

## 4 C

Many a time in third year we heard the words, "Never mind! wait till you are in fourth year," when we grumbled about homework. Now after waiting, where is the difference? Homework still rains upon us, despite our protests.

Our class is composed of some of last year's third year, with several additions from Cook's Hill, Plattsburg and Hamilton, among which are many "queries," as "Williams," whose hair is neatly waved, and never out of place (we wonder who his girl is). "Horace," the country boy, who must have a poultry farm, judging by the quantity of eggs he consumes. "Maggie," we are sorry to say, is pining for his sister "Gert." He does not seem able to concentrate on his work without her. We have also several promising artists, cartoonists and journalists in Brown-Bishop, Thomas and Attwood. The first two are constantly exhibiting their skill in the classroom.

Doffkont, Boylan, Felton and "Guinea-pig" Pinfeld keep our flag flying in sport. Doffkont is doing very well in the Learmonth Park tennis tournament.

Felton should chain his hat up or he will lose it forever. Up to the present it has been continuously disappearing.

We would like to know what has become of "Crazy" and Burgess, it seems a long while since we saw them.

"Mac." and "Maggie" are going to join the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides respectively. So far they have mastered the position of the "dints" in their hats.

Mr. Reid seems to like the three prominent members of the class in the back seat, T1, T2, and P.D. He is always consulting them, and has even threatened to have them removed.

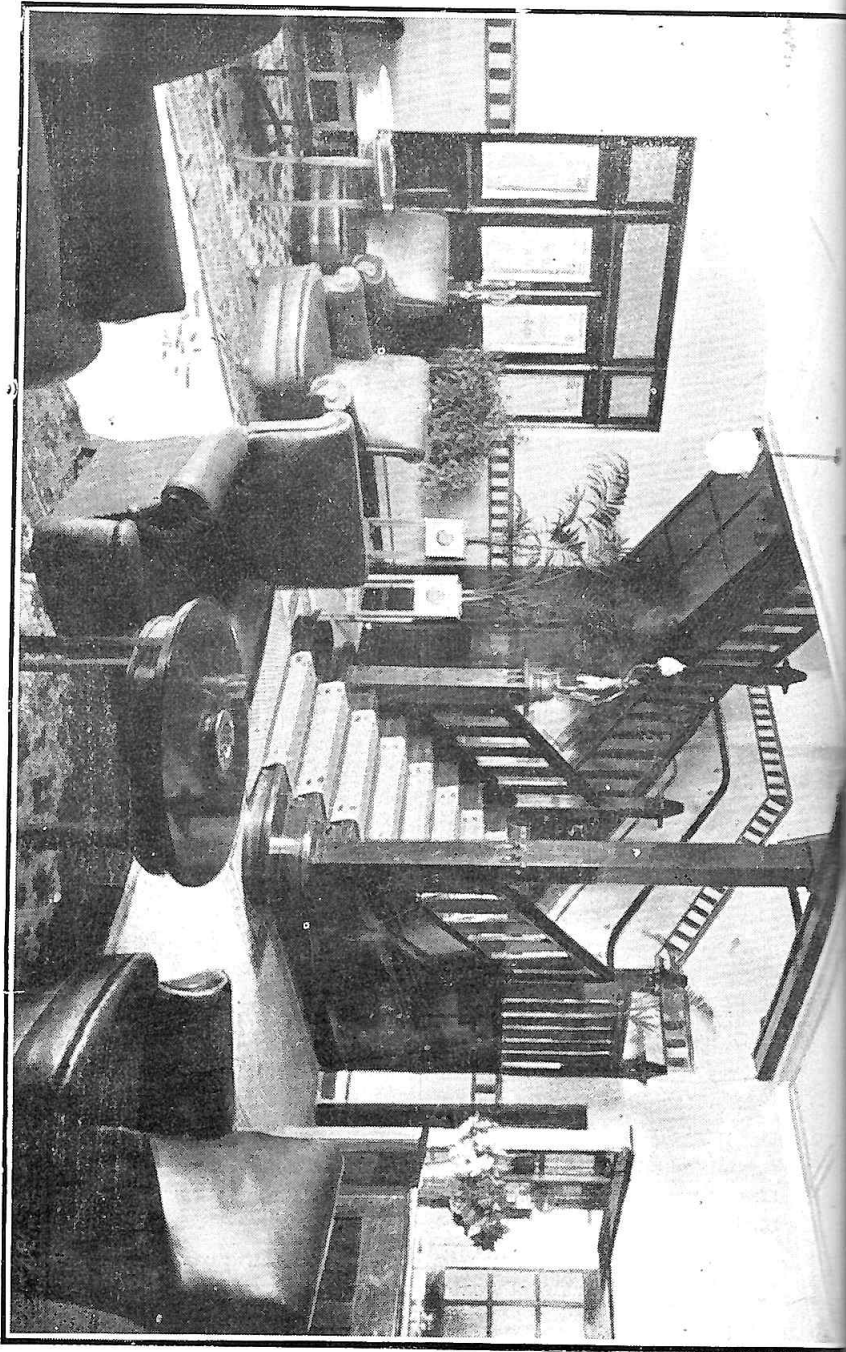
We wish to thank Mr. Christmas for making Wednesday's lessons so enjoyable. They are liked so much, that so far no one has missed them.  
P.D. and T.P.

## 4 D

Having sailed peacefully through the storms of third year and the vacation of six weeks, we are now prepared to face the calamities of another twelve months. Half of the class are newcomers to this school, but are determined to make a name for themselves by honest means. Everyone has passed the Intermediate and now we are concentrating upon an excellent result in the L.C. of 1933.

We have lost a few members of our class, some permanently, others temporarily. Our class teacher, Mr. Wilson, has a huge task collecting notes for absences, to bring separate notes for each occasion would entail waste of paper, and therefore one note has to serve for two or three, but Mr. Wilson is a little too careful for us.

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The Staff Room, after remodelling. The swing doors open on the new Dining Room, and the stairway leads to the Billiard Room. The dumb waiter is not shown in this picture.

During the course of a free period in which we had Mr. R. as our teacher, an effort was made by him to brighten our mental inactivity by a Scotch joke about Macduff. The climax came and went without a smile, we being as benighted as the Scotch guide. It was told to a certain member of the community who woke in the middle of the night the next week, and surprised his parents with a hearty guffaw. He had seen the joke.

A few of the youths seem to be realising their dormant powers of attractiveness, and are endeavouring to display these to the full, with such anomalies as pretty bow ties, handsome brushbacks and the like.

We are still well represented in summer sport, and hope that the good work will be carried on in the winter section.

We close wishing all the members in third year good luck in the coming exams.

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### 3A

The present year sees once again, under the name of 3A, that band of compatriots who last year were the celebrated 2A. We are determined to uphold to the full extent of our ability our reputation of the previous year, and in the coming Intermediate, to do justice to our class and to our school. Indeed, we hope that we might repeat our performance of last year where, in the yearly examination, all prizes, with the exception of only one subject prize were secured by members of our class. In sport we hope that we shall be most successful, thereby showing that in either work or play we are able to hold the fort against all comers.

With regard to sport these ideals have been satisfied so far, especially in cricket. Three members of our class play grade, Hume being in the seconds and our class team has met with much success, since with only nine men in the majority of matches, the team lost only one game, and that was due, it is written, to prowess of our former class-mate, Harry Rudd.

Several members of the class played grade football and some prospective grade players are in the "colour comp.", but on the whole the football season has not been as successful as the cricket season.

There has been an improvement in tennis, but as no competition between classes has been played, not much can be said concerning tennis. But we hope that "Wallaby and the boys" will acquit themselves well.

We have been most fortunate in securing the same teachers as we had last year, with the exception of Mr. Hughes, the new science master who so ably fills the place of Mr. Austin. Mr. Cannon is still

our class teacher and we hope that under his able guidance we shall do even better than we did last year at the Annual Play Night when "Five Birds in a Cage" was so successful, or, as the "Herald" said, "a feature of the performance." Indeed we could fill pages concerning Mr. Cannon, his able guidance and his peculiar habit of late of substituting the verb "aimer" for "voir" with unfailing regularity and his use of "Spoonerisms," which he declares is just a lapsus linguae. But the class doubts this very much—but that is another story.

We must take this opportunity of saying good-bye to a member of this class who has decided to become a son of the soil and dig potatoes, within the rural domains of Maitland. "Mac", the humourist, the augmentative one, is the person to whom we refer and we are all awaiting the day when, with tears in his eyes, our illustrious history teacher will raise his hand in final salute to the leader of the Bolshies and think of the time when we will no longer hear his voice raised in heated argument concerning the intellectual subject of history, so foreign to the "Poraka da Fritz." We feel that we must erect a brass tablet to his memory inscribed, "He was a good man, universally respected and beloved." In the meantime we would wish him Vale! and success in his new surroundings.

