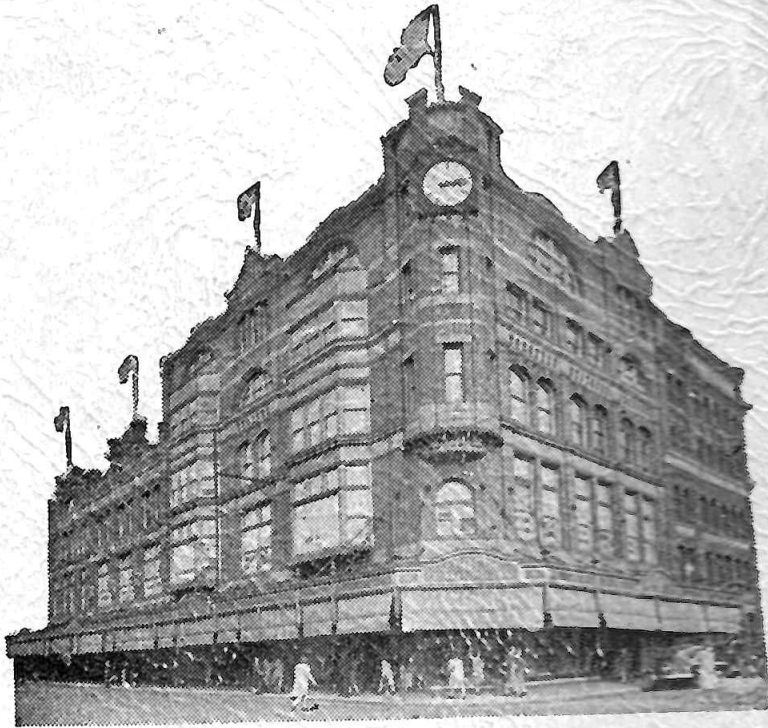


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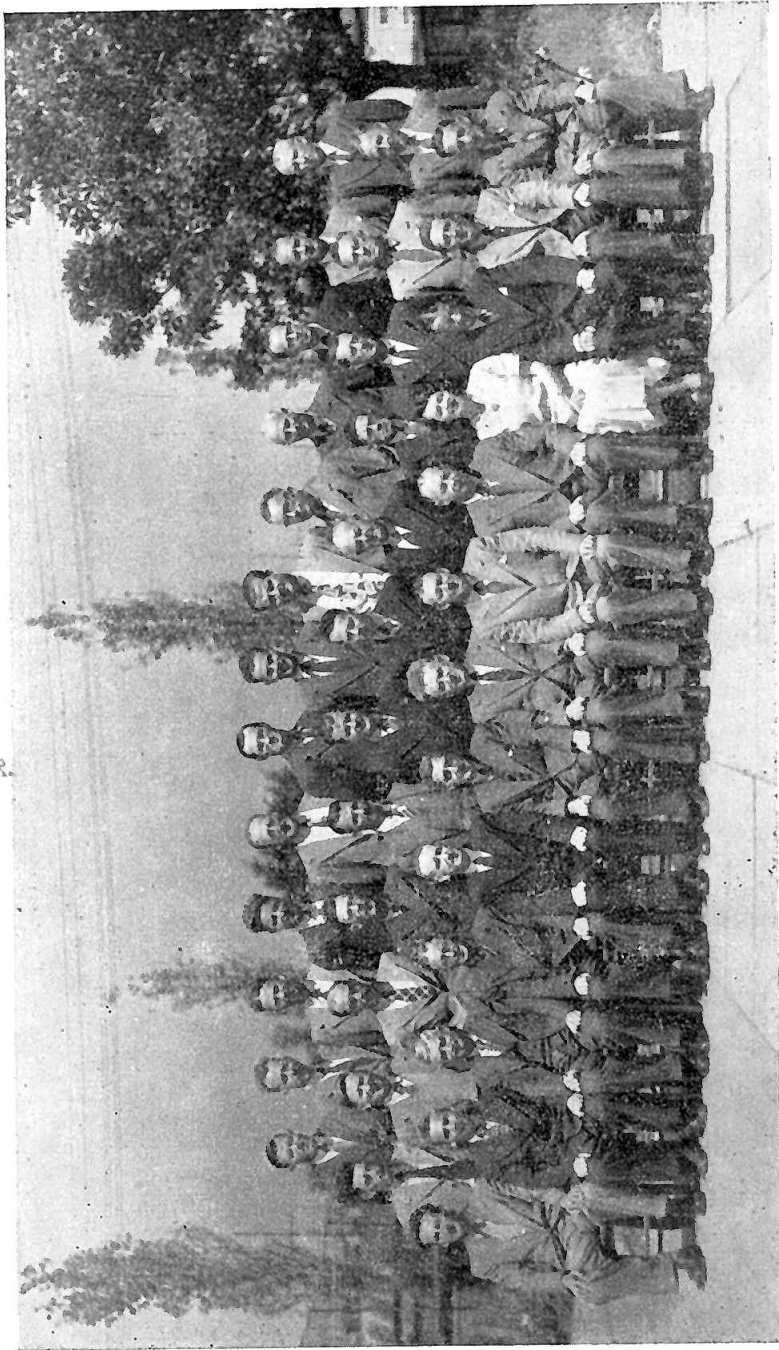
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 ABSENT: F. H. Beard (Headmaster), (Block donated by Hunter the Stationer Pty.)

The Headmaster's Message

I suppose that most boys in the school have, installed high in their gallery of private heroes, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, K.G., G.C.B., D.S.O. They don't think of him by that title, of course. To them, as to his soldiers, he is just "Monty."

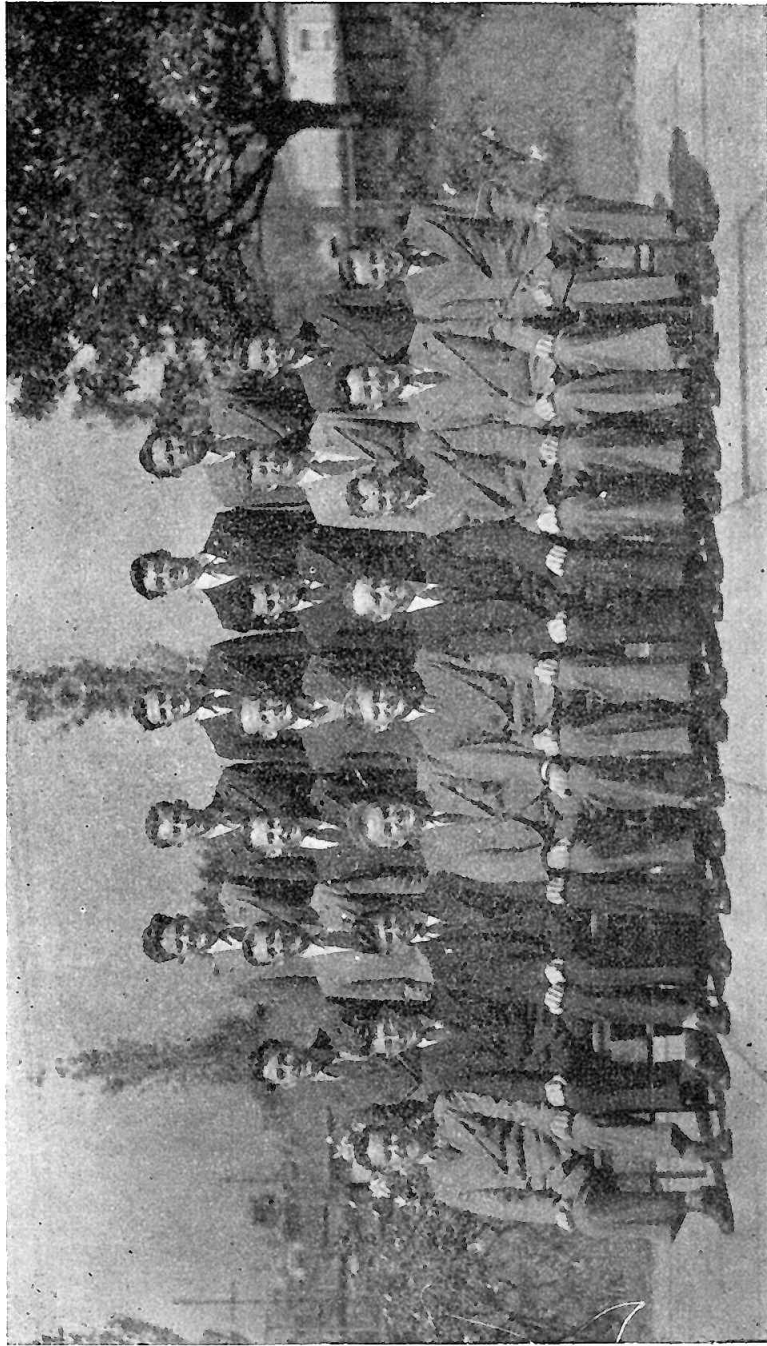
I want to pass on to you something that "Monty" said just two years ago, at the celebration of the sixth anniversary of the Battle of Alamein. He was speaking to some of the veterans of that battle, and he asked what was the secret of those Desert days, what was the spirit that had made victory in the campaign possible. Here is how he summed it up:

"The answer, I think, was the feeling of unity, the unselfishness, and the sense of duty which existed everywhere. Wherever you were, you knew that you could rely on the man next to you. We were conscious that we were all one. And that spirit pervaded everyone . . . Looking back, I believe that the true symbol of the Desert was the tow rope. In the Desert every vehicle carried a tow rope. When you came across some vehicle that had broken down, you stopped, out came the tow rope, and you towed the broken-down vehicle and its crew to a safe place where it, and they, could be looked after."

Unity, unselfishness, duty. There is a motto for you to live up to. If you do, if you think for the whole instead of the individual, if you resolve to do at all times what your conscience tells you is your duty, then you will be just the kind of member of the school and of the community that is so badly needed today.

The school has a wider unity than is represented by present staff and students. All who have passed through it are still part of it. They left something of their character and personality in it, just as you will leave something of yourselves when you, too, pass out into the world. At the beginning of Speech Night and of our Father and Son Dinner we pay a tribute to these departed members of the school who have gone from this life. But there is a great company of them still with us, and it is to them particularly that the Appeal this year has been addressed. Many of them have shown that they still felt that unity with the school, that unselfishness, and that sense of duty to it, for they have responded generously. You, too, have done splendid work with the collecting cards for the rubber floor covering. As we go on and eventually achieve all our objects, I hope that the result will be a permanent reminder to you of the spirit that "Monty" spoke of and that we are striving for in the school.

