four courts.

### **Fete Committee**

The members are Mr. S. Donnan, Mr. S. Nicholls, Mr. C. W. Watt, Mr. K. Ellis, Mr. R. Beath, Mr. C. Taylor, Mr. R. Delaney, Mr. E. Sheedy, Mrs. C. Delaney, Mrs. E. Sheedy, Mrs. I. Ré, Mrs. O. Donnan. This Committee, ably assisted by many willing helpers,

again had a very successful "Carnival Fete." Each year has proved financially better than the previous year, and we hope it continues that way. The official opening by Rear-Admiral H. A. Showers, C.B.E., together with the School Cadets and the Coogee-Randwick Scottish Pipe Band, was an outstanding spectacle. The Hon. Organiser, Mr. S. Donnan, did a splendid job in organising the Fete and the Ladies' Auxiliary were a tower of strength behind him. Their report is published elsewhere. The Parents and Citizens' Association desires to express appreciation and grateful acknowledgment for the many donations to the Fete.

We appreciate the co-operation and keen interest of the Headmaster, Mr. Gordon Barr, B.A., also the Deputy Headmaster, Mr. J. Brownie, B.A., and the Staff for their increasing support.

Finally, we would like to record the splendid job all connected with the Parents and Citizens' Association are doing, but their task could be made much easier by the active support of all parents. If you cannot manage to attend our meetings you could help by supporting our various appeals at every opportunity.

T. W. RUSHALL, *President*.

L. J. COLLINS, *Hon. Secretary*.

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### LADIES' AUXILIARY

#### Office-bearers, 1954

*President:* Mrs. R. J. Delaney.

*Hon. Secretary:* Mrs. E. Sheedy.

*Hon. Treasurer:* Mrs. I. Ré.

The first duty of the Ladies' Auxiliary for 1954 was to serve morning tea to the parents of new students and to endeavour to make them feel welcome and to realise that their help and support would be much appreciated. Many of these parents are now active workers of the Auxiliary and the Parents and Citizens' Association.

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

A very successful year financially is anticipated. The Auxiliary is very grateful to those mothers who have arranged social functions in their homes, to Mrs. Gray, who has organised theatre parties for the enjoyment of members and their friends and for the profit of the Auxiliary, and to members who have run tennis tournaments. Sincere thanks also go to Mrs. and Mr. H. Bennett and the ladies of the Illawarra District who, through the courtesy of the St. George County Council, arranged a very pleasant picture evening and a cooking demonstration.

Two functions held at the School, an "At Home" and a Games Afternoon, were both most successful, socially and financially.



## THE RECORD

All committees have worked very well and are to be commended for the success of such major functions as the Reunion, the Regatta Supper, Football Luncheon, Carnival Fete, the Auxiliary Ball and cricket and football lunches and teas.

The annual Football Luncheon was attended by two hundred students and staff members. Chocolate and blue football ice creams and special cakes decorated the tables.

Up to date the year has been characterised by the attendance of many mothers who on all occasions have met, talked and worked in an atmosphere of most pleasant friendliness. We trust that financially we will meet all our obligations to the Parents and Citizens' Association. Last year the final figure was £1,120.

The President, Mrs. R. J. Delaney, and her executive wish to thank all members and friends for the wonderful support they have given throughout the year. Our thanks to Mr. M. Clark for the Auxiliary printing are also recorded.

(Mrs.) E. SHEEDY, *Hon. Sec.*

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### SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' UNION

Founded 1892

Office-bearers, 1954

*Patrons:* Sir Leighton Bracegirdle, K.C.V.O., O.B.E., V.D.,

Mr. G. C. Saxby, B.A., Mr. J. H. Killip, B.A., Mr. Gordon Barr, B.A.

*President:* Alan R. Callaway.

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*Ladies' Auxiliary:*

*President:* Mrs. Napper (FX 4590).

*Hon. Secretary:* Mrs. Smee (FY 5053).

*Hon. Treasurer:* Mrs. Neller.

The death of Mr. G. C. Saxby, B.A., has meant a personal loss to all Old Boys. He was known to the older generation of students as a scholar, then as a teacher and, finally, as Headmaster of the School, whilst the younger generation made his acquaintance each

Speech Day. In later years the many visitors to his home at Collaroy was indicative of the affection and esteem in which he was held by all.

Mr. Saxby was a Past President and Patron of the Old Boys' Union and a founder of the Parents and Citizens' Association. Under his kindly guidance the School grew to maturity, and the many privileges we now enjoy are a lasting tribute to his vision and administration. We will remember him.

## How the Union Affects You

The Sydney High School Old Boys' Union plays an important role in the life of all students and ex-students of the School.

The issue of bulletins and "The Record" to all financial members, the conduct of social functions at which Old Boys, their wives and friends can meet, and the organisation of sports teams in regular competitions are all designed to link ex-students as a virile group. The individual in such a group cannot fail to benefit from continued association with his contemporaries and with Old Boys of other years, and, incidentally, will render practical assistance to his old school.

A student's life is affected in several ways. The O.B.U. is represented on the School Council and on the committees administering the School sports facilities which were originated by this Union, whilst Old Boys give their professional services to the School in an honorary capacity on other projects. Tradition forms the background to all important achievements, and many a contest on the field of battle or sport has been won or lost, not on the day, but on the heritage established by predecessors in other years. The Union also endeavours to foster tradition by perpetuating those desirable attributes of scholarship and sportsmanship created by past headmasters, masters and Old Boys in the award of annual prizes to present-day students.

For many readers of these notes 1954 marks their final year at Sydney High School. Perhaps you have won honours in the classroom or at sport, but in any case you have formed friendships and absorbed an environment which will exert a profound influence in your future life. Membership of the Old Boys' Union gives you an opportunity to continue these associations and "to develop a School tradition, the value of which will increase from year to year."

A nominal subscription of 7/6 paid to our Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Ken Shields, at Jamieson, Paterson and Company, 10 Martin Place, or to Mr. Bembrick at the School Union Office before you leave will keep you up to date with all social functions, and you can continue playing cricket, football, golf and even bowls in O.B.U. teams entered in competition events. Don't forget that neat lapel badges are also available.

## Our New President

In previous years Sydney High School benefited from an annual influx of students from Randwick Intermediate High School, and



several of our School Captains have entered the portals of the School via this route. This year's President of the Old Boys' Union, Alan R. Callaway, entered the School in this manner in 1933. During the next two years he rowed in two Head of the River races, played in the premier First and Second Fifteens, and received the first School Rowing Blue awarded under the present rules.

After qualifying as a civil engineer in 1940, Alan spent the next five years on the high seas, during which period he was Mentioned in Despatches for "Gallantry in the face of the enemy, and for setting an example of wholehearted devotion to duty which upheld the high traditions of the Royal Australian Navy." Upon demobilisation he attended the first post graduate course in Town Planning at the University of Sydney, and is now located during working hours at the Head Office of the Department of Main Roads.

The President has many spare-time activities. He is an associate member of the Institutes of Engineers and Radio Engineers, a member of the Australian Planning Institute and of several other organisations. He has served on the O.B.U. Council for the past eighteen years, and his experience in amateur musical and dramatic productions contributed to the success of our recent revue, "High Spirits." Many of his remaining leisure hours are spent between the School Rowing Shed and the Royal Australian Naval Reserve, in which he is a senior officer.

Alan is also happily married to the sister of a fellow rower and is a proud parent of two children.

At the annual meeting in February Alan paid tribute to the retiring President, Preston G. Saywell, and Executive Council. Although all were not available for re-election as office-bearers, their advice and practical assistance during the past twelve months has helped towards another successful year in the affairs of the Old Boys' Union.

### **Social Successes**

The incoming Executive has embarked upon an ambitious programme of social functions in an endeavour to cater for all tastes and thus fulfil one of the objects in our constitution, namely, "the promotion of good fellowship."

At the suggestion of Steven Hall and Bob Bolton, second generation Old Boys, an activity of the Union which was popular some twenty years ago was revived on 19th and 20th March, 1954, when an original revue, "High Spirits," was produced in the School Hall. A special presentation was made during the Saturday evening performance to members of the School's Champion Eight and Champion First Four to commemorate their 1953 Head of the River victory. Four members of these crews also acted in the revue, which we hope is the first of many similar productions in which the histrionic talents of Old Boys and girls can be displayed.

Special decorations and the presentation of nine debutantes to Sir John McLaren, C.M.G., and Lady McLaren were highlights at the annual "High Ball" on 10th May, 1954, at the Trocadero. Once

again the Old Boys' and Old Girls' Unions combined for the most important social event of the year, and Mrs. E. R. Harvey, President of the Old Girls' Union, acted as Matron of Honour. Mr. and Mrs. G. Barr, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brownie, Miss L. McMahon and representatives of other C.H.S. and G.P.S. Unions, the Parents and Citizens' Associations and the O.B.U. Ladies' Auxiliary were among the 600 dancers present. Now is the time to start organising your parties for the 1955 High Ball, which promises to be the best yet.

It was good to renew so many old friendships at the Reunion held at the Film Club on 25th August, 1954, and numerous episodes in school history were recalled as the evening passed. We noticed Ken Robinson giving his views on present-day rowers to the younger generation, whilst Ross McKinnon also had an attentive audience. The Union was particularly happy to welcome members of the School Staff to this function.

The Younger Set has also been active in organising a number of successful dances during the year. The Union considers that this is an important activity, for it is from this group that future members of the Council must graduate.

No mention of social activities would be complete without paying tribute to our Ladies' Auxiliary and their President, Mrs. A. B. Napper. This hard-working group of mothers, wives and sisters of Old Boys meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 1.30 p.m. in the C.E.N.E.F. Building, 201 Castlereagh Street, and has provided refreshments at O.B.U. functions during the past year, as well as conducting social afternoons at the Royal Motor Yacht Club and at the Trocadero, the proceeds of which are added to the Union's contribution towards the maintenance and improvement of school facilities.

Preliminary enquiries are being made to form and obtain premises for a High Club. The social and material benefits of such an organisation are considerable and deserving of the support of all. In the meantime, the Luncheon Club provides a means for the busy Old Boy about town to keep up to date with School and O.B.U. news. John Dexter acts as mine host and is happy to receive gourmets at 1.00 p.m. each Wednesday at the Toby Tavern in King Street.

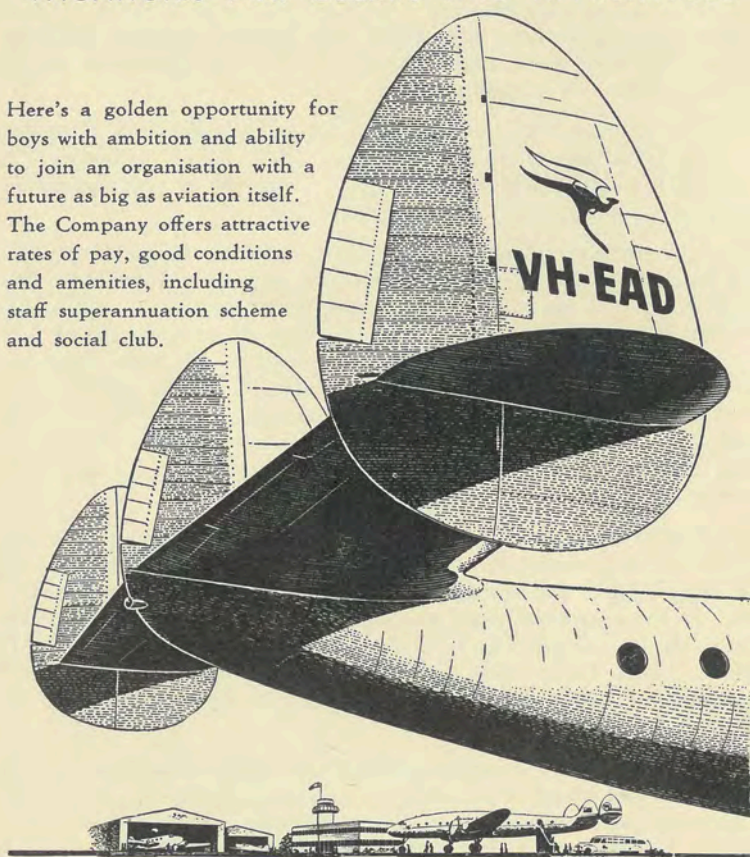
Clothes make the man, and there are times when you feel that the old school blazer is not quite appropriate for your social engagement and yet a suit is unnecessarily formal. The dark single or double breasted sports jacket and grey flannels has become popular in recent years as the correct dress for such occasions, and the Executive Council has accordingly given permission for the Union badge to be worn by O.B.U. members on the top left-hand pocket of these jackets should they so desire. Further details may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary. Council is also endeavouring to have an O.B.U. tie made.



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## Sporting Activities

Following upon last year's victory in the Second Division of the New South Wales Junior Rugby Union Competition, the O.B.U. Football Team this year entered and won the first division of the competition. An entry in the Fairland Cup was not so successful, but Phil Howard says that an entry will be made in the Sub-District Competition in 1955 if sufficient players are available. So what about it, you footballers who have not already been signed up for next season?

The Cricket Club fielded another successful team in the City and Suburban Association games. Barry Lewis of the Singer Sewing Machine Company will be happy to hear from any intending players.

The "Ivan R. Cracknell," a racing four presented by members of the O.B.U., was launched in traditional style at the G.P.S. Regatta with a win and a second. Last year's presentation boat, known to rowers as "The Arc," now has three wins in four G.P.S. starts. Doug Donoghue, coxswain turned rower, has turned coach and joined Dick White, Graham Pilger, Alan Callaway, and Frank Nichols on the river. Once again Doctors Charles Winston, Bob Higham, and Eric Longley attended to the rowers' fitness, and Vic Palmersano to their appetites. To them and to the crews and Rowing Master the Union says thanks and congratulations.

Bowls and golf now figure prominently in O.B.U. sporting activities, and at the annual golf day held at Manly by the Combined G.P.S.O.B.U. our team came third to Scots and Shore. W. R. Smith turned in the best scratch score. Alan Beveridge, our representative on the combined G.P.S. Council, also reports that a regular Sunday bowls competition has been organised, in which each school can enter two teams. If bowls or golf are your interest, then Alan is your man.

## Worth Noting

Congratulations to Professor J. H. Tyrer, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.P., M.R.A.C.P. (L.C. 1936), on being appointed Queensland's first full-time Professor of Medicine, after a distinguished career at Sydney University as an undergraduate. From the position of Resident Medical Officer at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital he joined the Air Force, in which he did valuable work on "anti-G" measures for fighter pilots. In 1945 Professor Tyrer began his civilian career at Sydney University, holding in turn distinguished positions. During the three or four years prior to his appointment to a professorship he was engaged on research.

Kenneth R. Hardy, Captain of School, 1926, Captain of Boats (two Champion Eights) and of Cricket and Football, and of nearly everything else at that time, is now President of the Queensland Rugby Union.

Robert Ewing, ex-Commissioner of Taxation, enjoys excellent health in his home at Melbourne.



Wedding bells for two ex-Olympians this year—Ray Smee and David Anderson.

Congratulations also to Merv Wood and Lionel Robberds who, together with David Anderson, won gold medals for Australia at the Vancouver Empire Games. Merv brought back two medals, the double sculls and fours.

E. A. Southee, the School's first Rhodes Scholar, has retired as Headmaster of Hawkesbury Agricultural College. He has been a member of the Advisory Council for many years and has the distinction of scoring the School's first try after entry into the G.P.S. competition. Ron Upton and Lee Ruth are also studying at Hawkesbury.

National Service training has claimed a number of our Younger Set members this year, including President Viv Littlewood, who is communicating at Flinders Naval Depot, and Alan Geoghegan, who is swabbing decks at Balmoral.

Incidentally, S.H.S. has mothered many distinguished sons of the sea. Two out of the five admirals in the Royal Australian Navy are Old Boys, whilst Ian Callaway and Peter Mellish are her most recent students to receive permanent service commissions. Several others are serving in the active reserve forces.

Pomegranates for Reg Clark (a boy).

We are all glad to see Keith Cameron making a welcome re-appearance in O.B.U. affairs.

The Council desires to thank Keith Patterson, Arch Harvey, Preston Saywell for once again granting the Union permission to use their offices for committee meetings during the year.

What a team we could muster from Old Boys playing First Grade Rugby Union with Col and Ray Smee, Stan Banwell, Bernie Webb and John Bosler from Eastern Suburbs, Keith Cross and John Emerson from Randwick, Peter King (son of Sid) from Northern Suburbs, John Thornett from University, and Ken Fidden from St. George, to mention just a few. Coached by Barney Walsh, who guided University to the Premiership this year, they would make Tom Pauling's job as Australian Selector seem easy.

The Council has conferred Honorary Life Membership on Ivan R. Cracknell in recognition of his services to the School's sport, in particular rowing, football and rifle shooting.

### **O.B.U. Newcastle Branch**

Since this branch of the Union was formed on 16th October, 1953, some twenty Old Boys have become once more associated with the School. President Dr. C. E. Brake and Hon. Secretary Frank Bolton have organised during this year a cocktail party and an All Schools Dinner on the day of the G.P.S. Regatta.

## DINNER TO FRANK SHEED

Recently there returned to these shores on a lecture tour Frank J. Sheed, who left High in 1913 to begin a brilliant career at the University of Sydney and later at the N.S.W. Bar.

Now, with his wife, the former Maisie Ward, he controls the world-wide Publishing House of Sheed and Ward of London and New York.

A dinner was tendered to Frank at the University Union on 26th August by his friends of former days:—

Gordon Barr, now Headmaster of S.H.S. (in the chair); Harry McLoskey, Parliamentary Librarian; E. J. (Ted) Hooke, Barrister; Dr. D. W. (Golly) Magill; H. C. (Cecil) Wilson, Solicitor; W. M. (Bill) Corrigan, Headmaster, Woollahra; Fred A. Lenthall, now of S.G.S. Staff; Dr. George (Scipio) Elliott; Dr. Carl Jaede; Tom B. Nicol, Chief Engineer, Water Board; Dr. W. Ramsay Beavis, of E.N. & T. fame; Fred Elgar, Headmaster, Drummoyne High; Dr. Leslie P. (Daddy) Parr, M.L.A.; J. A. McCallum, M.P. (Senator); A. R. Stafford, Acting Sec., Water Board; Alan R. Beveridge.

There was only one "sorrow"—all good things have to end.

To our next merry meeting.

A. R. B.

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## No. 4 SCHOLAR

*The following extract is taken from a letter to the Headmaster written by one of the School's earliest scholars:—*

"I was the winner of No. 4 scholarship when the School was first established in 1883. The other four winners of the first five scholarships have now passed beyond and left me the sole survivor. Your invitation card reminds one that it will be the Seventieth Annual Speech Day, and I may be the only person living who was present on the occasion of the first one. If there are others I would like to get in touch with them. The Second Session pupils had not then entered the School, and none of the original staff are, to my knowledge, still on deck. The recital of a few facts, still in my memory, may be interesting, although it makes me feel sorry that advancing age will prevent me from being present to compare the facts, then and now.

"Mr. (later Sir) G. H. Reid was then the Premier of New South Wales and Mr. J. H. Carruthers (later knighted) was his Minister for Education. He was a graduate of Sydney University (I think in Classics), and Mr. A. B. Piddington, our teacher, himself probably the most brilliant graduate of Sydney University, to that date, in



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Classics and Modern Languages, thought that Mr. Carruthers' presidency over the first Speech Day was worthy of being made a "special occasion." Accordingly, he deputed myself, Frank Doak and Arthur Eedy the three top boys in his senior Latin class, to compose a Latin oration, which I as No. 1 was to read. But as we had been less than three weeks on our first Latin authors, we needed some assistance to grace our efforts and make them presentable; and so he found us a quotation, I think from Horace, which was, if I remember correctly, "Longas o utinam, dux bone, ferias Praestes Hesperiae!" and which we were told would be translated in everyday English as "Wouldst thou, oh! esteemed leader, grant long holidays to us." Anyhow, it did the trick, and we were given a week's extra holidays, more than were usual for the ordinary public schools. The precedent was thus established, and, I understand, has never since been departed from, that the staff and pupils of the New South Wales State Public High Schools enjoy an extra week's holiday than is granted to the staff and pupils of New South Wales ordinary public schools." (We have long since been obliged to surrender this privilege. Would it were not so. *Hinc illae lacrimae.*—Ed.)

"Mr. Piddington continued his interest in the School for many years after he gave up actual teaching, and those who were fortunate enough to hear his last address at a Speech Day not long before his death will agree that Shakespeare's words, which he quoted in eulogy of the late Dr. Badham, applied equally to himself:

"He was a scholar, and a ripe and good one,  
Lofty and sour to those who loved him not;  
But to those men who knew him,  
Sweet as Summer."

"I regret also the passing of Harry Halloran, who was a Second Session pupil in 1884; always maintained the deepest interest in the School; and although while there he was never a show scholar, for many years he was always a welcome guest and a wise counsellor in the deliberations of the shrewdest business man.

"I wish you personally all good health and prosperity, and the School, under your Headmastership, every success in scholarship and sport.

"Yours very sincerely,

"W. H. PARADICE."



## OBITUARY

## G. C. SAXBY

*It is in sorrow that we record the passing of Mr. G. C. Saxby, a previous Headmaster of the School on 25th May this year.*

*The late Mr. Saxby was one of our most distinguished Old Boys. He was numbered among the very early pupils, having enrolled in 1884. He was Dux of the School in 1885 and 1886. At the Matriculation Examination of 1887 he was our most distinguished student.*

*Adopting teaching as a career, he became a master on the staff in 1908 and continued in that position until 1913. In 1925 he was appointed Headmaster, a position he held until his retirement in 1933. He was President of the Old Boys' Union in 1908-09 and 1912-13. Four of his five sons are Old Boys of the School.*

*No one, therefore, had a longer or more intimate association with the School. During a period of twenty years of retirement Mr. Saxby continued to follow with keen interest all the major activities of the School and delighted to chat with Old Boys at his home in Newport on all manner of incidents and personalities associated with the old school. One came away from such talks with the ageing master with a greater appreciation of the fine qualities of "Old Sax" and a deeper sense of the significance of school loyalty.*

*At a special School Assembly the Headmaster made feeling references to his own association as a pupil with Mr. Saxby, and briefly reviewed his work for High over a period of seventy years. His name, he said, would always be honourably inseparable from the School, which as a distinguished scholar and Headmaster he did so much to build.*

*At the funeral ceremony the School was represented by the Headmaster, the School Captain and Vice-Captain, and many Old Boys and former colleagues.*

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**Henry F. Halloran**

On 22nd October, 1953, there died one of our "Originals," the kind-hearted and cheerful Harry Halloran.