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### 3B

Our favourite Latin verbs are *pele*, I drive, and *impo*, I write. B.E. is our Latin student and, when he entered an art competition, he won first prize with a magnificent sketch of a safety razor, and an Allen's Grammar. The razor, complete with blades, was given for an object to sketch, free, by S.R. Any person who is interested in the Razor Gang will please send for S.R.'s new edition of "Long Life, Health and Razors."

It was said by the Maths. master that A.D. will never learn Greek, owing to his incorrect use of the vocabulary. "G", just behind him thinks the same about another tongue that was once spoken near Greece.

We have been informed, by person or persons unknown, that certain boys will get an "A" in Science. Several students are studying very hard, however, at present, thinking nothing of doing 10 Science problems on Wednesday nights, besides their other homework.

All criminals beware—"Sarge" is on your trail, equipped with a pea-shooter and magnet (for picking up clues).

"Bertie" and a boy whom we get at school (*viz.* Paine), are often fatigued in the last maths. lesson on Monday afternoons, due they say, to stopping up late at night studying Shakespeare.

"Sarge," Johnny M., "Gogs" and "Sir Isaac," are in the front rank of journalists. This position was only obtained by hard work and constant practice.

Several good French scholars from old 1B feel angry with "Sarge" for doing Mr. M. out of his post as "house detective."

Two chaps, one at the front and the other at the back of the class, are going to start a brewery when they leave school. Wine only, we hear, will be manufactured.

The "Long and Short-uns" are the ogling boys of our community. Ask "Toots" and Ray about this.

One fellow was called "Sunset" by last year's Latin professor, and, it may be remembered, S.S. blushed furiously, as he resembles "Sunrise."

This school is not for boys only, for we have in our midst (not pronounced "midest") Stella, Maria, Dorothy and Annie. Dot. is sometimes called "Lewise."

One of us, at least, is keeping true B.Lew at his Latin, while two others, also B's, have apparently had severe arguments with bees and balls. One of these is now a celebrated architect and "pig farmer." "Spot" and J.W. often submit to strange and unknown diseases, whereupon S., our doctor "to be," (please don't confuse the fact that we're in 3B) has a chance of practising his wierd and wonderful operations.

We have some fine sportsmen in this class, P.C. and R.L. being our cricketers, "Gogs" our swimmer, "Toots" for tennis, and a vast array of foot-brawlers.

"Izzy, Maria, and Beef", after extremely long and hard work, succeeded in wearing away the supports of a desk in the "Dem," by leaning on it. "Perce" cheered heartily at his college chum's victory, but the remainder of the class kept stonily silent (perhaps).

The golden-haired songster in the second back seat welcomes all and sundry with a cheery "Hallo, Beautiful!" to show his loving (?) affection, and when he is at home and hears the cry of "Feeeshhh-o!" he must needs break out again into his happy strain, till he is silenced by a gentle tap in the middle, delivered by his "Nevvy" with a nice, soft bicycle pump.

"Sarge" is a very disagreeable person altogether, say the people in front and at the side of him, as he often delivers scathing speeches to them on certain "objects."

If you ever come into the room, you will first be smitten by the sight of a studious youth, who is seeking a periscope that reflects sideways, so that he may change his seat.

We are very unfortunate in losing "Harold" this year, but R.L. will no doubt keep a good reputation for Sports Day and Speech Night. If he sees these class notes, tell him I'm out, or else I didn't

write these articles, but please hold him off till I enlist the services of those Shakespearian knights, Antonio and Sebastian, the front seat sons.

"Henri" is, in Mr. J's. opinion, a good Italian opera singer, after hearing the magic words, "Avabitta Spagetti" or something like that.

O.A. has a brilliant idea for shortening any period, while he is supported strongly by B., who smiles knowingly across the aisle at "Chammy" who winks understandingly at Wilson, who, being ill, replies, "I wish we were at the end."

L.H., C.R.

## 3C

Even though we have some doughty rivals in 3A, we are out to show that our working and mental ability are "on a par" with the rest of the third year classes, and on the same high plane as our sporting ability, which we may say, is second to none in the school.

All the boys started the year with the pleasant and happy faces that they always have, and work has been going along quietly, but now that they have heard that there is a half-yearly exam. soon, they have all "put their heads down" and started to study, for every-one is anxious to pass, and then it is hard study for the Inter-mediate, for every student in 3C hopes to go through 3rd year, pass the Inter. and reach the pinnacle of his ambitions.

Speaking of the Inter., we have some very interesting books to study. Of course we realise that all school books are good (?) but "Twelfth Night" and "Kidnapped" are very good, and we might add that we have a very fine example of Duke Orsino, the sentimental love-sick character of Twelfth Night, in Harrop. Poor chap, he may live till the Inter.

At recess and lunch time we used to "while away the hours" by trying to get a loan (by fair means or otherwise) of our W.P.B. from 3B, our neighbours, and it was never in the same room all day, but lately, owing to the diligence of the prefects, the struggle for the W.P.B. has been givn up.

We would like to know if Algy Brake knows the meaning of "inattention," for Mr. I has a habit of saying to him "Inattention 100 times," and it is said that he spends his spare time trying to invent some machine which will write "Inattention" one hundred times by the simple process of pressing a button.

We would also like to hear Gallagher, of dairy farm fame, recite. He must be the most cultured elocutionist in the class, for Mr. A., during the poetry period always says, "Gallagher, I would like to hear that poetry this evening, if you know it yet."



It is also said that Crossman is contemplating whether he should become a mathematician or not for Mr. C. is spending a lot of time teaching "X" maths. He must certainly improve on account of his diligent study on Wednesday afternoons.

At present, in Science, we are doing uniform acceleration and two examples we are trying to work out are the pace a ball comes off Rudd's bat, and the pace "Navy" travelled through the air when he fell backwards over the wall.

King is our Geographical expert, and is asked all questions by Mr. F., who thinks that if King knows the class does. But is he right?

Our classics expert is Nunns (good for you Nunns), but his ability is over-shadowed by the disorganised rabble of a portion of SAC, with whom we have to have our Latin periods, but during lessons, we have heard wishes expressed, that Caesar had died when he was a baby and we all agree.

The smallest boy in the class, Kaiser, is an authority on love and problems involving love, and he can always be relied upon to give a sound judgment on anything relative to love, which often crops up in "Twelfth Night."

In conclusion, we wish the other 3rd years luck in the half-yearly (for to beat us they will need plenty), and hope they come through with flying colours.

A.E.R.

## BAC

Well, we are back from the state of oblivion into which we have fallen during the last ten months or so, once more into the limelight of fame and ready to work for the Intermediate.

Sad to relate, we have lost some of our last year's teachers, namely Mr. A., who has departed for a different sphere, and Mr. S., who has gone to Parramatta.

We have lost an old friend and adviser in the person of Mr. F., whose place has been taken by the diminutive Mr. L., who has taken on the nigh-to-impossible task of making us into Frenchmen (or something like). He has already shown us a sample of his generous nature by doling out to us an abundance of impositions chiefly in the form of five irregular verbs, three tenses.

We have also lost a trusted friend in Mr. K., whose unflinching efforts to make us understand and realise the importance of History, and make us into politicians, were not lost upon us, and to Mr. W., our new History teacher, was thrust the heavy load of care and woe. We trust we are progressing favourably this year under Mr. W's. tuition, and we are striving manfully to overcome our dislike of history and solve its mysteries.

Mr. R. has returned once more to us to haunt our dreams, and to bestow once more upon us the paternal affection that he felt for us last year and to again attempt to imbibe into us the knowledge which pertains to his years. He is also trying to impart unto us this knowledge but has had, we fear, little success so far. (With the bestowing, imbibing, pertaining and imparting, the Editors became confused so they have left Mr. R. to sort these out if he can.—Ed.).

Mr. A. and Mr. H. are taking upon themselves the responsibility of making us into Mathematicians and Scientists, and are hopefully waiting for us to show the fruit of their teaching later on. We hope we will do so.

In sporting activities, we have progressed very satisfactorily, especially in the cricket field. We have won three games out of five, and are hoping to win the class competition this year, while T. Hills has represented us fairly well in grade cricket. In the swimming carnival held recently, three of our boys, namely Woods, Reines and Howard represented us with a reasonable degree of success. We hope to have the same results in the forthcoming football competition.