When you work for the school, you are really working for yourself, for it is part of you, as you are part of it. But don't forget the tow line. Be ready to help the other person who is less fortunate than yourself. Here again, I have to praise you for doing a good job for S.W.A.S.S.C. this year, but the committee believes that you can do still better next year. Our school motto implies giving of your very best. Nothing less is good enough for your school and for the community.



THE PREFECTS

BACK ROW: J. Morris, J. Shippevich, K. Gosper, W. Steel, F. Draney, J. Holt, P. Larcombe, J. Henry (captain), Mr. A. H. Hodger (Master)
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 FRONT ROW: D. Douglas, R. Allan, L. Adam, Mr. A. Milne (Deputy-Headmaster), G. Henry (captain), Mr. A. H. Hodger (Master)
 In Charge: G. Jones, J. Cleary, N. Palmer, (Block donated by Victor Ice Cream.)

THE CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

With the publication of the Novocastrian I have an opportunity, as captain of Newcastle Boys' High School, to speak to the united school.

The year has been an exceedingly busy and progressive one, and our Headmaster has inspired us to work for the goals which he set us when he became our principal three years ago, namely "love of truth, consideration for others, appreciation of beautiful things." Mr. Beard has also instituted an appeal for the school, and we as pupils must accept responsibility for a section of this appeal, the rubber flooring cards. The onus is on us, the students, to co-operate fully, for by working and collecting for the appeal, we are helping ourselves and the future pupils, who will work in brighter surroundings and with more comfort. The school grounds have been improved immensely in the past year—a sure encouragement to our efforts in this direction. It is up to the boys themselves to fulfil the Headmaster's wishes for the betterment of the school.

The prefects and I wish to thank you for the co-operation which we have had throughout the year, and I would like to instil in the junior boys the spirit of self discipline which is so essential to the smooth and efficient running of a school.

Finally, Novocastrians, I would like to emphasise these points. Remain true to your motto, "Remis Velisque." Consider others as well as yourselves. SWASSC was formed for this very purpose. Wear a school uniform and be proud of it. The school is your school. Never forget it.

G. HENRY.

SPEECH NIGHT

The annual Speech Night held on 22nd May at the City Hall proved a very successful function and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

The Headmaster, Mr. F. H. Beard, welcomed the visitors and invited Alderman F. J. Cain to take the chair.

After the singing of the School Song the Headmaster delivered his annual report. In commemoration of teachers and pupils who had passed on, he asked for a few moments of silence. Regarding the achievements of the past year he expressed pride in the co-operation of the Department, the Repair Staff, the Council, visiting clergymen, hospitals, the Transport Department, parents and benefactors. He stressed the aim of building worthy citizens of our country and outlined what had been done to help achieve the four-square development he had spoken of on the previous Speech Night. Special tribute was paid to the prefects. After complimenting the prize-winners and referring to the changes in staff he appealed to parents to help towards the education of their children. If was possible, he said, to educate so as to make the right sort of citizens; and as an example of what could be done he told the story of war waifs in Switzerland. Finally he spoke of the School Appeal for £2000.

The Sportsmaster, Mr. L. McRae, then outlined the school's achievements in the field of sport. Two sea chanties, sung by the

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senior choir with soloist R. Inglis, were much enjoyed. An address was given by Mr. P. G. Price, B.Sc., Deputy Superintendent of Secondary Education, who expressed appreciation of the attitude of citizens towards education and gave details of what the Department had done. Mr. Basil Helmore also gave an entertaining address advising students to choose vocations to their liking.

The aims and work of the Parents and Citizens' Association were then presented by the President, Mr. H. Sticpewich. Mr. Sticpewich's address was followed by two very fine choral items, one by the junior choir, the other by the full choir, both of which received well-earned applause.

Then came the presentation of special prizes by Mrs. A. Chichester, Mr. Basil Helmore, Mrs. Cochrane, Mrs. Cleary and Dr. Enid Way, B.Sc., Ph.D., the presentation of school prizes and certificates by Alderman F. J. Cain, and the presentation of sports prizes by Mrs. H. Sticpewich.

After Mr. J. H. Cartwright, Inspector of Schools at Newcastle, had delivered the vote of thanks, the singing of the National Anthem brought to a close another memorable Speech Night.

B. THOMSON, 4A.

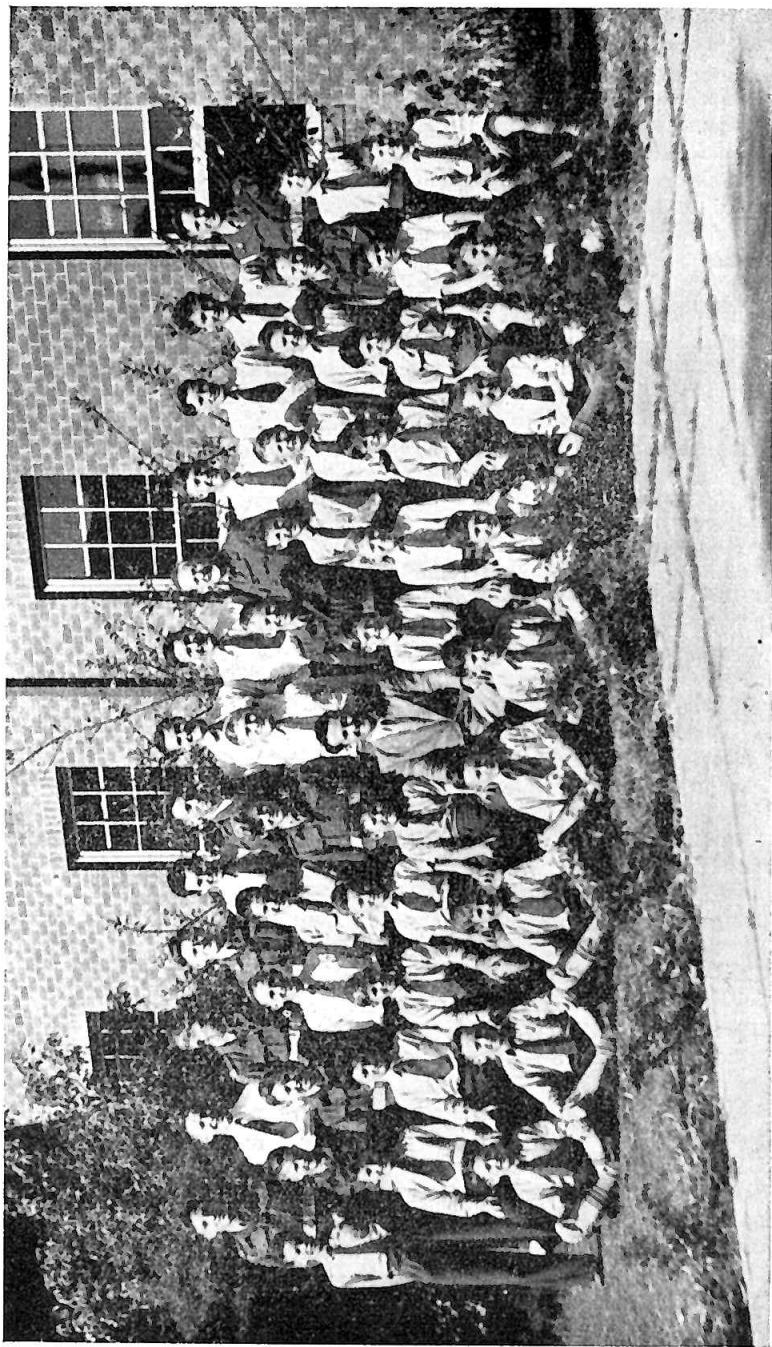
THE LIBRARY

During 1950, up to 31st July, a substantial increase in stock has been made by the addition of some 250 books to the library, comprising 200 adventure stories, plays and reference books, together with over 50 novels. To date, a sum in excess of £100 has been expended on new books, periodicals and repair materials.

Among the more popular additions are "Modern Practical Radio and Television," "Adventure and Discovery Book 3," "The Wooden Horse," "How to Play Cricket," and "Ned Kelly," a play. Included in the donors of books during the past year were two members of the staff, Mr. Clarke giving 49 and Mr. Watchorn two. Mr. and Mrs. Lay kindly donated the complete "Waverley Novels" of Sir Walter Scott in four volumes. So far four books have been received from students as donations during "Children's Book Week, 1950". New periodicals introduced this year include "Stamp Monthly" and "Students' Digest," which further augment the variety of magazines and periodicals available. Those on Current Affairs found very useful are "Current History," "Pacific Affairs," and "The World Today," which constitute only a portion of the comprehensive range available to students in their pursuit of information on various aspects of this subject.

The librarian, Miss Morison, deserves every praise for the efficient manner in which she has carried out her duties and maintained the traditionally high standard of the library. The school is at present receiving the full benefit of her management, as she is now permanently engaged in the work here.

Recently a reading room was opened in the assembly hall for the benefit of students who wish to have ready access to the current periodicals, daily papers and pamphlets on world affairs and education. This innovation is now well patronised by all years. An earnest group



THE CHOIR.

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 THIRD ROW: J. Palmer, B. Dennewald, B. Miller, H. Scott, N. Ellis, J. Stjepewich, K. Gosper, J. Mulholland, R. Inglis, P. Larcombe.
 BACK ROW: (Block donated by Neweaste Standard Laundry.)

of 4th year students is capably handling the task of cataloguing the Economics pamphlets. A photograph of the library was recently taken by G. Jenks, an ardent member of the Photographic Club.

The library has benefited by a number of recent improvements. Late last year a new filing cabinet was procured from the Department and this overcame the congestion previously caused. This year, new linoleum was laid on the floor, and with the addition of hand painted curtains the room will acquire a quite dignified appearance.

D. J. KELLY, 4A.

School Welfare and Social Service Committee

Following last year's successful activities it is gratifying for me to be able to report that this year's activities have been even more successful.

Under the able leadership of the school captain, Graham Henry, who was elected president, the committee has functioned smoothly and accomplished much, and many organisations have benefited as a result. Donations were made to such worthy causes as the United Nations' Appeal for Children (£21) and the Maitland Flood Appeal (£20). The committee also purchased Mothers' Day buttons to the value of £18/10/- from the Benevolent Society, and buttons to the value of £18/10/- to help the Stewart House Appeal. In addition, considerable aid is being given to the Legacy Appeal, and, although a final figure cannot be given before this report goes to press, it is anticipated that a substantial sum will be made available for this very worthy cause.

