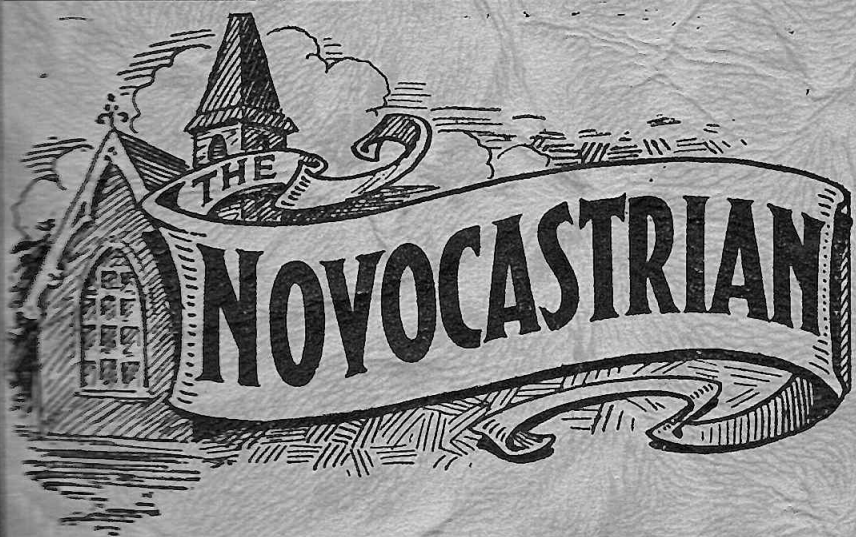


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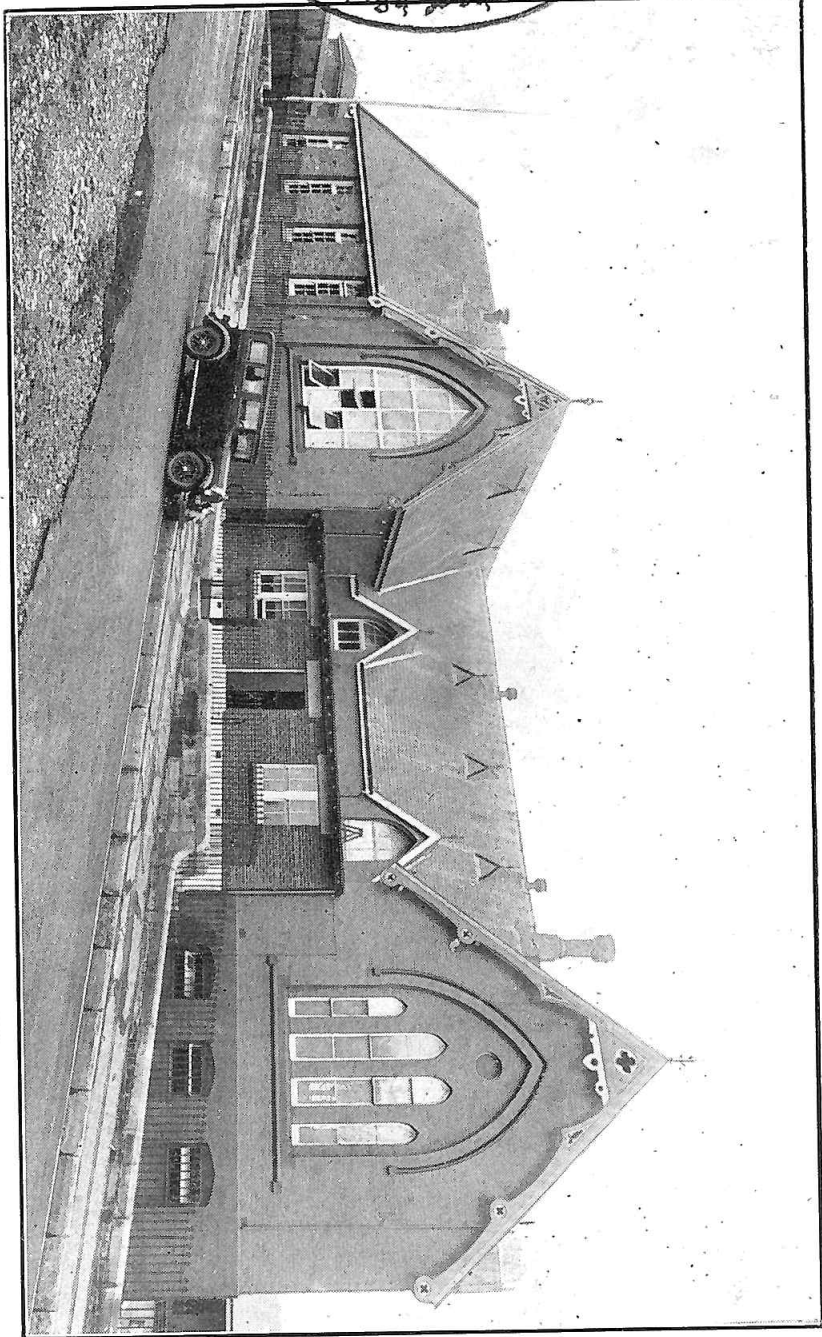
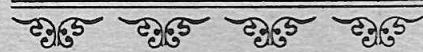


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THE NEWCASTLE BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL, SYDNEY STREET



OWING to the difficult times now being experienced, we have not approached the business people for advertisements in our May issue. We are looking forward to their support in our next issue.



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H. James.

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R. J. GILLINGS and W. E. CUMMINGS.

MAY, 1931



WE go to press during this year of curtailed budgets and depleted credits, and strike our first depressive note with the reduced bulk of the Magazine. We make no apology for this curtailment, nor do we suppose any is needed; indeed we feel a measure of praise is due to the school, that we are able to proceed with our regular publication at all. For at a time when everyone is concerned with the reduction of expenditure, payment of overdue interest, and other obscure economic problems, the school would be lucky indeed, if it did not have its own particular troubles aggravated.

The School Union funds have suffered considerably, there is a serious lack of training grounds for school sport, our new school is still a Chateau en Espagne, the half-yearly examination is about to burst upon us, and the Staff was decisively beaten in the annual cricket match.