Harry Halloran was a young man of nearly 84 summers and his upright carriage and clear eyes would have done credit to men 30 years his junior.

After four years as a pupil surveyor, Mr. Halloran commenced practice on his 21st birthday and continued in his profession until his death. He was much admired and respected by all who knew him.

As an example of what an extremely busy man can find time to do, the following list bears witness to Mr. Halloran's activity:—

1. Vice-President and Foundation Member of the Town Planning Association of N.S.W.

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2. Foundation Fellow of the Surveyors' Institution.
3. Member of the Town Planning Institute of England.
4. Member of Garden Cities and Town Planning Association of England.
5. Member of the International Federation of Housing and Town Planning.
6. Member of the Institute of Highway Engineers, England.
7. Member of the American Institute of Planners.
8. Member of the American Planning and Civic Association.
9. Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, England.
10. Associate Member of the Institute of Engineers, Australia.
11. Fellow of the Real Estate Institute of N.S.W.
12. Life Member of the Royal Society of N.S.W.
13. Member of the Australasian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science.
14. Member of the Royal Society of Arts, England.

And last, but not least, PRESIDENT OF OUR OLD BOYS' UNION.  
His vacant file of Experienced Councillor will be hard to fill.

A. R. B.

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### Dr. H. Walton-Smith

We regret also to announce the death last April of Dr. Harry Walton-Smith, of Vacluse, who died at St. Vincent's Hospital, aged 85. Dr. Walton-Smith was for many years a Macquarie Street specialist. He was well known for his philanthropic work. One of our oldest Old Boys, he was the donor of two pictures to the School, "1887" and "1897," at present hanging in Rooms 5 and 6 respectively.

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The Headmaster, staff and boys express their greatest sympathy to the parents of Norman Save, a pupil of Class 1D, whose death on 12th October shocked all those who knew him. He died before the passing of the years could lessen the cheerfulness of his personality.



## SPORT

## FOOTBALL

The 1954 football season must be set down as one of the most successful in the history of the School. The First Grade Team were C.H.S. undefeated Premiers and, with only two narrow defeats, finished third in the G.P.S. Competition. The Second XV went through the C.H.S. Competition without defeat, while the Thirds, as usual, won their competition without the loss of a game. Only in the three lower grades was the position less satisfactory. There, owing mainly to the fact that the numbers in our lower school are relatively smaller than in other City High Schools, our teams have not been up to their usual standard. Nevertheless, they had sufficient success to contribute to the School's attainment of the Football Championship for 1954.

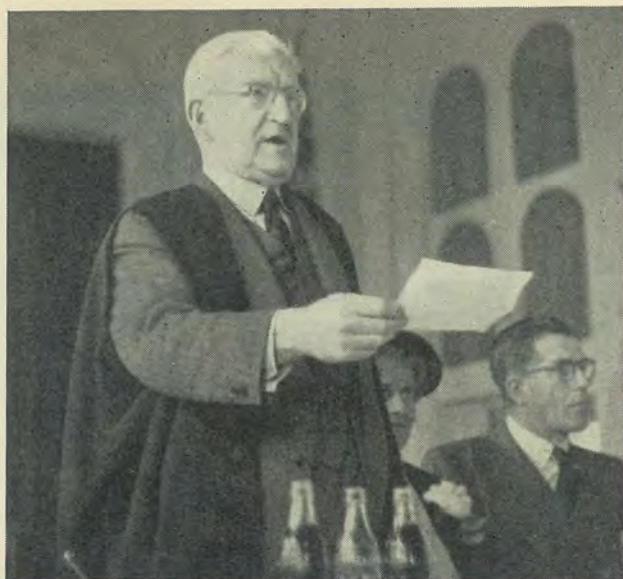
## FIRST XV

## Captain's Report

The 1954 First XV was one of the lightest ever fielded by the School and, realising this, the coach, Mr. O'Rourke, and his deputy, Mr. Allsopp, mapped out a plan of campaign for the season. Basically this plan consisted of fast mobile forwards hunting as a pack, and seeking all the time to get the ball back to an extremely fast set of backs. This plan worked well, for while most of the opposing teams could hold us in the first half, they found it impossible to cope with our speed and condition in the second half.

The side began the season in great fashion with six splendid wins over C.H.S. teams, which included our old rival, Fort Street, always a hard team to defeat. Incidentally, this game was granted the honour of being played as a curtain-raiser to the Metropolitan v. Fiji game at Manly Oval.

The G.P.S. Competition opened with a great win over Newington College at Stanmore. It was in this game that the School first revealed its capacity to fight back from a seemingly hopeless position. Down 6-13 at half-time, the team rallied in the second half and, led on by tigerish forwards, Johnson and Havilah in particular, went on to record a spectacular win by 19-13. The First XV suffered its first reverse of the season at the hands of the King's School in the next round, going down in an exciting match by the narrow margin of 13-16, after being down 3-13 at the interval. Coulson excelled in this match, and was finally rewarded by scoring a great try from half-way, during which he handled twice, beat a man, short kicked, and finally went in near the posts.



The Headmaster officiates at the Football Dinner. In the background are the Deputy Headmaster, Mr. Brownie, and Mrs. Brownie.

The School then defeated Grammar 10-0 in a tough match played mainly in the forwards, with Callaghan and Woodlands showing out.

The finest match of the year resulted in the defeat of Scots, 11-8, at Bellevue Hill. Down 3-8 at half-time, the team played magnificently in the muddy conditions. With the game in the balance at 8-8, Bloom, following up a kick by Jobbins, charged down a kick by the opposing full-back and scored a runaway try. Jobbins revealed his true form in this match by constantly clearing his line and tackling soundly.

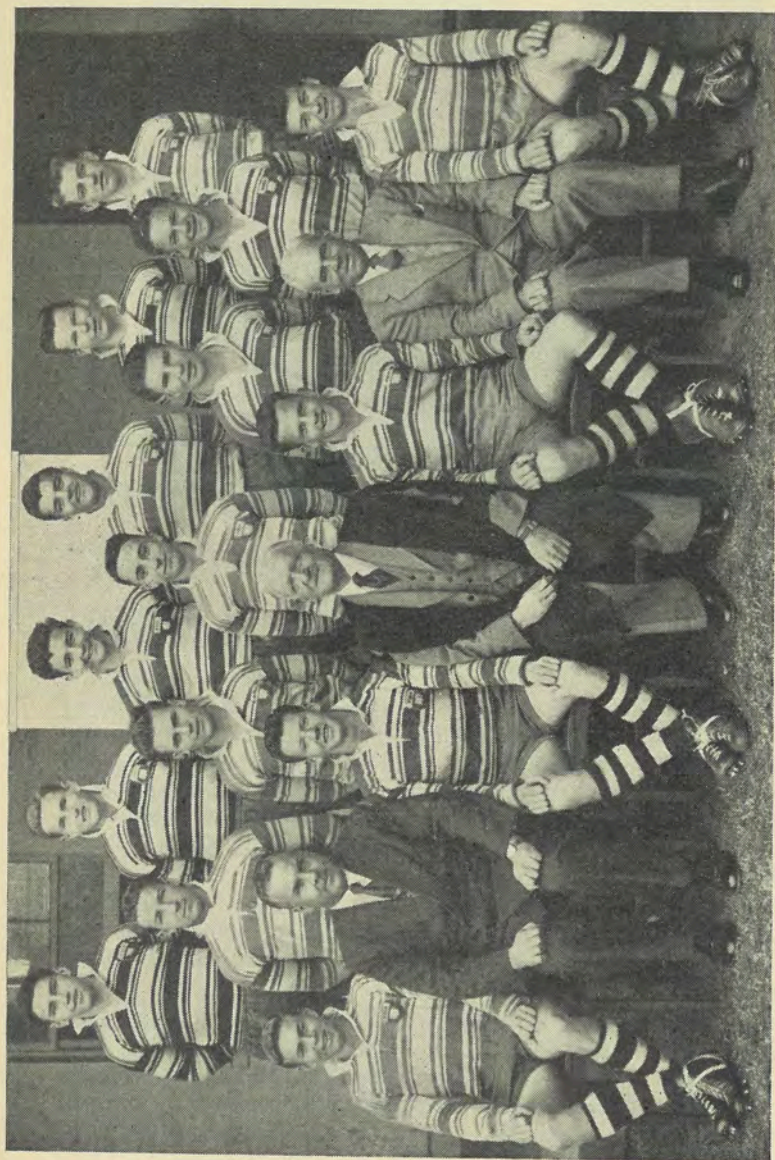
The team then suffered another defeat by 3-6 by St. Joseph's in a relatively dull game at Hunters Hill, where the stony defence of the home team prevented our back line from functioning as it had in previous games.

We next met Shore at McKay Oval in an open game in which we ran out winners by 19-9. In this game Parsons, shifted to five-eighth because of injury to Allsop, played his best game of the year, showing unexpected speed in attack and steadiness in defence.

The remaining G.P.S. game against Riverview was won 17-11 in another open match, with King, Summers and Richardson standing out.

Meanwhile, the team had kept on its winning way in the C.H.S. Competition, and it defeated the up-to-then undefeated Homebush





**FIRST XV — C.H.S. UNDECLARED PREMIERS.**

**Back Row:** P. JOHNSON, J. BROWNE, W. SUMMERS, R. WOODLANDS, P. BOWER, B. PARSONS.

**Middle Row:** G. COULSON, R. CALLAGHAN, B. KING, M. CURLEY, T. HAVILAH, T. HAVILAH.

**Front Row:** M. JOBBINS, MR. A. F. O'ROURKE (Master-in-Charge of Team), B. ALLSOP (Capt.), G. BARR (Headmaster), J. BLOOM (Vice-Capt.), MR. F. J. ALLSOPP (Football Master), K. RICHARDSON.

by 18-8, so the competition was virtually ours. Good wins against Hurlstone and Sydney Tech., both strong teams, meant that Sydney High had won the coveted title of Premiers and Champions.

Throughout the season several forwards—Bloom, Curley, Havilah and Bower—were models of consistency in that they were always up with the play and ever ready to take the final pass.

In the backs, Richardson improved as the season proceeded, as did Parsons and Summers, whilst Browne on the wing at times displayed phenomenal pace to finish movements begun by the inside backs.

In conclusion, the team would like to thank Mr. Barr, Mr. Brownie, and several members of the staff whose unfailing presence at every game contested during this year did much to boost the boys' morale. The players would also like to thank the women of the Ladies' Auxiliary, who gave us cheer, by means of fine afternoon teas, just when we needed it most. Last but not least, the boys would like to extend their grateful thanks to the two members of the "Old Firm"—the two coaches of the First XV—Messrs. O'Rourke and Allsopp. These two gentlemen made great inroads into their own time trying to develop a combination worthy of the School, and we only hope that they derived as much enjoyment out of coaching as we received from playing under their surveillance.

B. J. A.

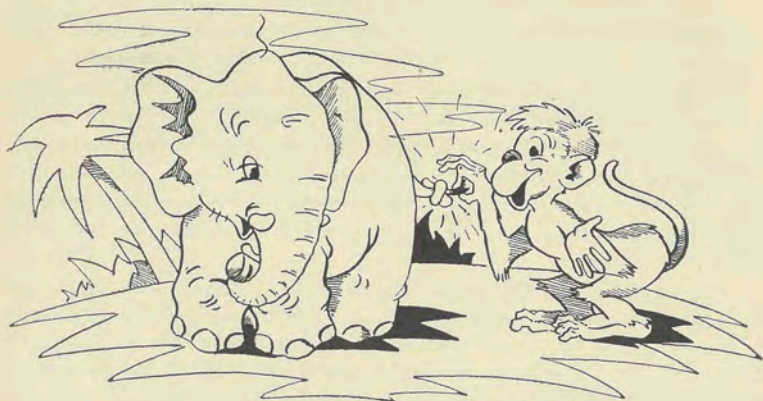
### Coaches' Comment

No account of the 1954 football season would be complete without mention of Allsop's achievements. His play in the five-eighth position throughout the two competitions marked him out as a player of outstanding ability—one of the best, surely, that have ever played in that position for Sydney High. His football sense, elusiveness and speed made him a superb attacking player, and some of his tries, notably those against King's and Riverview, were really brilliant efforts. Of his defence, there was some doubt until the Scots game, which proved that his tackling was of the same high standard as his general play. Evidence of his ability as a goal-kicker is shown by the fact that during the two competitions he kicked no less than 57 goals. A word must also be said about his captaincy; it is no disparagement of the team he led to say that by his generalship and his inspiring football he lifted it to a standard of play which otherwise could not have been attained. His selection as the Captain of the G.P.S. First XV against Duntroon was a well-deserved reward for his leadership throughout the season.

Allsop's total of points scored in competition games during the season constitutes a record for a Sydney High player, and one that will be difficult to break.

It is as follows:—Tries 28, Goals 45, Penalty Goals 12—216 points.





## WHY THE ELEPHANT NEVER FORGETS

ONCE upon a time there was a little elephant called Edgar. Every week Edgar's mother gave him some money to bank and, because he was only a little elephant who loved to play, she would tie a knot in his trunk so he wouldn't forget.

One day Edgar met a cunning old monkey who asked him the reason for the knot. When Edgar told him, the cunning monkey said, "I'll undo the knot in your trunk, because it is hard for you to play like that, but to make sure you won't forget I'll tie a knot in your tail instead."

Edgar agreed, but, because he only had a tiny tail and could not see it anyway, he forgot about the bank and the monkey persuaded him to spend the money. Then, when all the money was gone, the monkey went on his way, and it wasn't until poor Edgar, who was now quite tired, sat down and his tail hurt, that he remembered the money and the bank.

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### G.P.S. Combined Teams

The following Sydney High players were selected in combined teams:—

First XV (v. Duntroon Military College), Brian Allsop (five-eighth—Captain).

Second XV (v. Hawkesbury Agricultural College), Peter Johnson (hooker).

Third XV (v. Waverley Christian Brothers College), John Browne (winger), John Havilah (breakaway).

Reserves: M. Jobbins, W. Summers, M. Curley.

### G.P.S. Scores.

S.H.S. versus—

Newington College—Won, 19-13.

The King's School—Lost, 13-16.

Sydney Grammar School—Won, 10-0.

The Scots College—Won, 11-8.

St. Joseph's College—Lost, 3-6.

Sydney Church of England Grammar School—Won, 19-9.

St. Ignatius College—Won, 17-11.

*Competition Points:* King's, 14; St. Joseph's, 11; S.H.S., 10; Scots, 8; Newington, 7; Grammar, 4; Shore, 2; St. Ignatius, 2.

### C.H.S. Scores.

S.H.S. versus—

North Sydney High—Won, 11-6.

Canterbury High—Won, 22-0.

Fort Street—Won, 18-8.

Penrith High—Won, 83-0.

Parramatta High—Won, 44-0.

Randwick High—Won, 14-0.

Homebush High—Won, 18-8.

North Sydney Technical High—Won, 11-3.

Manly High—Won, 55-3.

Hurlstone Agricultural—Won, 16-3.

Sydney Technical High—Won, 12-3.

*Competition Points:* S.H.S., 22; Homebush, 19; Hurlstone, 16; North Sydney Tech., 14; North Sydney High, 14; Fort Street, 10; Sydney Tech., 9; Canterbury, 9; Parramatta, 8; Randwick, 7; Manly, 2; Penrith, 0.

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## SECOND XV

This year the Seconds finished the C.H.S. Competition as Undefeated Premiers. However, in other respects the 1954 season proved somewhat disappointing, for in the G.P.S. Competition we won only two matches.

The team was undoubtedly rather unlucky, for against both King's and Newington, when it was beaten by only three points, it was without the services of its regular goal-kicker. Nevertheless, the boys acquitted themselves extremely well, shining particularly against Shore, the eventual winners, and Newington, the runners-up.



In the back line the team was hampered by frequent injuries and the promotion of several players at various stages throughout the season. Nevertheless, the boys combined extremely well. Teddy McFarlane (Vice-Captain) and Eddy Anderson, at five-eighth and half respectively, proved an efficient and tricky combination, standing out particularly well in attack. In the centres, John Hislop proved a safe and heady player, while John Reid gave an exceptionally sound display towards the end of the season. Undoubtedly our most penetrative back was Greg Hinks, who, in his first year of Rugby football, showed himself to be a really brilliant winger. On the other wing Dick Fear showed great speed, and his accurate goal-kicking was invaluable throughout the season.

The forwards proved to be the foundation of the team's success, and in both competitions they gained a reputation as a tough, hard-rucking pack. Norm Hanscombe in particular was always in the thick of play, a fact which would undoubtedly be corroborated by many of his opponents. Don Ford and Jan Harris both excelled in cover-defence, and their hard, solid tackling broke up many dangerous moves. Tony Holt and John Elfick, the two props, deserve praise, while Grant Stone and Roger Cooke, despite a few lapses, also gave sound displays. The two hookers, Harry Hackett and Henry Macleay, though they didn't do much in the open, won a major share of the ball, particularly in the C.H.S. Competition. Graeme Humphrey was an exceptionally safe full-back.

The team was captained by Peter Crittle, who was an inspiration not only as a leader, but through the fine example he set as a player.

In conclusion, the team wishes to thank the coach, Mr. Toft, who unselfishly gave up a great deal of his valuable time to assist and guide. His efforts were greatly appreciated by all the boys.

#### G.P.S. Scores.

S.H.S. versus—

Newington College—Lost, 6-9.

The King's School—Lost, 3-6.

Sydney Grammar School—Won, 11-3.

The Scots College—Lost, 0-9.

St. Joseph's College—Lost, 0-20.

Sydney Church of England Grammar School—Lost, 3-12.

St. Ignatius College—Won, 13-6.

#### C.H.S. Scores.

S.H.S. versus—

North Sydney High—Won, 22-0.

Canterbury High—Won, 19-0.

Fort Street High—Won, 14-0.

Parramatta High—Won, 26-3.

Randwick High—Won, 9-8.

Homebush High—Won, 14-3.

North Sydney Technical High—Won, 19-3.

Hurlstone Agricultural High—Won, 37-3.

Sydney Technical High—Won, 17-3.

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## SECOND FIFTEEN — C.H.S. UNDEFEATED PREMIERS.

Back Row: J. JOBLING, A. HOLT, H. HACKETT, R. FEAR, G. STONE.  
 Second Row: G. HUMPHREY, D. FORD, A. TAYLOR, N. HANSCOMBE, J. REID,  
 R. COOKE.  
 Front Row: J. HARRIS, J. HISLOP, P. CRITTLE (Capt.), MR. W. S. TOFT  
 (Master-in-Charge), P. MacFARLANE (Vice-Capt.), G. HINKS, J. ELFICK.  
 In Front: E. ANDERSON.



## THIRD XV — UNDEFEATED PREMIERS.

Back Row: H. MacLEAY, S. MacCOLL, G. MASHMAN, A. FARQUHAR, G. MARR.  
 Second Row: D. SUTHERLAND, J. GAUL, J. PAYNE, R. SEALE, I. SCHOLLBACH,  
 G. KING.  
 Front Row: A. NICHOLLS, G. CORRY, I. LETTS (Capt.), MR. J. I. HUDSON  
 (Master-in-Charge), G. BURGE (Vice-Capt.), R. WEBB, D. BUBB.  
 Seated: L. VASS.



## THIRD XV

This year the Third XV were Undefeated Premiers. The team, which did not have its line crossed, scored 230 points to 9, three penalty goals being kicked against them. Conscientious attendance at practice by all the team was the main reason for its success.

The forwards played well throughout the season, except for the last game, when they appeared to fade a little against a tight pack of Technical High forwards. The forwards gained a majority of the ball from the set scrums and line-outs. The backs lacked co-ordination at the beginning of the season and were further disrupted when Hislop and Burge proceeded to the Second XV.

**Scores.**

S.H.S. versus—

North Sydney High—Won, 14-0.  
 Canterbury High—Won, 14-3.  
 Fort Street—Won, 13-0.  
 Penrith High—Won, 67-0.  
 Parramatta High—Won, 26-0.  
 Randwick High—Won, 19-0.  
 Homebush High—Won, 6-0.  
 North Sydney Technical High—Won, 33-0.  
 Manly High—Won, 27-3.  
 Hurlstone Agricultural High—Won, 8-0.  
 Sydney Technical High—Drew, 3-3.

## FOURTH XV

The Fourth XV had a fairly successful season, coming fifth on the competition table. The team would like to congratulate Sydney Technical High and Manly High on being this year's co-premiers.

Under the able leadership of K. Redman and N. Faulds, the boys trained hard, and even in defeat were a credit to the School. The forwards developed into a strong pack and the backs became a solid combination.

The team benefited greatly by playing several unofficial G.P.S. games which were played before the Second Grade games each Saturday. Many of the boys are looking forward to playing in the Second Grade team next year.

The team would like to thank Mr. McMahon for his invaluable coaching and the great interest he showed in them, especially in arranging the G.P.S. games.

**C.H.S. Scores.**

S.H.S. versus—

North Sydney High—Lost, 3-11.  
 Canterbury High—Lost, 9-11.

Fort Street High—Won, 14-11.  
 Penrith High—Won, 14-3.  
 Parramatta High—Won, 37-0.  
 Randwick High—Won, 9-0.  
 Homebush High—Lost, 8-11.  
 North Sydney Technical High—Won, 8-3.  
 Manly High—Lost, 0-5.  
 Hurlstone Agricultural High—Won, 8-3.  
 Sydney Technical High—Lost, 0-17.

## G.P.S. Scores.

S.H.S. versus—

Sydney Grammar School—Drew, 3-3.  
 The Scots College—Lost, 0-6.  
 St. Joseph's College—Lost, 0-8.  
 Sydney Church of England Grammar School—Lost, 3-10.

## FIFTH XV

The Fifth Grade footballers had a fairly successful season, losing only four of their eleven matches. The team would like to offer their congratulations to Sydney Technical High and North Sydney High on being co-premiers.

The backs, under the captaincy of K. Towle, played pleasing football behind a good pack of forwards who, led by J. Quick, frequently made good showings against heavier opponents. Worthy of a special mention are the goal-kicker, R. Kellick, A. Jarman, D. Hinks and T. Parrott, the leading try-scorers. The team trained hard and is looking forward to a more successful season next year.

The team would like to thank Mr. Rowlands for his enthusiastic coaching throughout the season.