We are pleased to state that our nomination for the position of assistant treasurer of the School Union, N. Reid, was successful and is now engaged in helping Mr. Brown in his many duties.

We hope to gain 100 per cent. passes in the coming Intermediate, and a lot of our class members are seriously studying for the Intermediate in which they hope to gain many "A's".

Reines is continually arguing with Mr. B. on the subject of shorthand, but he generally comes off second best in these tussles and retires from the scene of action in a warlike mood.

We regretfully state that we must now retire from the scene, for that terrible spectre, the Intermediate, is hovering near and bids us be prepared for him, so we must away to our books and say farewell till the next issue of the Novocastrian.

G.C.

## 2A

It's all very well being termed "2A" and having a room out in the open where we get plenty of fresh air, but when a gale or a storm rises the old barn we are in so rocks on its foundations that we think it will be blown down the hill, which gives us so much toil in the mornings. Rain comes in through all the cracks and joints, which anyone in the class will verify are numerous, and so on the whole we have a lively time.

As a class we are well formed, being 42 in number, coming from old 1A, 1B and 1C. As stated in the poem, \* we sometimes shirk

(\* The poem referred to, prefaced the 2A class notes, but for diplomatic reasons, and also because some glaring liberties were taken with the rules of prosody, the editors perforce had to subtract it from these notes).

and are quickly pounced upon by watchful teachers, but not often, for the old class has plodded along pretty well since the start of the year. Of course, like every grammatical rule there are exceptions to the generally good conduct and work of the class. As was to be expected, most of the prizes for first year were carried away by this class, 2A obtaining dux boy and tops in Latin, French, Maths. II, Science, English and History, so we left very little for anyone else. German, which was begun in February this year, had to be abandoned as it could not be arranged for 2nd year, much to the indignation of many boys.

Our cricket on the whole was very successful, as we won the competition, coming through undefeated, and having two grade players in Geddes and Houston. Brown and Richardson represented the class at the swimming carnival, where the school narrowly defeated Cook's Hill for the cup. Brown earned for us a swimming reputation by helping to gain points for the cup in getting a first and two thirds. Unluckily for the school, and for Richardson, he was disqualified after his victory for not touching the finishing wall with both hands. We also have two "A" grade tennis players in Hipwell and Lindus (future Davis Cup champs. we hope).

We shall not detain you with much about the unlucky times of the class. As in other classes the impositions fly round, and sometimes Mr. P. is inclined to get very ferocious. It happened the other day, when in his fury he lighted on two certain boys, namely R.P. and J.T. for not speaking distinctly, he told them to try improving their speech by watching the formation of vowels, by their mouths, before a mirror. But as was said by some member of the class, their eyes might stray to their looks, and cause them to become vain. We sincerely hope this will not happen!

This little extract might help you to remember us:

"Remembrance is a Golden Chain,  
That links us till we meet again."

A.D. and T.M.

## 2B

Latin to the left of us,  
French to the right of us,  
English behind us,  
Impo's unnumbered.

"And it will be continued," says Mr. P., our highly esteemed Latin teacher, "until every boy in this class, when the Intermediate comes, can even tell the examiner how many times Caesar scratched his head while making his plans to invade Britain."

Much humour is expressed "quand le garçon avec quatre yeux," is called out to the board and in his massive stature, towers over the small form of Mr. C., our mathematics teacher, who often says, "Reach me down a star," or "Is it very cold up there?" But the hobo's only answer in a grin.

All our class think it a joke when Mr. C. accuses us of carrying bottles of Hydrogen Sulphide gas around with us, but he finds to his surprise that a boy has been cleaning the H<sub>2</sub>S generator.

Since it is well known that we are the most studious second year class, we cannot understand why Mr. L. and Mr. P. should bother us with daily tests.

The class is beginning to think it will lose Mr. C., who it is thought is going into the boxing ring, because he has been practising his short arm jabs a lot in the past three months. Cinky who is dissatisfied with the school desks, has brought along a small scaffolding to rest his little feet on while passing through the weary hours of the day.

## 2C

Although 2C suggests a weak class it is as good as any other second year class, if not better. It has improved considerably since the Christmas holidays, although the teachers don't think so (especially our Maths. teacher, Mr. O.). Most of the class has improved in French and some have even been mistaken for Frenchmen since Mr. C. has been teaching us. A certain boy in our class has a habit, whenever he is answering questions, of using his hand and fingers by pointing here and there in unnecessary motions. Nothing causes Mr. W. more annoyance! Another chap has a habit of doing work neat and tidy, he calls it, by letting the paper stay blank. Skillman, as his name suggests, is the shining light of the Latin class. MacGrath, a certain Scot in the back seat, knows he is good at French—Mr. C. thinks otherwise. Brattan is an adept at Maths. when working properly. Jefferson is an egg-spert at egg collecting. Grimwood, acting as Mr. Whiddon, Junr., wants to start a school lottery, to buy text books. Bramble, having caught a hawk, wanted to stuff it, but thinking himself a sculptor, dropped a chisel on it with dire results.

Whenever there is a political discussion on, one will always find Wrightson in the thick of it, although he rarely wins. Stark (not staring or mad), had a bad accident when he fell and broke his arm; he had a few weeks' extra holidays, and still he says "schools do not have enough holidays." Nolan, Rundle, Braye, Bramble and Bateman came from other schools. Rundle is thinking of writing his own Geometry book so that he won't have to learn out of the school Geometry book. Well, we are working jolly hard and want to beat 2B at the half-yearly examination.

F.

## 2AC

Well, we're here again ! (2AC's variation of "Here we are again!" The Editors hadn't the heart to rule it out. Other classes may change, but 2AC will always be 2AC.). The best class in the school. You don't believe it ? Here's proof.

Mr. R., a successful student of History, has, after forcing us to disgorge our knowledge of this beloved (?) subject, decided at last to detain, each afternoon, six different boys to aid him in the pursuit of his studies.

So far we are doing very well in sport, having placed ourselves second in the class cricket competition. We hope to do well in the approaching football season.

Unfortunately, A. Legget, our all round athlete, who recently broke the State junior high jump record, has deserted us, leaving us with little hope for Sports Day. Still, true to our tradition, we will go down fighting.

Mr. J., our Science teacher, was informed by another member of the teaching staff that as soon as the whip was put on us we would (please note this) "crack up." Now this has hurt our feelings very much, and although we have no clue, we believe that the informer was that certain person who sat on the keys of the open piano.

Verdon and J. Rogers, 2AC's famous duellists, were warned by Mr. R. that unless they ceased their warlike practices they would be liable to run one another through to the ten inch mark.

Who is the golden-haired youth who goes to Honeysuckle Station every afternoon to see the girls away ? Remember that he who sheiks and runs away shall live to sheik another day.