It will be seen that the activities of S.W.A.S.S.C. are indeed growing, and it is to be hoped that its activities in the forthcoming year will expand even further. The committee appeals to all boys from 1st to 5th year to continue to support this fund which is doing so much to assist those in need, and to make S.W.A.S.S.C. an outstanding unit within our school.

The committee takes this opportunity of expressing its thanks to both Mr. Beard and Mr. Milne for the active interest they have shown and the advice they have so readily given throughout the year.

In conclusion, it has been a pleasure for me to be associated with this fine committee which has worked so well for such a worthy cause.

S. DALTON, Secretary.

MUSIC NOTES

It is pleasing to be able to write that this year's choir has been augmented by a number of senior boys. These constitute the tenor and bass parts making in all a four-part choir. Not as much four-part work was learnt as was planned but this will be increased next year.

The two choirs, junior and senior, also function separately. At Speech Night on May 22nd, the junior choir sang in two parts the minuet from "Don Giovanni" by Mozart. The senior choir, with prefect Bob Inglis as soloist, sang two sea shanties, "Billy Boy" and "Johnny come down to Hilo". The two choirs then combined to sing the English folk-song, "High Barbaree".

We must thank our accompanist, Reg. Mitchell of 3A, who has always been dependable and helpful and whose work has always been excellently prepared and executed. Thanks are due also to Bob Beal of fifth year for his help at Speech Night, and also to Bob Inglis who in more ways than one has been a staunch worker for the choir. Also, of course, thanks to all those boys who have given up so much of their own time to come along to our practices. Mr. D. T. WATCHORN.

THE CADET DETACHMENT

The reader can best understand our company if he will remember the aims of the corps as a whole—among others the development of a boy's initiative and character. It is obvious that Captain Fountain, the O.C., has endeavoured to see these aims realised. It has been his policy to give the boys as much responsibility as possible, to have them get to know the job themselves, and the favourable way in which our boys compare with others in camp shows that this policy brings results.

While the boys themselves do as much as possible, they always get whatever assistance they need both from the school and from the army. In some field or other they can find expression and a means of development for whatever qualities they have. In the past few years the variety of types of training has grown. We now have mortar groups, anti-tank, signalling and intelligence sections, a band and an ambulance corps; and annually at various training schools boys qualify as officers, N.C.O.'s, or specialists in some particular section.

Not only in regard to diversity of training has the company developed, as a brief glance at the rolls will show: 1948, 110; 1949, 140; 1950, 180. Yet, though there are 180 boys occupied in various ways, they still remain essentially members of one body, for constant participation in camps, bivouacs, and on the rifle range, often in competition with other schools, strengthens unit pride.

Smartness within the unit is stimulated by the Captain Jacobs Trophy, for which all sections compete. On the death of Captain Jacobs some years ago, the company sought some means to perpetuate his memory and his work—the laying of a solid basis for the development which we now see. Recently we lost a good man in the person of Mr. Jear, who has been transferred to another district. We now have two more very able and likeable gentlemen, Captain Marquet and Mr. Watchorn, in our company.

We suffer constant setbacks when trained N.C.O.'s and officers pass out. But so long as the aim of the company is to develop individual character, so long as every cadet feels he has a job to do and is doing it, then progress must be made. R. INGLIS, 5th year.

ANZAC DAY

On Tuesday, 25th April, the Anzac Ceremony took place in the assembly hall. The proceedings were opened with the school singing a stanza of "The Recessional" by Rudyard Kipling. Then after a short address by Mr. Beard who stressed the importance of the occasion throughout the British Empire, Mr. Hodge gave us a graphic picture of the background of the events connected with the historic landing at Gallipoli.

Another stanza of "The Recessional" was sung, and Mr. Beard then referred to the picture of Captain Jeffreys, which is on view at the school. He was awarded the V.C. in World War I. Reference was also made to the citation sent by the King commending Captain Jeffreys for his bravery.

Section of John Masefield's book, "Gallipoli", was quoted. Mr. Beard impressed upon us that war was not being glorified, but the heroism, self-sacrifice and devotion of those who fought. The school repeated after Mr. Beard lines from Laurence Binyon's poem, "For the Fallen," containing the moving words:

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."

The captain and the vice-captain of the school carried a heart-shaped wreath made from flowers grown at the school from the stage and presented it to Mr. Bates and Mr. Davies. It was placed by them on the honour roll, and then Mr. Perkins sounded the Last Post and the Reveille, while the school faced the flag in silence. The ceremony was concluded by the singing of the National Anthem.

B. WHITEHEAD, 4A.

EMPIRE DAY

Our celebration of Empire Day this year took the usual form of an assembly at which speeches were given and patriotic songs sung.

The proceedings began with the school singing "Advance Australia Fair". In the absence of Mr. Beard, Mr. Milne read the Earl of Gowrie's message to the youth of the Empire and spoke about the significance of the occasion. Addresses were also given by Trefor Morgan, 3A, David Horsefield, 1A, and Donald Douglas, 5th year. These boys merit congratulations on the uniformly high standard of their speeches. The school gave spirited renditions of "There'll Always Be An England" and Rudyard Kipling's "Recessional." The ceremony ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

A group of cadets from the school detachment was inspected by Major-General Stevens during the function arranged by the Royal Empire Society.

Bob Beal of 5th year and Errol Hodge of 3A won the over 15 and under 15 boys' sections of the Royal Empire Society's public speaking competition. The theme of the speeches was "that the partnership of the Empire is something real and living." The girls' sections were won by Margaret Redman and Jan Meletios, students at our sister school, Girls' High. Congratulations to all four on their very fine achievement.

A. MURPHY, 4A.

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The School Concert

The annual school concert held in the City Hall on September 19th provided a large audience with an exceptionally fine programme.

The first item was presented by the junior choir, which gave a very enjoyable rendering of "As I Walked Through The Meadows" (Sharpe) and "Oh, No, John!" A group of 1A boys trained by Miss Morison then presented a play, "Robin Hood and King Richard," in which the players acted their parts very well indeed. Two more songs, "The Keys of Canterbury" (Sharpe) and "Rolling Down to Rio" (German) were splendidly sung by the junior choir. This item was followed by a very amusing version of the Interlude from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," excellently performed by 3A boys under the direction of Mr. P. Marquet. This play caused many laughs. The audience was then entertained by a really breath-taking exhibition of gymnastics, including vaulting, tumbling and pyramid building, by members of the Physical Education Club trained by Mr. J. Wood. After interval "Greensleeves" (Shaw) was rendered by the full choir, the tenors and basses combining splendidly with the sopranos and altos of the junior choir. The next item was a play, "The Hundredth Man," adapted from Hugo's "Les Miserables." This was a very fine performance by boys from 2A under the supervision of Mr. F. Smith. The full choir with R. Inglis as soloist then sang "The Yeomen of England" (German). This song, I thought, was the best of the musical items. The Senior Dramatic Club, supervised by Mr. R. McFarlane, concluded the concert with a very capable performance of "The Apple Tree" or "Why Misery Never Dies" by Brighouse. This play of an entirely different nature from the others was very well received.

A marked feature of all the plays was the excellence of the stage properties, the costuming and the make-up. The choral singing showed clearly the good work done by Mr. D. Watchorn; and high praise is due to the fine support given to the singers by accompanists K. Thomas and R. Mitchell.

As Mr. Milne said when he expressed appreciation of the efforts of all concerned in the concert and thanked the audience for its patronage, all those present must surely have been glad that they had not missed such a splendid evening's entertainment. (R. Wilson, 4A.).

Air Force Week

During Air Force Week the school was represented by the Cadet Band which led a procession of R.A.A.F. men along Hunter Street to the Cenotaph, where a memorial service was held, and then led the procession back to the railway station. We congratulate the Band on the high praise it won on that occasion. Afterwards it participated in celebrations at the Air Force Club. The Friday of Air Force Week was observed as Battle for Britain Day. In an impressive address to the assembled staff and students the Headmaster recalled the glorious part played by the Air Force in the Battle for Britain; and, as he was speaking, a number of aircraft roared low over the school. After he had read a poem written by a young airman who did not survive the

Battle for Britain, a short period of silence was observed in commemoration of those who fought so magnificently during that grim stage of the war.

Current Affairs

The study of Current Affairs has proceeded effectively throughout the year during the Monday 6th and 9th periods. The fortnightly discussions in class groups using posters and discussion leaflets have been based on a programme of topics arranged by Mr. A. Hodge. On alternate Mondays there have been the senior and junior assemblies, at which students have frequently had the privilege of hearing visiting speakers. Quizzes and the keeping of Current Affairs note books have been continued, a newspaper file and informative pamphlets have been available to students in the hall, and the amount of sources of information in the library has been steadily increased. The pupils of the school are fortunate in being given all these opportunities of developing such an important part of their education.

Staff v. Students Soccer Match

On Wednesday, August 16th, Messrs. W. Anderson, H. Beveridge, C. Bowser, A. Cuthbert, R. Grierson, A. Holmes, P. Marquet, L. McRae, F. Saunders, J. Shields and D. Watchorn, each looking, if not feeling, every other inch a footballer, fought a breath-taking battle against the school's A1 soccer team on Waratah oval. For the staff Messrs. W. Anderson, R. Grierson and C. Bowser each brilliantly scored a goal. The A1's, with goals by K. Scott, D. Renton and K. Grant, were able to even the tally in spite of the spectacular goal-keeping of Mr. H. Beveridge who, it was asserted, frequently outwitted the attacking A1's by obscuring the goal mouth with a smoke screen from his pipe.

Old Boys v. The School

The league match Old Boys v. the School played on Wednesday, August 23rd, resulted in a win for the Old Boys 12-0. W. Gain, K. Harris, J. Cuthbert, W. Sneddon, J. Murray, A. Sanlorenzo, G. Sanders, W. Lindsay, R. Ross, T. Bray, K. Bray, J. Meletios, J. Davies and C. Avery played for the Old Boys, the last four each scoring a try. Owing to adverse weather tennis matches were not played on this occasion. The league match was followed by a very enjoyable social gathering at afternoon tea in the hall.

Bar Beach Ladies' Auxiliary

The N.B.H.S.B.L.A. feel they have reason to be well satisfied with the results of their zealous work of the past year. We now have 59 members on our roll book and it can truly be said that every one is an active member doing her utmost for the cause.