## Scores.

S.H.S. versus—

North Sydney High—Lost, 0-12.  
 Canterbury High—Won, 9-3.  
 Fort Street High—Won, 19-0.  
 Penrith High—Won, 3-0.  
 Parramatta High—Won, 12-3.  
 Randwick High—Lost, 3-6.  
 Homebush High—Lost, 8-16.  
 North Sydney Technical High—Won, 28-0.  
 Manly High—Drew, 3-3.  
 Hurlstone Agricultural High—Drew, 3-3.  
 Sydney Technical High—Lost, 3-14.

## SIXTH XV

The School's Sixth Grade team was moderately successful. At the beginning of the season the team was inexperienced, but showed great improvement. In the competition six out of the eleven matches played were won, three were lost and two were drawn. The team



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finished fourth in the competition. The team practised very diligently throughout the season, and played all their matches in an exceedingly good sporting manner.

The team would like to thank Mr. Peterson, the coach, for his patient instruction.

### Scores.

S.H.S. versus—

North Sydney High—Lost, 0-16.  
 Canterbury High—Won, 6-0.  
 Fort Street High—Drew, 6-6.  
 Parramatta High—Won, 6-0.  
 Penrith High—Won, 6-0.  
 Randwick High—Won, 20-3.  
 Homebush High—Lost, 0-5.  
 North Sydney Technical High—Drew, 6-6.  
 Manly High—Lost, 0-15.  
 Hurlstone Agricultural High—Won, 14-3.  
 Sydney Technical High—Won, 23-3.

### G.P.S. Practice Matches.

S.H.S. versus—

St. Joseph's College—Drew, 3-3.  
 St. Ignatius College—Won, 12-9.

## C.H.S. FOOTBALL COMPETITION POINT SCORE

In the table below are shown the points won by each team in the various schools participating in the C.H.S. Competition. Points in each grade are calculated on the basis of two for a win and one for a draw. To calculate total points for the Schools' Championships, multiply First Grade points by 6, Second Grade by 4, and other grades by 3.

SCHOOL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Total Points
Canterbury High .....	9	8	17	12	6	8	215
Fort Street High .....	10	14	15	11	3	8	227
Homebush High .....	19	14	9	9	9	13	290
Hurlstone Agric. High .....	16	10	14	13	15	18	316
Manly High .....	2	—	7	20	15	21	201
North Sydney High .....	14	15	13	19	20	18	354
North Sydney Tech. High .....	14	13	6	5	6	14	229
Parramatta High .....	8	8	11	1	6	5	149
Randwick High .....	7	13	5	8	15	0	178
Sydney High .....	22	22	21	12	12	14	397
Sydney Tech. High .....	11	13	14	20	21	8	307
Penrith High .....	0	—	0	2	4	5	33

CHAMPION SCHOOL: Sydney High, 1; North Sydney High, 2.

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

GRADE	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
1	S.H.S.	Homebush High
2	S.H.S.	North Sydney High
3	S.H.S.	Canterbury High
4	Manly High	—
	Sydney Tech. High	
5	Sydney Tech. High	North Sydney High
6	Manly High	Hurlstone Agric. High
		North Sydney High

## HOUSE FOOTBALL

Following the success of the system inaugurated last year, non-grade football was again organised as a House Competition. Each house fielded six teams and a very interesting and close competition resulted in all grades. The competition points gained by the houses were as follows:—

*Grade 1:* Reid, 54; Gordon, 21; Parkes, 18; Wentworth, 15.  
*Grade 2:* Gordon, 54; Reid, 30; Parkes, 24; Wentworth, 0.  
*Grade 4:* Parkes, 48; Wentworth, 33; Reid, 21; Gordon, 0.  
*Grade 5A:* Gordon, 42; Parkes, 42; Wentworth, 18; Reid, 6.  
*Grade 5B:* Wentworth, 42; Reid, 42; Gordon, 24; Parkes, 0.  
*Grade 6:* Gordon, 48; Reid, 36; Wentworth, 12; Parkes, 12.

As well as these competition points, "service" points were awarded for the provision of referees and linesmen and the correct notification of teams. The combined results of all points gained, which decided the Champion House, were: Reid (297 points), Gordon (295 points), Parkes (241 points), Wentworth (227 points).

The arduous task of organisation was carried out by Mr. Mitchell, and all house footballers are indebted to him for his hard work and keen interest in the competition. He was ably assisted by Senior and Junior House Managers, who were W. MacLaughlin (5D) and P. Mooney (2C) (Reid); B. Campbell (5C) and R. Arnold (5C) (Gordon); J. Hirst (4D) and M. Goodman (2A) (Parkes); M. Watt (5B) and T. Velkou (3A) (Wentworth).

The competition could not have been conducted without the assistance of referees supplied by the houses, and these boys are to be congratulated on their work and the standard of refereeing achieved. They were P. Butler (4C), M. Chapman (4C), B. Campbell (5C), C. Hughes (2A), L. Francis (4D), P. Hanks (2B), B. Kaye (4B), A. Harrison (1A), J. Rosen (4C), G. Mellman (4C), I. Mann (5D), R. Spence (4D), R. Segal (5E), M. Watt, (5B), R. Young (2E), A. Tucker (4B). Thanks are also due to the boys who acted as linesmen during the season.



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As for the football itself, the standard was exceptionally high and commendable keenness was shown by nearly all players. Added interest was given by the introduction of house football jumpers, which could be hired from the School at a nominal fee.

At the end of the season the annual matches against Sydney Technical High School were played. All the games were vigorously contested and the results were fairly even on the day, S.H.S. winning seven, S.T.H.S. winning eight, and one game being drawn. As well as these matches, a number of teams played against teams from St. Ignatius College on the same day as the G.P.S. fixture against that school. The results of the game were very pleasing, especially a win by a combined Senior House team over St. Ignatius 3rd Grade. This same House team later played our own undefeated Third Grade and was only narrowly defeated. These two results give a good example of the strength of the teams playing in the competition this year.

M. WATT (5B).

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## CRICKET

## FIRST XI

This season has been one of the most successful for some years. With five members of last year's team again playing, High has been able to field an excellently balanced combination in which each member is pulling his full weight.

As a result, the team has won all its matches, both in C.H.S. and G.P.S. competitions, and at the end of the first half of the season finds itself at the head of both competitions.

This year each game has been characterised by a particularly fine performance by some member of the team.

In the first G.P.S. game against Riverview our Vice-Captain, Dave Lindsay, displayed his all-round ability by taking 8 for 40, and following this up with a fine 57. Lack of time prevented High from obtaining an outright win.

Against Grammar, Mick Jobbins bowled excellently in both innings, taking 7 for 17 and 4 for 37, while Dick Webb shone with the bat with a splendid 70 on a rain-soaked wicket. High gained an easy outright win.

A comfortable outright victory in the third match against Newington was made possible by the side's generally strong batting and a brilliant 150 by Dave Lindsay, who was ably backed up by Brian Allsop (55) and Brian King (50). Mick Jobbins (5 for 37) and Brian King (5 for 44) were the main wicket-takers.

St. Joseph's provided the closest match of the season, and High's outright win was only due to a brilliant innings of 142 by the team's captain, Brian Allsop.

In the C.H.S. Competition, High had an easy first innings win over Sydney Tech. Rain intervened and prevented an outright win.

The match against Manly High resulted in an easy outright win for High when the young Manly players found Dave Lindsay's in-swingers too much for them. Lindsay finished the game with the phenomenal figures of 13 wickets for 17 runs.

The team gained a first innings win over North Sydney Tech. In this game John Cope scored a magnificent 113 not out in 90 minutes and, like the other century-scorers, was presented with an inscribed bat for his fine performance.

Against Randwick High, Dick Webb scored an excellent 75, while Brian King (5 for 19) and John Cope (5 for 29) shared bowling honours.

The high standard of fielding of the whole team has been, to a great extent, due to the fine example set by Brian Allsop, whose work behind the stumps has always been an inspiration to the team.

In April, Allsop, Lindsay and Cope were selected in the C.H.S. representative team which played Northern High Schools at Newcastle. All three players performed creditably. Cope scored an excellent 55, Lindsay batted well for 24, while Allsop was his usual faultless self behind the stumps.



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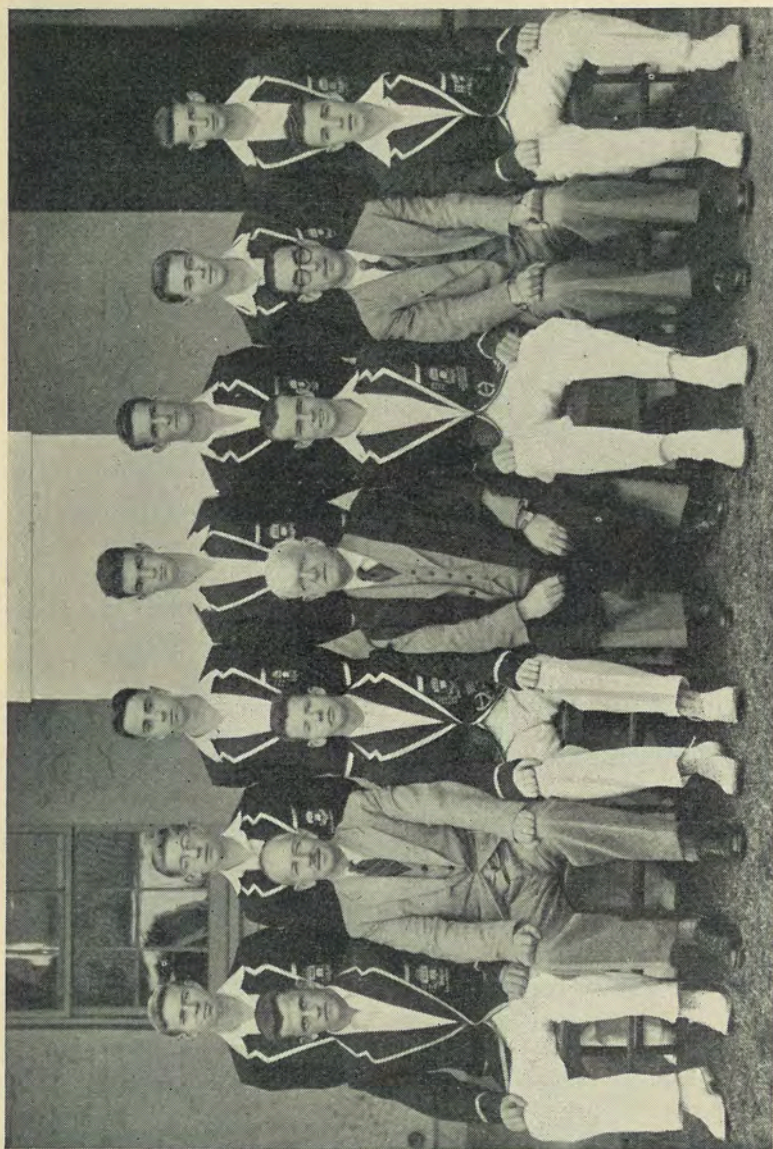
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**FIRST XI.**  
**Back Row:** M. JOBBINS, G. BEVERLEY, B. KING, R. WEBB, G. HINKS, F. KANE.  
**Front Row:** J. BLOOM, MR. M. E. ADAMTHWAITE (Master-in-Charge, G.P.S.),  
 B. ALLSOP (Capt.), MR. G. BARR (Headmaster), D. LINDSAY (Vice-Capt.),  
 MR. M. KAHN (Master-in-Charge, C.H.S.), J. COPE.



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The team would like to thank its splendid coaches, Mr. Adamthwaite and Mr. Kahn, whose untiring interest and assistance were of great help to every member.

We feel that a special vote of thanks should be extended to the ladies who gave up so much of their time to prepare the delightful lunches that are such a feature of every home game.

### G.P.S. Scores.

S.H.S., 194 and 4 for 55 (Lindsay 57, Allsop 40, Bailey 32), defeated Riverview College, 147 (D. Lindsay 8 for 40), on first innings.

S.H.S., 183 and 0 for 1 (Webb 70; Bailey 44), defeated Sydney Grammar, 75 and 109 (Jobbins 7 for 17 and 4 for 37, Cope 3 for 35), outright.

S.H.S., 316 (Lindsay 150, Allsop 55, King 50), defeated Newington College, 97 and 179 (Jobbins 5 for 37, King 5 for 44), outright.

S.H.S., 289 and 3 for 71 (Allsop 142, Cope 42, King 46), defeated St. Joseph's College, 200 and 159 (Jobbins, 4 for 33, King 4 for 70, 3 for 22), outright.

### C.H.S. Scores.

S.H.S., 4 for 101 (Lindsay 32, King 20 not out, Jobbins 20 not out), defeated Sydney Tech., 44 (Lindsay 6 for 15, Hinks 2 for 5), on first innings.

S.H.S., 2 for 75 and 6 for 49 (Lindsay 42, Webb 28), defeated Manly High, 28 and 80 (Lindsay 8 for 8 and 5 for 9, Jobbins 2 for 15, Fear 2 for 10), outright.

S.H.S., 4 for 181 (Cope 113 not out, Hinks 46), defeated North Sydney Tech., 127 and 7 for 86 (King 4 for 16, 2 for 10, Cope 4 for 33 and 3 for 12), on first innings.

S.H.S., 7 for 132 (Webb 75, Cope 41), defeated Randwick High, 104 and 7 for 65 (Cope 5 for 29, Allsop 3 for 11, King 5 for 19, Bloom 4 stumpings), on first innings.

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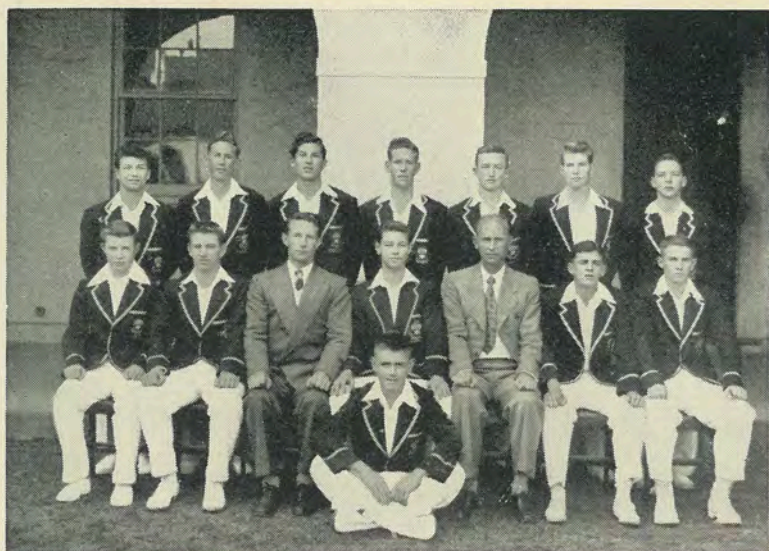
## SECOND XI

Strong batting, backed up by consistent bowling, has placed this year's Second XI well to the fore in the C.H.S. Competition.

The team is very fortunate in possessing two prolific run-getters in Richardson and McFarlane and two very fine leg-spin bowlers in Burge and Beaumont. Geoff Burge turned in the remarkable performance of 25 wickets in three matches, while the fast attack, consisting of Fear, Mann and McFarlane, who were so successful in the G.P.S. Competition, could only secure 20 wickets between them. Burge's best performance was 8 for 20 and 5 for 30 against Manly.

Although he was more successful in the G.P.S. Competition, Richardson knocked up some fine scores, including 49 against Manly. McFarlane, Kane and Goodwin also batted solidly, their highest scores being 64 against Randwick, 62 not out against Randwick, and 30 against North Sydney Tech, respectively.

In the G.P.S. Competition the team made a highly successful start, winning two of the three matches concluded. The team was ably led by F. Kane, and upon his promotion to the First XI, by



**SECOND XI.**

**Back Row:** K. RICHARDSON, G. BURGE, P. CRITTELE, J. CAHILL, C. CHAMBERLAIN, I. MANN, G. WHITELAW.

**Front Row:** E. McFARLANE, B. PARSONS, MR. D. DICKSON (Master-in-Charge, G.P.S.), F. KANE (Capt.), MR. R. BLUE (Master-in-Charge, C.H.S.), B. BEAUMONT, R. FEAR.

**In Front:** N. FAULDS.

F. Goodwin. Outstanding players were again Richardson and Cahill with the bat, and Burge and Mann with the slow and the fast ball respectively.

In the first game, against Riverview, rain washed out play on the first day. On the second day High scored 140 and Riverview 1 for 40 before play was abandoned because of further rain.

The team put up its best performance of the season against Grammar, dismissing them for 45 after High had failed on a wet wicket, making only 65. In a close finish Grammar just failed to score the runs needed for an outright win, giving High a win on the first innings.

The Newton match provided another exciting finish. High led by 20 runs on the first innings, and in the second innings, after a slow start, the middle batsmen decided to chase the required runs and, hitting out, won with a few minutes to spare.

In the match against St. Joseph's the team was extremely unlucky to lose. Just ahead on the first innings, St. Joseph's early batsmen collapsed sensationally in their second innings, but they recovered to score 126, leaving High to find 129. High seemed certain to reach this total when the third wicket fell at 76, but the rest of the team collapsed and were all out for 104.



## THE RECORD

The team would like to express their thanks to Mr. Blue and Mr. Dickson, coaches of the C.H.S. and G.P.S. teams respectively, for their invaluable assistance throughout the season.

### G.P.S. Scores.

- S.H.S., 140 (Richardson 51, Cahill 29) drew with Riverview, 1 for 40. (Rain washed out first day's play.)  
S.H.S., 65 (McFarlane 23, Richardson 22) and 99 (Chamberlain 34), defeated Sydney Grammar School, 45 (Burge 5 for 23, Mann 4 for 16) and 8 for 118, on the first innings.  
S.H.S., 85 (Burge 21) and 8 for 114 (McFarlane 37, Cahill 35 not out), defeated Newington College, 65 (Fear 4 for 33, Crittle 3 for 10) and 128 (Crittle 3 for 22), outright.  
S.H.S., 110 (Richardson 42) and 104 (Richardson 58), lost outright to St. Joseph's College, 112 (Burge 6 for 35) and 126 (Mann 3 for 23).

### C.H.S. Scores.

- S.H.S., 156 and 4 for 49 (Richardson 49), defeated Manly High, 105 and 98 (Burge 8 for 20 and 3 for 30), outright.  
S.H.S., 6 for 130 (Goodwin 30, Fear 32), defeated North Sydney Tech., 28 and 45 (Mann 4 for 2, Fear 4 for 23, Burge 6 for 14), outright.  
S.H.S., 4 for 199 (McFarlane 64, Kane 62 not out), defeated Randwick High, 84 and 80 (Fear 5 for 25, Beaumont 4 for 37).

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## THIRD XI

The Third XI, under the captaincy of Phil Bower, has had a very successful season, being so far the leaders in the competition. The team owes its success mainly to the fact that it was not an individualist team, every member doing his specific job efficiently.

The outstanding batsmen were Peter Schiller, Ron Dures and Bob Callaghan, their best scores being 43, 31 and 47 respectively. The fast bowlers were Peter Compton and Phil Bower, whilst Bob Callaghan proved himself very useful with his medium pace bowling. Peter Compton had his best day against Randwick High, when he took 6 wickets for 30. Phil Bower, against Parramatta High, took 5 wickets for 10 runs.

The team would like to thank Mr. Rigby for his untiring and invaluable coaching throughout the season.

### C.H.S. Scores.

- S.H.S., 71, drew with Fort Street, 71.  
S.H.S., 132, defeated Parramatta High, 34 and 2 for 39 (Bower 5 wickets for 10 runs, Schiller 43).  
S.H.S., 5 for 115, defeated Randwick High, 96.  
S.H.S., 83, defeated Homebush High, 7 for 68.

### Unofficial G.P.S. Matches.

- S.H.S., 177, defeated Newington College, 155 and 6 for 85.  
S.H.S., 67 and 223, lost to St. Joseph's College, 178 (Callaghan 47 not out).

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### FOURTH XI

This year's Fourth XI has done moderately well in the competition.

After rain washed out the first match against North Sydney the team was defeated by Canterbury, and was then rather unlucky to lose to Fort Street. Convincing wins over Penrith and Parramatta were also followed by a defeat at the hands of a strong Randwick team. Exciting wins over last year's premiers, Homebush, and also over St. Joseph's, highlighted the end of the season.

The batting honours go to N. Thompson and E. Faulds, both of whom played very consistently throughout the season. G. Paillas, S. Milham and H. Sharp took the bowling honours.

A success of which the team is particularly proud is its defeat of the St. Joseph's Third XI, with which a friendly practice game was arranged (S.H.S. 102, St. Joseph's 64).

#### Scores.

S.H.S., 27, lost to Canterbury High, 51.  
 S.H.S., 75, lost to Fort Street, 4 for 90.  
 S.H.S., 73, defeated Penrith High, 46 (Milham 7 for 6).  
 S.H.S., 83 (Faulds 30), defeated Parramatta High, 42 (Paillas 9 for 16).  
 S.H.S., 98, lost to Randwick High, 7 for 104 (Faulds 4 for 11).  
 S.H.S., 7 for 85 (Thompson 35), defeated Homebush High, 78 (Sharp 5 for 24).

### C.H.S. CRICKET, 1953

#### Competition Point Score

In the table below are shown the points won by each team in each school participating in the C.H.S. Competition. Competition points are calculated as follows:—

Outright win, 8 points; first innings win, 6; first innings loss, 2 points; tie, 4; draw, 3.

Total points for the Schools' Championship are calculated by multiplying First Grade points by 6, Second Grade points by 4, Third and Fourth Grade points by 3.

SCHOOL	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Total Points
Canterbury High .....	23	27	32	31	435
Fort Street High .....	35	30	53	32	585
Homebush High .....	28	33	41	38	537
Hurlstone High .....	19	15	11	32	318
Manly High .....	31	24	30	32	468
North Sydney High .....	32	40	37	35	577
North Sydney Tech. High .....	11	22	26	43	403
Parramatta High .....	22	26	32	11	395
Randwick High .....	30	29	30	35	491
Sydney High .....	29	33	26	34	486
Sydney Tech. High .....	30	23	39	26	467

CHAMPION SCHOOL: Fort Street, 1; North Sydney, 2.





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

GRADE.	WINNERS.	RUNNERS-UP.
1	Fort Street	North Sydney High
2	North Sydney High	S.H.S.
3	Fort Street	Homebush High
4	North Sydney Tech.	Homebush High
		North Sydney High

### HOUSE CRICKET

A house cricket competition involving a draw for first year teams, one for second year, one for third year, and one for seniors, was arranged by Mr. Harrison and resulted in many keenly contested games on the Centennial Park wickets. Games were arranged on a non-competitive basis for those not selected in competitive teams. Points were allotted on the following basis: Outright win, 8; first innings win, 6; draw (abandoned game), 3; loss on first innings, 2; tie, 4. Junior teams had the opportunity of scoring just as many points for their house as senior teams. In addition to preliminary and practice games, three complete competition rounds were played. This gave a possible maximum of 96 points which a house might score. Reid House was the winner, the total points being as follows: Gordon, 26; Parkes, 50; Reid, 64; Wentworth, 52.

### HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Considerable interest was shown in the various House Competitions, which this year were conducted in every sport. The competitions were carried through enthusiastically and the winning house was often determined by only a small margin. The Champion House in the respective sports was determined as follows:—

*Football and Cricket:* (a) Competitions were conducted in grades similar to C.H.S. matches. (b) Compensatory points were awarded for boys who represented in a grade team, viz., 1st Grade, 6 points; 2nd Grade, 4 points; 3rd Grade, 2 points; 4th, 5th, and 6th Grades, 3 each.

The Champion House was determined by combining the points gained in (a) and (b).

*Swimming and Athletics:* Result of Annual Carnival.

*Tennis, Rifle-shooting and Basketball:* Result of House Competitions.

*Rowing:* Points were awarded for representation in crews, viz., VIII, 8 points; 1st IV, 6 points; 2nd IV, 4 points; 3rd IV, 3 points; 4th IV, 2 points; 5th and 6th IV's, 1 point.



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*Life-saving:* Points were given according to award received, viz., Elementary Certificate, 1; Intermediate Certificate, 3; Intermediate Star, 4; Bronze Medallion, 6; Bronze Medallion Bar, 5; Trainee Instructor, 10; Award of Merit, 15; Award of Merit Bar, 12.

The winner of the House Championship Shield for Sport was determined by allotting to each house relative points for each sport according to the following scale:—

Football	..	..	..	..	..	25
Cricket	..	..	..	..	..	20
Swimming	..	..	..	..	..	15
Athletics	..	..	..	..	..	15
Rowing	..	..	..	..	..	5
Tennis	..	..	..	..	..	5
Rifle Shooting	..	..	..	..	..	5
Life-saving	..	..	..	..	..	5
Basketball	..	..	..	..	..	5

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The following is the table of points scored, in accordance with this scale:—

SPORT	Points	Gordon	Parkes	Reid	Wentworth	Winner
Football	.. .. 25	6.92	6.13	6.85	5.10	Gordon
Cricket	.. .. 20	3.73	5.65	5.82	4.80	Reid
Swimming	.. .. 15	3.10	6.16	4.24	1.50	Parkes
Athletics	.. .. 15	3.69	4.41	3.71	3.18	Parkes
Rowing	.. .. 5	1.69	1.15	0.89	1.27	Gordon
Tennis	.. .. 5	2.29	0.42	0.63	1.67	Gordon
Rifle Shooting	.. .. 5	1.43	1.43	0.89	1.24	Gordon, Parkes
Life-saving	.. .. 5	1.57	0.91	1.49	1.03	Gordon
Basketball	.. .. 5	1.98	1.46	0.73	0.83	Gordon
	100	26.40	27.72	25.25	20.62	

Winner of G. C. Saxby "School House" Sports Shield: PARKES.

## ROWING

After our Head of the River success in 1953 we felt that school rowing interest would be stimulated among the younger boys. This, indeed, was the case, and new, light and young rowers presented themselves for selection.

There were no changes in the coaches this year, but one of our Old Boys who rowed in 1953, John Donoghue, capably took over the coaching of the Fifth and Sixth Fours. Mr. Frank Nichols remained the coach of the Eight, Mr. Alan Callaway of the First and Second Fours, and Mr. Graham Pilger and Mr. Dick White of the Third and Fourth Fours respectively. The School rowers are grateful to the coaches for their time and interest.

The camp was a successful one this year, in that there were no serious accidents, and the health of the boys was uniformly good.

During the season all crews showed their paces in open regattas prior to the G.P.S. Regatta. In the North Shore Regatta the Eight came third to Newington in the Junior Eights, while the First and Second Fours gained first and fourth places respectively in the Novice Fours. The Third Four won the School Regulation Fours.

At the Sydney Metropolitan Regatta the Eight did not enter, but all other crews performed well. The First Four gained a win in the Junior Fours, the Second Four, fourth place in the Maiden Fours. The Third Four gained fourth place in the Lightweight Senior Fours and doubled up in the Lightweight Maiden Fours, gaining third place. In the School Regulation Fours the Fourth Four came second and the Fifth Four performed well in their heat.

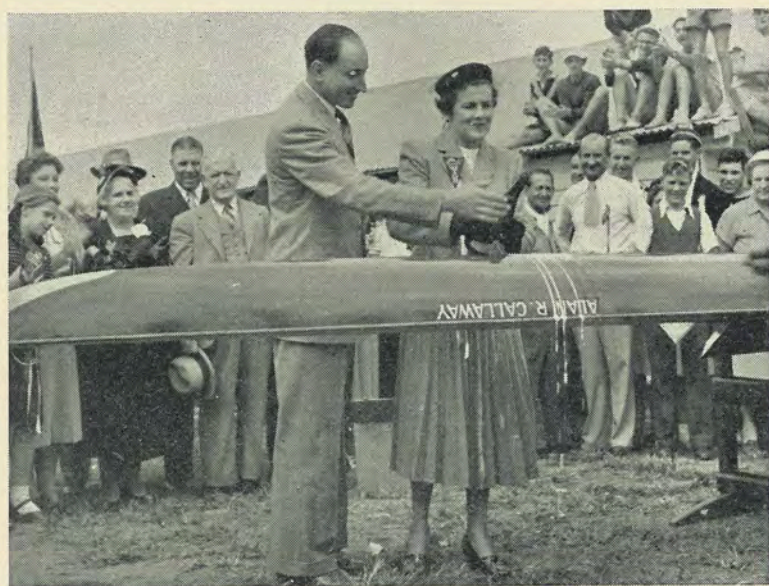
The next regatta was the J. B. Sharp Memorial Regatta, in which all crews entered. The Eight entered the Champion Junior Eights and gained third place in their heat, but were unplaced in the final, the championship being won by an excellent Newington crew. The First Four had its first defeat, coming fourth in the final of the Maiden Fours. The Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Fours all entered in the Novice Fours, coming fourth, first, third and being unplaced respectively in the final.

At the Riverview Regatta the Fifth Four gained third place, the Fourth Four gained second place, the Third Four first place, and the Second Four fourth place, each in their respective events. The First Four entered in the Junior Fours and gained a good second place. The Eight did not race.

All crews, including the Eight, participated in the University Regatta and showed good form for the G.P.S. Regatta, which was fast approaching.

With these splendid successes behind them, the coaches and rowers were feeling quite confident. Regatta Day dawned calm





CHRISTENING THE NEW BOATS.

Above: Mrs. Barr christens the "Ivan R. Cracknell".

Below: Mrs. Callaway, assisted by Mr. Preston-Saywell, President of the O.B.U., christens the "Alan R. Callaway".

and fine, and the afternoon was one of brilliant sunshine. The river was "dead" and favoured the heavier crews in the centre positions. During the morning of the G.P.S. Regatta a new "Four," which the Old Boys had bought during the season, was christened the "I. R. Cracknell," after the Rowing Master. The boat was christened by the wife of our Headmaster, Mrs. Gordon Barr.

First event of the Regatta was the First Fours, in which High rowed well into second position, one and a quarter lengths behind Shore, with the St. Joseph's crew third.

The Second Four, after a hard tussle with a very close field, gained fifth place, St. Joseph's winning the event from Newington.

The Third Four secured the first win for Sydney High, the High crew winning from Newington and Shore.

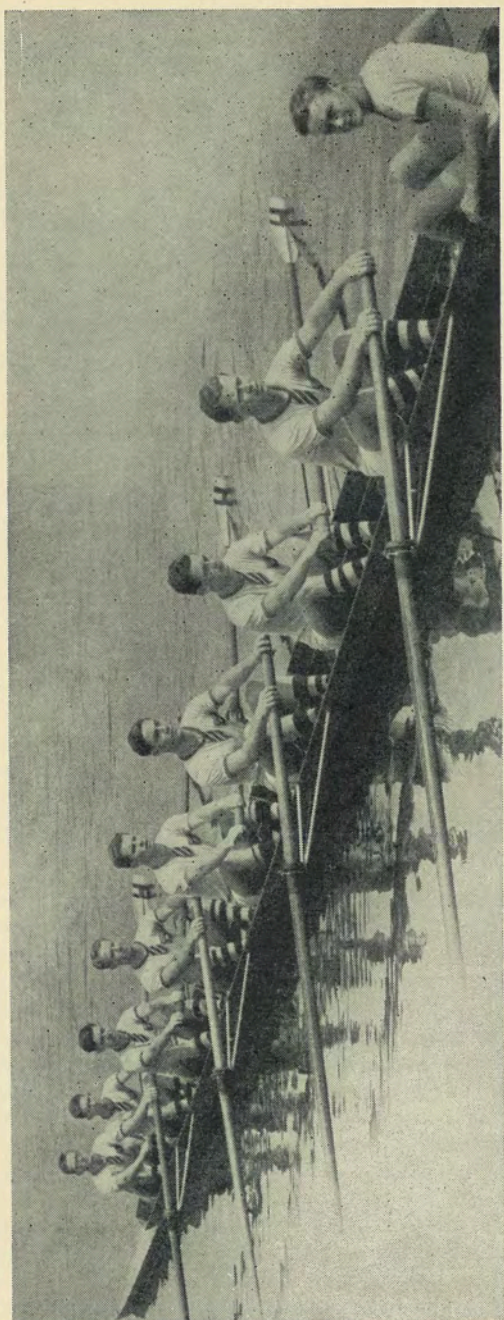
Also the Fourth Four won decisively from the Newington and Shore crews.

Finally came the race for the title of G.P.S. Head of the River for 1954—the most coveted title in school sport in the State. The light High crew, rowing in number one position, did not get away to a good start and was a length behind the rest of the field at the half mile. At the three-quarter mile mark Shore and Newington showed out, with St. Joseph's in third place, then King's, Grammar and High. With a half mile to row, Shore gained a considerable lead over Newington, with King's third and High passing Grammar. Rowing magnificently, Shore went on to win by one and a quarter lengths from Newington, with King's three-quarters of a length away, third. High, who had fought hard with King's over the last quarter mile, gained a very good fourth. We congratulate Shore on their excellent performance on winning the Major Rennie Trophy and "Head of the River" title.

Thus another Regatta season came to a close, but we cannot omit mention of all those who helped to make the season a successful one for the School. Especially do we thank the Parents and Citizens' Association and the Ladies' Auxiliary for their invaluable support; the Sydney Rowing Club for allowing us the use of their kitchen to prepare meals for boys in camp; the Old Boys' Union, who helped with gifts of fruit and biscuits during the season; Mr. White, for his donation of soft drinks at Penrith; also we thank Mr. Clellend for his invaluable services in transporting the boats and equipment to Penrith, and Mr. Beath for his donation of a radio for the rowing camp. Special mention must be made of the men of the Parents and Citizens' Association, who put the shed into wonderful shape during their many days of work. Again we thank the coaches, the main people responsible for keeping High on the river. Especially we would like to thank Mr. Cracknell, our Rowing Master, and also congratulate him on his appointment this year as G.P.S. Convener.



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## THE RECORD

We look forward now to 1955. The new crews will be made up of young, keen rowers, which looks very good for next year, 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. WOODCOCK, *Captain of Boats.*

### The Crews

*Eight:* C. Henry, 10.10 (bow); I. Smith, 10.0 (2); R. Abbot, 11.10 (3); G. Coulson, 11.4 (4); M. Curley, 11.4 (5); G. Corry, 12.1 (6); R. Hardy, 10.4 (7); J. Woodcock, 10.10 (stroke); G. Guest, 8.7 (cox).  
*First Four:* G. Quigley, 10.5 (bow); G. Dixon, 10.12 (2); K. Porter, 10.10 (3); R. Downie, 10.12 (stroke); N. Widerberg, 6.8 (cox).  
*Second Four:* W. Smith, 10.5 (bow); W. Stamper, 10.12 (2); J. Harris, 11.8 (3); W. McLaughlin, 10.10 (stroke); A. Lawrence, 6.0 (cox).  
*Third Four:* D. Sutherland, 10.0 (bow); R. Burbidge, 10.4 (2); B. Rushall, 10.4 (3); G. Sample, 10.4 (stroke); D. Anderson, 6.0 (cox).  
*Fourth Four:* A. Holt, 10.7 (bow); J. Pilger, 11.4 (2); N. Smith, 10.0 (3); A. Ré, 9.4 (stroke); I. Mashman, 6.3 (cox).  
*Fifth Four:* A. May, 9.10 (bow); J. Charles, 10.4 (2); M. Bindley, 9.7 (3); B. Thomas, 9.4 (stroke); E. Tucker, 5.12 (cox).  
*Sixth Four:* P. Pryor, 9.7 (bow); E. Harrison, 11.7 (2); R. Bergstrom, 11.7 (3); J. Hazell, 9.7 (stroke); W. McLeod, 6.0 (cox).

### Rowing Records of G.P.S. Crews

After 30 years on the river, S.H.S. has little reason to be dissatisfied with its achievements. The following table supplies a complete record of High's participation in the G.P.S. Regattas.

× No entry for this year.

— Eliminated in Heat (when held on Parramatta).

\* Races moved to Penrith.

(U) Unofficial Wartime Regattas.

YEAR	VIII	1st IV	2nd IV	3rd IV	4th IV.
1924	×	1	4	×	×
1925	1	—	1	—	×
1926	1	—	3	—	×
1927	1	—	—	2	3
1928	3	—	—	×	×
1929	1	1	2	1	×
1930	1	3	2	—	×
1931	2	1	2	1	×
1932	—	4	1	2	×
1933	4	1	2	1	×
1934	3	2	4	1	1
1935	—	2	2	1	1
*1936	6	4	2	2	1
1937	5	6	3	2	×
1938	2	1	2	1	1
1939	2	1	1	1	1
1940	2	4	3	2	2
1941 (U)	4	5	5	3	3
1942 (U)	5	2	2	×	×
1943 (U)	2	4	6	2	3
1944 (U)	1	4	2	1	1



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1945 (U) .....	2	2	2	1	1
1946 .....	4	4	4	5	4
1947 .....	2	2	1	3	5
1948 .....	1	1	1	1	4
1949 .....	2	1	1	1	2
1950 .....	4	2	1	4	4
1951 .....	4	4	7	5	4
1952 .....	4	2	6	2	4
1953 .....	1	1	3	1	4
1954 .....	4	2	5	1	1



THIRD FOUR — WINNERS.



FOURTH FOUR — WINNERS.

# SWIMMING

## Results of the S.H.S. Carnival

### Senior Championships:

- 880 Yards: 1, B. Parsons; 2, R. Carruthers; 3, D. Bubb (11 mins. 54 secs.).  
 440 Yards: 1, B. Parsons; 2, J. Havilah; 3, P. Johnson (5 mins. 36.2 secs.).  
 220 Yards: 1, B. Parsons; 2, J. Havilah; 3, P. Johnson (2 mins. 49.5 secs.).  
 100 Yards: 1, B. Parsons; 2, J. Havilah; 3, T. Smith (60.7 secs.).  
 50 Yards: 1, B. Parsons; 2, J. Havilah; 3, P. Johnson (28 secs.).  
 100 Yards Breaststroke: 1, P. Johnson; 2, J. Woodcock; 3, B. Parsons (85.5 secs.).  
 50 Yards Backstroke: 1, R. Hardy; 2, B. Parsons; 3, A. Rickards (34.8 secs.).  
 100 Yards Butterfly: 1, B. Parsons; 2, P. Johnson; 3, J. Havilah (81.1 secs.).  
 Dive: 1, J. Havilah; 2, F. Goodwin; 3, R. McFarlane.  
 Senior Cup: B. Parsons.  
 Claude Tressider Shield: P. Johnson.

### Under 16 Championships:

- 440 Yards: 1, R. Carruthers; 2, D. Bubb; 3, G. Burge (6 mins. 10 secs.).  
 220 Yards: 1, R. Carruthers; 2, D. Bubb; 3, G. Burge (2 mins. 46 secs.).  
 100 Yards: 1, R. Carruthers; 2, G. Burge; 3, D. Bubb (63.8 secs.).  
 50 Yards: 1, R. Carruthers; 2, A. Cunningham; 3, J. Reid (28.1 secs.).  
 50 Yards Breaststroke: 1, G. Burge; 2, P. Crittle; 3, T. Hunt (40.2 secs.).  
 50 Yards Backstroke: 1, R. Carruthers; 2, G. Burge; 3, D. Bubb (34 secs.).  
 50 Yards Butterfly: 1, G. King; 2, T. Hunt; 3, R. Clulow (42.8 secs.).  
 Dive: 1, P. Hayes; 2, N. Widerberg; 3, R. Sample.  
 Under 16 Cup: R. Carruthers.

### Under 15 Championships:

- 440 Yards: 1, P. Hayes; 2, N. Walsh; 3, F. Pender (6 mins. 42.4 secs.).  
 220 Yards: 1, P. Hayes; 2, F. Pender; 3, G. Sample (3 mins. 3.2 secs.).  
 100 Yards: 1, P. Hayes; 2, F. Pender; 3, G. Sample (67.9 secs.).  
 50 Yards: 1, P. Hayes; 2, G. Sample; 3, F. Pender (30.2 secs.).  
 50 Yards Breaststroke: 1, J. Bolsdon; 2, M. Walsh; 3, C. Wolfe (42.6 secs.).  
 50 Yards Backstroke: 1, P. Hayes; 2, F. Pender; 3, J. Bolsdon (40.0 secs.).  
 50 Yards Butterfly: 1, F. Pender; 2, H. Langford; 3, G. Sample (40.9 secs.).  
 Under 15 Cup: P. Hayes.



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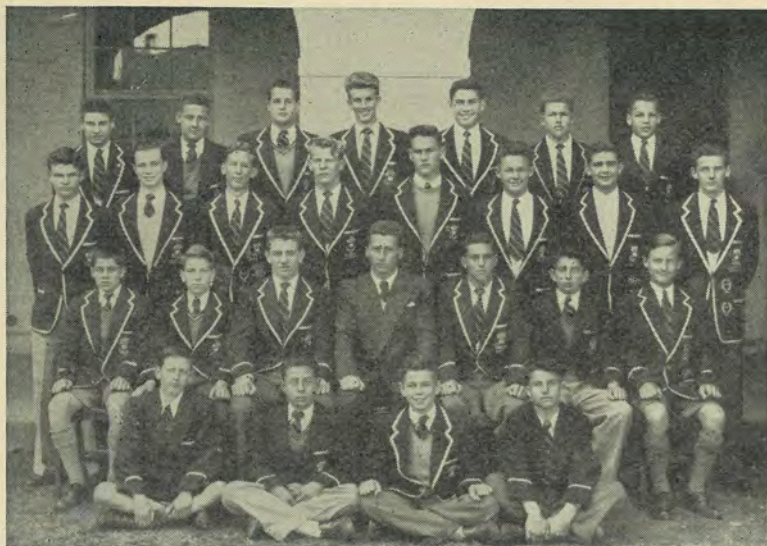


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**Second Row:** G. MASHMAN, J. REID, G. BURGE, A. CUNNINGHAM, D. BUBB, J. HAVILAH, R. SAMPLE, R. HARDY.

**Front Row:** B. KING, J. POLLOCK (Under 14 Champion), B. PARSONS (Senior Champion), MR. J. McMAHON (Master-in-Charge), R. CARRUTHERS (Under 16 Champion), P. HAYES (Under 15 Champion), W. JOBLING (Under 13 Champion).

**Seated:** W. HARRIS, P. FOX, M. JERVIS, R. DAVIES.

**Under 14 Championships:**

220 Yards: 1, M. Landau; 2, J. Pollock; 3, K. Rubie (3 mins. 9.2 secs.).

100 Yards: 1, J. Pollock; 2, M. Landau; 3, K. Rubie (73.7 secs.).

50 Yards: 1, J. Pollock; 2, K. Rubie; 3, M. Landau (32.2 secs.).

50 Yards Breaststroke: 1, W. Harris; 2, W. Jobling; 3, D. Murray (53.5 secs.).

50 Yards Backstroke: 1, J. Pollock; 2, J. McGill; 3, A. Jarman (39.1 secs.).

50 Yards Butterfly: 1, M. Landau; 2, J. Howard; 3, J. Pollock (43.3 secs.).

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Dive: 1, M. Landau; 2, R. Davies; 3, B. Leslie.

Under 14 Cup: J. Pollock.

**Under 13 Championships:**

100 Yards: 1, W. Jobling; 2, W. Harris; 3, B. Piggott (78.2 secs.).

50 Yards: 1, W. Harris; 2, W. Jobling; 3, P. Fox (34.5 secs.).

50 Yards Breaststroke: 1, W. Harris; 2, W. Jobling; 3, D. Murray (53.5 secs.).

50 Yards Backstroke: 1, W. Jobling; 2, M. Jervis; 3, D. Murray (42.8 secs.).

50 Yards Butterfly: 1, W. Jobling; 2, M. Jervis; 3, J. Jennings (47.8 secs.).

Record.

Under 13 Cup: W. Jobling.

House Points: 1, Parkes; 2, Reid; 3, Gordon; 4, Wentworth.



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### G.P.S. Events

*Scots Carnival—550 Yards Relay:* 1, Shore; 2, Grammar; 3, High (B. Parsons, R. Carruthers, J. Havilah, P. Johnson, T. Smith).  
*Grammar Carnival—110 Yards:* B. Parsons, 3.

### C.H.S. Carnival

*Senior Point Score:* S.H.S., 3.  
B. Parsons: 880 Yards, 2; 440 Yards, 2; 220 Yards, 2; 110 Yards, 3; 110 Yards Butterfly, 3.  
*Senior Relay:* S.H.S., 2 (B. Parsons, J. Havilah, P. Johnson, G. Mashman).  
*Under 16 Relay:* S.H.S., 3 (G. Burge, R. Carruthers, A. Cunningham, J. Reid).  
M. Landau: 55 Yards Butterfly, 2.

## LIFE-SAVING

This season marked the introduction to the School of life-saving according to the conditions of the Australian Life-Saving Society, a society which is now wholly under local control. It was felt that the new society, with techniques and practices adapted both to modern trends and the conditions peculiar to Australia, would better serve the cause of life-saving, and the tremendous upsurge in interest has justified this confidence.