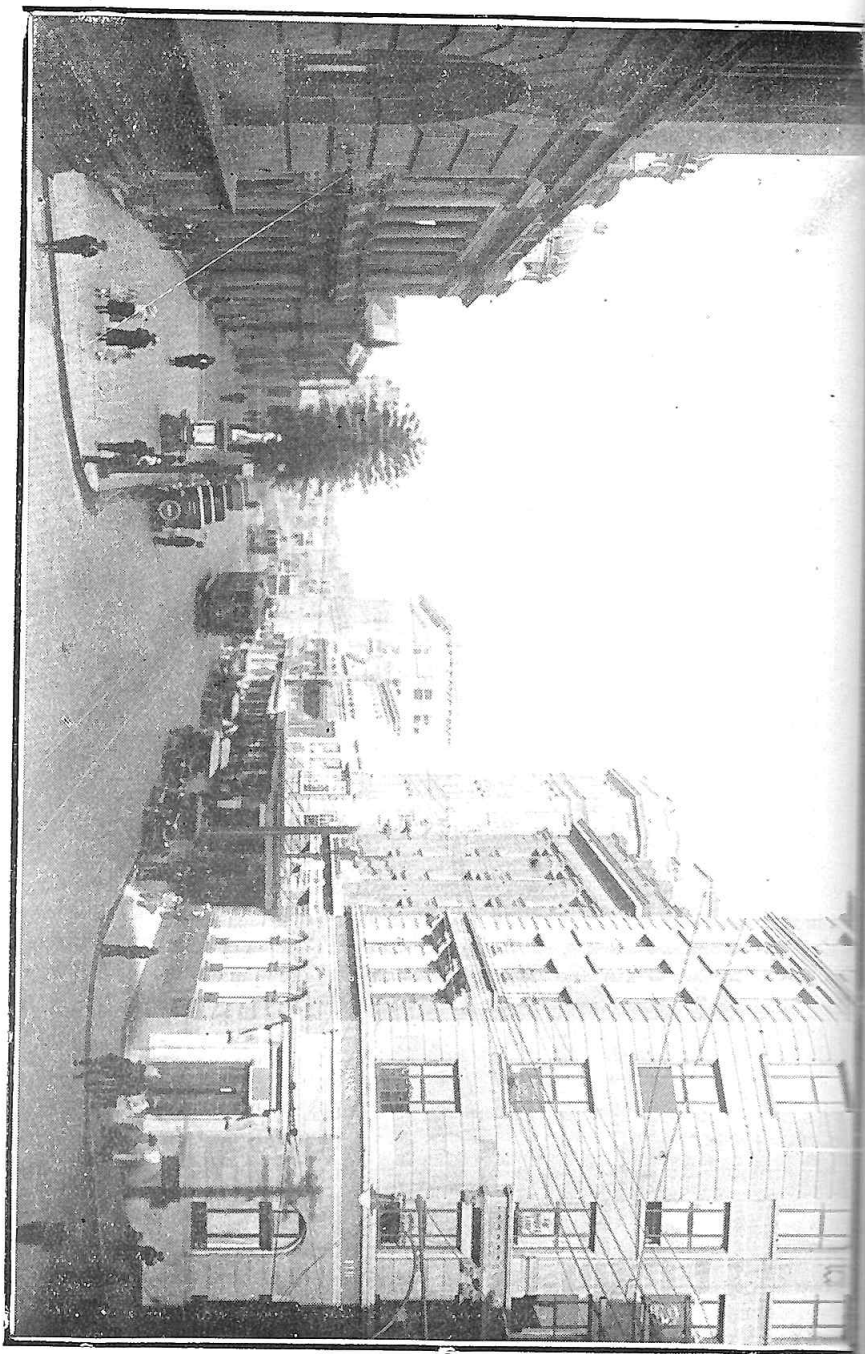
We are very studious lads and are looking forward to the half-yearly exam. to show our masters what we really can do. Owing, however, to the constant change of teachers, and the lateness of the time-table, we are only just getting into our stride.

## 1A

We take up our pen for the first time this year to tell the other classes about us new 1A warriors.

At first the new subjects seemed strange to us, but we are now progressing very favourably, and the union fees are coming in regularly.

Quinn and McKensy distinguished themselves in the swimming carnival held at the baths last month. About half of our class are swimmers, and the rest are cricketers. The other half like Soccer. Our class teams, especially the "B's", have done well, the latter winning all its games except one, while our "A's" lost one and drew two.





Hughes, Foster, Thomas and Leslie represent us in the school's 3rd grade teams. Hughes, our only boy in the 3rd A's, in one game against Maitland took five wickets for two runs; Leslie top scored at Maitland with 22. Foster is a fast-medium paced bowler, and Thomas is an exceptionally good fielder.

We have a good lot of teachers, but Mr. P is very fond of giving impositions. Now and then Leslie, up in the back seat, dozes off for a short nap, until a suddenly directed question from Mr. G., our maths. master, awakens him.

"Topsy" is always reading an Algebra book in the Geometry periods, while "Sleepy" Locke is always making out time-tables in Mr. A's periods.

New humourists have arisen in the forms of "Richy" and his Boolaroo companions. We are sorry to hear that they throw things about indiscriminately, and that unfortunately Stewart received a crack on the ankle with a cricket ball, and was unable to attend school for several days.

We have elected Bob Jackson for our class captain, and he is also on our committee. We all wish everybody in the school, good-bye until the next issue of the famous "Novocastrian."

R.J. and D.H.

## 11 B

Since our entrance to the High School, we have not had a chance to show our ability. We hope to make it apparent to the teachers that we are not altogether the dunderheads we have been called.

We already have the honour of one record in "Fatty" Hill, the heaviest 1st year boy who weighs 10st 8lbs.

Our class held its own in the recent swimming carnival, one of our number gained 5th place in the diving competition, and another 5th in the 50 yards handicap under 13 (The editors understand this is meant to be irony).

One of our class-mates is a member of the Newcastle Hornets Aviation Club, and gave us a very interesting lecture on the parts of an aeroplane.

We are all keenly interested in Science, but oh! the French and Latin! We often feel that we would like to put these words into action:

I wish I knew the fellow who invented Latin,  
I would not only punch his nose,  
I'd hit him with a baton.

We are all looking forward, with pleasure, to our winter sports, and hope to make a name for ourselves in the competitions. We are expecting big things in the football field from our champion heavy-weight hereinbefore mentioned.

Our half-yearly examination is the next important event, and most of us are waiting in suspense for its arrival, not knowing whether it is before or after the May vacation.

The boys sometimes try the teachers' patience and are called many strange names, but they hope to improve with time—the boys, not the names.

One of our classmates is very unfortunate in being in hospital with appendicitis, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Why can't Saunders see the blackboard? (The answer to this problem was so vague, that even Saunders would not have seen the point. But the question is reasonable, so we leave it to readers to solve if they can.—Ed.).

D.L., 1B.

## 1C

1C, the pride of first year,  
Comes on the scene,  
To claim its place  
In the magazine.

Even though the "C's" came second last on the first year class list, we are equal to the "A's" in scholarship. We also won the cricket competition.

We have many characteristics in our class who are like half-dead snails crawling through a tub of treacle. One of these characteristics has an adjective and then a noun, while another one decorated the mantle-shelf for annoying one of our gentle teachers; while still another characteristic was sentenced to a long term in the black hole of Calcutta. (Characteristics are right, no better word describes them, therefore, stet.—Ed.).

Mr. W. did not recognise one of his old pupils after he had visited the bath tub. One of our pupils is worthy of being lodged in Watt St. asylum. We could not wish for a better staff of teachers, they all show a lot of mercy on us poor lads. Mr. C. is our class detective and is always on the look out for dangerous criminals who are in our class.

We have a late bird in our class with whom Mr. W. is greatly perturbed. We have no bursars in our our class, but hope to gain some by the end of the year. Homework is the greatest difficulty we have met with yet; either somebody had to go to a funeral or somebody else left his homework on the corner of the round table. Mr. W. has offered a large reward to the boy who can give him a new excuse for not doing his homework. Impositions are familiar in our class, never a day passes without a teacher ask boys for impositions and frequently these impositions have to be doubled.

Our class is made up of retreads (as Mr. C. calls them), and a few new boys. We have a human pincushion who has already swallowed one pin. Mr. W. asked a boy what was the verb in a Latin sentence; he replied, "miseros", which is an adjective. We have a lecturette period during each week, from these periods we hear very interesting topics. One cannot go by looks in our class; for instance, "Lightning" (the slowest boy in the class) drew a very interesting picture of the Harbour Bridge for the "Novocastrian."  
M.D.

## IAC

This is our first appearance in the "Novocastrian," and we hope it will not be the last.

Our shorthand is improving and soon some of our number will be quite expert at it. In French we are progressing favourably under the able tuition of Mr. Langford and we are at present composing a play which is entitled "The Golden Goose." Clayton Fairhall is a fine lecturer, and he can always be relied upon for information on almost any subject.

We hope to be the leading first year classes in every subject and also in sport. In cricket we are well represented, having two teams in the class competition. Our best batsman and bowler is H. Uren. As the football season is here we hope to win the Rugby League class competition with flying colours.

We are of the opinion that our room is the best in the school, although on a rainy day it is a bit dark. We are glad that one of our number is not careless in small matters. He told a certain master that he does not stick his chewing gum on the bedpost overnight. Oh, no! he always sticks it on the wardrobe.

Our general knowledge is simply astounding. Here are a few examples. A polygon is a dead cockatoo. Unaware is the thing you put on first and take off last. We have also learnt that Captain Cook was born.

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The Half-Yearly Exam. will be held early in June.

Empire Day Celebration in the Town Hall, which was controlled entirely by the Senior boys will be reported in our next issue.

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## FOOTBALL.

### 1st XV.

The 1st XV enjoyed a highly successful season, being undefeated at the close. The team attended practice well; Mr. Golding and Mr. Austin giving much time and sparing no trouble in coaching it, and it is largely due to their enthusiastic efforts that the team accomplished what it did. The team gave brilliant exhibitions of football, due to the fine combination between backs and forwards. The back play was characterised by fine passing rushes, and the forward play by determined rucking and hard play in the loose.

S. Cohen: A fine full back, is very safe and a good kick, tackles and handles well and runs his backs on well in attack.

L. Cane: Right wing, very heavy and fast, uses both these assets well in determined dashes for the line.

J. Hills: Outside centre, an excellent and inspiring captain, very fast and never at a loss; handles well, tackles low and hard, possesses a tricky side-step and is a fine goal kick.