At our first meeting after Christmas the secretary was asked to send an invitation to mothers of all new first year students residing in Bar Beach area, asking them to attend our March monthly meeting. This was to be followed by a luncheon party and cards in the afternoon. In this manner the old members mingled with the new and in no time were on very friendly terms—a very sound basis for happy relations in any auxiliary, I'm sure you will agree. We held a

lovely musicale in the home of Mrs. Leishman in December, and we raised £6/14/9. In February the proceeds of a jumble sale cleared £15/7/8. The highlight of the auxiliary for the year both socially and financially was the Garden Fete held at the home of member Mrs. John Tate on Saturday, April 27. Mr. and Mrs. Tate, together with our indefatigable auxiliary, worked like ants to be rewarded with a result of £131/6/1 from which only about £3 had to be deducted for expenses. The next successful function was an afternoon and evening card party held in the home of our president, Mrs. Ellis, in June. Altogether 140 people attended, swelling our funds with another handsome sum of £26/16/3. Earlier in the year we had written to Rundles asking them if our auxiliary could share in the proceeds of one of their popular charity dances. It was with much pleasure we received a cheque from them in July for an amount of £25. The proceeds from all these pleasant social functions have built up our bank balance very satisfactorily and we hope before long to see the new stage curtains in the assembly hall. This has been our objective since the inception of the auxiliary.

All our energies are at present concentrated on helping the parent body of the P. and C. with the supper dance which is to be held in Newbolds' Reception Hall on Thursday, 28th September. As this is quite an innovation for P. & C. money raising, we are doing our utmost to make it an outstanding success, something to be talked of for years to come.

Tickets are 12/6 double and 6/6 half.

B.B.L.A. meets at the home of Mrs. Mitchell, 7 Fenton Ave., Bar Beach, the first Thursday in every month at 10.30 a.m., and invites you and you to come along.

GRACE GOSPER, secretary, MU 2049.

The Parents and Citizens' Association

The Newcastle Boys' High School Parents' and Citizens' Association has with outstanding zeal accepted its year's responsibilities, each member realising that individuality is required as well as consolidated effort.

The main concentration is the fostering of the £2000 appeal to raise funds for school amenities and the memorial gates, but, of course, the appeal is by no means the sole effort of the association, it being but the sponsor. The students and ex-students have done much to date to assist the appeal. Still the P. and C. will not be content until the appeal reaches its maximum.

Much of the association's success is due to the Ladies' Auxiliaries (Waratah and Bar Beach), for the ladies appear to have that ability to raise funds which staggers business men. Bar Beach Auxiliary set themselves a task to provide curtains for the assembly hall. They achieved their objective. But perhaps the greatest amount of credit goes to the untiring effort of all the ladies who every week or so throughout the year cater, out of their own larders, for various functions.

The enthusiasm of the Headmaster, Mr. Beard, creates tremendous incentive to our members, for he never lets up on the individual effort,

never finding his other interests too great or numerous to dull the edge of his own enthusiasm in matters appertaining to the P. & C. work.

Our association members are more than grateful to the Masters and Assistants of the school for the individual and collective assistance given the association. They are also desirous of expressing appreciation of the untiring efforts of the Sportsmasters in training and preparing students for sporting events, and we are all filled with pride at the outstanding results and achievements by the school. We wish the school bigger and better results, if that is possible.

The academic achievements of the school cannot be passed unnoticed. Newcastle Boys' High is always "high up the ladder." Who is responsible? Thanks to the Masters and Assistants. The parents realise your unenviable task.

May we conclude by saying the P. & C. Association appreciates fully its responsibility to the school and will at all times accept those responsibilities.

B. L. GOSPER, Hon. Secretary.

HEALTH WEEK

During Health Week this year an address was given at the school by Dr. Harvey Sutton on Tuesday, September 26th. On the same day a group of our pupils under the direction of Mr. J. Wood gave a Physical Education display in front of Newcastle Post Office. On Thursday, September 28th, our first year pupils took part in a march in Newcastle, while second, third and fourth year boys witnessed a programme of Health Week films at Waratah.

KEVIN GOSPER, VICE-CAPTAIN.

On Monday, October 9th, Mr. Beard announced that, as Joe Dimmock had left school, Kevin Gosper would be vice-captain for the remainder of the year. We express our appreciation of Joe Dimmock's fine work and our hopes for his future success, and we congratulate Kevin Gosper on becoming our new vice-captain.

THE SCHOOL FETE, OCTOBER 6th.

The annual fete, organised by our P. and C. and Ladies' Auxiliaries to raise money for the school's £2000 appeal and officially opened by Mrs. Basil Helmore, produced a very gratifying response, and we record our thanks to all who contributed to its success. With Mr. B. L. Gosper at the microphone the afternoon's activities proceeded in true carnival style. Attractions this year included stalls conducted by auxiliary members, numerous games and displays arranged by students and members of the staff, a photographic "studio" conducted by boys from the Photography Club, provision of light refreshments by auxiliary members, a changing of the guard ceremony conducted by the Senior Cadet Detachment accompanied by the Cadet Band, musical items arranged by Mr. D. Watchorn, a one-act farce, "The Crimson Coconut," produced by Mr. F. Smith, a mannequin parade directed by Mr. A. H. Hodge, and a very enjoyable evening concert arranged by Mr. L. Kearns and including artists from Marcus Clark and Elma Revue companies.

Farewell to Fifth Year

In the assembly hall on Thursday, November 2nd, the school bade farewell to our 5th year students. Speeches expressing appreciation of 5th year in general and the prefects in particular, and wishing the departing students success in the L.C. examination and happiness in after-school life were made by Mr. Beard, Mr. Milne, the subject masters, the captain-elect, Don Willis, D. Horsefield (for 1st year), E. Temby (for 2nd year), and K. Davies (for 4th year). Graham Henry made his final speech as captain of the school addressing the assembled pupils and, on behalf of 5th year, asked Mr. Beard to accept for the school two landscape paintings and a school flag. Mr. Beard expressed his appreciation of these fine gifts and of the true school spirit revealed by this gesture on the part of 5th year. At the close of the ceremony the 5th year students filed out of the hall to the accompaniment of three hearty cheers.

The Father and Son Dinner

The annual Father and Son Dinner, one of the most important events of the school year, was held on Thursday night, November 2nd, and was attended by a large gathering of students, members of the staff, fathers of students, and visitors. Among the visitors were the Lord Mayor, Alderman H. D. Quinlan, Mr. C. E. Griffith, M.H.R., Mr. L. B. Saddington, President of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, Mr. E. C. Sara, representing the Old Boys' Union, and Mr. J. H. Cartwright, Inspector of Schools.

The main items during this enjoyable function were the various toasts and the replies. The departing captain, Graham Henry, who was chairman, proposed the toast to the school and was supported by the departing vice-captain, Kevan Gosper. In his reply, the Headmaster stressed that the school's training of boys aimed at good citizenship so that, on leaving school, boys would be able to give the community the benefit of their character and education. R. Beal proposed the toast to the staff; P. Larcombe, the toast to the ex-students; D. Willis, the captain-elect, the toast to the departing 5th year students; J. Cleary, the toast to the parents; Dr. D. Henry, the toast to the sons; and D. Douglas, the toast to the visitors. The replies to these speeches were made by the Deputy-Headmaster, Mr. A. W. Milne (for the staff), Mr. E. C. Sara and Mr. R. J. Cochrane (for the ex-students), J. Morris (for the departing 5th year students), the Reverend J. Douglas (for the parents), and the Lord Mayor, Alderman H. D. Quinlan, Mr. H. J. Sticpewich, President of the P. and C. Association, and Mr. J. H. Cartwright, Inspector of Schools (for the visitors).

Old Boys v. The School's First Eleven

On the afternoon of Wednesday, October 25th, at Waratah Oval, a team of old boys, Messrs. J. Anderson (captain), N. Jones, K. Halliday, T. Coulin, B. Roxby, R. Stewart, N. Scotman, W. Willis, J. Rochester, O. Johnston, and H. Haslam, four of them district 1st graders, proved too good for our 1st XI.

Batting first the old boys closed their innings at nine for 98, N. Jones scoring 33, T. Coulin 26, R. Stewart 19. G. Mould took six wickets

for 33, D. Ryan one for 25, J. Roxby one for 22. Our team's innings produced only 43 runs, with J. Roxby scoring 22, D. Ryan 9 n.o. For the old boys R. Stewart took three for 29, W. Willis three for two, K. Halliday, two for nil, N. Jones two for two. Given another chance to show their mettle our firsts were eight out for 71 at the close of play, D. Willis scoring 15, A. Davidson 15, D. Ryan 13, J. Roxby 9, while N. Jones took five wickets for 19 and K. Halliday two for five. Four of our boys, D. Willis, G. Mould, J. Roxby and D. Dyer (wicket-keeper) were praised by the old boys.

It was an enjoyable afternoon's cricket, and hopes were expressed that the match might become an annual, full-day fixture. We thank the umpires, Messrs. Hart and Roberts, who volunteered their services when they learnt that the match had been arranged.

The Passing-Out Parade

On Thursday, November 2nd, our Cadet Unit conducted a very impressive passing-out parade. The guard of honour inspected by Brigadier J. W. Main (C.O. 2nd Battalion, Newcastle) was highly praised. The official party was greeted by Captain H. Fountain and Captain P. Marquet, and the visitors were welcomed by Mr. F. H. Beard. Colonel J. O'Sullivan (O.C. 2nd Cadet Brigade, N.S.W.) presented certificates from cadet courses, and Brigadier Main presented records of service in the Cadet Corps. The Captain Jacobs Memorial Trophy was presented by Mr. K. Bignall to No. 1 Platoon (Lt. J. Sticpewich). Mr. H. J. Sticpewich (President of our P. and C.) promised the Corps that the colours would be presented as soon as they were completed.

The closing part of the ceremony was a splendid march past the school gates where the salute was taken by Brigadier Main, accompanied by the official party including Captain Gosper (8th Field Ambulance), Flight Lieutenant E. Anderson (R.A.A.F.), Captain V. J. Sharpe (15th Northern Rivers Lancers), and Lieutenant A. H. Thomas (2nd Battalion).