But, and let us accent the but, like Sammy Gigg we can still look on the bright side. Our numbers have increased tremendously, our first XV promises to be the best the school has had for years, our Leaving and Intermediate results were eminently satisfactory, the school has just been repainted, and the Tuck Shop is still in the same place.

And so we look forward to 1931 with high hope and a modicum of confidence, and allow us to remark, that the proverbial ill wind, has resulted in one innovation, a briefer and more modest editorial.

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The gross enrolment of students stands at present at 705. There are 106 boys in Fifth Year, 173 in Fourth Year, 130 in Third Year, 157 in Second Year and 139 in First Year.

Classes are far too large in all years, with the exception of Fifth Year. In one First Year class, the students have to sit at table desks placed in front of the class and are not able to see the black-board.

To make matters worse, the staff this year has not been increased in proportion to the new enrolments. Many teachers are finding it difficult to keep abreast of the marking of class essays, etc.

Lack of permanency of the teaching staff is still very evident. There are two additional teachers this year, and there are three additional classes. Including these two teachers there are 10 new teachers on the Staff. The new teachers are Mr. Short, Mr. Cannon and Mr. Farrell (Modern Languages); Mr. Hanley, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Williams (Classics); Mr. Barnard and Mr. Wilson (English); Mr. Cummings (Mathematics); and Mr. Pfeiffer (Science and Maths.).

Two additional teachers are required.

Ninety-three students sat for the Intermediate Exam., and ninety were successful. Of 52 who were candidates for the Leaving Certificate, 42 were successful.

News has just been received that Walter A. Kable, who secured 2nd place in the State in Chemistry at the recent Leaving Certificate Examination, has been awarded one of the Professor Liversidge Scholarships. This scholarship is for one year and is to the value of £50. Professor Liversidge was the First Professor of Chemistry at Sydney University, and in his will left £2000 for the promotion of the study of Chemistry. Two scholarships are available each year on entering the University, as a result of the Leaving Certificate Examination.

On the re-opening of school after the Christmas vacation, it was found that repairs were being carried out. The school was repainted and the office and waiting-room were widened by nearly three feet. The improvement is much appreciated.

An antique chair and hall-seat that were presented to the school by Mrs. Alice Chichester, have been placed in the new office. These had previously been housed in Mrs. Chichester's own home. A new linoleum, book-case and writing desk have been added, the latter, Mr. Harvey's own property, and the office now has a dignity becoming the first school of the City.

During the past few months, a new P. & C. Association has been formed to further the interests of Newcastle Girls' High School. The parent Association has now changed its name to the Boys' High School P. & C. Association.

During 1930, the old P. & C. Association raised £65 for the Boys' High School, and £125 for the Girls' High School.

Text books, to meet the needs of all students, have not yet been provided by the Education Dept. The Headmaster recently visited the Stores Branch of the Dept., and through the help of Mr. Trigone, officer in charge, was successful in meeting the needs of quite a large number of students.

In this issue of the "Novocastrian," the business houses of Newcastle are not being asked to help us in the matter of advertisements. It is felt that their burden is great enough. We hope, however, to enlist their help for the next issue at the end of September.

The Intermediate Certificate Examination for 1931 will begin on Wednesday, October 14th, and the Leaving Certificate on Wednesday, November 18th.

Three additional portable classrooms have been provided. Of the 20 classes in the school, 10 are housed in weatherboard rooms, and one is in a basement that is in every way most unsatisfactory.

The regular daily drill has had to be discontinued on account of the lack of space in the yard. In fact, the "Head" has to speak to three distinct groups of students when he desires to make any announcement. It is not possible satisfactorily to assemble the school in any one area.

It had been hoped to hold the Empire Day Celebration in the Newcastle Town Hall and senior students had prepared speeches on subjects relating to the Empire. The City Council in its wisdom wishes to make a charge of £2/2/0 for the use of the Hall from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The school, however, is not in a position to meet such an expense.

The school is experiencing real trouble in arranging football practice owing to the difficulty of securing the Sports Ground. The Council has been asked to allow us the use of their grounds on two afternoons at least.

Many boys who are in a position to purchase the school hat band have not done so. This matter should be attended to at once. The silver badge that is being worn by some is not authorised, and is not recognised.

Recently 13 new prefects were elected. With the 14 old prefects we now have a group of lads that can be of material assistance to the school organisation.

Thos. H. Brown was elected Captain and Gardiner Cup Winner for 1931. He was awarded a Technical Education Scholarship as a result of the L.C. Exam of 1930.

Of the 106 students in Fifth Year, 22 have already passed the Leaving Certificate examination, many with creditable passes, and are repeating their year owing to difficulty in securing positions. Similar conditions obtain in other High Schools. From this it is evident that competition for Teachers' College Scholarships, University Bursaries and Exhibitions, and positions generally will be particularly keen this year.

Owen Montgomery, the holder of the Municipal Bursary of the City Council will be a candidate for the Leaving Certificate this year. It is sincerely to be hoped that the Newcastle City Council will continue to grant the Bursary during 1932 and succeeding years.

Extracts from the Headmaster's Report

The gross enrolment for the year was 570, the actual number for the December quarter being 531. The absences of lads after the Intermediate Examination, and even up to the close of the school for the Christmas vacation, is to be deplored.

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At the Leaving Certificate of November last 52 candidates presented themselves and 42 passed. 18 Honour passes were registered. There were four first-class honours in English, Arthur Bishop, the School Captain, winning the coveted first position in the State. Harry Eddy, Ray Garnsey, Robert Harvey were the other students securing first-class honours in English. Walter Kable secured second position in the State in Chemistry, and Garner Atkins second position in the State in Geology. Harry Eddy gained first-class honours in Modern History.

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At the Intermediate Certificate Examinations, 93 candidates presented themselves, of whom 90 were successful. The best pass (highest aggregate) was that of A. Harold Jones with 6 "A" and 2 "B" passes. John Williams and Arthur Brown each secured 7 "A's" and 1 "B".