N. Charge: Inside centre, a versatile player; very fast off the mark, possessing a fine cut in, making most of the openings for Hills to complete.

W. McKensy: Left wing, fast but light; runs hard but has yet to learn to take a ball; should be a mainstay this year.

H. Hingst: Fine five-eighth, very elusive but inclined to starve his backs; combined nicely with the forwards.

R. Bass: Half-back, lightest man in the team but a tiger for work. Tackles hard and passes well on both sides.; works the scrum particularly well and shows great initiative in starting movements in the open.

T. Brown: Lock, an excellent forward, gained selection in N.S.W. team together with Hills, but was content to rest on his laurels in competition games.

M. Cranna, R. Cranna: Second row, hardest working forwards on the field, very heavy and fast, always where the ball was and an inspiration to any team.

E. Firth: Front row, a solid worker, follows on well and combines nicely with the backs, but his tackling could have been better.

S. Jackson: Centre forward, an excellent rake who gave the backs a feast of the ball. One of the best forwards in the loose.

E. Walters: Front row, not afraid of hard work; controls the ball at the toe in a remarkable fashion, good in the line out.

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J. Whyte : Breakaway, a fine footballer with a tricky run; breaks through line out at will, combines particularly well with the backs but inclined to hang out of the rucks.

F. York : A solid breakaway, a hard working forward, good everywhere without being brilliant.



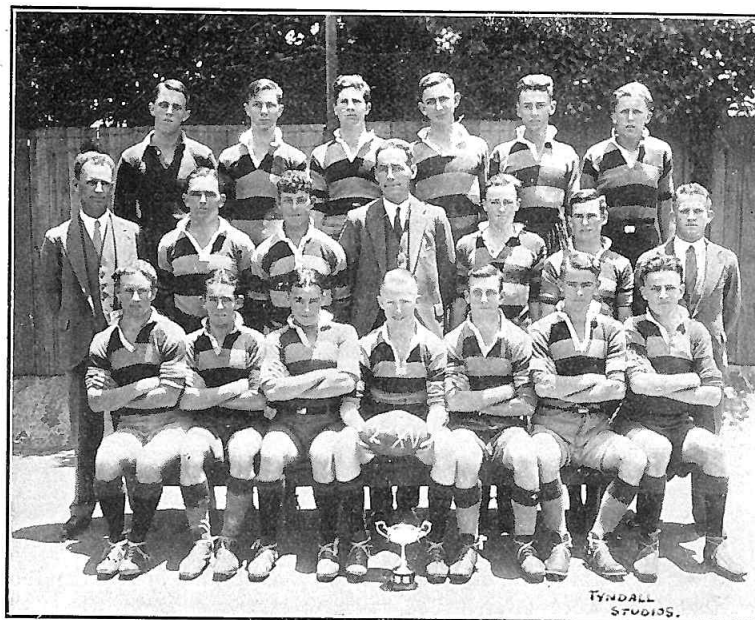
1st XV—PREMIERS, 1931.

Mulvihill, Peate, Cranna, Cranna, York, Brown.  
R. G. Golding, Hingst, Jackson, J. P. Austin, Learmonth, White,  
H. McCaffery.  
McKensy, Charge, Hills (capt.), Cohen, Ray.

SECOND XV A. TEAM.

During the season this team entered into competition with their own "B" team, Maitland "A" and "B" teams and Marist Brothers. They won the competition, playing eight games, winning six, drawing one, and losing one. The number of points scored by the team was 136 and 39 against.

The forwards carried the team on their shoulders, and were mainly responsible for the winning of the games. The backs were, as a whole, poor in attack and defence, but individual members showed some flashes of brilliance. Mr. McCaffery, as coach, was the inspiration of the team, and was ready at all times with his expert guidance and assistance.



2nd XV—PREMIERS, 1931

Top : Porter, Chadwick, Pullen, Llewellyn, Nelson, Hemmings.  
R. G. Golding, Willis, Neal, J. P. Austin, Clifford, Ray, H. McCaffery.  
Hassall, Rodgers, Cleaves, Mulvihill (capt.), Wright, Smallman, Randle

G. Smallman : Full back, light and slightly erratic, has much to learn.

S. Rodgers : Right wing, brilliant on his own in attack and defence, but did not get the opportunities he deserved.

E. Mulvihill : Outside centre, an able captain, not in his right position, should have been in the forwards.

C. Nelson : Inside centre, heavy, useful in attack and fast on occasions.

W. Paterson : Left wing, a winger with speed, called up into the firsts for some matches.

J. Clifford : Five-eighth, could handle the ball, erratic in kicking but had initiative.

S. Ray : Half back, lightest man in the team, a sturdy, fast, versatile and sure player; gave the backs plenty of opportunities, called into the first XV as a winger on some occasions.

L. Hannell : Lock, big, useful in scrums, but did not use his weight to advantage in rucks and scrums.

W. Engel : Breakaway, big, useful in all departments of the game.

G. Williams : Breakaway, light but used his weight to advantage, very useful in the open and best kick in the team.

A. Burke : Second row, worked well, useful in rucks.

R. Hemmings : Second row, light but feared no one, very useful in passing movements and rucks.

F. Learmonth : Front row, a hard worker, useful in the open.

L. Randle : Rake, won fully 70 per cent. of the scrums, very hard worker in line outs.

S. Williams : Front row, a very hard worker in all departments of forward work.

A. Wright : Played often in the forwards, very useful in scrums and line outs.

#### SECOND XV B. TEAM.

The "B" team won only one game, but they suffered from the fact that they were often called upon to supply men for the "A" team, also because many of their men were newcomers to the game.

C. Cleaves, as half back, captained the team well, but did not receive the full support of his men.

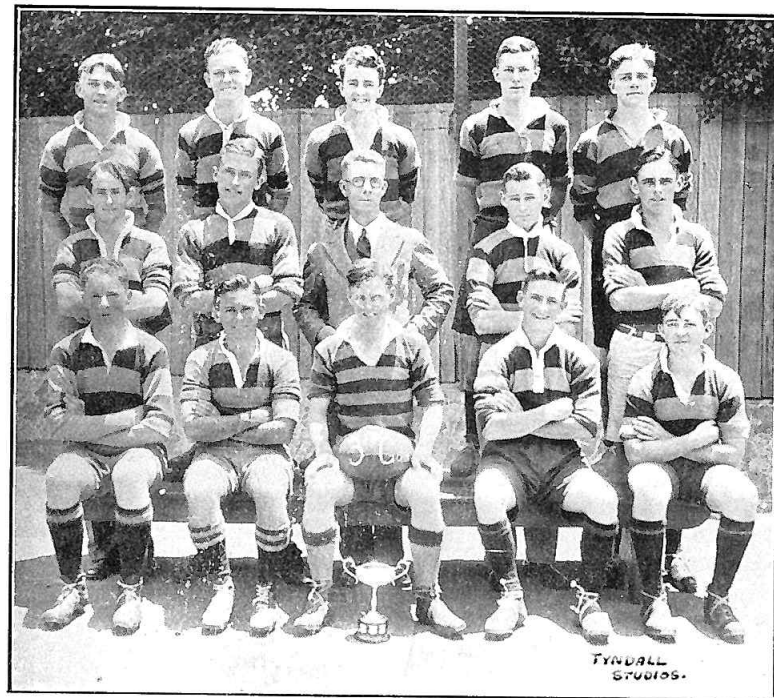
Neal and Saunders, newcomers to the code, shaped well.

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#### 9.3 XV "A" TEAM.

The 9.3 "A" team was a fine combination from every point of view. Their spirit was all that could be desired, they had a well-developed sense of what team work means, their conduct on and off the field was a credit to them. The quiet, unassuming, yet capable captaincy of Bobbie Dobson was a great factor in the team's success and he was assisted in no small measure by the vice-captain, Len Deed, and other individual members too numerous to mention.

But fancy the captain breaking his arm at Soccer of all games! A little bird whispered the other day that he means to stage a come-back. We wish him luck. The team did not lose a match, and did not have its line crossed the whole season.



9.3 "A's"—PREMIERS, 1931.

Taylor, Noble, Kelly, Tennant, Venning.  
Walkley, Underwood, D. Short, Cox, Morgan.  
Nelson, Penny, Dobson (capt.), Williams, Abbot.