### LIFE-SAVING GROUP.

**Back Row:** R. HAMPSON, A. RICKARDS, R. COOKE, L. VASS, R. CLULOW.  
**Second Row:** M. ASTON, D. BARNSDALL, J. MANNING, A. CUNNINGHAM,  
R. SEALE, G. MASHMAN.  
**Front Row:** J. HAVILAH, I. SCHOLLBACH, D. BUBB, MR. J. McMAHON  
(Master-in-Charge), J. HISLOP, A. NICHOLLS, T. SMITH.  
**Seated:** A. MLADEK. **Absent:** M. PERYMAN.

Starting almost from scratch, we were able, with the help of two boys, R. Seal and L. Vass, who both held a Bronze Medallion from the new society, to put three squads through the Bronze Medallion examination in the first half of the season, and it was the boys of these squads who became our original instructors. The instructor's certificate is perhaps the most valuable award of all because of the training in leadership and self-reliance involved. In addition, an instructor is doing the School a service by furthering the work of life-saving among the younger boys.

The following higher awards were gained during the season:—  
*Award of Merit:* M. Aston, D. Bubb, R. Clulow, R. Cooke, A. Cunningham, J. Havilah, G. Mashman, A. Mladek, A. Nicholls, J. Manning, M. Peryman, C. Smith.  
*Instructor's Certificate:* R. Seal, L. Vass, M. Aston, D. Barnsdall, D. Bubb, R. Clulow, R. Cooke, A. Cunningham, J. Havilah, R. Hampson, J. Hislop, A. Mladek, A. Nicholls, M. Peryman, C. Smith, A. Rickards, I. Schollbach.

In addition to these, seventy-three boys obtained the Bronze Medallion, thirty boys the Intermediate Star, two boys the Intermediate Certificate, and one boy the Elementary Certificate, making a total of one hundred and thirty-five awards for the season.

J. McM.

### Non-Swimmers

Mr. Edmonds again spent many hours of time and patience with this group. His record over the years, although unsung, has been truly remarkable. This year, as a result of his efforts, twenty-four boys were taught to swim a minimum distance of twenty-five yards.

## ATHLETICS

### S.H.S. Carnival, 16th, 17th August

#### Senior:

- 100 Yards: B. Allsop, 1; C. Chamberlain, 2; J. Browne, 3. Time: 10.2 secs.  
 220 Yards: C. Chamberlain, 1; B. Allsop, 2; J. Browne, 3. Time: 23.2 secs.  
 440 Yards: C. Chamberlain, 1; B. Allsop, 2; R. Casey, 3. Time: 53.8 secs.  
 880 Yards: I. Smith, 1; Ross Taylor, 2; R. Hardy, 3. Time: 2 mins. 9.3 secs.  
 Mile: I. Smith, 1; J. Abel, 2; H. Cohen, 3. Time: 4 mins. 55.3 secs.  
 120 Yards Hurdles: R. Cann, 1; G. Hinks, 2; C. Chamberlain, 3. Time: 17.6 secs.  
 High Jump: J. Payne, 1; D. Gregor, 2; I. Smith, 3. Height: 5 ft. 3 ins.  
 Broad Jump: R. Hardy, 1; B. Allsop, 2; R. Bailey, 3. Distance: 22 ft. 1 in.  
 Hop, Step and Jump: R. Hardy, 1; R. Croucher, 2; D. Gregor, 3. Distance: 44 ft. 2 ins. Record.  
 Shot Put: E. Sheedy, 1; B. Allsop, 2; P. Johnson, 3. Distance: 34 ft. 4 ins.

#### Junior (Under 16):

- 100 Yards: R. Fear, 1; D. Roberts, 2; W. Wynberg, 3. Time: 11 secs.  
 220 Yards: R. Fear, 1; W. Wynberg, 2; D. Roberts, 3. Time: 24.5 secs.



## THE RECORD



### SENIOR ATHLETICS TEAM — C.H.S. CHAMPIONS.

**Back Row:** G. QUIGLEY, R. MERRICK, J. PAYNE, G. HINKS, I. SMITH, G. COULSON, R. CANN.

**Front Row:** R. CASEY, R. HARDY, MR. H. EDMONDS (Athletics Master), B. ALLSOP, MR. L. A. BASSER (Coach), C. CHAMBERLAIN, J. BROWNE.

**Seated:** J. ABEL.



### JUNIOR ATHLETICS TEAM — CHAMPIONS.

**Back Row:** P. KELLY, G. STONE, R. FEAR, E. HARRISON, G. HUMPHRIES, R. SHAPIRO, D. ROBERTS.

**Front Row:** B. DAY, A. PARROTT, J. REID, MR. H. EDMONDS (Master-in-Charge), R. MAY, H. COHEN, W. WYNBERG.

## THE RECORD

440 Yards: G. Humphries, 1; H. Cohen, 2; R. Fear, 3. Time: 58.1 secs.  
880 Yards: G. Humphries, 1; H. Cohen, 2; R. Wilson, 3. Time: 2 mins.  
17.2 secs.  
90 Yards Hurdles: R. Fear, 1; B. Barker, 2; B. Rushall, 3. Time: 12.8  
secs.  
High Jump: B. Day, 1; C. Bridge, 2; B. Rushall, 3. Height: 5 ft. 2 ins.  
Broad Jump: R. Fear, 1; D. Roberts, 2; W. Wynberg, 3. Distance: 18 ft.  
6 ins.  
Hop, Step and Jump: D. Roberts, 1; R. Fear, 2; R. Wilson, 3. Distance:  
41 ft. 3 ins. Record.  
Shot Put: G. Stone, 1; R. Fear, 2; A. Cunningham, 3. Distance: 41 ft.  
5½ ins.

### Sub-Junior (Under 15):

100 Yards: E. Harrison, 1; R. May, 2; P. Kelly, 3. Time: 11.2 secs.  
220 Yards: R. May, 1; P. Kelly, 2; E. Harrison, 3. Time: 24.9 secs.  
880 Yards: G. Sample, 1; J. Warnock, 2; G. Croucher, 3. Time: 2 mins.  
23 secs.  
90 Yards Hurdles: R. May, 1; G. Sample, 2; E. Harrison, 3. Time:  
13 secs.  
High Jump: G. Sample, 1; R. Cornwell, 2; R. May, 3. Height: 5 ft. 1 in.  
Broad Jump: R. May, 1; E. Harrison, 2; B. Wallace, 3. Distance: 18 ft.  
4½ ins.  
Shot Put: E. Harrison, 1; B. Wallace, 2; G. Sample, 3. Distance: 36 ft.  
¾ in.

### Juvenile (Under 14):

100 Yards: D. Hinks, 1; A. Heatley, 2; D. Phillips, 3. Time: 12 secs.  
220 Yards: D. Hinks, 1; D. Sligar, 2; J. Pollock, 3. Time: 27.1 secs.  
60 Yards Hurdles: D. Hinks, 1; J. Pollard, 2; M. Williams, 3. Time:  
9.8 secs.  
High Jump: D. Phillips, 1; O. Sherrard and J. Pollard, 2 (aeq.). Height:  
4 ft. 5 ins.  
Broad Jump: R. Jennings, 1; J. Fisher, 2; J. Pollard, 3. Distance: 16 ft.  
1 in.  
Shot Put: G. Connell, 1; D. Hinks, 2; W. Jobling, 3. Distance: 33 ft. 8 ins.

### Sub-Juvenile (Under 13):

100 Yards: K. Morris, 1; I. Cartwright, 2; R. May, 3. Time: 11.8 secs.  
220 Yards: K. Morris, 1; I. Cartwright, 2; R. Dennison, 3. Time: 27.6  
secs.  
60 Yards Hurdles: D. Hall, 1; I. Harvey, 2; P. Fox, 3. Time: 10.7 secs.  
High Jump: K. Morris, 1; J. Dixon and D. Townsend, 2 (aeq.). Height:  
4 ft. 5 ins.  
Broad Jump: K. Morris, 1; R. May, 2; P. Phillips, 3. Distance: 16 ft. 1 in.

### House Competition:

1st, Parkes, 430½; 2nd, Reid, 362; 3rd, Gordon, 360; 4th, Wentworth,  
310½.

### Championship Cups:

Senior Cup: Brian Allsop, 28 points.  
Junior Cup: Richard Fear, 45 points.  
Sub-Junior Cup: Ronald May, 32 points.  
Juvenile Cup: Donald Hinks, 29 points.  
Sub-Juvenile Cup: Keith Morris, 32 points.  
A. M. Eedy Cup, Senior 100 Yards: Brian Allsop.  
Macarthur Memorial Cup, Senior Mile: Ian Smith.



## THE RECORD



**RELAY TEAM IN ACTION.**  
Brian Allsop hands the baton to John Browne at the first change.



**RECORD-BREAKING RELAY TEAM.**  
Left to Right: C. CHAMBERLAIN, B. ALLSOP, R. HARDY, J. BROWNE.  
This team established a new G.P.S. Record of 43.4 secs. for the 440 Yards Relay.  
"S.M. Herald" Photo.

## C.H.S. Carnival

The Forty-second Annual Athletics Carnival of the Combined High Schools was held at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Wednesday and Thursday, 29th and 30th September. The School retained its fine record by winning the Senior Cup and the Junior Shield, and also the total points aggregate, which carries with it the proud title of Champion School. An increased attendance from this School was greatly appreciated.

Our most outstanding performances were those of K. Morris, who won the Under 13 100 Yards in 11.6 seconds, one second outside the C.H.S. Record, but which broke the School Record of 11.7 seconds; Brian Allsop, who equalled the School Record of 10.1 seconds in winning the Senior 100 Yards; and the Senior Relay Team, consisting of Allsop, Browne, Hardy and Chamberlain, who won the Senior 440 Yards Relay in 44.2 seconds, breaking the C.H.S. Record by 0.1 second. This same team eclipsed themselves at a later date in the G.P.S. Carnival, when they ran the same race in 43.4 seconds.

**Senior Championships:**

- 100 Yards—Div. 1: B. Allsop, 1. Time: 10.1 secs. (equals S.H.S. Record).  
 Div. 2: C. Chamberlain, 1. Time: 10.4 secs.  
 220 Yards: C. Chamberlain, 3. Time: 22.5 secs.  
 High Jump: J. Payne, 2. Height: 5 ft. 6 ins.  
 Broad Jump: R. Hardy, 1. Distance: 21 ft. 2½ ins.  
 Hop, Step and Jump: R. Hardy, 2. Distance: 45 ft. 3½ ins.  
 Shot Put: G. Coulson, 2. Distance: 42 ft. 8 ins.  
 120 Yards Hurdles—Div. 2: G. Hinks, 3. Time: 16.0 secs.  
 4 x 110 Yards Relay: S.H.S., 1. Time: 44.2 secs. (C.H.S. Record).

**Under 16 Championships:**

- Broad Jump: J. Reid, 3. Distance: 20 ft. 5½ ins.  
 Hop, Step and Jump: D. Roberts, 3. Distance: 41 ft. 5 ins.  
 880 Yards: G. Humphries, 4. Time: 2 mins. 9.9 secs.  
 90 Yards Hurdles—Div. 1: J. Reid, 3. Time: 12.4 secs.  
 4 x 110 Yards Relay: S.H.S., 5. Time: 47.1 secs.

**Under 15 Championships:**

- 100 Yards—Div. 1: P. Kelly, 5. Time: 10.7 secs. Div. 2: E. Harrison, 1. Time: 11.3 secs.  
 220 Yards: R. May, 2. Time: 24.0 secs.  
 High Jump: R. Sample, 1. Height: 5 ft. 1 in.  
 Broad Jump: R. May, 4. Distance: 18 ft. 11½ ins.  
 90 Yards Hurdles—Div. 1: R. May, 3. Time: 12.5 secs. Div. 2: R. Sample, 2. Time: 13.4 secs.  
 4 x 110 Yards Relay: S.H.S., 1. Time: 48.7 secs.

**Under 14 Championships:**

- Broad Jump: J. Pollard, 4. Distance: 17 ft. 1 in.  
 4 x 110 Yards Relay: S.H.S., 5. Time: 51.6 secs.



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### Under 13 Championships:

- 100 Yards—Div. 1: K. Morris, 1. Time: 11.6 secs. (S.H.S. Record).  
Div. 2: P. Phillips, 5. Time: 11.8 secs.  
*Broad Jump*: K. Morris, 3. Distance: 15 ft. 6½ ins.  
60 Yards *Hurdles*—Div. 1: D. Hall, 4. Time: 9.3 secs.  
4 x 110 Yards *Relay*: S.H.S., 4. Time: 53.8 secs.
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## G.P.S. Carnival

### Open Championships:

- 100 Yards: B. Allsop, 1. Time: 10.1 secs.  
220 Yards: C. Chamberlain, 3. Time: 22.7 secs.  
440 Yards: C. Chamberlain, 3. Time: 49.5 secs. (Record).  
*High Jump*: J. Payne, 3. Height: 5 ft. 8 ins.  
*Broad Jump*: R. Hardy, 4. Distance: 21 ft. 7¼ ins.  
440 Yards *Relay*: S.H.S. (B. Allsop, J. Browne, R. Hardy, C. Chamberlain), 1. Time: 43.4 secs. (Record).

### Under 17 Championships:

- 220 Yards: R. Casey, 5. Time: 22.4 secs.

### Under 16 Championships:

- 100 Yards: R. Fear, 5. Time: 10.4 secs. (equals Record).  
*High Jump*: B. Day, 5. Height: 5 ft. 7 ins.  
*Broad Jump*: J. Reid, 4. Distance: 20 ft. 1 in.  
440 Yards *Relay*: S.H.S. (D. Roberts, W. Wynberg, J. Reid, R. Fear), 4. Time: 45.5 secs. (Record).  
90 Yards *Hurdles*: J. Reid, 5. Time: 11.8 secs. (Record).

### Under 16, Division 2:

- 100 Yards: D. Roberts, 4. Time: 10.1 secs. (At the time of going to press recognition of this time as a record is still under deliberation.)

### Under 15 Championships:

- 100 Yards: P. Kelly, 3. Time: 11.0 secs.  
220 Yards: R. May, 1. Time: 23.8 secs. (Record).  
*High Jump*: G. Sample, 1. Height: 5 ft. 3 ins.  
*Broad Jump*: R. May, 1. Distance: 18 ft. 1¼ ins.  
90 Yards *Hurdles*: R. May, 2. Time: 12.2 secs. (Record).  
440 Yards *Relay*: S.H.S. (R. May, A. Parrott, P. Kelly, E. Harrison), 2. Time: 46.9 secs. (Record).

### Under 15, Division 2:

- 100 Yards: E. Harrison, 2. Time: 10.9 secs.

### Under 14 Championships:

- High Jump*: D. Phillips, 5. Height: 4 ft. 11 ins.  
440 Yards *Relay*: S.H.S. (A. Heatley, W. Jobling, D. Phillips, D. Hinks), 4. Time: 49.4 secs. (Record).

### Under 13 Championships:

- 100 Yards: K. Morris, 1. Time: 11.9 secs.  
440 Yards: S.H.S. (P. Phillips, P. Dennison, I. Cartwright, K. Morris), 3. Time: 52.3 secs.

### Under 13, Division 2:

- 100 Yards: P. Phillips, 2. Time: 12.2 secs.



## TENNIS

Tennis this year has proved to be just as outstanding as last year. Each year finds more and more boys taking up the popular game of tennis. House tennis has been introduced this year in order that tennis should be on a competitive basis all the year round.

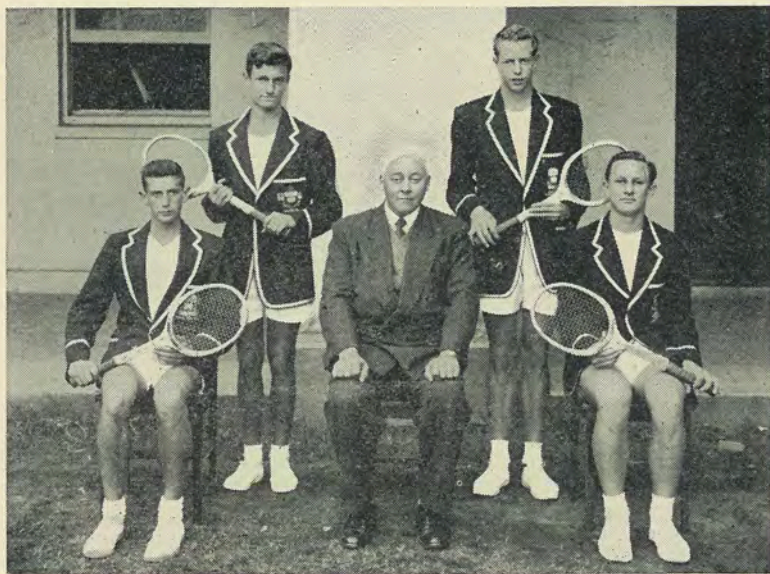
On Wednesday, 18th August, a fifth year School team played a representative team from the Staff. Everyone enjoyed this match, and it is hoped that it can become an annual affair.

An arrangement by Mr. Hamnett with a prominent sports firm resulted in the coaching of the grade teams by Bruce Gulley and Grahame Regan. Some valuable hints were given to the junior members and the result of this coaching should be seen next year.

The First Grade Competition this year was won by the School team, with Canterbury finishing a close second.

A. Cowdroy and B. Cohen won the majority of their sets throughout the season. This pair, on two occasions, were set the task of winning the last set by a certain margin, and the will to win, which is prevalent in both these boys, showed out to the utmost on both these occasions. R. Bailey (Capt.) and R. Hampson were the other pair.

The Second Grade Team finished the season as runners-up, being very unlucky to lose to the strong Sydney Tech. team, which went on to be undefeated premiers. This match was extremely



**FIRST GRADE TENNIS TEAM—PREMIERS.**

Standing: B. COHEN, A. COWDROY.

Sitting: R. BAILEY (Capt.), MR. J. HAMNETT (Master-in-Charge), R. HAMPSON.

close from beginning to end, but Sydney Tech. just managed to win by two games. During one set the Sydney High pair had a set point, but a net-cord on Tech.'s part finally gave the Tech. pair the set and the premiership. The Second Grade Team wishes to congratulate the winning Tech. team.

Second Grade had two other hard-fought matches, against Canterbury and Homebush. Against Canterbury the team was five games down with the last set to play, and it was to their credit that J. Bennett and R. Warren played superbly to win the set and match 6-0. W. Smith and W. Gates played excellent tennis to hold the team together against Homebush, winning their four sets very confidently.

Some advice on the power-game, which was given by Mr. Hamnett, proved to be very helpful.

The Third Grade Team did not do as well as it was at first hoped. The team, which consisted of P. Seamonds, J. Hennessy, W. Firkin, B. Spooner and G. Edwards, came seventh in the competition, which was closely contested between Randwick High and Canterbury High, the latter being the ultimate winners.

Randwick had the bad luck on the day they played Canterbury to lose one of their best players, and this accident proved their undoing. They played with a weak reserve and were beaten easily.

The Fourth Grade Team performed somewhat better and finished fourth in the competition. The team originally included four second year boys, namely, G. Evans, B. Glover, J. Conlon and B. Spooner, but when Spooner was taken up into Third Grade his place was taken by P. Rose, a first year boy.

The team commenced with a practice match against Randwick, which helped to cast the pairs correctly. Only three competition matches were lost, these being to North Sydney High, Randwick and Homebush. The match against Randwick proved to be quite a tussle, and High was unlucky to lose by five games.

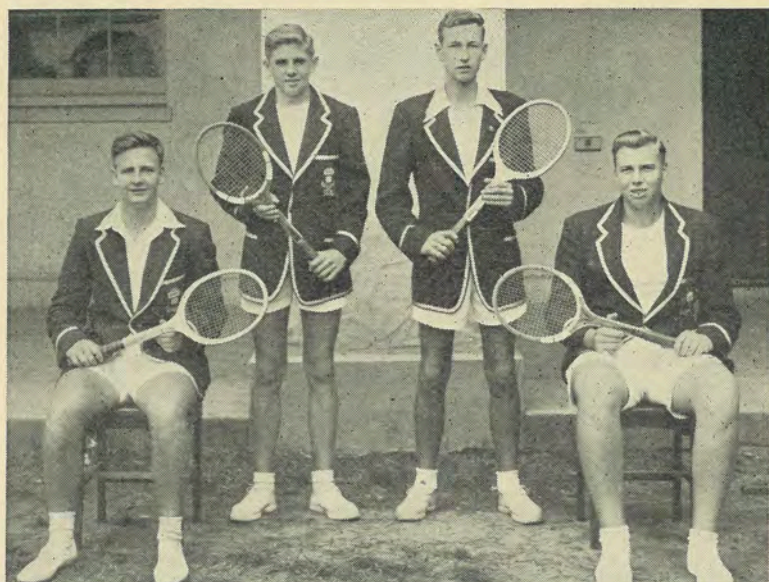
All four members of First Grade were requested to try out for the combined tennis team to play a Northern High Schools' team at Canterbury-Bankstown courts. R. Bailey, who was graded number three, and A. Cowdroy and B. Cohen, who were reserves, were selected. The City High Schools' team proved to be too strong for their Northern High Schools' opponents.

The aggregate points score went to Canterbury High School, and we congratulate Canterbury on gaining the title of Champion School for 1954.

Whenever tennis is mentioned the name of Mr. Hamnett arises. Nobody has done more for tennis in this School than he has, and those concerned wish to record their thanks for his efforts on their behalf.



# THE RECORD



SECOND GRADE TENNIS TEAM — CO-RUNNERS-UP.  
Left to Right: W. SMITH, J. BENNETT, W. GATES, R. WARREN.

## 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:—

SCHOOL	First Grade.	Second Grade.	Third Grade.	Fourth Grade.	Total Points.
Canterbury H. . . . .	15	15	17	11	234
Sydney H. . . . .	17	15	7	11	216
Homebush H. . . . .	10	11	12	17	191
Fort Street H. . . . .	8	8	8	12	140
North Sydney H. . . . .	9	9	11	13	162
Sydney Tech. H. . . . .	13	16	5	6	175
Randwick H. . . . .	6	3	14	11	123
North Sydney Tech. H. . . . .	4	9	2	3	75
Manly H. . . . .	5	3	11	5	90
Hurlstone A.H. . . . .	1	1	3	1	22

CHAMPION SCHOOL: Canterbury High, 1; Sydney High, 2.

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

Grade.	Winners.	Runners-up.
1	S.H.S.	Canterbury H.
2	Sydney Tech H.	{ S.H.S.
3	Canterbury H.	{ Canterbury H.
4	Homebush H.	{ Randwick H.
		{ North Sydney H.

# SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL RIFLE CLUB

This is the second year that S.H.S.R.C. has been functioning, and it has been an extremely successful one. This has been mainly due to the coach, Mr. George Face, an Old Boy of the School. Valuable work has been done by him this year, and he has devoted much time to training the Club each week-end. His work has not been in vain, for in this time he has brought up the standard of shooting to a high level. The Club is formed from members of the Cadet Corps, and most of the members have their crossed rifles, which is the badge of proficiency for marksmanship. Also, quite a number hold spoons which have been won at the monthly competitions conducted by the Military Rifle Clubs Union. At the recent M.R.C.U. Annual Prize Meeting the Club was very successful. Several members scored very well and the team took all aggregates. These were the McDonald Cadet Teams Aggregate, Eagleson Cadet Teams Aggregate, and the Showers Aggregate, which is competed for by teams from all the services; also, in the McVicker Target and Discs Match, S.H.S. "A" Team came first and S.H.S. "B" Team gained second place. In the Showers Aggregate the "B" Team came fourth.

On the 14th and 15th Sept. the team, consisting of Ray Stuart, Edward Clay, Jim Saunders, Geoff Reddish, Warren Eagleson, John



## RIFLE SHOOTING TEAM—G.P.S. RUNNERS-UP.

Back Row: R. SPENCE, D. WALLIS, A. CUNNINGHAM, G. CROUCHER, W. AGNEW.  
 Second Row: G. REDDISH, D. COOTE, D. SOOTHILL, R. STUART, W. EAGLESON.  
 Front Row: E. CLAY, W. THORNHILL, G. FACE (Coach), M. ASTON (Capt.),  
 Capt. I. CRACKNELL (Master-in-Charge), R. ABERNEATHY, J. FACE.  
 Absent: G. QUIGLEY (Vice-Capt.), J. SAUNDERS.



Face, Warwick Thornhill, Geoff Quigley, and Mervyn Aston, shot in the main match of the year, the G.P.S. Shoot. This team was again quite successful. It came second in the Rawson Cup over 300 and 500 yards, fourth in the N.R.A. Shield at 500 yards, and first in the Buchanan Shield, which is awarded for rapid fire at 200 yards, and snap shooting at 300 yards. In the total aggregate, King's and Shore each totalled 16 points and High 15 points. This has been a great improvement on previous years. In the "B" Grade Match, the team, consisting of Aberneathy, Porter, Croucher, Woodlands, Soothill, Agnew, Coote and Quigley, came fourth.

Later on a team of four qualified in the elimination shoot of the Earl Roberts Imperial Cadets Challenge Shield, which is shot for by cadets from all over the Empire.

Much of the success of the Rifle Club is due to the coach, Mr. Face, to whom the members offer their sincerest thanks.

C/o. M. J. ASTON (*Captain*).

## INTER-HOUSE BASKETBALL

This year keen interest has been shown in basketball, owing to the enthusiasm of Mr. Fleming. An inter-house competition, consisting of two rounds, was drawn and ran smoothly, despite several interruptions.

The matches were played during the lunch hour on an outdoor court. It was very pleasing to see the number of boys in attendance to barrack for their teams. Mr. Fleming himself and a small group of boys did an excellent job refereeing these games.

The competition was conducted in two grades. Points gained by the various houses are as follows:—

*First Grade:* Parkes, 10; Gordon, 7; Reid, 5; Wentworth, 2.

*Second Grade:* Gordon, 12; Wentworth, 6; Parkes, 4; Reid, 2.

## SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL UNION

### Badge Regulations

At the end of 1953 a committee was appointed to revise the regulations governing the award of the Union's sporting honours. Their recommendations were approved by the general committee, and the new regulations which apply in 1954 and onwards are printed here for your information.

**BLAZERS:** Every boy is entitled to wear a blazer on becoming a financial member of the Union. No authority is required, and a blazer may be purchased from any firm.

**POCKETS:** A pocket may only be worn by boys who have represented the School in some branch of sport in any grade (Chess and Debating excluded). In the cases of Athletics, Rifle Shooting and Swimming, a boy must have taken part in the annual combined schools' carnivals. An authority is necessary.

**STRIPS:** Strips may only be worn by boys who have played at least one-third of the possible matches in either a first or second grade team in Cricket, Football, or Tennis; or by those who have been members of the Rowing Eight, First, Second, Third, or Fourth

Fours; or by those who have been members of the First or Second Rifle Shooting Teams; or by those who have represented in the first division of the junior or juvenile events or have been members of the senior teams at the combined Athletics or Swimming Carnivals (relay races only excluded).

The strips shall be as follows:—

- 1st XI (year) or 2nd XI (year) in the case of Cricket.
- 1st XV (year) or 2nd XV (year) in the case of Football.
- Athletics (year).
- Swimming (year).
- 1st Grade Tennis (year), or 2nd Grade Tennis (year).
- 1st Rifle Shooting (year), or 2nd Rifle Shooting (year).
- Rowing VIII (position and year).
- Rowing 1st IV, 2nd IV, 3rd IV, or 4th IV and year.
- No other strips may be worn.
- Strips shall be in gold for prefects, in blue for others.
- Crossed Oars only for members of a championship eight.
- Crossed Rifles only for championship 1st grade team.
- “Premiers” only for winning 1st grade team.
- Braid only for G.P.S. competitions.

An authority to obtain any of the above awards must be obtained from the secretary of the Union. This will specify what is to be placed on the blazer and may be taken to any firm chosen by the applicant.

E. BEMBRICK, *Honorary Secretary.*

## Awarding of Blues

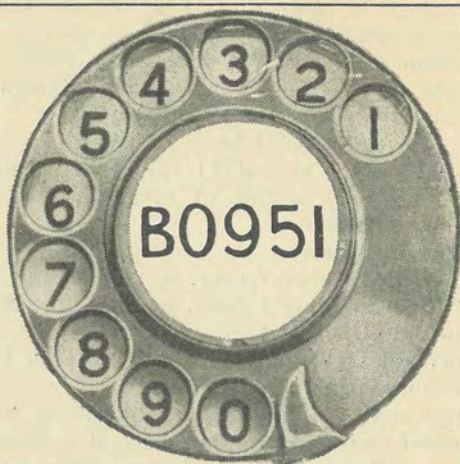
The regulations governing the award of Blues are as under:—

- (a) Nominations may only be made by a sub-committee consisting of a maximum number of three boys to the master-in-charge of each first grade sport. These nominations will be conveyed to the Blues committee by the master-in-charge, who may add, but not delete, any names.
- (b) The Blues committee will consist of the masters-in-charge of each sport, together with the secretary of the Union and the sportsmaster, who will act as chairman.
- (c) Each nomination will be considered separately, and each case will be judged on its merits.
- (d) Factors to be considered are: (1) Excellence in a branch of sport: in the cases of Cricket and Football a boy must, in the opinion of the committee, have attained to the standard of those selected in the first or second combined C.H.S. or G.P.S. teams; (2) Sportsmanship, which includes attitude and general demeanour in the School.
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# LITERARY

## AN ABORIGINAL RESERVE

*A grey-blue snake of smoke quivers  
And curls around the landscape,  
Endless carpet of scorched dust  
Smouldering in the daybreak.*

*They live there, the dark men,  
With faces formed from copper  
The colour of an old penny.  
They survive there  
In the heat of the air  
That wavers around them,  
Clings ever around them.*

*Their huts are  
Gargoyles of bark  
Bound together with shackles of rusted tin.  
From the hills they look like  
Uprturned, blackened billies.*

*Saplings of smoke rise from amongst them,  
Whose branches, tossed by the wind,  
Plunge, cross, spread out like veins  
And melt away to curl, drift  
And wander over the hills.*

*In amongst the gargoyles the brown men creep,  
Half civilised, half savage,  
Half remembering the fading past.*

*A brook cries,  
Murmurs their disgrace.  
This stream of molten glass from the sun-furnace,  
Fed with clouds,  
Foams effervescent.*

*Behind the huts hang clothes  
Like skins on spiderwebs.*

W. J. LILLYMAN (5A).

## A SYDNEY FOG

*Thick and white,  
Wreathing, mystic fog;  
Stealthy moving smog,  
You came from the air,  
To the earth you go.*



*In your grey-white arms,  
Tentacles of octopi,  
Stretching, wreathing towards me,  
Pulling, firmly to you leading,  
In your spell I come.*

*In your centre I have come.  
Now you are a wall,  
Holding me entrapped, as in a gigantic ball;  
I move, the walls move;  
I turn with as little room as before.*

*My prison grows bigger,  
And further I can see.  
The sun rises and a little bee  
Slowly wings past me  
Towards blooms of flowers newly risen with the sun.*

*The sun ascends the dome of sky  
And soon the splendid vista I can see:  
The harbour, fresh and clean, as though re-born;  
The white-frothed, little waves that beckon,  
And, firm and staid, the houses that resist.*

*As a cherry on a cake's clean icing  
So, 'mid the waves an island stands  
Rounded and green,  
And after the vapours of its bath, clean.  
Now, the fog has gone, leaving only  
Silver dew on the glistening grass.*

*Fogs, though they be  
Dark and uninviting,  
Grey and treacherous,  
Black and frightening,  
All pass  
Like human worries, that leave  
But little mark on the world's surface.*

J. MASSELOS (3A).

### STORMY WEATHER

*I love to sit and watch the rain  
Come beating on the window-pane;  
I like to see it spatter there,  
Then, caught by the unruly air,  
See it quickly whisked away.*

*On stormy days I watch the sea:  
The white-capped waves toss furiously.  
I like to watch the seagulls whirl  
And, as the mighty breakers curl,  
They slip from view in endless spray.*

K. KENNEDY (3E).

## THE RECORD

### SANCTUARY

*No gum tree stirred;  
No cry we heard  
Of the dingo on his prowl.  
No bird was seen;  
All was serene,  
But for the moping owl.*

*We spied no creek;  
But we saw the peak  
Of Lindsay's distant hue.  
And over the blazing fire at night,  
Bathed in its glowing, eerie light,  
We talked of the wondrous view.*

P. WENDEROTH (1A).

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### THE FADING GLORY

*A day is past, but memory holds its sway  
Of golden rays of light, of sunlit lawn,  
Of gilded leas below'd in minstrel's lay,  
Now darkened till the wakening cry of dawn.*

*The haloed hills, ringed with the dying red,  
Now thrust their glorious crests to lowering skies;  
The laverock to his nest his mate has led.  
Through laden boughs an errant breeze now sighs.*

*What man-made thing can equal or compare  
With monuments raised by God to His delight?  
The rosy hue that fills the drowsy air  
Has ne'er been equalled by Man's pomp and might.*

J. REID (4B).

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### THE GHOST OF BOK BOK MOUNTAIN

*We were lying round a campfire, gazing at the blaze,  
When Bill began to tell us a tale of bygone days.  
"Near Bok Bok is a mountain, and it rises mighty high,  
And its stony, barren summit reaches out into the sky.  
That mountain has a path up, a narrow rocky way,  
Real dangerous by night-time, still frightening by day,  
For beside it is a cliff-face, a straight drop to the ground,  
And that is where poor Charlie's body ought to have been found.  
He was ridin' up the mountain, he was tired of life, they say.  
He jumped off with his lubra and just vanished right away.  
They searched the chasm down below, among the timbers tall,  
But all they found was Charlie's knife and nothing else at all.*



## THE RECORD

*"And echoing round the mountain, when the darkness came around,  
Could be heard the sound of hoofbeats upon the stony ground.  
There was devils in that mountain; no one dared to ride that track,  
And if a beast went up there they weren't game to fetch it back.*

*"One golden April sunset, as the dew was falling down,  
A gay young man, a Texan, rode up into the town.  
His eyes were filled with laughter and he sang a merry song,  
And gaily next him prancing, his sweetheart rode along.  
He heard the tale of Charlie, and he mocked the frightened men,  
And, pulling down his Stetson, he galloped off again.  
The sun was sinking lower, there were storm-clouds in the sky,  
And as he turned a corner he waved his love good-bye.*

*"The lightning flashed a warning and the wind blew loud and shrill,  
But merry and undaunted, he rode on up the hill.  
As he passed the awesome chasm more slowly did he ride,  
And he urged his sodden pony back from the danger side.  
The branches lashed out wildly, the rain had turned to hail,  
And he stopped his horse and listened to the moaning of the gale.  
Far off he heard a galloping that shook the rocky ground;  
He stood stock-still and listened to the fast approaching sound.  
The hoofbeats seemed all round him, yet growing louder still.  
He wheeled around in panic and rode off down the hill.  
He knew no mortal being would dare ride there at night.  
He spurred his panting pony and rode with all his might.  
The trees were whipping past him, the mud was flying wide,  
The man was crazed with terror; he rode as mad men ride.  
He heard his sweetheart's laughter, he touched her lovely face,  
Too late he saw the danger, plunged down the steep cliff face.*

*"The moaning gale is silent, the rocks are shining grey,  
The silent trees are dripping, and night gives way to day.  
Slowly up the mountain, full in the morning light,  
A woman rides on sadly, an anxious, weary sight.  
Her hair is blown about her, her face looks sad and grim;  
She's waited up all evening without a sign of him.  
She climbs the narrow pathway; her head is bowed in thought.  
The mountain trail is rocky; she nears what she has sought.  
The tragic scene draws closer, the narrow track gets steep,  
She gazes at the footprints which show the fatal leap.  
Her eyes are filled with teardrops; she gets down on the ground  
And stands a minute sobbing, then slowly turns around.  
She looks out at the mountains, the sun is on her back,  
Then walks on down the mountain, along the broken track.*

*"The drumming hooves still thunder, they're often heard at night,  
They're sometimes at the sunset and sometimes at first light.  
And some folks say its spirits, and some folks cannot tell,*

*But most believe it's cattle that went up on the hill.  
They thunder round the mountain, they drum along the track,  
But never a stockman dares to try and bring them back."*

*The camp-fire burned less brightly, the embers glowed dull red,  
The heavens stretched above us, and we all turned in for bed.*  
S. PAWSEY (4A).

### CLANCY OF THE OVERDRAFT

*I had written to a debtor whom I had, for want of better  
Knowledge, lent a sum of money, down the Lachlan, years ago;  
He was Joseph when I knew him, so I sent the letter to him,  
Just on spec, addressed as follows: "Clancy, alias Joe."  
And the answer I collected showed my plea had been rejected  
(And I think the claims were many, for his home was in the bar);  
'Twas a man irate who wrote it, and verbatim I will quote it:  
"Clancy's gone and pinched our wages, but he won't get very far."*

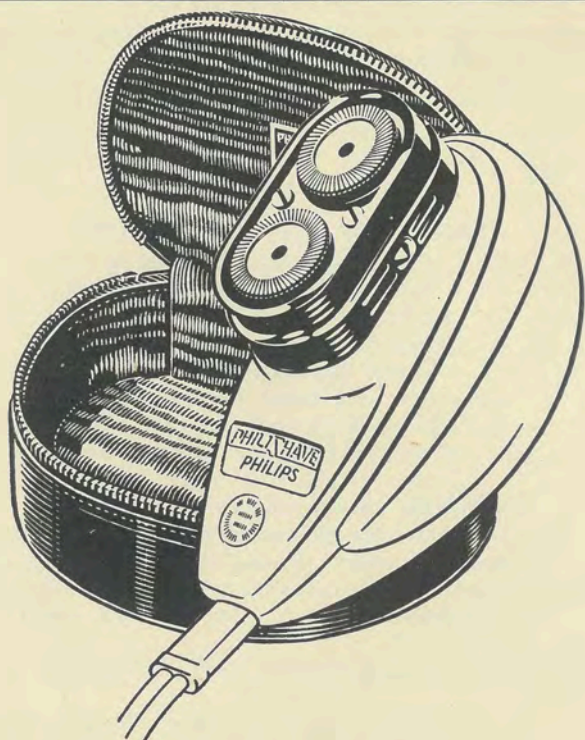
*In my wild, erratic fancy visions come to me of Clancy  
Being driven down to Long Bay, where the hardened gangsters go;  
While the cops are gaily singing, Clancy rides behind them thinking,  
For a prisoner's life has terrors that we good folk never know.  
And the court has friends to meet him, and their judging voices  
greet him  
With the damning verdict "Guilty!" and the rough hands of the  
guards,  
And he sees the vision splendid of the prison block extended,  
And at night the moonlit shadow of the everlasting bars.*

*He is sitting in a dingy little prison, where a stingy  
Ray of sunlight struggles feebly down between the buildings tall;  
And his fettered hands are grimy from the prison walls so slimy,  
While the everlasting flea-bites are a curse to one and all.  
And in place of people drinking he can hear the fiendish clinking  
Of the prison keys and gates and chains and handcuffs quite  
profuse;  
And the language uninviting of the other inmates fighting  
Comes evermore the louder, though the warders shout abuse.*

*And the hurrying warders daunt him, and their pallid faces haunt  
him  
As they serve the bread and water in their rush and nervous haste.  
With their eager eyes and greedy, and their motor-bikes so speedy,  
The policemen have no time to lose, they have no time to waste.  
And I somehow rather fancy that I'd hate to change with Clancy,  
Hate to take a turn in prison where the warders come and go,  
While I faced the round unceasing of the warders' strict policing—  
But I doubt I'd fit the part like Clancy, alias Joe.*

J. HAMILTON, N. MOSES, R. EYLAND (3A).





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## THE CORONATION

By the Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia

*(This article was originally printed in "The Star," a second year paper published by 2A, 1953, and edited by Alan May. As it was too late for re-printing in the 1953 "Record," we offer it to our readers now as something too good to miss. And how did the Prime Minister come to write for "The Star"? That remains Alan May's secret.)*

I have been asked to write something to you about the Coronation.

Most of you probably heard the broadcast from the Abbey. You may also have seen the colour films. I was fortunate enough to take part, with my wife, in the great procession through the streets. I sat alongside Sir Winston Churchill in the Abbey itself, Lady Churchill and my wife being immediately in front of us in the theatre stalls, just on the edge of what is called "The Theatre," where the actual crowning occurs. None of us who were present are likely to forget what we saw and heard. We all had the feeling, and prayed the prayer, that it was the last coronation in our lifetimes; and so we almost greedily stored up memories both of eye and mind and heart to accompany us for the rest of our lives.

Not that the day was all solemnity and ceremony. That would not be in our tradition. There was a gaiety in the streets, good humour under the falling rain, tremendous enthusiasm, and an immense undercurrent of brotherly unity and goodwill. I will say a little more about that in a moment.

It was, of course, a brilliant scene. There were the peers and peeresses in their robes and coronets; with high officers in their gaily coloured uniforms and sashes of state; the sparkle of jewels; the flowing colours of the potentates of Zanzibar and Ethiopia. And above all, right next to me, as I have said, was the Grand Old Man of the race, Winston Churchill, garbed as a Warden of the Cinque Ports.

A coronation is a complex ceremony. It must, prosiacally enough, run to time. It must be, and was, rehearsed and rehearsed. At the rehearsals, indeed, it was positively astonishing to anybody who takes the final flawless act for granted, to see the Duke of Norfolk, the hereditary Great Marshall, walking around the throne, carrying a portable microphone on a long flex, rebuking the Pages for sluggishness, advising the Peers, almost admonishing the Archbishop of Canterbury. On the great day his patient labours bore fruit. There was no hitch. For three hours the Queen moved and was gracious; spoke and was clear and sweet and grave; looked, at the moment of acknowledgment, North and South and East and West, and shone with a lonely loveliness. And so the Queen was the centre of the pageant, the drama of the dedication. She was



bound to be, according to the service. But she was more than that, in right of native and cultured quality.

Let us thank God for a good Queen, who will inspire the best in all her people at a time when only our best is good enough for the tasks which a turbulent world lays upon us.

I just have space for one further comment. The crowds, gathered together from all over the land and from abroad, were the largest I have ever seen. They filled the streets and the public places, not only on Coronation Day, but for days and nights before it. Having seen them and heard them, I will never again accept the legend that the English are a dour and unsentimental and reserved people. They simply let go. They "told the world," as the Americans would say, of their excitement, and joy and pride. For days, in the Mall, they would cheer anybody. Believe it or not, they cheered me. One day I had been at the Palace and was driving back through the mass of people. With a tailed coat and a grey waistcoat, I was looking as distinguished as grudging Nature permits. They cheered me. Through the windows of the car I could hear, time after time, the same words: "Who is it, Jack? Hooray! Hooray! Who is it, dear? Hooray! Hooray!" That was the lovely spirit of the whole event. "Whoever he is, he has come from the Queen's home. Good heavens! He may have seen and spoken to the Queen. Good luck and three cheers for him."

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### THE ROYAL VISIT FIREWORKS DISPLAY

It is dark. From our position on the hilltop we can distinguish the dark shapes of the ships-of-war as they ride at anchor—dark smudges against the silver moonlight reflected on the water.

Suddenly, as if by the stroke of a magic wand, the ships are outlined simultaneously in electric lights, and rocket trails of orange streak into the blackness of the sky, there to explode into green stars, which fall gently back towards the sea, only to be extinguished before they reach their destination.

On the other side of the harbour a fire-boat sends great streams of water skywards like a gigantic fountain. Strong lights on its deck illuminate the rushing water in everchanging colours. Another fire-boat comes into view, not on a mission of rescue now, but in joyful celebration. There are three in sight, the brilliant colours of their water making a marked contrast with the darkened foreshores.

Another volley of orange streaks rush into the night sky and now break apart with a combination of red, blue and green. There is also the incessant movement of the bright headlights of cars packed bumper to bumper for miles along the main roads. The

rockets are exploding continuously now, and the sky is filled with a kaleidoscopic display of slow, downward-moving cascades of stars and swift, upward-moving orange trails.

Then the hard outlines of the ships suddenly dissolve and become a mass of moving lights, which present an unceasing movement rather like luminous ants on a shadowy ant hill.

With a final burst of star-shell, this magnificent pageant for our beloved Queen ends, and all is dark once more.

N. WITTON (3A).

## THE KANGAROO

The morning was clear, bright with sunshine and full of an uncertain expectancy. All was quiet and restful, with the buzz of the insects, the gurgle of a distant creek and the rustling of the breeze in the tall, majestic gums. From the forest on to the grassy plain emerged two men, riding horses. Behind them were a string of four packhorses. One of the men was an American, the other an Australian.

"Wal," said the American, "this sure looks good country. Plenty of animals, I guess."

"Yes," agreed the Australian, "there should be plenty of kangaroos here."

They stopped and dismounted. Finding a suitable site, they began to set up camp. Once they finished they lay down with binoculars and focused them on the surrounding countryside.