Prefects — Elect for 1951

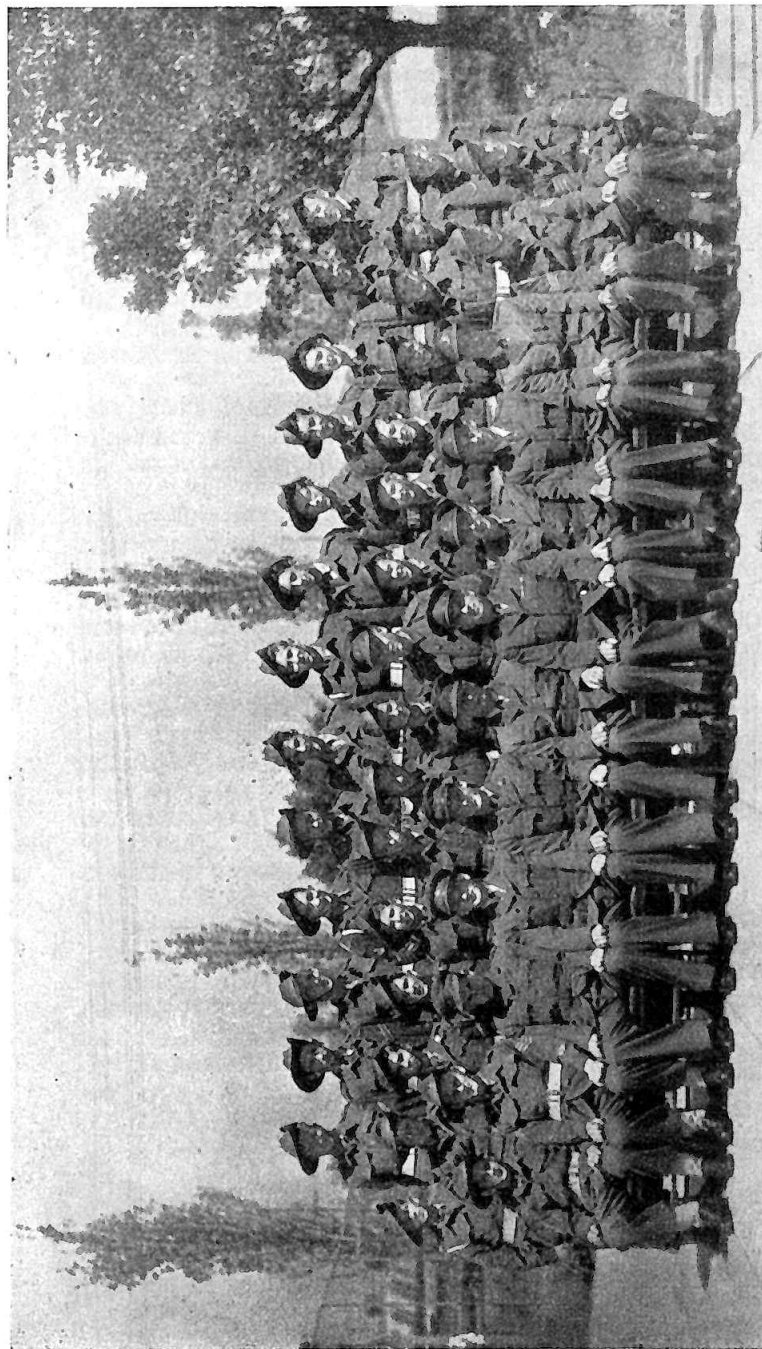
D. Willis (captain), A. Davidson (vice-captain), M. Allwood, B. Baldwin, J. Blackley, G. Bradford, J. Cornelius, K. Davies, J. Farrell, P. Goninan, J. Kempster, K. King, B. Lobb, C. McCosker, J. Miles, B. Munro, D. Pardy, D. Ryan, J. Sticpewich, B. Thomson.

Mr. A. W. Bates

As Mr. A. W. Bates will leave the teaching service at the end of the year, we take this opportunity of expressing in the Novocastrian our wish that his period of retirement may be a long and happy one.

Winners of Prizes for Contributions

We congratulate the following boys who have won prizes for their contributions: Verse—R. Inglis; Report—D. Kelly; Drawing—C. Whitehead; Original Prose Composition—R. Beal (5th year), A. Murphy (4th year), K. McDonald (3rd year), J. McKenzie (2nd year), C. Whitehead (1st year).



OFFICERS and N.C.O.'s of Senior Cadet Unit.
 BACK ROW: Cpls. Lyons, Body, Inglis, Dr. Mal. Alcorn, L/Cpl. Higgs, Cpl. Roach, Sgt. Burns, Cpl. Taylor, L/Cpls. Groth, Pardy, Cpls. Fyfe, Jones, O'Brien.
 CENTRE: Sgt. Adamson, L/Cpl. Geddes, Cpls. Nelson, Burns, Rothery, L/Cpls. Barratt, Chapman, Chillingworth, W.O. Dalton, L/Cpl. Peterson, Cpl. Beck, L/Cpl. Kerr, Taylor.
 FRONT: S/Sgt. Gregory, Sgt. Scott, Lis. Ellis, Henry, Inglis, Ca pts. Fountain, Marquet, Lis. Holt, Sticpewich, Coucher, Sgt. Henderson, Wearne. (Block donated by Stewarts and Lloyds Pty. Ltd.)

LEAVING CERTIFICATE RESULTS, 1949.

(1 English, 2 Latin, 3 French, 4 German, 5 Maths 1, 6 Maths 2, 7 General Maths, 9 History, 12 Combined Physics and Chemistry, 13 Physics, 14 Chemistry, 18 Geography, 19 Economics, 20 Music, 36 Technical Drawing).

Alchin, W. L., 1B 3B(o) 5B 6B 13B 14H2.
 Allan, C. C., 1B 3B(o) 5B 6B 19B 36B.
 Ambler, H. M., 1B 3B 5B 6B 13A 14A.
 Arthur, J. J., 1B 9B 19B 20B.
 Asquith, D. G., 1B 5B 6B 13B 14B 18B.
 Brisley, W., 1A 5A* 6A 13H1 14A 18B.
 Brooks, J., 1A 3A(o) 5A 6A 13A 14A.
 Brown, G. G., 1A 3A(o) 5A 6A 13H1 14H1.
 Charker, K. W., 1A 5A 6B 13A 14A 18B.
 Clarke, H. J., 1B 5B 13A 14B.
 Dennis, R. Q., 1B 3B(o) 5B 6B 14B.
 Derkenne, W. G., 1H2 7B 9A 12B 18B 19A.
 Donald, R. C., 1B 9B 18B 19B.
 Dowey, A., 1A 3B(o) 5A 6A 13H2 14A.
 Eakin, R. L., 1A 9A 12B 19B.
 Egginton, A., 1A 3A(o) 7B 9B 14B 19B.
 Engel, B. A., 1A 3B(o) 5A 6A 13A 14A.
 Fullick, W. J., 1A 3B 5B 6B 14B 19B.
 Gibson, C. A., 1A 5B 6B 14B.
 Gittoes, P. T. E., 1A 3A(o) 4H2(o) 7B 12B 19B.
 Gleghorn, G., 1H2 9H2, 12B 18B 19A.
 Gore, I. W., 1A 3B(o) 7B 9A 19B.
 Gray, R. W., 1A 3H1(o) 7A 13H2 14H2.
 Grimmond, B. D., 1B 5B 6B 13B 14B 36B.
 Harrison, C., 1A 5A 6A 13H2 14H1.
 Hughes, C. R., 1B 13B 14B 18B.
 Jacobs, J. A., 1A 7B 9B 18B 19B.
 King, R. F., 1B 5B 6B 13A 14B 36B.
 Leishman, D. H., 1B 5B 6B 18B.
 Lindsay, W. A., 1A 9B 18B 19B.
 Lynch, J. M., 2B 3B(o) 9B 12B.
 McKenzie, A. C., 1A 7B 9A 14B 18B 19A.
 Mackie, I. J., 1A 3H1(o) 5A 6A 13H2 14A.
 Milton, R. J., 1B 2B 5B 6B 12B 18B.
 Mitchell, P. R., 1B 5A 6B 13A 14B.
 Morrison, F. J., 1A 2B 7B 9B 12B 18B.
 Murray, J. H., 1B 7B 13B 14B 20A.
 Murray, R. S., 1B 5B 6A 13A 14H2 18B.
 Nelson, J., 1H2 3A(o) 7B 9A 12B.
 O'Brien, J. W. J., 1A 9A 14B 18B 19B.
 Pengelly, C. R. W., 1A 3A(o) 5A 6B 13A 14A.
 Prowse, R. A., 1A 3B(o) 7B 19B 20B.
 Rees, J. A., 5B 6B 13B 36B.
 Reid, D. G., 1B 3A(o) 5A 6A 13H2 14H1.
 Robertson, D. A., 1A 3B 5B 6B 13A 36B.
 Sanders, G. W., 1B 5B 6B 13B 14B 18B.
 Sheedy, B. P., 1B 3B(o) 5A 6A 13A 14A.
 Smith, J. E., 1B 5A 6B 13B 14A.
 Thomson, N. J., 1B 5B 6B 13A 14A.
 Tinkler, B. R., 1B 5B 6B 13A, 14A.
 Wallace, T. T., 1B 5A 6A 13A 14A.
 White, R. A., 1B 3A(o) 5A 6B 13H2 14H1.
 Williams, R. C., 1A 3A(o) 5A* 6A 13A 14H1.
 Winney, N. R., 1B 5A 6B 13A 14A.
 Wyatt, R., 1B 3A(o) 4A(o) 5B 19B.

University Exhibitions: P. Gittoes (Arts); R. Gray, I. Mackie (Medicine); W. Brisley, A. Dowey, B. Engel (Science); R. Williams (Engineering).

Honours: English—W. Derkenne, G. Gleghorn, J. Nelson; French—R. Gray, I. Mackie; German—P. Gittoes; Maths 1—W. Brisley, R. Williams; History—G. Gleghorn; Physics—W. Brisley, G. Brown, A. Dowey, R. Gray, C. Harrison, I. Mackie, D. Reid, R. White; Chemistry—W. Alchin, G. Brown, R. Gray, C. Harrison, R. Murray, D. Reid, R. White, R. Williams.

Liversidge Prize: R. White.

University Bursaries: R. Gray, C. Harrison, R. Williams.

Coal Board Scholarships: R. Gray (Syd. Uni.), R. Brooks, C. Harrison, R. Williams (Uni. Tech.).

Duntroon Scholarship: I. Gore.

Teachers' College Scholarships: H. Ambler, D. Asquith, W. Brisley, A. Dowey, A. Egginton, B. Engel, W. Fullick, C. Gibson, B. Grimmond, W. Lindsay, R. Milton, R. Murray, R. Prowse, B. Sheedy, R. White, N. Winney, R. Wyatt.