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### 9.3 XV "B" TEAM

The "B" team contained many good lads, some of whom should grace the "A's" this year. They were handicapped, however, by a few spiritless creatures, who sometimes had to be picked owing to difficulty in procuring a full team. These seldom turned up to practice. There will be no game this year for any member who misses practice, even if we have to field a short team. All players should make up their minds to put the game first and personal considerations last, not forgetting to sacrifice picture theatre money for the sake of making the Maitland trips. We hope we shall not have any players who shine only on home grounds and find it inconvenient to travel. After all, it is not costly business, and we should be able to field the best of our players wherever our matches are played.

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### 8.3 XV.

The team lost two matches during the season. Marist Brothers with one defeat was Premiers, but we went through the second round undefeated. Such success as we had was largely due to the play and leadership of Bob Clifford. This year Bob has transferred to Maitland, and we expect to find him a lion in the path of our teams. Space prevents us from offering a comment on all the players, but some new ones developed during the season meriting mention.

Britz became the equal of our best forwards, and in view of his talent and his physique, big things can be expected of him.

James, a winger, also developed into a useful player. We were unfortunate to lose the services of Edmonds, a player of considerable promise.

Max Laycock has left school and will not be with our team again. We want to take this chance to put him on record as the most consistent and intelligent forward we had. If Max had the weight he would have been a conspicuous forward in much better football company.

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### 7.3 XV

There were two Fifth Grade teams playing in the competition last year. The "A" team performed very well and were runners up in the competition. A scoreless draw was played with Maitland on the first occasion, but we were beaten by a narrow margin at the next meeting.

As usual, casualties and sickness took their toll of our players. One of the greatest losses was that of Johnson, who left school early in the season. His place at five-eighth was hard to fill. Several players showed promise, particularly Symes and Worby in the forwards and Slarks, our tireless captain, who kept the backs on the move, and was, at all times, an inspiration to his side.

The "B" team did not meet with as much success, but they combined nicely and improved considerably during the season. A number of them won their way into the "A" team and ably filled their new positions. It was very pleasing to note how regularly players, "A" and "B" alike turned out to practice.

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"Let's play circus," cried Maggie. "I choose to be elephant."  
"No. I choose to be elephant," said Lily, but she knew they wouldn't let her be. "I chose to be effalunt!" "No Victor, you can't be, you're too little." Victor wept. He was young, but he knew how to rule his women. But when he was elephant, he didn't know what to do. He just stood still.

"Is this your dear little boy?" "No-o Mum, dis yeah's mah husband. He's a right well off genelmun."

"How is youalls chillun?"

"Well, they all have scarlet fever to-day. This yeah's mah little girl."

—Anne Parrish. "The Perennial Bachelor."



## CRICKET.

### FIRST XI.

The First XI had a fairly successful season, playing four matches winning two, drawing one and losing one. We defeated our old opponents, Maitland, in the first game, but they revenged themselves in the last. Our two other matches were against the Police, and an eleven chosen by Mr. H. Hooker. We were successful in defeating the Police, and had the best of the game against Mr. Hooker's strong eleven, which ended in a draw. The team gave a particularly good display in the latter match, making an excellent start due mainly to a fine stand by Charge and Williams. At one stage of the game the scoreboard read 4 for 112, a very creditable performance, but, the middle men failing, the innings was declared closed at 8 for 138. The team fielded particularly well, giving nothing away, with the result that when play ceased we found ourselves in a very favourable position, 6 wickets being down for 78 runs. This was the team's best performance, and Mr. Hooker kindly consented to lead a stronger eleven against us at the close of the year.

The batting of the side was not as strong as expected at the beginning of the season. Only four batsmen showed any consistency, the big disappointment being H. Rudd. His form last year was excellent, but this year he suffered a marked falling off and experienced a run of very low scores. L. Gray also did not show his best form.

The bowling, on the whole, was rather weak, and mostly in the hands of Parkes, Hills and Charge, until Rudd compensated for his failure at batting, by becoming a successful trundler. Parkes bowled well but experienced bad luck.

The ground fielding was good, but it could have been better in the air. Had the chances given by Maitland in the second match been accepted, we could have turned defeat into a draw, if not a victory.

This account would not be complete if we did not stress the brilliant keeping of J. Walton. His quite, unobtrusive but highly efficient work behind the stumps was noticed, and favourably commented upon by Mr. Hooker and other prominent cricketers of the district. We were indeed fortunate in possessing his services, and hope he will maintain his brilliant form next season.

Mr. Wilson, the coach, was very enthusiastic and encouraged us in every possible way. Our opportunities for practice were practically nil, otherwise we might have shown better form under his able tuition. Our Sportsmaster (Mr. Ford) worked untiringly to secure matches, and we appreciate his efforts in this direction, knowing how hard his task was.

We desire to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Hooker and Constable Brown for the readiness they displayed in co-operating with Mr. Ford, and hope that their teams enjoyed the matches as much as the school did. Mention must also be made of the scorer, Leslie Hannell, and the team appreciates the loyal manner in which he sacrificed his afternoons' sport to come and score for it.

### SECOND XI "A" TEAM.

At the beginning of the season we gave the promise of fielding two very strong second-grade teams. Individual bowlers and batsmen were in abundance. The "A" team was weakened after the first game by the elevation of Chapman to the First Eleven, and several players leaving school. The team played four games, defeating Technical "B" team outright and Maitland "B's" on the first innings, and suffered first innings defeats at the hands of Maitland "A" and Newcastle "B" teams. The fielding and wicket-keeping was poor. The best batting performances came from Wilson, Quinn, Knight, Mellon and Curran, while the best bowlers were Williams, Wilson and Quinn.

### SECOND XI "B" TEAM.

The above team under the able captaincy of McDougal was successful in being the leaders of the first round finished on April 6th. It is to be regretted that the captain has left school and will not be with the team next season.

Four games were played in all. Both the Technical College "A" and "B" teams were defeated outright; a first innings victory was registered against the High School "A" team, and a draw resulted with the match against Maitland "A" team. The total number of points gained was 13 out of a possible 16, which was very creditable considering that two games were confined to one day.

The top scorer of the team was Fowler, who scored 86 not out against High School "A" team. But, by far, the most successful player was Roach, who, besides scoring over 50 on two occasions, obtained a good bowling average, his figures being 5 for 9 against Tech. "A's", and 3 for 24 against High School "A's", besides other creditable performances.

Craig also obtained several good figures, 7 for 15 against Tech' "B's", and 3 for 23 against High School "A's" being his best performances. Besides these he scored some useful runs; his 21 against Tech "A's" being a patient and useful compilation, with Roach as partner.

Other outstanding batsmen were Felton, Burke and Hume.

But the part where the team succeeded best was in the fielding. Several brilliant catches and fieldings were registered against Tech. "A's".

On the whole the team was most successful and should finish by winning the competition which continues next summer.

### THIRD XI! "A" AND "B" TEAMS.

Two teams from the school have been entered in this grade in competition with two teams from Maitland. The first round has been completed with the Maitland "A" team leading in the point score.

The two senior teams from the respective schools in this grade are very evenly matched and in the crucial game of the series, that between these two teams, Maitland won on the first innings by four runs, thereby narrowly defeating our lads, who were only robbed of an outright win by time. We congratulate our opponents on their win which was principally due to the good tactics of their skipper.

The most outstanding bowlers have been Wilson and Hughes. Both have excellent figures for the round. Wilson is a promising bowler, who varies his pace, flight and direction. He is continually planning an attack. However, he over uses the slow ball, considering that Hughes gives this type of ball alone. Hughes has wonderful control of length for such a small lad and breaks both ways.

The principal scorers for our "A" team have been Grimson, Percival, Marsden, Caston and Hughes. Marsden has proved an excellent captain.

The point score is :—Maitland "A", 10 points; Newcastle "A", 7 points; Maitland "B", 4 points; Newcastle "B", 3 points.

### C.H.S. SPORTS.

These were held at the Sydney Cricket Ground on September the 1st and 2nd, 1931. Sydney High School for the third successive time won the senior competition.

Both our seniors and junior cadets were completely outclassed.

D. Ingram was the only individual to gain a place in any final, that being 5th in the 100 yards, which was run in 10 3.5 secs. Our circular relay team was disqualified in its heat for a very minor offence. The medley relay team ran second in its heat and 5th in the final, which was run in the record time of 1.39 4-5. All representatives in the 220, 440, 880 and mile, hurdles, high and broad jumps, and the shot put, were eliminated in the heats. The junior team saved the day by gaining 5th place behind North Sydney, who easily won the competition.

McKensy ran second in his heat of the 100 yards, as also did Rudd. In the final, McKensy gained 4th place. He also won his heat of the 220 yards in 24 4-5 secs., but only gained 4th place in the final, which was run in the record time of 22 2-5 secs.