The thought occurs to me, after contemplation of these examination results, that our students have not shown a particularly high standard of accuracy. In matters intellectual our generation is content with a lower standard than is the rule in matters commercial, industrial or scientific. Let us fight with all our might against the apparently accepted and pernicious motto of young Australians—"near enough is good enough."

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The Parents and Citizens' Association gave splendid assistance to the school during the year. Not only have the efforts of the Association been directed towards raising funds for school purposes, but they have been exerted in keeping before the Department the urgent building and book needs of the school. It is hard to understand why parents do not become more actively interested in the Association work.

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The Newcastle City Council has, as usual, evinced interest in the school. During the year, the Education Department withdrew its grant of £50 for the use of the Council's Sports Grounds. But the Council has generously permitted the School to use the ovals as here-to-fore.

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For the first time in many years a play-night was held in December at the Town Hall. A sum of £20/14/0 was raised for a prize fund and a Visiting Teams' Entertainment Fund.

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As usual the James and Elizabeth Meikle Memorial Prizes, presented by Mrs. Chichester in memory of her parents, are available. Prizes from Mr. Bridges, Mr. Hepworth, Mr. Sefton of the Newcastle Business College, and from the Old Students' Union are also available.

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The Newcastle "Sun" and "Newcastle Morning Herald" are to be thanked for placing the needs of the school before the public throughout the year.

AN INSECT WITH 150,000 TEETH.

You would naturally think that a crocodile would give any animal or insect a run in the matter of teeth, but the hedge-snail has him licked hollow! This little fellow has nearly 150,000 teeth in all, and every one is on his tongue! With this formidable array, he eats his way into different plants.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE RESULTS

Key: 1 English, 2 Latin, 3 French, 5 Maths I, 6 Maths II, 7 Mechanics, 8 Modern History, 9 Ancient History, 10 Physics, 11 Chemistry, 13 Geology, 14 Geography, 19 Lower Standard Maths, 17 Economics, 18 Music, 21 Grk., 23 Tech. Drawing.

NAME	1	2	3	5	6	7	7	9	10	11	13	14	16	17	18	21	23
ARTHUR, J. H.	A	A	H20	B	B	B											
ATKINS, W. T. G.	A	B	A	A	A	B											
BENNETT, H. S.	B	B	B	B	B	B											
BISHOP, A. W.	H1	H2	o	B		A											
BREAKWELL.	B	B	B	A	B	A											
BROWN, Thos.	B			A	A	A											
BRUCE, G.	B		B	B	B												
CHARGE, N. M.	B			B	B	A											
DAVIES, Allan T.			B	B	B												
DALZIEL, H.			Bo	B	B												
EDDY, W. H.	H1	A	A	A	B												
EDGAR, J. M.				Ab2	A												
EVANS, T. W.			B	A	B												
FISHER, D.	B	B	Bo	B	B												
FREEMAN, Alf. P.	B		B	B													
GARNSEY, R. L.	H1	A	H20	A	A												
HANNELL, L. E.	B			B													
HARVEY, R. R.	H1	L	AO			H2	B										
HAWKES, H. S.	B	B		B	B												
JONES, Wm. C.	B	B	B	A	B												
JONES D. S.	B	B	B	A	A												
KABLE, W. A.	A	B	A	Ab2	A												
KING, L.	B	B	B	Ab2	A												
LAKE, H.	B	B	B	A	B												
LONGWORTH, H. L. E.	B	A	Bo	B	B												
LOWBRIDGE, E.				A	B												
MORTON, K.	B	B	A	B													
PENNY, Trevor	B	B	AO	A	B												
PENNY, John	B	B	Bo	B													
REINES, H.	A		B	A	B												
RUSH, A.	B		B	B													
RYAN, W.	B		Bo	B													
SAMPSON, A.	B		B	Ab2	A												
SEALE, J.	A		B	B													
SIMPSON, K.	B		B														
SMITH, Jack S.	B		B	B													
TENNANT F. H.	B		B	A	B												
THOMPSON, R.	B		B	B													
VENN, J. F.	2B		B	A	B												
WATERS, James	B		B	A													
WELLS, W. K.	A	B	Bo	B	B												
YATES, C.			A	B	B												

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE RESULTS

Key: 1 English, 2 History, 3 Geography, 4 Maths, I, 5 Maths, II, 6 Latin, 7 French, 11 Science, 15 Business Principles, 16 Shorthand, 17 Technical Drawing, 21 Music, 20 Art.

NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	11	15	16	17	21	20
ADAM, R. L.	A	B	B	B	B	B	AO						
ANDREW'S Hecl.	B	B	B	B	B	B	B						
BELL, John	B	B	B										
BERNARD, Clifford	B	B	B	A	B								
BLANELL, A. C.	B	A											
BOARDMAN, I.	B	B	B	B	B								
BRINDLEY, G. L.	B												
BROWN, Arthur	A	A	A	A	A	B	AO	A					
BROWN, Douglas	B	B	B	B	B	B	A	A					
RUBB, L. A.	A	B	B	A	B	B	A	B					
BYRNE, H. C.	B			A	B								
CAMPBELL, G. S.	B	B		B	B								
CANE, L. F.	B		B	B	B		Bo	B					
CLARKE, Leslie T.	B		B	B	B								
COLLTON, A. J.	B	B	B										
COX, Cecil	B	A	A	B	B		PO	B					
CRAIG, W.	A	B	B	B	A	B	AO	B					
DEED, L. L.	A	A	A	B	B		A	A					
DIGBY, R. B.	B		B	B	B		B	B					

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE RESULTS (Cont.)

NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	11	15	16	17	21	20
DOBSON, R. C.	B		B		B	B	B						
EDMONDS, I. G.	B	B	B	B	B	B	A	B					
EGAN, M. L.	B	B	B	B	A	B	A						
FRASER, C.	B	B	B	B	B	B	Bo	A					
GAITES, A.	A	A	B	A	B	B	AO	B					
GILMORE, D. A.	B	B	B	B	B	B	AO						
GOODWIN, A. T.	A	B		B	B	B	B						
GRAY, J. L.	B	B	B	B	B	B	B						
GRAYSTON, R. B.	B	B	B	B	B	B	B						
HARRIS, F. W.	B	B	B	B	B		A	B					
HARVEY, William J.	B	B	B	B									
HASSALL, R. K.	B	B	B	B									
HILLS, J. C.	B	B	B	B									
HINGST, H.	B		B	B	B	B	A						
JACKSON, J. S.	B	B	A				A						
JAMES, W. E.	B	B	A	B	B	B	A	B					
JOHNSTON, M. F.	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B					
JONES, Clifford	A	B	B				B						
JONES, Godfrey R.	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	A					
JONES, Harold L.	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A					
KAY, T. L.	A	A	A	B	B	A	AO	B					
KING, H.	B	B	B	B	B	B	AO	A					
KINLOCK, A. A.	A	B	B	B	B	A	A	B					
KITLEY, S. J.	A	B	B	B	B	B	AO	B					
KNEE, L. W.	B	B	B	B									
MacLEOD, R. D.	A	A	A	B	B								
MacLEOD, Sydney L.	B	B	B	B	B								
MAIRET, W. W.	B	B	B	B	B	B	Bo	A					
MARKS, M. G.	A	A	A	B	A	B	AO	B					
MELLIN, J. A.	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	B					
MILLER, David L.	B	B		B	B	B							
MILLER, Kenneth W.	B	B	A	B			Bo	B					
MCKENNEY, Wallace	A	B	B	B	B	B	Bo	B					
MOSS, F.	B	B	A	B	B	B	B	B					
NELSON, Charles	B	B	B	B	B		B	A					
NELSON, John B.	A	A	B	B	B	B	AO	B					
NIELSON, C. E.	B		B	B	B	B	B	B					
NOBLE, E. C.	A	B	B	B	B	B	AO	AO					
OLLIS, J. N.	A	A	B	B	B		PO	A					
PIKE, J. S.	B	B		B	B								
QUINN, J. K.	B	B		A	B								
RANDALL, J. M.	B	B	B	B	B								
RICH, D. R.	B	B	A	B	B	B	B	B					
RICHARDSON, H. R.	A	B	B	B	B	B	AO	B					
RILEY, H.	B	B	A	B	B								
RODGERS, K. S.	B	B	B										
ROSS, Gregory	B	B	B	B	B	B	B						
ROWLAND, A. H.	B	B	B	B	B								
ROXBY, H.	B	B	B	B									
SAUNDERS, E. S.	B	B					B	B					
SEABY, L. L.	B	B	B	A	B								
SEALE, Clive	B	B	B	B	B								
SMALLMAN, G. A.	A	A	B	B	A	B	AO	A					
SMITH, Ben	A	B	B	B	B	B	B						
SMITH, Frank	B	B	B	B	B	B	B						
STEWART, J. M.	B	B	B	B									
STRANG, J. T.	A	A	B	B	B	B	B						
STREET, L. C. J.	B	B	B	B	B								
SWAIN, A. J.	B	B	B										
SULLIVAN, A. E.	B	B	B	B	B		Bo	B					
TAYLOR, Kenneth	A	B											
THORNTON, A. F.	B	B	B	B									
TINDERWOOD, W. C.	B	A					A	A					
WALLWORK, F. A.							B	B					
WESTBURY, C.	B	B	B	B	B	B	AO						
WHYTE, J. F.	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	A					
WILLIAMS, Jack A.	A	B	B	B	B	B	A	AO					
WILLIAMS, John M.	A	A	B	A	A	A	AO	A					
WILSON, A.	B	B	B	B				Bo	B				
WORLEY, K.	A							AO					
WRIGHT, A. J.	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B					

SUNRISE

Far off beyond the rim of blackened hills—
That grimly shut us in from distant climes,
And do resist, in vain, the light that fills
Our barren days of toil, while, wearied mimes,
We wait upon the stage of life for signs
Of our recall from care and human ills—

Far off, there dawns a faint and roseate glow,
The herald fair of the approaching sun,
Who from his rest now comes, majestic, slow;
Yet with the purpose of the vengeful Hun,
To plunder what he yesterday had won,
To fight and lay the powers of darkness low.

On, on, he comes, a monarch at the head
Of mighty host, to battle for the light,
And see! the Powers of Darkness, grim and dread,
Rise up before him. Oh! a wondrous sight,
As these two join in combat on the height;
And now the fight is won, the Darkness fled.

And golden rays their glory bright unfold,
As proud the Sun ascends on wings of gold.

F. E. SYMES, 5A.

SAYS BILL

Don't worry about their faces lad, don't worry about their 'air,
You aint no blooming oil painting, you aint so debonair!
It's not the squinty eye, lad, it's not the 'omely dile,
But the largeness of their hearts lad, wot really is worth while.
God 'ides the gold with dross lad, 'E covers it with mud,
Yer got to dig down deep lad, ter feel the pulsing blood;
And the loyal friend 'oo loves yer, ('tho' he's got an ugly mug),
Don't judge 'im by 'is outside, pug nose or swollen lug,
If yer find a friendly laugh lad, and ever ready grin,
Yer'll find a mighty treasure tho' its cloak be gross as sin.

GAVIN McCARTHY.

MY SEA

I love a sunburnt, shiny face,
The cause of many pains,
Of blisters, freckles, funny things,
And still my love remains.
I love the waters cooling powers,
I love the sparkling sea,
Its beauty and its pleasure
The wide blue sea for me.

The big white foam topped breakers,
All glorious as they croon,
The sapphire cooling waters,
The hot gold sun of noon.
Green tangles of the seaweed,
It, round my legs does cling,
People deck the sea shore
And seagulls sing.

A. LLOYD, 2B.

AMBITION—A SYNOPSIS

What's the use of struggling, fighting for a name,
Looking for encomium, seeking hollow fame?
What is this ambition we grovel for in dust,
Why is it so lauded this eager, selfish lust?

We batter down our fellow-man, we trample on his soul,
The people all acclaim us as we take a bloody toll,
In the name of vain ambition, we even break a friend,
A hurrying world enshrines us in marble at the end.

Then forgotten by a nation, in death we face the Lord,
Denuded of our power, we face His venging sword,
And the ever-lasting torment of his never-finished fire
Puts "Finis" to ambition and all this life's desire.