No sound escaped them for some time. The first to break the silence was the American.

"This is the finest piece of country I've seen yet."

"Yes," said the Australian, "and I see an old man 'roo the size of a house."

"Where?" shouted the American. With instructions from the Australian he focused the binoculars on the kangaroo and gave an audible gasp.

"Jim," he ejaculated, "I'm goin' to get that 'roo if it's the only thing I do in this valley."

"What are you waiting for? The wind's in our favour. All you have got to do is crawl up the side of the ridge while I keep the 'roo covered from the clump of rocks at the foot of the ridge. If he makes a break I'll let him have it."

The men grabbed their rifles and set off.

They reached the ridge in short time. Jim took up his position while the American began to climb up the steep slope. Inch by inch he ascended, hanging on with both hands and feet, his rifle underneath him. He had nearly reached the top when he slipped and dislodged a stone. The stone rattled down, gathering others in its wake until the sound reached a crescendo.

The kangaroo lifted its head and sniffed the air, then it bounded to the edge of the ridge. It looked down and saw the white face



of the clinging man. The man-smell filled its nostrils. No man had penetrated this valley before and instinct warned it back. Then, turning round, it bounded towards a break in the ridge. The Australian began firing for all he was worth. The thunder of the gun shattered the countryside, the vivid lightning flashes dazzled the 'roo. A bullet creased its flank and another ricocheted into its shoulder. It stumbled, then bounded on.

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The kangaroo loped painfully to the creek. His shoulder and flank were burning terribly. What was this menace which had invaded his kingdom? He reached the creek and bounded in. The water was soothing to his wounds and washed them tenderly. Then he wallowed in some clay, which hardened and covered his wounds, a cool, soothing poultice.

All that day the kangaroo stayed by the creek, eating occasionally, always on the alert. At night he slept, waking at the slightest noise, watchful and alert.

By next day his wounds were better, though still a little stiff. He ate and drank and then bounded away in search of his mate.

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By early morning a new sound broke the stillness of the valley—the baying of dogs! They had picked up the scent and were on the trail of the kangaroo. Behind them raced an aborigine, and further back came the two men on horseback.

The kangaroo heard the first sounds of this new menace and sniffed the air tentatively. With the baying of the dogs, came drifting with the wind—the man-smell! The kangaroo turned and raced towards the mountainside. He began to climb up a path. Both fear of the man-smell and a tenacious desire to fight the dogs ruled in the 'roo's heart, and as he neared the top of the ridge the latter won.

The men had dismounted and were toiling up the ridge when the fight began. The kangaroo had chosen as his battlefield a path twenty feet wide. On one side was a drop of a hundred feet, on the other the sheer wall of the mountain. Behind was a small break in a great wall of rock. From the break to the bend in the path around which the animal had come was a distance of thirty feet.

With his back to the break, the kangaroo waited. As the dogs rounded the bend they saw the trap and frantically endeavoured to stop. But the leaders were pushed a further fifteen feet before they could, and then the 'roo rushed. He caught two dogs, His great hind leg completely disembowelled one, while his tail sent the other crashing over the cliff to his death. The remaining dog hastily retreated. Again the pack approached, now slowly and warily. Back in his former position, the kangaroo waited. The dogs moved cautiously, their red lips bared, showing their gleaming white fangs. Then without warning, with two bounds the kangaroo landed in the middle of the pack. The pack moved back, but the

'roo kept on until he caught a dog near the edge of the cliff, and with one hind foot he disembowelled the unfortunate animal and kept raking the body with the powerful hind foot until it was a tattered, bleeding mess.

With the smell of blood in their nostrils the dogs became reckless and charged the kangaroo. The huge tail scattered them. The 'roo fought hard and his terrible hind foot found another victim. An over-impetuous dog moved to the back of the 'roo, snapped at its leg and held on. The kangaroo gave a convulsive start and flung the dog off; the massive tail descended and broke the smaller animal's back. The plaintive yelp of the dog reached the ears of the men as they toiled up the path. The scent from their sweating bodies drifted to the fighting kangaroo. He stopped, then turned towards the break, squeezed through and headed towards the summit, the dogs at his heels.

When the men raced round the bend on to the scene of the fight they stopped simultaneously and stared, startled at the pitiful scene before them.

"One, two, three, four——," counted the American.

"Another fella down there, boss." The aborigine pointed to the bottom of the drop.

"Five!" exclaimed the Australian. "This 'roo is some fighter."

"Not much chance of catching up now, is there?" the American turned to the native.

"No, boss. Them's the other side of the mountain now."

The three men turned back towards the camp.

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By early afternoon four dogs only of the seven that had been left after the ridge fight, had returned. With bloodshot eyes, heaving chests, their tongues hanging out of their mouths, they were truly cowed and beaten.

The American rose from the ground as the last dog limped in.

"I'm goin' out to look for this animal," he said.

"Be careful," said the Australian.

"I will!" came the sharp retort.

He saddled up and set out for the far side of the mountain. It was mid-afternoon when he reached a small valley between it and a smaller mountain. Dismounting, he began to climb up the side of the larger mountain, his rifle slung over his shoulder. It took him an hour to reach a small ridge. Here he rested, his rifle across his knees, surveying the panorama through his binoculars. A slight sound behind the American made him turn. There stood the kangaroo silhouetted against the mountainside. It remained motionless, its ears pricked. Frantically the American struggled to his feet. The kangaroo crouched down alert. Instinct warned it to be wary. The American watched, fear in his eyes, as he snapped down the bolt on his rifle. The kangaroo moved forward, panic-stricken. The American fired. The bullet raked the kangaroo's shoulder. The 'roo staggered, then in blind fury and pain it



bounded forward. Its experience of the morning had driven it into a fearless, tenacious attitude towards the men and their dogs. Its hind legs raked across the American's body. He screamed hysterically. The roo whirled round and the huge tail struck the man across the body. His eyes dilated in fear; he stepped back to avoid another blow. He slipped and went toppling into space, crashing eighty feet down the mountainside to the ground below. He twisted convulsively for a few seconds and then lay still.

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In the distance a kookaburra laughed, sounding strangely mocking as it echoed through the hills.

L. FRANCIS (4D).

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### THE HUNTER

The fox was hungry. For three days he had been practically without food—three days of patient wandering through field and wood, over mountainside and moor. He had found a dead polecat two days ago, but the carcass was so rotten and so small that it served only to heighten his appetite. Yesterday he had stopped at a small stream, hoping to surprise a fish lazing in one of the shallow pools. But the fox was unaccustomed to fishing, and though his patience and cunning were admirable, he was unsuccessful.

The first trout which stayed to rest on the sandy bottom of the fox's pool made good his escape, while Reynard just managed to scramble back to the low bank.

The fox was not used to three days on an empty stomach, and his condition was rapidly deteriorating. His limbs were tired, his feet were raw and tender, and his usually resplendent tail sagged despondently. But his cunning and patience had not deserted him, and his crafty eyes examined every stone, every shrub, every tree for some sign of food.

Wearily but surely Reynard made his way to the top of a rise. He began the descent, then suddenly paused and stiffened. An eager movement throughout his body was abruptly checked. His head slowly rose, he sniffed the air, and looked warily about him. Then, with steady, cautious movements he descended to a level stretch of ground below.

Stretched under a low shrub was the motionless body of a young lamb. It was dead, apparently stricken by the cold snap of the night before, and as yet undiscovered by the buzzards. Eagerly the fox advanced towards the body, his tongue moving in expectant circles around his mouth. But again he stopped, and with his hair bristling he swung to his left. Not ten yards away a magnificently built badger emerged from behind a boulder and moved towards the fox.

Obviously Brock's quest was the same as Reynard's; obviously each was furious at suddenly coming across the other. Presently

the fox sprang forward with a loud growl in an attempt, it seemed, to scare the badger into retreat, coming to a stop not half a dozen inches from Brock's nose. Not an inch did the latter give, not a sound did he utter, but his eyes, now red with rage, his teeth chattering with the excitement of the stupendous moment, boldly met the fox's menacing glare.

Snarling viciously, Reynard began to circle the badger. All the pent-up anger of the past three days showed in the threatening movements of his body, for at all costs he meant to satisfy the hunger which had tortured him during the last hours.

Sullen and silent, the badger watched his enemy as he moved around. Then, with a movement so swift that it was almost imperceptible, he sprang at the fox's foremost leg and sank his teeth into the upper limbs. With a snarl of pain the fox threw himself at his attacker, but with a movement surprising for his bulk the badger avoided the lunge and drew blood from the other foreleg. Time and again the fox was met by the cool daring of the badger, and time and again the other succeeded in injuring Reynard even more.

Eventually, sore, panting and weary, the fox stood still and attempted to regain some of the strength which was rapidly seeping from him. The earlier foolhardiness was gone now, and he began to employ the cunning for which he was renowned.

The badger, feeling that victory was his, became careless and began rushing at the fox with an abandon which would have meant death in the earlier stages of the struggle. The fox was tired, and instead of wasting his energy in further futile efforts, he parried the movements of Brock carefully. Presently his chance came, and when once more the badger rushed at him, he stood his ground. Summoning all his strength, he met Brock with astounding force, and the latter, caught off his balance, was knocked to the ground. With a vicious snarl the fox pounced and tore the badger's throat open, killing him instantly.

Reynard rose and for half an hour he licked his wounds and rested his weary body. Then, with a gleam of satisfaction in his eyes, he turned to the dead lamb and prepared to enjoy his first meat for three days.

P. CRITTLE (5A).

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### BUSHWALKING IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

One of the most self-satisfying and vigorous pastimes that any energetic Australian can enjoy is bushwalking. Many people cannot understand what attractions bushwalking holds for the enthusiast. They cannot see what pleasure can be gained from continually trudging along, exposed to the elements, through miles of wild country, and carrying heavy rucksacks when all there is to see is the same sort of country which can be seen in comfort from a car or a lookout.



Bushwalking enthusiasts come from all walks of life. However, they have one common bond—a love of the bush and a love of a healthy outdoor life. Many go bushwalking so that they can really get away from the rush and racket of city life. When these people go bushwalking they find that they can put aside all the cares and worries of their home or business and ramble contentedly through the peaceful bushland. There must be a mysterious healing power in nature. Some people like to go into the bush to contemplate its grandeur and timelessness. They say that it helps them to realise the artificiality of our lauded civilisation. There is a sense of relief for them in the ever-changing yet steadfast bush.

But bushwalking has its sense of adventure and excitement, too. What could be more exciting than to journey through miles of wild country finding your way only with map and compass? What could be more exciting than to discover great ravines and splendid scenery that cannot be found in the picture-postcards? Some walkers like to tramp great distances and scale great mountains, while others go just a little way; but whatever your endurance, on finishing your journey you will sense the feeling of achievement and of overcoming difficulties, which is the essence of satisfaction. Or at least you will appreciate the luxuries of civilisation which you formerly took for granted.

The Greater Blue Mountains region is surely the ideal terrain for bushwalking, because varying geological structure gives a greater variety of scenery than is found in any other area of the same size in the State. There is an abundance of wild life, and the prettiness of the fern-covered glens and twisting, rippling streams contrasts with the grandiose beauty of the towering peaks wrapped in characteristic blue haze and the massive weather-worn cliff faces brooding over the great gorges. Although the scenes from well-known look-outs, such as Echo Point at Katoomba and Govett's Leap at Blackheath, are good samples of the country, you must go further afield from the easily accessible scenic spots to see the real beauty of these mountains.

There is little evidence of civilisation in this region, save where a poignant story of lost hopes can be read in the remains of a tumble-down shanty and fast deteriorating stockyards. In fact, it is interesting when one pauses before such a scene to speculate upon who this selector was and why he abandoned this little farm in the wilderness. However, the crumbling story of his failure will remain for many years and provide an excuse for many a bushwalker to swing down his rucksack.

Although bushwalking is such a carefree pastime, it cannot be gone about in any haphazard fashion. Walkers should have a good knowledge of mapping and should work out a prearranged route on a reliable map, taking into account the nature of the country and the endurance of the members of their party. When they set out they should keep to their planned route. Bushwalkers' camping gear must be light but durable. Only a minimum of gear is taken and

a little more than sufficient food; thus concentrated food is a boon. However, this has its limitations, as anyone will tell you who has tried to make chips with powdered potato! Two good mottoes to remember while packing for a bushwalking trip are: "When in doubt, leave out" or "Look after the ounces and the pounds will look after themselves."

Some people go bushwalking with a few friends or with a Scout Troop or Rover Crew. However, many belong to the well-organised bushwalking clubs in Sydney. There are now twenty-four clubs which comprise the N.S.W. Federation of Bushwalking Clubs, which has a dual objective: firstly, to unite people interested in bushwalking and similar outdoor activities—canoeing, ski-ing and climbing—and, secondly, to conserve the bushlands.

One of the most delightful spots in the Blue Mountains is the Blue Gum Forest, which is actually owned by the Bushwalkers' Federation, and it is easily accessible from Blackheath via the very steep descent from Govett's Leap. This forest is notable for its wild life and stately blue-gums. South of the railway line at Katoomba stretches the Narrow Neck Peninsula. This is about ten miles long, separating the Jamieson and Megalong Valleys, and is virtually a bushwalkers' highway. To the south of Narrow Neck the Cox's River winds its sinuous course through the granite outcrops of the valley depths. The pine and gum forests along its flats are bounded by precipitous cliffs, which in turn give way to narrow jungle-filled canyons. The descent of Carlon's Head on Narrow Neck is not for the weak-hearted, for it consists of a descent of a full thousand feet, mostly by iron spikes set in the cliff face, with a rusty chain, unattached below, for support. From Carlon's Head you descend into the Megalong Valley, which is mostly under cultivation. Thus its smooth, brown fields are a direct contrast to the rough green mountains around it.

The Cox's River may also be reached by traversing the Wild Dog Mountains. Its main peaks, Mt. Warrigal and Mt. Dingo, are surrounded by steep ridges known as Black Dog, Grey Dog, White Dog, Yellow Dog, Brindle Dog, Spotted Dog and so on until you would imagine that the area swarmed with multi-coloured mongrels when it was first investigated. The nomenclature of the mountains is intriguing, e.g., the Rick, Rack, Roar and Rumble Mountains, also Guouogang, Queahgong and Ngungwura-kunga, which lie near the Krungle Bungle Ranges.

The Cox's River can lastly be reached through the well-known Burraborang Valley. This valley, once prosperous with its many guest houses and farms, is doomed to become part of a great lake artificially created by the construction of the Warragamba Dam. Water which has previously gone to waste in the Hawkesbury floods will be stored to provide an ample supply for the thirsty city.

A magnificent southern backdrop for the mountains is provided in the majestic line of cliffs known as Kanangra Walls. Here the deeps and chasms are profound, reaching 3,300 ft.; the gorges are



impressive, and in dozens of places the flashing icy waters set themselves free from the confines of the creek bed and plunge hundreds of feet into space to crash deafeningly onto the boulders below in a dazzle of flying spray. A little west of these walls is a freak of nature which needs no introduction—the Jenolan Caves.

Yes, the Greater Blue Mountain region, so beloved to the bush-walkers, is certainly a masterpiece of nature.

J. ELFICK (5c).

J. MANNING (5d).

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### THE SCHOOL BADGE

How many pupils know the origin and significance of the School badge? It is not the only badge the School has had, but information about its predecessor is vague and unreliable. It was designed some time prior to 1912, the exact date being uncertain; the reason for its shape and markings and the authorship of the motto it seems impossible to ascertain.

In 1928, however, the year in which the new building at Moore Park was officially opened, it was felt that the old badge and its motto were no longer suitable, and in that year a committee of the Union was appointed to go into the matter. This committee commissioned Mr. N. L. James, one of the staff of the School at that time, to design a badge. After much searching amongst books on heraldry and school badges, the present badge was designed, presented to the committee and accepted. The motto was suggested by Mr. Saxby, the Headmaster.

The badge is simple in construction and idea. The shield is a variation of the City of Sydney Shield, the crown is a symbol of a State-owned institution, the book one of the traditional symbols of learning, and the School indicates its respect for tradition through the scroll, which is that of one of the oldest colleges of Cambridge—Jesus College. The School colours are believed to have been chosen by Mrs. Coates, wife of the first permanent Headmaster of the School. They were her favourite decorative colours.

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### A LETTER FROM AMERICA

*After being enrolled for a little over twelve months at S.H.S., Paul Bailey (2A, 1953), the business of whose parents took them abroad, left Australia for America. In this letter to some of his former class-mates he describes certain aspects of his new environment.*

Dear Year Mates,

I apologise for not writing sooner, but up till now have had very little time to get a way from T.V. and drug-stores.

We left England on July 9th on the "Georgic". Normally a migrant ship, it had taken the overflow of the Coronation crowds, and it was filthy! We called at Le Havre, Cobh, Halifax and finally

New York. We arrived in New York Harbour at 7 a.m. on July 18th and I saw all the famous landmarks. We arrived in New York city at 11 a.m., but were immediately driven up to Connecticut, where we stayed with some friends for a few days. Whilst there, we met a brother of a friend of ours at home; he is married to a Rockefeller: thus I can boast that I have visited the Rockefellers. We swam in their private pool and had dinner with them. They have a huge house and a massive garden; each child has its own private bathroom, bedroom and living-room. On the day we travelled to State College we arrived two hours early for the train, so we did some sightseeing. I went to Rockefeller Centre and saw the R.C.A. Building, which is eighty storeys. We arrived at Lewistown, which is thirty miles south of State College, at 7 p.m., and thus arrived at our destination after about two months' travel and having come two-thirds of the way round the world to reach it.

School here is great fun and very far behind our standard. I am in Eleventh Grade, which would be Fourth Year at home. This year we start a "new" subject called Plane Geometry, and have already learnt that a right angle is 90 degrees. This year we eleventh graders also have the thrill of learning a foreign language—French. Another subject which is new to the others is Physics, and we don't take Chemistry until next year. The English here is so far advanced that our teacher has promised to teach us how to parse a verb next week. We will learn how to multiply unknowns in Algebra soon. So you can see that, although I am in with sixteen-year-olds, my year here is going to be spent mainly in loafing.

In my first gym. period I broke my toe and missed a football game and a few days' school. The State College has both a band and an orchestra, and so I joined the band, which is about six times bigger than the orchestra. We all have uniforms with lots of brass buttons and masses of gold braid, and we march at every football game, at home or away.

Evidently not every American high school has the same standard of education, as some of the teachers here have told me that other States have rather higher standards. They also tell me that the main reason is because here everyone has a chance of going to high school, instead of which at home we have our high schools, intermediate highs, tech. highs, etc. Thus, the people who get through their work quickly are retarded by the slower ones.

Co-education is great fun and no one is against it. The only time we are not together is when we are dressing for gym. All the senior high girls wear cosmetics and many of the juniors, too. There is no uniform, and so the girls make the school look very colourful. Most of the boys wear jeans (me included). Another advantage is that we don't march into school, but just amble in. The lockers are huge things about 4ft. high, 1 ft. 6in. wide and 2ft. deep. Almost sixty per cent. of the seniors own and drive cars to school. The result is that practically the whole school block is surrounded by cars, dating from about 1930 to 1953, every day. I haven't seen



a serious crash yet, but almost every day some car bangs into another on purpose. Some cars have horns that play tunes, and there is one that plays part of "The Stars and Stripes".

A peculiar thing about school here is that almost everyone writes in pencil. School goes in at eight and we have six one-hour periods. The cafeteria here is not like the tuck-shop, in that hot meals are served.

Space permits no further news, so I will have to finish up.

Regards to all,

PAUL BAILEY.

## NIGHT

Darkness. The sound of hurried feet. A gate opens. Footsteps along the path. The key fits into the lock. The door opens. . . .

Waiting outside in the shadows of a flowering elm, Lefty Lowstone hears and notes these things. He waits five or ten minutes and then walks over to the fence. He vaults over—no sound of the gate to give him away—and then glides softly over the grass until he's under the wide, front windows.

There is a convenient little ledge running around the foundations which Lefty takes advantage of. Next the windows. Lefty feels in his pocket and withdraws a pocket knife. Choosing the thin blade, he inserts it into the window lock. He slowly turns the knife.

Click!

Easing the window open, he slides over the sill as silently, as slowly, as furtively as a snake.

It is the bedroom. He eases over to the door which leads into the hall. Now he is standing in the hall, thinking, calculating. He approaches a door further down the hall. He stops, notices the faint rays of light seeping out from under the door and listens.

Silence.

Lefty places his hand on the doorknob—turns it. Slowly, inch by inch, the slit of light grows bigger and wider. Lefty peeps through. He feels his way round the door and then slowly walks to the middle of the room. He looks round in a wide circle, for the first time fearing danger.

Was that a movement near the door?

"Is—is that you, Mr. Larkin?" Lefty blurts out, retreating backwards towards the huge mahogany desk placed at the far end of the room.

A painfully long pause.

"You're looking for me, Lefty?"

It is Larkin. He strolls into the light, his hands hanging loosely by his sides.

"Er—yes, Mr. Larkin. I——." He feels the gun in his pocket, desperately trying to think what to do. Should he suddenly draw it, shoot Larkin as he had planned, and quickly escape?

"I've come to apologise, Mr. Larkin."

At last Lefty had made up his mind.

"Apologise? What for?"

"For being angry about not receiving my £2,000 quota—I didn't deserve it, anyway."

"That's all right, Lefty. I've been thinking seriously about that quota and I've come to the conclusion you really do deserve it. Pick it up to-morrow at work."

"Thank you, Mr. Larkin. Good-night, sir."

"Good-night, Lefty."

Larkin lets Lefty out the door, and from the window watches him walking quickly down the street.

"A good man, Lefty, if he's handled properly," he thinks. He sucks pensively at his cigar. "All right, James, you can come from behind that curtain. Put your gun away."

J. FOX (3A).

### THE UNKNOWN FACTOR

"And I should like to see as many of you as possible out at the School Rowing Shed at Abbotsford on Saturday."

You have just heard the fateful words of the Rowing Master as he finished his lengthy discourse on the merits of rowing as a sport.

After talking it over with some of your mates you foolishly decide that you will go next Saturday and try to do something "for the good of the School."

You happen to be lucky enough (so you think at the time) to be one of the boys picked out who shows some promise as a rower. Thus it is that you find yourself going clumsily through the actions of rowing in a tub moored to the pontoon, under the benevolent eye of a young coach.

At last it is time for you to get into a real boat. Although it is a rather old, dilapidated pair-oar, you consider it the acme of racing boats.

Finally, that proud day arrives when you are actually in a real four-oared racing shell, and you are beginning to tread the long, weary path to "The Regatta".