INTERMEDIATE PASSES — 1949

Adcock, E.; Alcorn, B.; Allwood, M.; Ambler, D.; Atherton, C.; Baldwin, J.; Barnes, D.; Bates, D.; Belford, G.; Blackley, J.; Bluford, D.; Boddy, B.; Body, P.; Bowe, G.; Boyd, C.; Boyd, R.; Braye, A.; Bridge, T.; Brown, H.; Butterworth, J.; Cameron, J.; Cavanagh, R.; Charles, J.; Chisholm, D.; Clifford, G.; Cole, J.; Cook, B.; Cowcher, J.; Daniels, A.; Davidson, A.; Davidson, W.; Davies, K.; Davis, B.; Edgerton, A.; Everett, T.; Ferguson, J.; Frost, R.; Gibbins, H.; Gill, J.; Gregory, K.; Griffiths, J.; Haynes, G.; Haynes, R.; Henderson, J.; Hoff, R.; Holcombe, R.; Holmes, B.; Hull, B.; Huolohan, P.; Imrie, J.; Ingall, G.; Jenks, G.; Jobson, J.; Jones, B.; Jones, N.; Kay, N.; Kelly, D.; Kerr, D.; King, K.; Lewis, E.; Lewis, L.; Lobb, B.; Lyon, R.; McCosker, C.; McDonald, D.; McKenna, M.; McLaughlin, J.; McLeod, A.; Magin, R.; Mann, D.; Marshall, J.; Martin, P.; Mason, D.; Maxwell, B.; Mayo, K.; Miles, J.; Miller, D.; Miller, R.; Moore, Alan; Moore, Arthur; Morgan, D.; Morgan, S.; Morrow, B.; Morton, W.; Mould, G.; Munro, B.; Murphy, A.; Norris, A.; Pardey, H.; Plowman, J.; Poulton, J.; Pullinger, R.; Roocke, R.; Rowland, B.; Ryan, D.; Seddon, P.; Smith, M.; Stewart, D.; Sticpewich, J.; Straker, G.; Talbot, K.; Thomson, B.; Timmins, J.; Wearne, B.; Whitehead, B.; Williams, B.; Williams, E.; Willis, D.; Wilson, D.; Wilson, R.; Woolley, R.; Wyatt, F.

Intermediate Bursaries: J. Imrie, J. Miles.

Lord Gowrie Scholarship: J. Miles.

PRIZE LIST

James Meikle Memorial Prize for Dux of School: R. W. Gray.

Ross Mearns Prize: G. Gleghorn.

Basil Helmore Prize: D. Willis.

Captain John Cleary Memorial Prizes: G. Gleghorn (English and History).

W. V. Cochrane Memorial Prize: R. White.

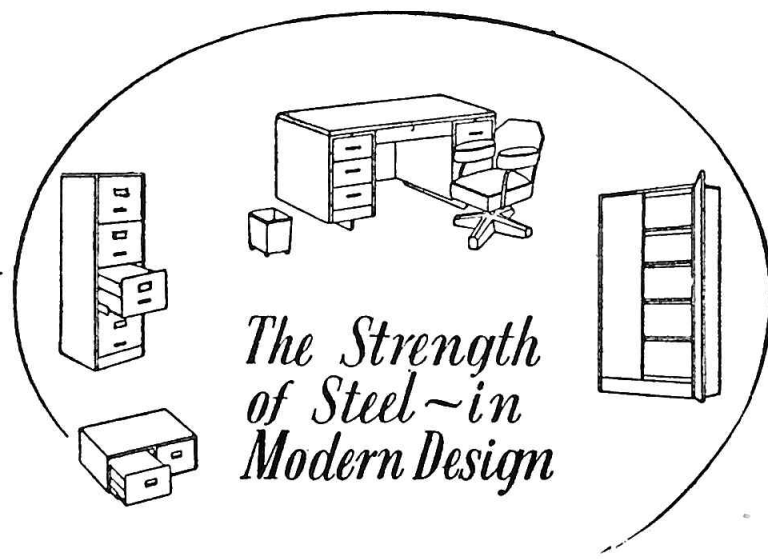
Allan J. Way Prizes: W. Brisley (Physics, L.C.), J. Cleary and W. Steel (Aeq. Physics, 4th yr.), T. Sheedy (Chemistry, 4th yr.).

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Best Passes at L.C.: R. W. Gray, G. G. Brown, I. J. Mackie, R. C. Williams, R. A. White, W. Brisley.

Subject Prizes at L.C.: English, History, Economics, G. Gleghorn; Latin, F. J. Morrison; French, I. J. Mackie; German, Combined Physics and Chemistry, P. Gittos; Mathematics 1, R. C. Williams; Mathematics 2, Physics, W. Brisley; General Mathematics, R. W. Gray; Chemistry, R. A. White; Geography, D. H. Leishman; Technical Drawing, J. A. Rees.

Fourth Year Prizes: T. Sheedy (dux), A. Pattison, P. Larcombe, W. Steel, D. Douglas, J. Cleary.

Fourth Year Certificates: English, Latin—G. Hill; History, German, General Maths—P. Larcombe; Geography—B. Dennewald; French—W. Steel; Maths 1 and 2—A. Pattison; Combined Physics and Chemistry—W. Charlton; Physics—J. Cleary and W. Steel (aeq.); Chemistry—T. Sheedy; Economics—K. Hincks; Technical Drawing—D. Winn.

Third Year Prizes: M. Smith (dux), D. Barnes, J. Miles, R. Boyd, A. Murphy and B. Whitehead (aeq.).

Third Year Certificates: English—J. Miles, M. Smith (aeq.); History—A. Murphy; Social Studies—B. Lobb; Latin, German, Combined Physics and Chemistry—M. Smith; French—J. Miles; Maths 1 and 2—D. Barnes; Business Principles—J. Butterworth; Technical Drawing—D. Ambler; 1st in 3A—M. Smith; 1st in 3B—S. Morgan; 1st in 3C—B. Boddy; 1st in 3D—K. Mayo.

Second Year Prizes: T. Morgan (dux), G. Hughes, A. Smith, R. Flanagan, B. Kemple, J. Whitton.

Second Year Certificates: English—P. Healy, R. Mitchell (aeq.); History—J. Mansfield, M. Beck (aeq.); Latin—R. Flanagan, P. Healy (aeq.); French—P. Healy, A. Smith (aeq.); German—A. Smith; Maths 1—J. Whitton; Maths 2—G. Hughes, T. Morgan (aeq.); Combined Physics and Chemistry—I. Fyfe; Social Studies—A. Rymer; Geography—J. Todd; Business Principles—J. Woods; Technical Drawing—C. Harrower; 1st 2A—T. Morgan; 1st 2B—D. Clarke; 1st 2C—P. Parkinson, J. Mitchell; 1st 2D—D. Deans; 1st 2E—J. Scarr.

First Year Prizes: G. Firkin (dux), M. Cotterill, P. Cole, D. Laycock and D. Evans, R. Douglas.

First Year Certificates: English—D. Laycock; History—R. Douglas; French—D. Evans, D. Laycock, K. Allen (aeq.); Latin—D. Evans; Maths 1—R. Bailey; Maths 2—R. Bailey, P. Cole (aeq.); Combined Physics and Chemistry—G. Firkin, K. Ardell (aeq.); Woodwork—W. Cater; Technical Drawing—K. Bright; Social Studies—D. Martyn; Geography—R. Croese; 1st 1A—G. Firkin; 1st 1B—J. Waters, 1st 1C—D. Martyn; 1st 1D—B. Evans; 1st 1E—W. Cater.

CLUB REPORTS

Dramatic Club: The activities of the Dramatic Club are somewhat hindered by reason of the fact that the senior and junior members meet together. The senior group is busily engaged in rehearsing Harold Brighthouse's quasi-morality play, "The Apple Tree" or "Why Misery Never Dies," which is to be produced on Play Day. The junior group's activities consist primarily of dramatic readings of "The Reluctant Dragon," "Higgins," "Queer Street," and "The Boatswain's Mate." (Mr. R. McFarlane).

The Sketch Club: At the commencement of the year, the Sketch Club elected a committee of five to arrange activities. It was decided, by a general vote, to divide the club into three groups, the groups taking it in turn to have work done by each member of that group and brought in for discussion and criticism, the various subjects to be decided upon by the committee. In this way, the artist could have his mistakes rectified. New mediums were introduced, such as water-colour washes, and to help in understanding this particular medium works of Paul Cezanne and Van Gogh were shown to express these artists' method of using colour. It was proposed to hold a monthly exhibition so that all the work on the one particular subject could be seen collectively and compared. Apart from this, any other work which members cared to bring in was also discussed and criticised. (B. Sharpe, 3B.).

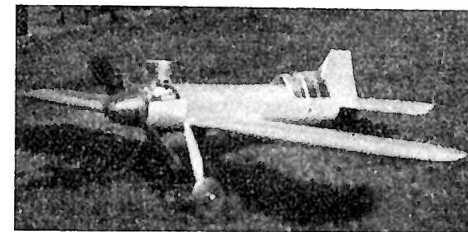
Senior Debating: The senior debating team had quite a successful year. We managed to win the northern division of the Hume-Barbour debating competition and we also defeated Gosford in the quarter finals. The three members of the team were driven to Gosford by car, and on arrival were presented to the whole school at a very impressive assembly. The debate against Gosford was a very close one. We were now eligible for the semi-final debate against North Sydney High. Although we were not successful in this debate we were received very well at Sydney, and we all had a very good time. North Sydney High gave us a hot dinner and afternoon tea before we left. On behalf of the team and on my own behalf I would like to extend our sincere thanks for the hospitality shown to our team by Gosford and North Sydney High Schools. As one of the most important people connected with a debating team is the coach, I would like to express our appreciation of the help and interest of Mr. Hyland during the whole competition, as we owed our success to his coaching. Finally I would like to wish success to the senior Hume-Barbour debating team for next year. (J. Morris, 5B, Captain).

Junior Hume-Barbour: The team consisted of J. Miles, D. Kelly, A. Murphy, R. Bradford, and M. Moore. Inexperience and exceedingly good opposition were the principal reasons for the team's two defeats by narrow margins. Our win was gained by a substantial margin, the opposition, however, presenting a very good case. Our first debate was against Technical High. We were represented by A. Murphy, D. Kelly and M. Moore, with J. Miles as reserve. This debate was lost by one point. The topic was "That democracy cannot succeed," we being the government. For the second debate we travelled to Cessnock, and

tasted for the first time the fruits of victory. The topic was "That the White Australia Policy should be continued," we being the government. In our team for this debate were J. Miles, A. Murphy, D. Kelly and R. Bradford (reserve). Our third and final debate was lost by a small margin. This debate was against Maitland High, the topic being "Trial by jury should be abolished." Again we were the government, being represented by the same team as in the previous debate. Throughout the round all our members spoke to the best of their ability and combined well as a team. We thank the adjudicators for their unbiassed rulings. We congratulate the winners, and we express our appreciation of the splendid opposition we encountered. Debating would be much less difficult to understand, if a regular system of adjudication was introduced. However, we consider that the competition has been deservedly won and cleanly fought. (R. Bradford, 4th yr.).