GAVAN McCARTHY.

UNAUTHORISED EXPERIMENTS

To guard against the sad mistakes
 The youthful chemist often makes,
 To every boy is given free
 When first he takes up chemistry
 At so-and-so Academys,
 The rules of the laboratory;
 To each and all a separate sheet,
 With teacher's signature complete,
 Whereon the thoughtful boy may find
 Much matter to improve his mind,
 For there it states, in writing true,
 A list of things he musn't do,
 And 'mongst the things that are taboo,
 Unauthorised experiments
 Are given special prominence,
 Because they lead to accidents.
 With rules like these you'll clearly see,
 That people in authority,
 When boys themselves to pieces blow,
 Can rightly say, "I told you so!"
 He'd read the rules and ought to know,
 That not a single rule permits
 A boy to blow himself to bits.

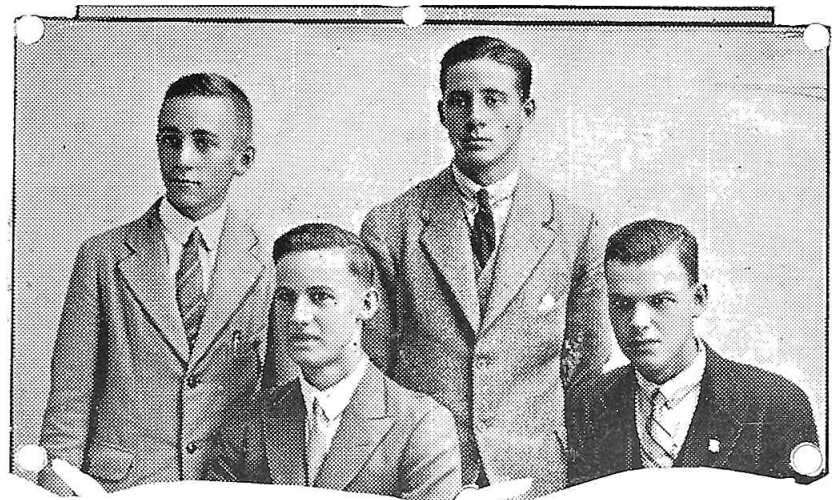
Thus Marcus Dabb, the more's the shame,
 Has only got himself to blame
 For what occurred to him, when he
 Warmed "A" with concentrated "B".
 Now Marcus held that laws were made
 In order to be disobeyed,
 And so in chemistry he sought
 To do the things he didn't ought.
 He wasted gas like anything
 By making bunsen burners "sing,"
 And ran the taps till H₂O
 Leaked through on classes down below,
 And constantly at school expense,
 Did dangerous experiments,
 Until he warmed one awful day,
 Some. concentrated "B" with "A".

I draw a veil o'er what occurred,
 Suffice to say the bang was heard
 From Sydney down to Jervis Bay,
 And just as far the other way:
 While men who make statistics said
 That Marcus was distributed,
 And fell, a fine precipitate,
 From Beachy Head to Ambergate.
 And, last, a resident at Lee,
 Who keeps a small observat'ry
 Discerned some Marcus in its flight,
 And told his wife, "A meteorite,
 My dear, a most uncommon sight."

So boys, when you are in the lab.,
 Think now and then of Marcus Dabb,
 Lest you should prove a problem too,
 To those who have to bury you.

G. DAVIES, 3A.

FIRST-CLASS HONOURS ENGLISH L.C., 1930



R. GARNSEY, A. W. BISHOP, R. R. HARVEY, H. EDDY.

ON TIME AND TIMES

"Time, you old gipsy-man,
Will you not stay?
Put up your caravan,
Just for one day!"

Of all the things that plague a schoolboy's life time is the most contrary; when we would have him hurry, he dawdles; he flies when we would have him stay. Holidays are always slow in coming round, but wondrous fast in going. In spite of the fact that last periods are hours long, examinations are on us before we know it. Each night-out means a few hours behind time; and a struggle ensues to catch up. Sometimes the handicap is too great, and we cannot catch up, with the result, that there are no results, or none to speak of. It is a revival of the old question: whether it were best.

"To sport with Amaryllis in the shade or scorn delights and live laborious days?" and in attacking it we do not all have the resolution of Milton. Certainly, now is our opportunity in the world, to plough our way through the troubled waters to some remote goal called success, but is it not likewise a ripe time for pleasure? We are only young once. A new form of society is needed, in which pleasure comes first, and study fills the years when youth is gone, and interest in the vanities of this wicked world faded.

In earliest times, when man roamed the forest and slept in trees, he was free! Free to bask in the glorious mid-day sun as animals do. The first crimson rays of dawn, stealing among the trees, roused him from his resting-place, and he went abroad to seek food. The day he spent in hunting and sporting in the woods, his only obligations were to himself: to satisfy his hunger and protect himself from wild beasts. Night found him, again withdrawn to his rude shelter, and the gentle stars watched over him as he slept.

How different now when time has given us a democracy and democracy a new freedom!

The first rays of dawn, and many rays afterwards shine round the student as he tries to win back a little of the sleep lost the previous night. The day does not find him basking in the sun; but like a busy bee, assiduously gathering honey for his mental cells. Each hour embraces sixty minutes and a minute as many obligations. As for night, it is very little different from day—a question, merely, of sunlight or electric light.