A. Leggett, the versatile junior, failed to pass the eliminating tests in the broad jump, but created an astonishing record for the high jump of 5ft. 5½in., a phenomenal jump for a boy of his age. He also came second in the fastest heat of the junior hurdles, and in the final he gained 3rd place to Sydney High School's representative who created a new record of 13 secs. Hargraves also gained a place in the high jump.

Our under 14 division, with the exception of McConnell, who ran second in his heat of the 100 yards, but failed to gain a place in the final, was completely outclassed.

### TENNIS.

Since the beginning of the year, tennis has been carried on at Hill, Reid Park and Commercial Club courts. Much enthusiasm is being shown by the large body of players and it appears that this number will be considerably increased during the winter period, and the problem of more courts will have to be considered.

Early in the year the players were divided into four grades—A, B, C and D, of which A and B grades attend the Hill courts and C and D the Reid Park and Commercial courts, and it is due to the energies of our new tennis master (Mr. Dimmock) that competitions have been inaugurated in each grade.

In the "A" grade singles, R. Dobson narrowly defeated P. Doffkont after a most exciting match, and the doubles competition was carried off by R. Dobson and P. Doffkont, who defeated Hipwell and Pinfold in the final, 6—3. W. Edwards won the "B" singles and Turner and Cornally the "B" doubles.

Two matches were played with Newcastle Technical College on March 23rd. Newcastle "A" team (Dobson, Doffkont, Hipwell and Pinfold) proved too strong for Tech. College "B" team, defeating them 8 sets to love. The match between the High's "B" team (McNeill, Smith, Johnston and Geary) and Technical College "A" team was much more exciting, High running out winners in the end by 5 sets to 3, but only after a vigorous tussle.

At present a singles "ladder" competition is being played in the "A" division, and a doubles competition in the "B." These tournaments have proved very popular and have greatly improved the standard of play, which, we hope, will be maintained for matches during winter.

Among our members we have several promising juniors, the most prominent being McNeill, Lindus, Hipwell, Bubbs, Pinfold and Triplet, and in the seniors Dobson, Doffkont, Johnston, Smith and Geary.

Both "A" and "B" teams are in fine form, and think that if a match with the staff could be arranged they could acquit themselves very creditably.

In conclusion, we are looking forward to a most enjoyable winter period, and we extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Dimmock, who takes Mr. Motte's place as tennis master.

### SWIMMING.

This department of school sport is deservedly popular during the summer months, nearly one half of the school preferring it to cricket and tennis.

School swimming championships were held towards the end of 1931, and in them F. York won the senior point score from D. MacLeod and L. Deed.

S. Woods, with consistency in all departments, was well ahead of the remaining junior competitors in winning his second championship, having succeeded in the under fourteen grade last year. Runners up were T. Hunter and W. Underwood.

R. Howard proved to be our most outstanding under fourteen swimmer, with D. Walker second in the point score.

It was found impossible for a truly representative team to compete in the combined carnival in Sydney in March this year. G. Learmonth, who dived for the school in the junior division, succeeded in carrying off third place, a good performance considering the high standard attained at these meetings.

In the local high schools' carnival at Ocean Baths we were successful in winning the Surf Club Cup for the second time, Cook's Hill being defeated by a narrow margin. Prominent in the accumulation of points for the school were: S. Woods, D. Walker, B. McKensy, G. Brown, W. Quinn, S. Richardson, I. McKensy, L. Beeston, L. Deed, G. Learmonth, W. Underwood, H. Hingst and E. Firth.

We have been unfortunate this year in losing some of our prominent swimmers, particularly F. York and D. MacLeod, who are at the Technical College.

It is gratifying to note the enthusiasm and success of some of our representatives in inter-club events outside the school.

One outstanding feature of the swimming of the school is the tendency to concentrate on the sprint races. We are sadly lacking in 220, 440 and 880 yard swimmers, and only during the last year have breast-stroke and back-stroke received the attention they deserve.

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## Answers to Contributors

"I must have liberty  
 Withal, as large a charter as the wind  
 To blow on whom I please."

—As You Like It.

J.R., 5C.—"Cricket, not a Staff Match." I should say not! No teacher being a right handed batsman makes a stroke to square leg with a left-handed batsman's grip on the bat. No Sir! Your lines, however, are clear, and the figures natural.

R.C., 2B.—Outback traveller has a style of argument, which taking us in a circle might go on for ever and get us nowhere.

B.C., 3A.—Your metre halts in a manner perceptible to the naked eye, and some of your rhymes show the peculiarity seen in Lloyd's poem, where he rhymes "Notice" with "throat is."

L.H., 3B.—"Thoughts in the Tuck Shop" not original, and you have made errors in the transcription.

F.S., 5B.—It takes an exceptionally good pen to make such a simple topic as a ring on the telephone interesting. You nearly succeeded when you opened negotiations with the girl on the exchange, with remarks on the weather, but as she did not rise to the occasion (others have had the same experience), that is where the story lost its interest.

G.B., 3A.—That's right, when writing a story, dive in, don't crawl in at the shallow end. But be careful not to come the proverbial. "Ho Yo! Yo Ho!" Fifteen men on the dead man's chest, Yo ho and a bottle of Old Soldier, and all that sort of thing! But what of reason? When the boilers burst and the ship blew up, how did the skipper and mate escape to collect the insurance money, if any?

A.E.C., 4B.—"Under the Silvery Moon," as a drawing was entirely acceptable, but for one fault, and that a serious one. It is worth elaborating. "The representation of the moon in pictures is a case in which the artist almost invariably departs from scientific truth, and it is a question as to whether he is justified in what he does." Sir E. Ray Lankester writing on the problem of the galloping horse. Now the moon's apparent diameter is always  $1/115$  of the distance of the eye from the canvas on which it is drawn, and if this is say 18 inches (as is usually the case), then the moon should be shewn as a disc,  $1/115$  of 18 inches in diameter which is between  $1/6$  and  $1/7$  of an inch. Allowing some latitude to the artist either way, to view your picture correctly, one should stand about 30 feet away from it, in which case your canoe becomes almost microscopic, and one does not see clearly the half nelson, and double reverse arm bar, that the occupants have on one another. Going a step further, if you grant the above, then it is clear the moon is not bigger when rising than when overhead, as some have thought. It is in fact slightly smaller. See "Science from an Easy Chair," Vol. 1. Sir E. Lankester.

Pic, 3C.—That foot! I think the toes were too numerous. But the joke if your own, merits illustration.

S.T., 1C.—Very elementary. As a drawing, it does not pass.

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H.W., 2B.—We must quote one stanza, we really must!  
 "He was riding to Homebush, his native southland,  
 When he found this new country so fair,  
 A haunt for his chilabous deed on the road,  
 With his fiery red steed and a newly plucked reed,  
 To urge his huge horse over soft grass and coarse  
 With his shiny six guns, in his hand."

Well, well, Well, poor old Ned Kelly will have a lot to answer for at the last trump, but this chilabous deed is going to take some explaining. And six guns in his hands must have taken some handling. I wonder which hand he held the reed in! Yet there is something about these stanzas that says you could write good verse.

J.S., 1A.—Holding over till next issue.

B.B., 4C.—Drawing is fair, but you have mixed ruled and free hand lines indiscriminately. "When Greek meets Greek, they start a fish shop," has been used before. It is interesting to note the correct quotation is, "When Greek joins Greek, then was the tug of war."

C.H., 1A.—Well copied, but we cannot use it. Try Sunbeams.

H.J.R., 2B.—"The Forgotten Trunk" has too simple a theme altogether for this magazine. The one notable thing about it is that it is written in the first person present tense, and quite uniform throughout.

Anon, 1A.—"Hell's Angels" means nothing in our young lives.

C.N., 3A.—Oh call me pet names dearest, call me a marine! . . .  
 "She blushes and then repeats:

Only just one, and that is all,  
 And then their lips silently meet."

Perhaps it's only natural, and everything that is natural is beautiful.

F.H., 5A.—"June Songs" misses. "Birds were singing merrily, carolling sweet tunes." You haven't much of a selection of rhymes, have you? And remember that June is midwinter in the southern hemisphere, so your music time, and sweet odes for remembrance loses some of its significance.

F.M., 1A.—Dick Turpin has been credited with some valorous deeds, but this one about caps the lot.

"His pistol roared, and his sabre flashed  
 And into the coach-guard his fist did crash."

We are not quite clear which fist it was that did the crashing. And again:

"Now driver, no funny business mind,  
 I've got my moments and my seconds timed!"

The point is well taken, and Dick Turpin deserves all the credit you give him for escaping from the runners.