As soon as football as a Wednesday sport is finished you row every sport afternoon as well as Saturday. This is not too bad, as, at this period, you still have a slightly misguided idea that rowing is an easy, pleasant pastime and that your frequent trips up and down the Parramatta River are scenic trips, the only drawback being that annoying coxswain in the back who apparently thinks you are there to learn to row and not to admire the view.

This type of rowing goes on until the Christmas holidays. Then the heat is on. Rowing every day during the holidays, except for a two-weeks' break, is inclined to be a trifle monotonous. Eventually, after traversing the same stretch of river for perhaps the hundredth



time, you begin to get bored with the whole proceedings. It is not the scenery, however, that really annoys you, but that slavedriver (commonly called a coach) sitting in your boat trying to impress in your apparently thick head that you do NOT put your blade into the water by yourself and that you DO have to wait and put it in at the same time as the rest of the members of the crew.

It is about this time, after perhaps a fifteen-mile jaunt under the blazing sun, that you declare that you will give up rowing and take up a much more pleasant sport, such as fire-eating or tight-rope walking. On such a journey, after the first three miles, the insistent voice of your coach is beginning to fray your nerves, and the fiery sun is beginning to play havoc with your already tender nose. After the fifth mile (by this time your shirt is soaked with sweat and is clinging to you like a second skin) your previously comfortable wooden seat feels as though it was specially designed to make life unbearable for you.

You have one thought in mind—rest. If you are fortunate and have a kind-hearted coach, you may be allowed to rest for as long as fifteen minutes. Then it is on again. However, this time you are headed for home and are thinking of that cool milkshake at the shop up the street. This thought is soon driven out, however, by the harsh, grating voice of your persecutor, who seems determined to drive you mad with his bellows of rage. When the ninth mile is reached, a kind of numbness overtakes you and you begin to lose all sense of feeling, and comprehension of what is being said to you. The vexed words directed at your lack of skill drift meaninglessly over your head, and you think that you will never be able to sit down again to eat your meals.

The last five miles to home seem the longest you have ever experienced, and the good old pontoon, when it finally appears, seems to be the best thing you have ever seen in your life. It is an amazing thing, however, that as soon as the shell has been hosed down and put on its rack in the shed, you always seem to be able to find the energy to chase your coxswain about half a mile before catching him and turning the hose on him as a matter of principle.

Up till now, however, unbeknown to you, life has been the proverbial bed of roses. It is not until the holidays have finished and school opens up again that you begin to learn what rowing really is.

Every afternoon after school, there you are, out on that cursed Parramatta River, seated in that now familiar, most uncomfortable seat that you have ever sat on in your life, lacing up those leather stretcher-laces around your aching feet. It is always a source of wonderment to you how those laces managed to get into so many knots, as you are sure that you did them up neatly when you put the boat away last night. After all are ready to row you are approached by a speed-boat containing those men whom you have now begun to dislike intensely—your coaches.

"All right there! Third four, come out from behind that barge and line up with the rest of these crews here and we'll go for a

little row to Ryde Bridge and back. Righto, second four! Don't try and get a start there; get back with the firsts!"

Then those hated words from the now detested cox in your boat are heard.

"Half-forward!"

"Are you all ready?"

"Row!"

You start once again on the old routine of blade in the water, through, out again, which has become a habit with you. This time there is a difference. When a sheltered cove is reached, where some misguided person has marked out a mile-long course, you are lined up. Four, sometimes five and six boats manned by your mates, are there with you. Then you are away with that leering launch—driver seemingly gloating over your discomfort. Behind him, standing up, waving megaphones and shouting in an unintelligible way, are those demons, those slave-drivers, those Simon Legrees with their whips, urging you on to greater efforts.

The breath burns your lungs as it is sucked greedily in, the sweat trickles into your eyes, as you try to give that little bit of extra effort that your gesticulating coach is calling for. Sometimes you succeed, but more often than not you are beaten by a very junior crew and your annoyed coach orders you to re-row the mile at full pressure as punishment.

This kind of torture is inflicted on you for weeks before your real race. It is to take place at a small metropolitan rowing club regatta. You are entered in a race for novices, all raw crews like yourself. You are nervous, apprehensive and self-conscious. Then you are rowing up to the start, the gun goes off and you are away. What's this? You are actually beating a couple of crews? Impossible! Perhaps you are not such a bad bunch of rowers as your coach has made out. You find that this race against other club and school crews is really not much different from those you have had against your fellow-crews back on your own home-stretch of water.

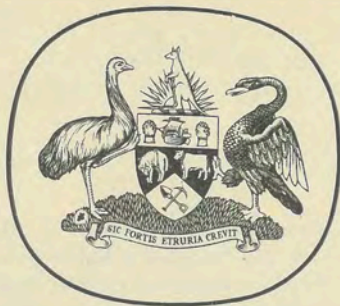
However, this last quarter mile seems as if it will never end. Your throat is burning and raw, your back and legs are aching, and you feel as though you will never be able to pull that blade through the water again. And then a wonderful thing happens. The coxswain, who all this time has been screaming at you to do practically impossible things, says those long-awaited words:

"Easy all."

The race is over, you can stop. You let your blade drop to the surface of the water at the end of the last stroke and relax your paining muscles, your chest heaving and your heart beating madly in its endeavour to pump blood to your racked limbs. You may have only come fourth out of a field of eight, but still the experience of a real race is now behind you.

After this you approach your next races a little more confidently, and, finally, after weeks of back-breaking work and preparation, the great day arrives, the day of THE Regatta. You





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have been staying at Penrith for two or three days now and are used to your surroundings. The famous course on the Nepean that you thought you'd never see, except from the bank, in the middle of that howling multitude with chocolate and blue ribbons waving in the breeze, is beneath your boat.

All is not well, however. Once again you begin to feel the first flutters of doubt in your mind as to your capabilities, just like those you felt before your very first race, and panic grips your heart with the thought that you MAY do something silly during the race that will spoil your crew's chances of winning. But it is too late now to do anything. You are on the river. You are at the starting-line. You are racing. Then the panic vanishes and once more you are calm, intent on doing nothing but follow the smooth rhythm of your stroke's blade and listen to the shouted instructions of your coxswain. By the time the half-way post is reached you are beginning to feel tired. You suddenly realise that you have lost that lead that you gained at the start. Out of the corner of your eye you can see another boat edging up on you. Then the bow is beside you and at last there is the opposing bow-man, his blade level with yours. You discover that he is straining just as much as you are, and this gives you extra strength. You can respond to the frenzied calls of your cox and, as if by magic, you see the bow of the opposing boat drift slowly astern again and you are in the lead once more.

Only a few hundred yards to go and you are still in the lead, when a crew that has been saving itself behind you, waiting for a moment like this, makes a determined effort to pass you. You put all the power you can muster into those long, sweeping strokes, but all is in vain. The pursuer slips slowly alongside. You glimpse the sweat-soaked, straining bodies of your opponents as they move slowly past you and, try as you will, you are unable to do anything about it. Then—the race is over. To your dismay you have been beaten by a good length, but you still feel proud to see that old brown and blue flag go fluttering up to second place on the flagpole, before the wildly-cheering supporters. . . .

When you get home, and are lying in bed that night, you wonder: "Was it all worth it?" The only answer you can make is: "Of course it was!"

There is something about rowing, some intangible factor that makes you vow that you will row again next year. Perhaps it is something in the steady swing of bodies, the "clack-clack" of oars in the swivels, the smooth movement up and down the slides and the feeling that you are part of the crew that is moving the gleaming boat swiftly over the water that compels you to make this decision.

Who knows what it is? I don't! Maybe some day you will find out.

P. WICKES (5E).



## A FIRST IMPRESSION

I catch sight of the surging torrent of which I have heard so much. The conglomerate mass swirls past before my eyes, leaving me standing on the edge, terrified, held by its hypnotic magniloquence as it dares me to attempt to humiliate it by successfully crossing it. Is not the feat beyond human powers? I keep repeating to myself that it has to be done, keep trying to nerve myself to plunge into the roaring race.

Hesitantly I lift one leaden foot and plant it six inches forward, my awestruck brain scarcely realising what my muscles are doing. I actually find myself wading out. Great surges press forward and hurtle at me. Suddenly I am in the midst of it; coloured streaks flash past, behind, in front, above, beneath, seemingly passing right through me. My head is reeling. Determinedly, yet despairingly, I strike out for the other side. What foolhardy conceit has driven me this far? Can I possibly reach the other side unscathed? Vying with relentless forces contriving my annihilation, I inch my way forward, here lunging ahead a yard, there being driven back a yard.

At last I see my goal in front. I am nearly there. My numb brain only faintly registers the fact. Suddenly it grasps the situation. I am there! I struggle onto the side I have been so long in gaining.

Is this a torture one has to suffer every day in this weird country? Do the eccentric inhabitants undergo this torture daily, plunging in fatalistically, almost cheerfully and yet rarely succumbing to the tyrant force as they dodge the vast variety of creatures which stream along it ceaselessly? How can they possibly accept unconditionally this Pitt Street?

G. McCLELLAN (4A).

## PRISON BREAK

## A True Epic of World War II

All was silent in the camp except for the howling wind which whistled around the frozen ears of the sentry as he mounted duty at midnight and proceeded to watch the outline of a hill about three miles away, looking for a flare which was supposed to have gone up three weeks ago and was now fast becoming another one of those things the Army gets the blame for—a sentry posted to watch for a non-existent object.

Outside the compound, which contained over a thousand Japs, half as many Koreans and an equal number of Italians, the sentries were mounted in four towers each equipped with searchlights and machine guns. Here, too, all was silent; nothing could be heard except the beat of the ground sentries patrolling the area between each tower; they also shivered and waited, with the same thoughts as the lone sentry three miles away.

Within the three divisions of the compound all was silent, too, but in one of them, the Jap section, all was not still. This was the

night—the night for the mass break. The air was electric as the organisation of weeks went into operation. Each group had a specific job to do, each had a starting time and line. Some, within a few hours, were going to die, and knew it. Others—who knows their thoughts?

Then it started; the din, the screams, the banging of wood and metal, the war cries and chants of each group. The sentries on the Vickers guns looked at each other.

"They're at it again—looks like another party," said one. "Wish I was at one in Sydney instead of sitting here like a stunned mullet with cold," replied his cobbler.

Had it been possible to have seen through the walls of the huts it would have been noticed that each group was being issued with baseball bats studded with nails, table knives sharpened like razors and mounted on sticks and any other loose article around the camp that could be used as a weapon of attack. The red P.O.W. blankets were being piled high at the doorways ready to be quickly taken by the first team to lay on the concertina barbed wire surrounding the compound.

As Zero Hour approached, nervous tension rose to concert pitch until finally the noise reached a crescendo. The doors flew open and the first three waves of the picked suicide squads charged out towards the wire on the western side, frantically folding their blankets in front of them as they ran. These groups had one object—to form a human bridge on the wire whilst the remainder were to charge over their backs and capture the Vickers gun mounted on a limber just outside of the wire.

At this moment two momentous incidents occurred. The Vickers gun opened fire and a stray bullet from the first burst struck a high tension wire and plunged the entire camp into darkness, and, secondly, the long-awaited flare was fired high into the air.

Three miles away the lonely sentry sprang into action, forgetting his frozen body and clearing his mind of all the thoughts of wishful thinking that had been passing through a moment before. The alarm was sounded and lights flashed on throughout the camp. It was on—at last—the prison break.

Young soldiers who a moment before had been snoring away were being mustered by the "gentle" voices of their sergeants. The quartermaster was busy piling rows of fully loaded Bren magazines on his counter ready for immediate issue. In the transport lines drivers were rushing to their "three-tonners" and warming up the motors ready for their dash to the compound. A convention of all officers was being called by the C.O. and a plan of attack was unfolded, and a decision made as to which company would move off first and which were to remain in reserve awaiting eventualities. Within twenty minutes of the alarm being sounded one hundred and twenty troops were on their way, fully armed and prepared to assist the garrison body at the compound.



Back at the compound there was now a different complexion on the situation. The Japs had made one mistake. They had set fire to their huts as they left them and the flames from the wooden buildings provided just sufficient light for the sentries to observe their line of attack. The first wave had dived on to the wire and formed a carpet as the second and third waves poured over them towards the Vickers.

As the gunners were overwhelmed, one of them opened the breach and threw out the lock, which immobilised the gun, but this took time, and he paid the supreme sacrifice in doing so. He later received the George Medal posthumously.

The scene resembled a disturbed ants' nest with groups fanning out in diverse directions, but on the one hand were cool, organised, experienced "ruthless and toothless" garrison men of the First World War, supported by the enthusiasm of youth from the nearby camp, and opposed to them were the disorganised, fanatical groups of Japs who appeared to be completely at a loss after once getting out of the compound. It was a short encounter, followed by "rounding up" patrols, until finally some hundreds of prisoners were brought back to the compound, very much wiser and more dejected than they had been a few hours previously. They had learned their lesson and never attempted to break again.

One may ask: Why did they break—a thousand miles from their mainland, with no hope of ever reaching there alive? Who knows?

It was just another incident in war and another reason why we should have a peaceful world.

I. R. C.

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## ON DOGS

It is said a dog is man's best friend. For a while I was in doubt about this, wondering if perhaps the saying should be reversed. Each must decide the point for himself.

Usually we never really think about owning a dog until one day, when passing a pet shop, our gaze is drawn by an appealing look from a small hound with a wet nose against the glass. By its expression we know it realises that it will soon have a master.

Immediately overwhelmed by a passion to be a "master," we enter the shop. After reassuring ourselves that it is "the one," and enquiring as to the price of the "intelligent-looking one," we count our funds. We find that by foregoing the 'bus ride to and from work next week he can be purchased. The pet shop owner evades the question of pedigree, but assures us it is a "kind of terrier, very intelligent, makes a good house-dog—just what you want." Convinced, we leave, plus pup.

When we arrive home the tiny little one is sound asleep, but is no sooner bedded down than it is awake. "There, there! The poor little chap must be hungry." Little chap? We check. Should have

known only a female could turn on the charm like this one. After warm milk and biscuits we put her to bed on an old cardigan in the laundry with the remains of the saucer of milk.

The morning has broken, so has all in reach of the pup, including the saucer. At breakfast, my intelligent terrier, by bawling loud and long, indicates to me that she will surely die of hunger if not fed immediately. So, after she has shared my chops, cereals and toast, her appetite is appeased, but I myself have a decidedly empty feeling inside.

After morning chores a list is drawn up of the dog's needs. As the list grows the name of my pet becomes obvious. Overnight, neighbours, relations and friends have become dog experts. The advice they give invariably goes: "She has to have a collar and lead," or "She has to have a kennel," or "She has to have dog-biscuits" and many other "she has to have's". The name has evolved itself—"Shasta". It has become apparent, too, that as the list grows, the arrangement for walking to and from work looks perilously like being permanent.

Books tell us to train dogs while young, so, armed with ball and stick, we proceed to the back lawn, subconsciously expecting Shasta to be able to do everything but talk by the end of the day.

First we try to teach her to "fetchit," but soon give this up, as it is rather exhausting work retrieving it ourselves, and convinced also that this training must be too far advanced. We do feel elated, however, when she answers her name, whether by coincidence or not we have yet to find out.

The future will hold many busy days, such as building a dog kennel, exercising the dog every day, attending to her regular diet, to say nothing of the holes to be filled in, in the garden, which we understand will be one of the stages of Shasta's puppyhood.

Slowly, in the midst of the havoc and turmoil—or should I say in spite of it?—I am coming round to the generally accepted view that "a dog is man's best friend." I wonder what Shasta thinks.

N. MAYES (4d).

### BRANDY!

If you had asked me twelve months ago whether I believed in ghosts my answer would have been an emphatic negative. But now I am uncertain. This thing I saw may have been due to indigestion, but the wretched creature has come so often. The first time I saw him was last New Year's Day. I had just got out of bed after recovering from a vile hangover. Now, from what I have gathered from ghost-believers, spectres are nocturnal visitors. However, this one was diurnal! He may have forgotten himself so far as to come in the daytime because he was rolling drunk.

He was a stout, jocular fellow with a bright red blob for a nose and cheeks covered with extremely flabby skin. His hands resembled inflated rubber gloves. He wore a bright purple suit, pink bow tie and a green shirt. No shoes, only olive socks.



"Brandy!" he said, as he stepped out of the mirror. He was, as most ghosts are, transparent, or rather, translucent.

"Brandy!" he said, as he flowed through the lamp. This weird apparition swooped haphazardly around the room, and I shuddered as he flowed through me.

"Brandy!" he said, as he disappeared through the floor, only to reappear on the mantelpiece.

"Get off there, you idiot; you're lying in my priceless vase!" The stupidity of this dawned on me.

"Sorry, old chap," he said, "but pass the brandy."

He pulled his chin out about two feet as if it were a wad of chewing gum. This property of malleability is one of which very few people know.

I got out of the cupboard two glasses and a bottle of brandy. I tossed him a glass unthinkingly, but, of course, it went right through him and smashed on the floor.

"No glass, mate!" he said.

"You don't think you're going to drink from the bottle, do you?" As if in answer to this he dashed through the bottle about four times.

"Wonderful brandy! No doubt about it." He smiled a smile of satisfaction, and as I looked twisted his nose and faded till he was no more.

I had some brandy.

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In the weeks following he appeared frequently and, after dashing through the bottle, vanished each time in the same way by twisting his nose. On January the 28th I had visitors and we were playing canasta. He appeared. Everyone of us saw him. He was wearing an orange gown with a mauve sash. He glided around the group, indicating by facial expression, the value of each hand. My guests left in disgust.

"Curse you!" I said.

"Brandy!" he said.

"Vanish!" I screamed.

"Brandy!" he screamed back.

I threw a chair at him. It sailed through him and broke a window.

I threw a sheet over him. It knocked over some glasses.

I rushed him—and fell on the floor, cutting my face on the broken glass.

"Brandy!" he laughed.

My mind was at the end of its tether. I lit a cigarette to calm my nerves. Unsoothed, I threw it at him.

He exploded.

That was the last I saw of him, but I don't think he disappeared altogether because of a strange phenomenon. My brandy bottle is always full, even after I have been drinking it—the brandy, I mean, not the bottle.

R. BRADSHAW (4A).

## "THE STAR"

The Prime Minister, Charles Fortune, Sir Earle Page, Bill Beatty, Peter Antill and George Foster—these are some of the people who contributed to "The Star" during 1953 and 1954. Published within Sydney High School about every month and a half, "The Star," a cyclostyled newspaper, contained School news, sports results, articles written by boys of the School, a special article by a famous personage, and competitions as well as other interesting features. Its circulation has climbed to over 130 among the boys of the Junior School.

During the football season "The Star" conducted a competition to find the "Best and Fairest Fourth Grade Player." This competition resulted in a draw, and suitably inscribed cups were presented to the joint winners, N. Faulds and G. Croucher.

Next year the editors hope to enlarge "The Star," not only in size, but also in circulation, and to incorporate drawings and photographs. However, only time will tell if these hopes are realised.

On behalf of all connected with "The Star," I would like to thank Mr. Swan, who spent a great deal of time in the duplicating of the paper, and all the others who helped us or contributed articles during the two years.

A. MAY (3A), *Editor.*

A tramp knocked on the door of an English inn named "George and the Dragon." The landlady opened the door and the tramp asked, "Can you spare a man a bite to eat?"

"No!" she roared, and slammed the door in his face.

The tramp looked at the name of the inn again and once more knocked on the door.

The door opened again and the same lady appeared.

"Now," asked the tramp, "may I have a few words with George?"

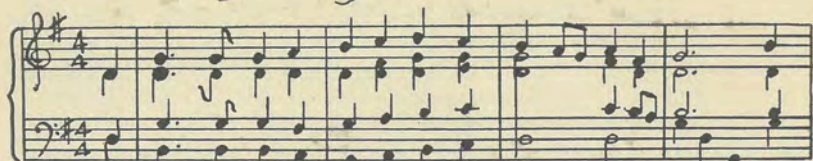
## ERRANT PREPOSITION

*I lately lost a preposition;  
It hid, I thought, behind my chair,  
And angrily I cried, "Perdition!  
Up from out of in under there."*

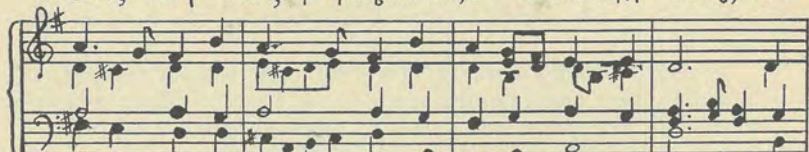
*Correctness is my vade mecum  
And straggling phrases I abhor,  
And yet I wondered, "What should he come  
Up from out of in under for?"*



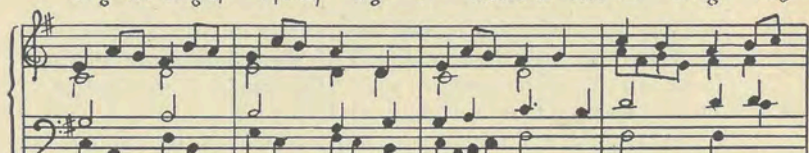
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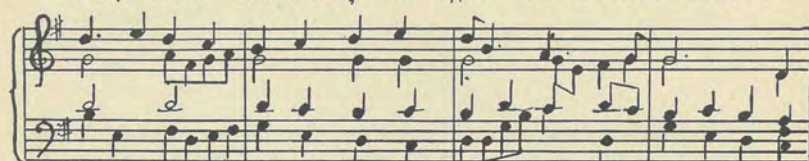
Come, rally round, boys young and old, To swell the happy throng, And



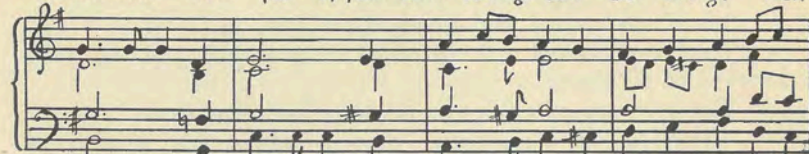
sing the song of Sydney High in measures loud and long! Though



many are our tasks severe, with efforts none the less sincere, We'll



overcome them year by year with courage bold and strong. Then



sound once more the strain, and let the alofters ring again with,



echoes of our school's fair name: The name of Sydney High.

## verse 2.

H. B. 1954

Ring out the name of Sydney High  
In peals of joyful praise!  
The glories of our heritage  
Must never fade away.

With "Truth and Courage" as our guide  
And minds prepared whole to abide,  
When we are scattered far and wide  
Our tribute still we'll pay.