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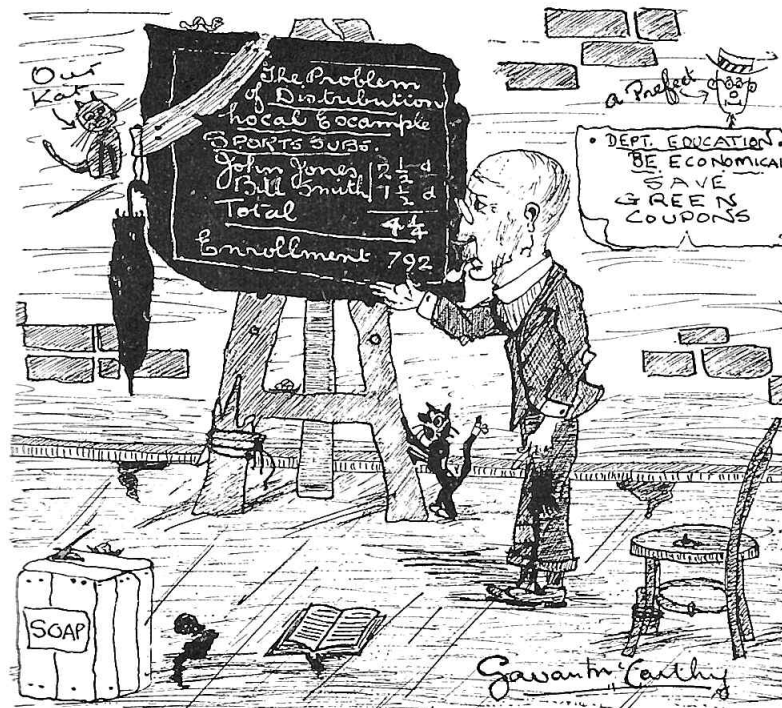
The incessant tick, tick, tick of the clock, marks the footsteps of time; days grow into weeks, weeks into years, but still time

advances. This wily old Siren lures men on, giving them false visions of the future's glory, and they follow her. What man is not about to live? The years come and are gone without fulfilments of any promises; new castles are built on the ruins of old, and still the hopes run high, till, at last, Faustus is called upon to pay his debt, a weird mockery of what might have been echoes from some grotesque creature, and man is lost in the hurry of time.

We are all swimmers in this vast sea of time, battling to keep our respective heads above the surface, occasionally we manage to crawl on some wreckage and ease ourselves, but we are soon washed off and lost in the flood again. However, untiring the effort it must fail in time, however hard we fight there is one inevitable end. The thick icy waters close over our heads, there is a renewed struggle, a gurgling, and—the end.

"Stern and irrevocable is his doom."

O.R.M.



THE TREASURER BALANCES HIS BUDGET

THE SUB-EDITOR'S REVENGE

Mr. Johnson was the proprietor and editor of a weekly paper called the "Fireside Gossip," which (it is advertised) appeals to all that is best in the womanhood of the country. Mr. Gaspice was sub-editor of this paper, and these two men were always trying to get the last word of abuse to the other.

One feature of the paper was "Agnes' Advice," a column something similar to "Dorothy Dix," which dealt with any question a reader might ask.

The Agnes who guided and befriended the writers was a Miss Dogson, who knew everything about anything, and was a regular encyclopaedia of knowledge.

But, alas, Miss Dogson "fell for a poor specimen of mankind," and became Mrs. Smythe-Tucker. Naturally her position had to be filled, and until her successor was forthcoming, Mr. Gaspice edited "Agnes' Advice."

Soon after Gaspice started his new task, he had a few nasty words with Johnson, who thought he would have the last word this time, and promptly gave Gaspice a week's notice.

Unfortunately Johnson had business elsewhere for a few days and had to leave Gaspice in temporary command.

The next number of the "Fireside Gossip" was shown to me, being a particular friend of Gaspice, and opening at "Agnes' Advice," here is what I read.

"My fiance has taken to making excuses for not coming to see me, and I hear that there is another girl he often takes out. What should I do?"—Jean Thompson, New Lambton.

Answer: Cover with a damp cloth and iron two or three times. Then rub the blemishes with a little methylated spirits on a dry cloth. Finally brush thoroughly with a stiff brush.

"In cold weather my face gets very rough and sore. Can you tell me what is the best thing to do?"—Doris Smythe, Waratah.

Answer: First strip off the old lacquer by washing with a solution of benzol. Scour with sand, dry thoroughly and apply two fresh coats of good quality lacquer. This will protect the surface which should be rubbed over ever so often with a warm dry flannel.

"My baby girl, who is two years old, generally seems quite well, but is subject to fits of listlessness during which she does not keep her food down."—Agatha Apple, Merewether.

Answer: This is probably just her way of finding out if you really love her. Think about the proverb about faint hearts and don't be discouraged. Remember that every girl is a bit of a coquette at heart.

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"I have a marble mantelpiece which gets greasy and shows finger-marks, etc., very easily. Can you tell me the best way to prevent this?"—Martha Magpie, Mayfield.

Answer: First thing in the morning use Pond's Vanishing Cream, massaging it well with the finger tips. Then dust lightly with a good powder (Ashes of Roses is best) and powder at intervals during the day. Last thing at night, apply Cold Cream—you will find Pond's (12/6 a jar) the most satisfactory.

"I have a girl friend who is about a year younger than I am. I am very much in love with her, but I don't know how she feels about me. Generally she seems glad to go out with me, but sometimes she is quite cold and distant."—Jack Jones, Hamilton.

Answer: You should brace up her general health by accustoming her to a cold or tepid sponge-down every morning. Keep her out in the fresh air as much as possible. Be sure that her bedroom windows are open. Consult a doctor for adenoids.

"I have a large brass Indian elephant which very easily becomes spotted. What can I do?"—Thelma Todhunter, Tighe's Hill.

Answer: I should have a good heart-to-heart talk with him and ask him to explain quite frankly and openly. Probably there is some reason.

"I should be glad of your advice about what to do with a velvet hat that has got stained."—Pansy Persimmon, Glebe.

Answer: Conduct such as this is inexcusable. There is nothing to do but to break off all intercourse and congratulate yourself on having found out the truth in time.

"A young man whom I am very fond of and who has shown a lot of interest in me, asked me to a dance and then did not turn up himself. What ought I do?"—Mary Marigold, Junction.

Answer: First pour boiling water and then scour hard with bath brick and a strong solution of oxalic acid. You will find this a very effective remedy for the trouble.

L. BEESTON, 3C.

SOME QUEER FACTS ABOUT THE BOA-CONSTRICTOR.

Many hair-raising tales are told of the deadly boa-constrictor, most of them being true, for it can kill a man with a straight thrust of its head. Yet this fearsome snake, in some respects, is one of the most helpless creatures imaginable. Deaf as a post all the year round, blind as a bat, at intervals covering half a year, and with such a delicate frame that a tap from a cane will shatter its backbone.