Junior Debating: This club was formed in September last year by several members of class 1A and has made good progress since then. We started as a handful of boys who knew almost nothing about debating. Now, thanks mainly to Mr. Ingram, the Hume-Barbour debaters and Mr. Rice, we believe we could hold our own with almost anyone our age. Since the club was formed we have had three presidents (R. Douglas, M. Cotterill and J. Kilpatrick), and three secretaries (J. Kilpatrick, J. McKenzie and A. Charlton). Our club programme consists of a formal meeting about once a month and debates once a week. We have heard all the Hume-Barbour debates held at our school and gained several useful hints from them. The club membership now stands at 16, including several excellent speakers. (J.D.S.C.).

Model Aeroplanes: This club, under the supervision of Mr. Abrahams, has progressed steadily and has now advanced to model sailplanes, the members having already built many hand-launched gliders and several rubber-powered models. Some members who are interested in powered models are doing well in their section of modelling and there are now ten boys in the club with power models. By the time



this magazine has been published an annual competition will have been held, the winner having received a substantial prize, which was made possible by a collection of threepence a fortnight. For a club consisting of boys of all ages, it has progressed quite well, and should be even better next year when the younger members gain more experience in the modelling game. (R. O'Brien, 5B.).

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Library: March 3rd marked the beginning of activities for the Library Club under the supervision of Miss A. Morison. As the club is interested in the proceedings of the Newcastle and Hunter District Historical Society, extracts are read from the society's magazine. Although not large in number, the members, on Thursdays, carry out work which helps the library considerably. Books which have deteriorated are reconditioned, and new books which have been presented to the school are catalogued and put into circulation. The library and the presses are kept in good condition, and magazines are tabulated. Members are instructed in the art of reconditioning books, and this is a great help to our librarian, who has not much time to spare. At various times the boys give lectures on the history of Newcastle. The club has made very good progress during the time it has functioned and will continue to improve throughout the year. (B. Whitehead, Pres.; J. Jobson, Sec.).

The Recorder Band: Formed early this year, the recorder band has made considerable progress. The band consists of 14 descant recorders and one treble recorder, with Mr. M. W. Brown as teacher. The recorders are now being combined with violins and other instruments to form a school orchestra, which will be able to provide enjoyable music for different occasions. Being in the recorder band, the boys are taking an active part in the appreciation of music. The recorder is a wind instrument, once of wood, but now usually made of plastic. It was very popular in England in the time of Shakespeare, and consorts of the different types of recorders (i.e., descant, treble, tenor and bass) were used a great deal. Having a fairly wide range and a soft tone, they were much in demand. Composers of the eminence of Purcell, Bach and Handel wrote a great deal of music for recorders. However, they lost their popularity and became obsolete. Their revival, in the early part of this century, is due to Mr. Arnold Dolmetsch. There are many recorder bands now in England, Germany, Switzerland and Australia and over 10,000 of the instruments have been sold in New South Wales, where there are many school recorder bands. (K. McDonald, 3A, Secretary.).

Senior Chess: This year the club has functioned successfully under the keen and capable supervision of Mr. Davies. There are about 20 members and a serious shortage of sets does not allow everyone to play a game each time we meet. Mr. Davies watches the matches and corrects any faults in play by the members. I feel sure that all the boys have learnt very much about chess from his capable instruction. Chess problems are solved every time we meet but, owing to the ability of the members, these are found by no means difficult. The carrying out of a championship excited keen interest among the boys and the high honour of chess champion was awarded to Charles Taylor. (T. Sheedy, 5A).

Junior Chess: This year, for the first time, a junior chess club has been formed. During the first term the club patron, Mr. Lloyd, explained the fundamental principles of the game to those who had not played before and gave us many valuable tips. A knock-out competition was played and the final was keenly contested between B. Smith of 3B and R. Bailey of 2A, the former being victorious.

Stamps: The Stamp Club, with Mr. Grierson as patron, has progressed well throughout the year. The officers were elected at the first meeting. Brian Relf was elected president, John Allen treasurer, and Trefor Morgan secretary. All have worked in the interest of the club. Trefor Morgan resigned his office in the middle of the year, and Kevin Brown was elected in his place. Competitions and stamp quizzes have been held at various intervals, and valuable prizes awarded. Throughout the year members of the club have delivered lecturettes on subjects of interest to the junior philatelists. Pen friends have been obtained for many of our members. The boys have pen friends from Newcastle-on-Tyne to Brazil. All the meetings have been well attended. This fact alone shows that many students are attracted by this interesting and profitable hobby, philately. (B. Relf, 4D.).

Photography: This year the Photography Club has engaged in many particularly successful activities owing to the unceasing efforts of Mr. H. Berriman, the patron. The membership of the club has grown from twenty-six to forty-five. A small weekly donation of three-pence is given by members to finance the club's activities. Early this year we were able to purchase a camera, which was converted into an enlarger. Club members can now do their own enlarging during the period on Thursdays in the Physics storeroom. Mr. H. Fountain generously gave his own contact printing box to the club. The box is now available for the three members who cannot do their own printing. Mr. Berriman demonstrated sepia toning to the members of the club. Facilities are available for sepia toning on Thursdays. Monthly competitions have been arranged on such subjects as holidays, school activities, action shots, scenes, portraits, and transport. Successful entrants are W. Steele, J. Davies, R. Young, P. Winn, S. Barnes and G. Jenkins. We would like to thank Mr. H. Berriman for all his work for the club, Mr. H. Fountain for the gift of the printing box, and Mr. R. Cochrane and the Science staff for their help and the use of the Physics storeroom. (G. Jenks, 4A.).

Films: The Film Club continues to flourish with about 350 members. Film shows alternate with discussion on the technical aspects of film making, special effects and the use of various techniques for trick results. In addition, surveys of current local programmes have revealed that a more selective approach to films is apparent among members. They have not been content to take films as they come, but instead apply to them standards of criticism which require certain basic attributes both from the production as well as the action side. Two films which excited favourable comment were "Passport to Pimlico" and "The Third Man"—the one for its original story and subtle humour, the other for its inspired direction and effective use of the camera in building up atmosphere and tension. "The Third Man" provided a useful example to illustrate the fact that stereotyped situations and orthodox treatment often spoil a good story. With the film named, however, the director brought originality and freshness to a normal "thriller" to lift it right out of the ordinary into the small group of distinguished films of this decade. Projectionists Stevenson, Rymer,



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Blackwell, Cummings and Smith have formed a remarkably efficient team, able at all times to assume full control of programme presentation. Their enthusiasm, hard work and reliability have made it possible for the master in charge, Mr. Hodge, to leave that aspect of the club entirely in their hands and devote his full attention to other details of club organisation. Additions to the team from 2nd year classes will be made during 3rd term. These trainees will fill gaps in the projection panel as required. A departure in the form of a competition for the best original scenario based on Australian History or Industry proved very successful. The winner was Neville Harrison of 1A. It is hoped that an experiment in actual film making will be possible shortly. (Mr. A. H. Hodge.).

Gymnastics: The Gymnastics Club came into existence as a hobbies group only this year, but despite its newness it has enrolled many enthusiastic boys. Mr. Cuthbert, one of our very popular P.T. teachers, started it. Under Mr. Wood's careful administration much progress has been made and the apparently difficult forward somersault is now easy to most of the boys. Recently Mr. Wood introduced a system into the club consisting of eight grades in order of decreasing difficulty to grade 1. Most boys are in grade 7. Grade 8 consists of forward rolls and simple box and balancing work. It is hoped that boys in 1st or 2nd year will be able to pass through all grades during their High School course, for this would be of great value to them if they are contemplating doing Physical Education as a career. D. Willis of 4th year is president of the club and there are representatives for each year. It is a pity that as a first class High School we should have such relatively poor equipment but, of course, this is no fault of the school. In spite of this handicap the boys have shown keenness which is a tribute to the work of both Mr. Wood and Mr. Cuthbert. (N. Palmer, J. Mulholland, 5th yr.).

Recorded Music: The enrolment of this club has undergone a number of changes during the year. The main reason for this was the advent of the Swing-Music Club. Among the larger works played were the piano concerto by Shostakovitch, "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" by Mozart, "The Devil's Trill" sonata for violin by Tartini, and "Pavane" by Faure. Those boys who have attended regularly have been very keen, and we can look forward to some good recordings in the 1st term. (Mr. D. Watchorn).

Jazz: Some 4th year boys, tired of going to the Recorded Music Club and listening to classical music every Thursday, appealed to the Headmaster for permission to start a Jazz Club. The Headmaster consented providing we could get a member of the staff to supervise the club. A jazz-loving teacher was found, and he (Mr. Shield) agreed to take charge. Then there was the question of the music. As the radio-gram was being used it was obvious that a portable gramophone would have to be obtained. I consented to bring along my gramophone each week. The records were the next problem. The idea was to get each boy to bring along a couple of records each week. Finally a room had to be chosen. The music room, the hall and the library were all oc-

cupied; so room 21 was chosen. Thus on May 25th, 1950, for the first time in the history of Newcastle Boys' High School, a meeting of a Jazz Club took place. Since then, each Thursday about 30 boys have been gathering to hear jazz and some swing records. Strictly speaking we have not kept to the title of the club as we have also introduced a number of swing records to provide a change from the jazz each week. The first few meetings of the Jazz Club were devoted to "A Short History of Jazz" by Mr. Shields. A jazz tune was chosen for the club's theme song, which is "Strutting with Some Barbecue" and is played by Louis Armstrong and his Hot Seven. The opinions of the members of the Jazz Club vary. Nearly every week an argument takes place on either "that jazz is a better form of music than swing" or "that Bix Beiderbloke would have been a better trumpeter than Louis Armstrong if he (Bix) had lived." Towards the end of the year the club was disbanded, but we hope the Headmaster will agree to its being established again next year. (J. McLaughlin, 4C.).

General Repairs: This club which consists of six members has been available to do any odd jobs which were required to be done in the school. So far we have mounted the Current Affairs posters and the U.N.I.C.E.F. posters and have seen to it that nails were provided for the dusters in the class rooms, and have mounted the sports pictures. Although such tasks may seem trivial, they are necessary, and we are pleased to do them. (D. Barnett, 3C.).