R.A., 5D.—"With the air still, and the trees still, and the flushed dawn breaking," is somewhat reminiscent of Masefield's "Sea Fever," and the rhyming is weak. We are keeping the others however.

K.M., 1AC.—Article on Koala Bears is not bad, what there is of it.

I.B., 2B.—Strange thing how the last Canadian pine wolf of his tribe should meet another in the next paragraph, lose her at the bottom of the page, and then depart silently to where his own tribe could be found at the end of the chapter.

A.L., 2B.—

"Oh those conjugations there  
 And then that infinitive amare,  
 I sighed, and in despair,  
 I volleyed and thundered."

Oh but you shouldn't do that, it is apt to be misunderstood.

"Homework to right of me,  
 Homework to left of me,  
 Homework in front of me."

That's the spirit, but remember all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

G.C., 3AC.—Now you've got ideas! So the old Novocastrian faint-ed when he heard the plans were right for the new High School. You were correct however. He had dreamt it all.

D.T., 1A.—The part we can appreciate is, "H for the hill that to climb is an art."

J.A., 1A.—"The teacher was infirm and old." Don't you believe it, he still has a strong right arm.

W.D.—Mickey the Mouse is not quite up to our standard, but we will forward you a pink certificate with heliotrope stripes.

A.L., 3B.—"Looking Backwards," is still not quite right, and you know how fussy we are.

W.Q., 1A.—Jokes anent the Bridge have little market value at the moment.

"Surprise."—The drawing with some changes might be made into a block as a sort of etching, but its main defect is that it has no general interest. Good though.

W.E.T., 5D.—"The South Wind" has merit. It has that all right. The best verse is.

"The grey green shrubs on the bleak red bluff,  
 Pipe in the wind for an Autumn dirge,  
 Mingling high pitched with the swish of the spray,  
 And the roar of the shattering surge."

But the rest lacks continuity.

W.F., 1A.—"On Our Selection" well drawn, but has no local interest.

A.J., 4C.—We print an article on "Early Newcastle," a little more complete than your own, which is nevertheless good.

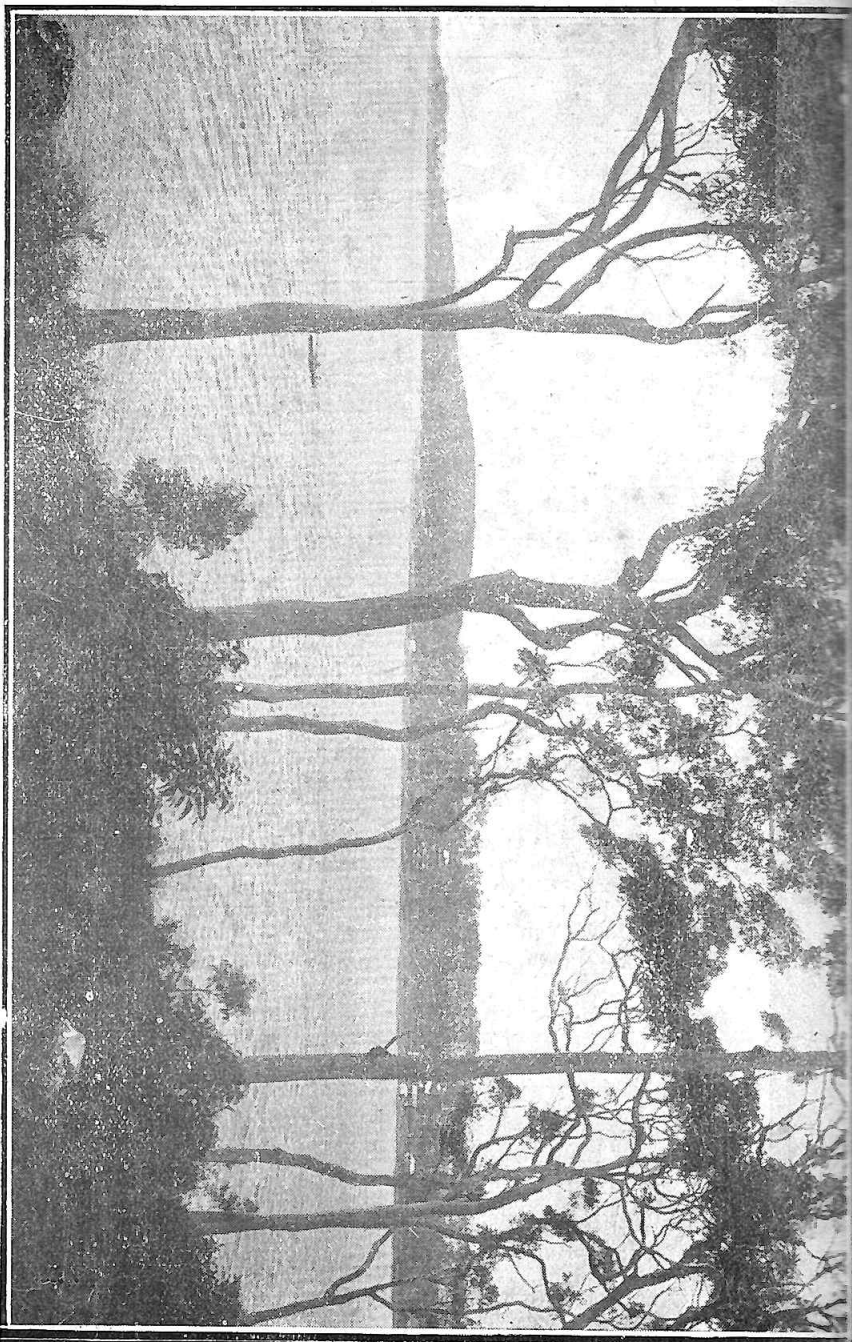
Gas, 5A.—"Lost and Found" has a subtlety about it which would mask its significance to the majority of readers. There were some queer tales told of that old trapdoor, years ago, and they are perhaps best forgotten.

It is a long time since we have had such a prodigious offering of drawings and alleged poetry for the Novocastrian. Drawings should be on plain paper and in Indian ink, suitable for being photographed. Those that fulfilled these requirements, failed either by reason of not having a general local interest, or by being simply too poor to reproduce. The poetry has shown a marked improvement in quality as well as quantity, a fact which we note with interest.

R.J.G.

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Lake Macquarie. Mr. Brown's residence is the third from the right looking east, with the shingled roof.



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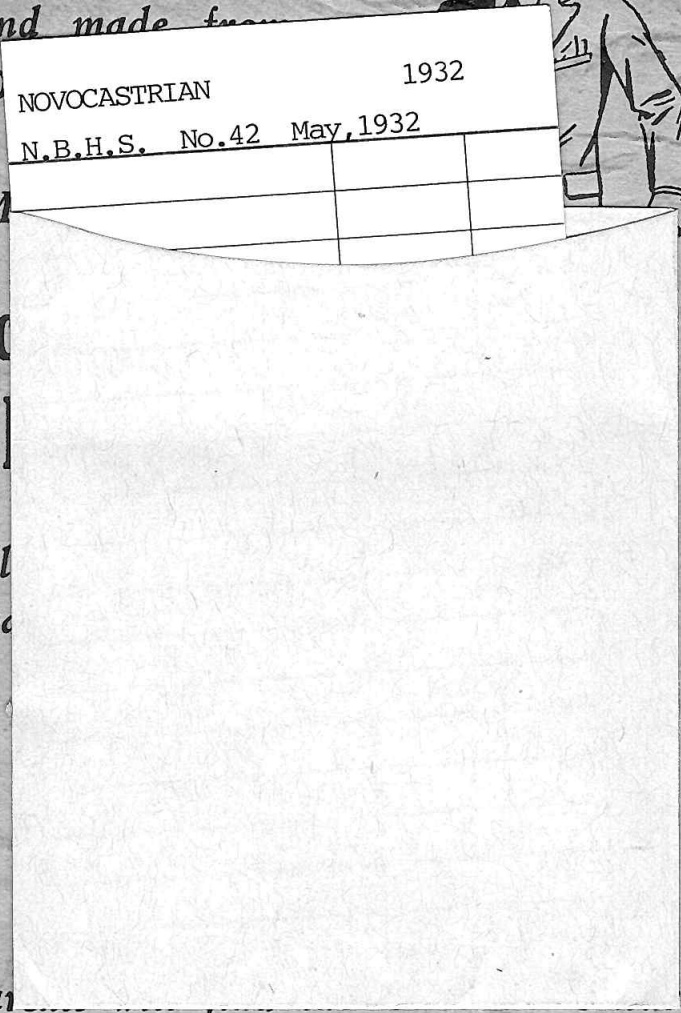
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