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NAPOLEON'S LAMENT

What degradation, humiliation and hopeless longings fill my life ! List to this my tale, then will you sympathise with me and weep for my unhappy lot.

Nero canters in stately fashion up the gravelled path on his favourite steed and tying it securely to a rather stout looking dahlia, dismounts. With his ear to the ground, he creeps warily along, slowly tapping his waistcoat buttons and chanting melodiously "Tinker, tailor, soldier." Here he is interrupted by the appearance of George III who appears from under a cabbage where he has been emulating a ground worm. That royal personage immediately pounces on the ancient violinist, and slowly shaking his head insists that "In any case it was a sad case."

"What, George, my son, what was a sad case?" wheedles the fiddling Emperor.

"Apple-case, suit-case, divorce-case, gabbles the monarchic gentleman, "You're the tenth" and he plucks another eyelash from the already mutilated lid where he was keeping count. "But all jokes aside," and George's voice sank to the level of his bootlaces, "see that chap over there, he's a sad case. Mad! He thinks the world's round."

At this point he abstractedly struck a match on the unyielding ecclesiastic cranium of the Archbishop of Canterbury and murmured thoughtfully and monosyllabically, "Wooden!" "I wooden be surprised," shouts that horrible punster, Charlie Chaplin, as he clears the cabbage-bed in fine style, and extracting Nero's false teeth from behind his ear, absently combs his hair. "Come and play Kiss in the Ring."

"Didn't you ever go to school and learn Hygiene, Charles? Really you should know better" objects the pedantic Archbishop.

Just then a matronly old humbug, who calls himself Mother Hubbard (though it's rumoured that is not his real name), bustles up and interferes.

"Now then, children, no such dangerous games. I ——"

"Oh, go walking in the lake till you drown the bee in your bonnet," interjects the irreverent Constantine, who has wandered, "come on, Fairy, you're hit," and he taps the portly Archbishop and ducks behind a cabbage.

For the rest, boisterous shouts, horrid puns and historic references fill the air and all the time, I, Napoleon Bonaparte, ruler of all France, an outcast, must crouch on my silent, lonely, St. Helena alone with my dog "Tres," while the merry throng whirl round in a happy existence.

GAVAN MCCARTHY, 4A.

RELIEVING CERTIFICATE, 1999

Honours Paper

Time Allowed : 44 Hours

Chief Examiner : I. B. MEE (Honorary Member of Staff)

Assessor : H. WINNEY (Necessary Member of Staff).

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Candidates need not sit if indisposed and if a good excuse is presented. Full marks will be awarded, but more credit will be given for a few questions illegibly written than more completely solved. It is unnecessary to satisfy in all sections and marks will be deducted for setting out.

SECTION A.

(1) Translate into colloquial English and then into American idiom:

(a) Of two quantities, the Arithmetic, Geometric and Harmonic means are in continued proportion to a dyke of basalt rock piercing a seam of Triassic sandstone.

(b) The study of man's actions, in getting and spending his income is as sin (A and B) is to any acute angle.

(2) What would be the action of sulphuretted hydrogen measured in terms of the nitrogen atom on

(a) Nobbys.

(b) Carshaw's History of the plane Trigonometry.

(c) Politically heated atmosphere.

(3) Answer not less than four of the following :—

(i) What is a Watt ?

(ii) What connection has Voltaire with electricity ?

(iii) What is the gender of Ma Coni ?

(4) Write not more than two lines on the Density of a school-master. Give local examples where possible using the avoirdupois system of measurement.

(5) What is the degree of elasticity to the nearest belt-hole of a schoolboy with the pantry key ?

(6) A few short notes on question 5.

(7) If 14 boys eat 17 watermelons in 15 days, how long would it take the same number of the same boys to finish 10 bottles of castor oil if each contained 10 fluid ounces ?

(8) Explain carefully with little regard to detail the following quotations. Show that you understand the thought content.

(9) Hey, diddle, diddle,

The cat and the fiddle.

- (b) If it were done, when it is done,
Then 't were better that it were done,
Before we are undone.
- (9) "The geometrical properties of circles when associated with triangles bear a great deal on the system of pulleys as preached by the Israelites." Discuss this.
- (10) Write a few words about each of the following extracts telling from what work they were taken, the author, and the bearing they have on the plot.
- (a) I think it will rain.
- (b) Swift as lightning, Arizona Alec's gloved hand snaked to his hip and another redskin bit the dust.
- (c) When I see my sugar,
I get a lump in my throat.
- (11) As this question and the next nine are conditional, we will not print them here. They may be had on application to the Staff Room. Originality in their solution and work not shown will be highly marked. Q.E.D.

DEPRESSION—AN ANCIENT REMEDY

In these days of financial distress, it may be interesting to delve back into history, and study the means resorted to by previous Governments to extricate themselves from troubles somewhat similar to our own. In the year 33 A.D., the Emperor, Tiberius, revived an old law—a war-time measure—reducing the interest rate to 5 per cent., and, forbidding compound interest altogether. Eighteen months were given for people to settle their accounts.

Hence followed a scarcity of money, a great shock being given to all credit while current coin was locked up. To meet this, the Senate had decreed that every creditor should have two-thirds of his capital secured on estates in Italy. Creditors, however, demanded settlement in full, so at first there was running from one financier to another, then noisy applications to the Court. The device intended as a remedy proved the contrary. Facilities for selling were followed by a drop in values, and the deeper a man was in debt, the harder it was for him to sell. The destruction of private wealth precipitated the fall of rank and reputation, till at last the Emperor came to the rescue by distributing one hundred million sestercei through the banks, and by allowing liberty to borrow without interest for three years, if the borrower could give landed security to the state for double the amount.

Credit was thus restored, and gradually private lenders were found.

TACITUS ANNALS, Bk. 11, Cap. 17

STAFF v. SCHOOL

In the absence of Mr. Harvey, owing to a regrettable attack of influenza, Mr. Golding was captain and took the precaution of winning the toss before batting.

Charge and Hogan opened the bowling to Mr. Golding and Mr. Moroney. Charge for three overs threw the ball down on the leg side, not bothering about the wicket; Hogan showing in the first over the same partiality.

Mr. Golding helped himself to a four and a single on the leg and then paying scant tribute to Mr. Wylie, battered down apparently large hillocks on the pitch.

Evans was very uneasy and moved his men round, while Hogan was bowling as if chess had crept into his bones. Meanwhile, Mr. Golding smote and missed, while Mr. Moroney ducked and poked. Whereby hangs a tale. Reaching timidly at one of Hogan's most coquetish balls, he was caught in the mesh of the "Bosey Boys" trickery and Charge held it.

Mr. Wilson came in and Charge after one over away on the off, threw discretion to the winds, and the ball everywhere, and at everything including Mr. Wilson whom he hit. This unsettled him and Hogan soon gave Charge another catch and Mr. Wilson returned.

Mr. Roberts came in, put a nice one through slips, and went for a stroll down the pitch a little later, but Yates thinking of his Scout Law, refused to stump him. Peate then decided to come into the picture and hurled Mr. Golding's wicket down but Mr. Hills sadly shook his head, the batsman having been home several minutes.

Mr. Golding showed utter contempt for his club-mate Hills, and belted 14 off one over, bringing his rather brilliant innings to 44 in 30 minutes.

Mr. Roberts gave it up when Hogan became offensive, just because he had his leg in front, and the ball hit it.

Mr. Austin came out but apparently does not believe in applying science to cricket. He hesitated once but fortunately Walters was lost, grabbing anything but the ball. Then the science-master attempted to break a window in the Girls' School, he missed the ball, but the ball didn't miss the wicket.

Mr. Gillings joined the fray, and while Parkes tied him up, the Maths. teacher soon untied himself in getting Walters away for 4. Then it was that Mr. Golding took objection to the umpire with a fiery hit to leg. Even easy-going Walters could not stand for this, and clean bowled him for a valuable and interesting innings of 54, taking 50 minutes.

Mr. Williams was treated shamefully, being run out before facing the bowler.

In came Mr. McCaffery, out went Mr. Gillings. Apparently the two are not on friendly terms.

Then came Mr. Ford. Doubtless he meant to play the "rock," as is only right in geology teachers, but he didn't. No, he and Mr. McCaffery made quite a stir, and together with Mr. Roberts, shared second top score, with the exception of course of the sundries. Mr. McCaffery brought up the hundred in 78 minutes and was heartily clapped from the Press stand. But he couldn't resist Peate who took 2 for 4 in one over. His other victim being Mr. Hanly who hurried after Mr. McCaffery, staying only to get bowled.

Mr. Henry who looks so much like Don Bradman in flannels, could get no one to stay with him and came out unconquered. The innings closing for 112.

Hills and Charge opened for the school against the bowling of Mr. Wilson and Mr. Gillings, 11 and 12 coming off the first two overs.

Hills was playing brightly but was getting anxious about the non-appearance of his family and while hitting the ball in the direction of the stand, was glaring at the entrance. Meanwhile Charge played daintily, tapping and patting and generally flattering the teachers' bowling. It was most painful after the cheery knock of the men of learning.

Mr. McCaffery came to light as a most enthusiastic fielder, and was justly and loudly applauded.

Hills after a useful and interesting knock was bowled by Mr. Wilson, whose bowling was quite brilliant in patches.

Rudd came in, and he and Charge reminded the spectators of the bed-time story man.

Charge hit a few fours at certain painful intervals, and Mr. Ford made valiant and acrobatic attempts to stop them. Mr. Moroney was quite entranced as he watched a few from Rudd go rolling by Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Wilson was being lifted to all parts of the ground and soon brought his score to 30.

Charge then gave Mr. Moroney a chance but Mr. Moroney missing it, made up for it by instantly grabbing his foot and trying to swallow the ball. But the bowler became indignant and he had to return it.

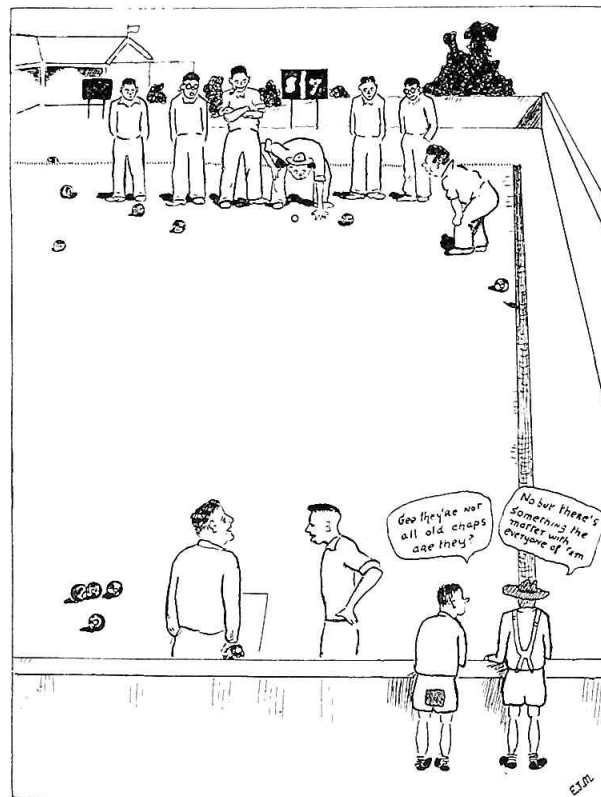
Charge retired and Walters came in to brighten up the game but was bowled by Mr. Wilson for 3.

In came Gray, and then Rudd retired. Now came a procession of bowlers and batsmen, till Parks and Yates got together and had a merry hit.

Evans sportingly went in last and was unconquered for eight. The school won by 62 runs and plenty of energy.

G. McCARTHY, 4D.

THE STAFF BOWLS MATCH.



A CLOSE MEASURE.

A HANDY MAN.

Dick: "And so you can use both of your hands equally well, Mike?"

Mike (digging with left hand): "Yes, I can. Me old dad said, 'Mike, learn to cut your nails wid your left hand, for some day you might lose your right.'"

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Jones: "And now the engine's missing."

Mrs. Jones: "Well, I told you the boy from next door was borrowing your things when you weren't looking."