Inter-School Christian Fellowship: The I.S.C.F. was formed in June, 1949. Since then it has increased in size to a present membership of 25 to 30 members. Its meetings are held in room 21 each Friday at 1.40 p.m. (half way through lunch hour). The leader is Robert Beal of 5A, the supervisor Mr. Bowser, and the secretary, John Barrett. At each meeting an address is given by an outside speaker or by one of the members. There are many activities including hikes, picnics, bus trips and an annual dinner. We are very pleased that the membership is gradually increasing, for new members are always welcome to enjoy Christian fellowship with us. (G. Simpson, 2A.).



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Rugby Football—J. Dimmock, H. Marjoribanks, J. Murray, S. Murray, J. O'Brien, J. Rees, G. Sanders.

Soccer—J. Brooks, W. Fullick, B. Reay, W. Strang, K. Talbot.

Tennis—A. Egginton, I. Mackie, A. McKenzie, D. Robertson.

Athletics—K. Gosper.

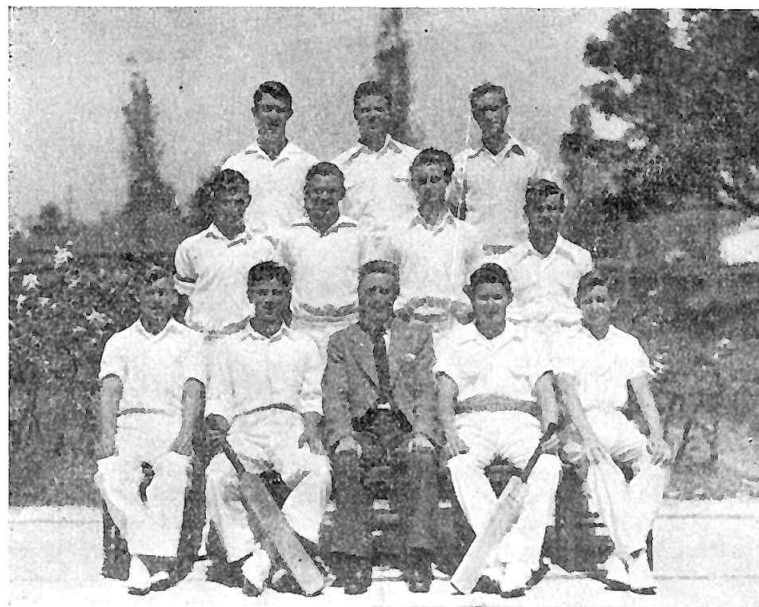
Rugby League.

First Grade: Owing to the phenomenally wet weather several rounds of the competition had to be abandoned. Thus the school team did not meet Cessnock or Hamilton Marist Brothers in competition fixtures. The premiership was decided on first round results and Technical High School won. Our congratulations go to that team. Our firsts played Maitland twice, to meet defeat 15-5 on the first occasion, but to record a narrow but well-merited win on the second. The University Shield semi-final was a third and deciding encounter with Maitland victorious by 5-2. Our team played honest, vigorous football in the best school tradition, but met experience and ability in their opponents. Aply led by Joe Dimmock, they tried every inch of the way and held the strong Tech. team to 10-3. In a team of hard workers Adams, Hetherington, Mould and Braye stood out with Holt, Ambrose and Henry as strong candidates for distinction. (Mr. A. Hodge.)

2nd Grade: Our 2nd grade team has completed a very successful season, retaining the cup the school won last year. This achievement was due mainly to the experienced coaching of Mr. Bates, the captaincy of "Snap" Campbell, who was cool in attack and grand in defence, and also the fine team spirit maintained throughout the season. We congratulate the Co-Premiers, Maitland Marist Brothers, and the other teams in the competition for the high standard of football played. (R. Haynes, 4th yr.)

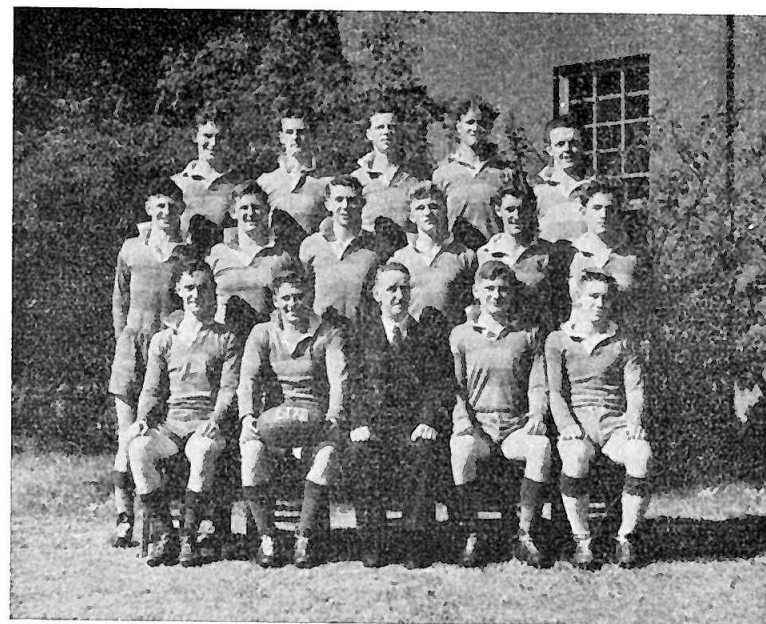
Third Grade: Owing to the bad weather experienced, only two competition games were played, against Maitland and Technical High Schools. Both these games were lost narrowly. We won two trial games played against Maitland High. Among the best players in the team were A. Charlton, N. Greene, and our popular captain, J. Farrell. Thanks are extended to our coach, Mr. Rice. (J. Sticpewich, 4th yr.)

Fourth Grade: Our first game of the season was a trial game against Hamilton Marist Brothers and resulted in a win for our team 14-0. During the season the team played very good football, winning three games, 25-0 against Gosford, 11-0 against Maitland and 14-0 against Cessnock, and losing 6-7 to Marist Brothers. Unfortunately owing to the floods the competition had to be abandoned. The highlight of the season was the match against Hamilton Marists. The game was very even throughout and Marists' captain kicked the winning goal just at full time. Congratulations go to Mr. Lloyd who originally managed and trained the team. On Mr. Lloyd's transfer from Newcastle, the sportsmaster, Mr. McRae, consented to coach the team, and its successes reflect the excellent work done. Outstanding



FIRST GRADE CRICKET TEAM.

BACK ROW: R. O'Brien, J. Mould, R. Lane.
MIDDLE ROW: L. Adam, D. Dyer, D. Ryan, D. Willis.
FRONT ROW: A. Davidson, K. Wilkinson (Capt.), Mr. J. Burrows (Coach),
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FIRST GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE.

BACK ROW: M. Allwood, D. Ryan, G. Mould, J. Kempster, K. Ambrose.
MIDDLE ROW: L. Adam, R. Donald, J. Holt, A. Braye, T. Cupitt, B. Dennewald.
FRONT ROW: G. Jones, J. Dimmock (Capt.), Mr. A. H. Hodge (Coach),
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players for High were the captain, Allan Davidson, a hard-rucking forward, and Kenneth King, a hard running threequarter. The team throughout the season showed itself capable of effective combination. (R. Magin, 4A.).

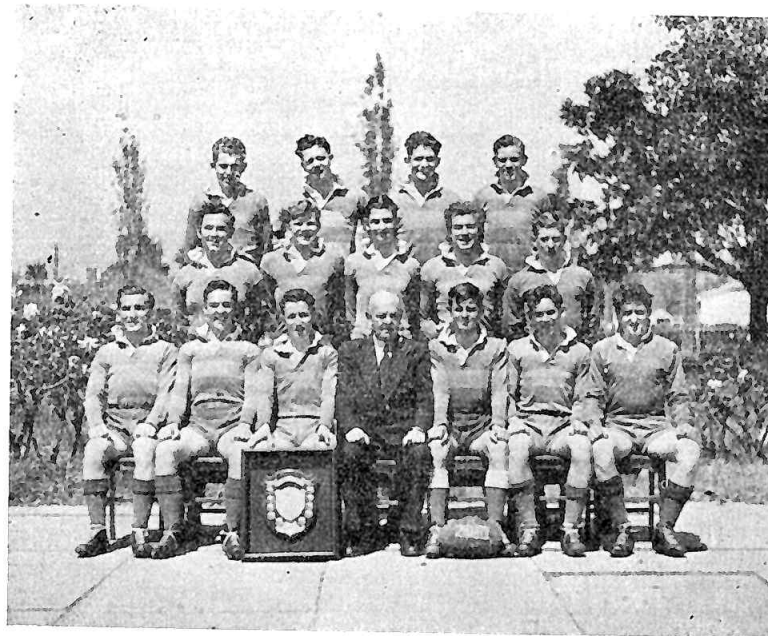
Fifth Grade: Although this team showed little promise in the trial matches, it gradually moulded into a solid combination as the season progressed. Of the four games played we won three, thus finishing co-premiers in the competition. Our greatest achievement was our 9-3 win over Hamilton Marists who had defeated us 11-2 in a trial game. As regards players, our captain, L. Ellis, played capably and soundly at full-back. The two wingers, Grimes and Lewis, were always quick to seize opportunities, while McCosker and Greedy were capable and dependable as centres. G. Little, who represented the state against Queensland, was one of the stars of the team, being a spear-head in attack and sound in defence. Coxhell, a sixth grade player who represented us on two occasions, played brilliantly, especially in the game against Hamilton Marist Brothers. Rymer, the vice-captain, was a success as lock forward. Brown, Beck and Morgan were also outstanding in the forwards and Deans, Marquet and Muldoon vastly improved as the season went on. Smith, as hooker, always won a fair share of the ball in the scrums and played solidly in the loose. Our thanks go to Mr. Wood, our coach, whose encouragement and coaching served us well in hard matches. (M. Beck, 3A.).

Sixth Grade: Early in the season the teams in this grade appeared to be evenly matched and an interesting competition seemed assured. We defeated Junior High 3-2, and were only just beaten by Cessnock and Maitland. Hamilton Marists defeated us easily. Owing to the wet weather that was the end of the competition. The outstanding player was J. Coxhell, captain of the team. We congratulate him on gaining representation in the State under 7.7 team, for which he played half. He showed his versatility by playing an excellent game as full-back in the match against Queensland played at Sydney. D. Harper and B. Nickisson were the best of the forwards and are to be congratulated on their selection to represent Newcastle under 7.7 team against Illawarra and Sydney. (Mr. R. Cochrane.).

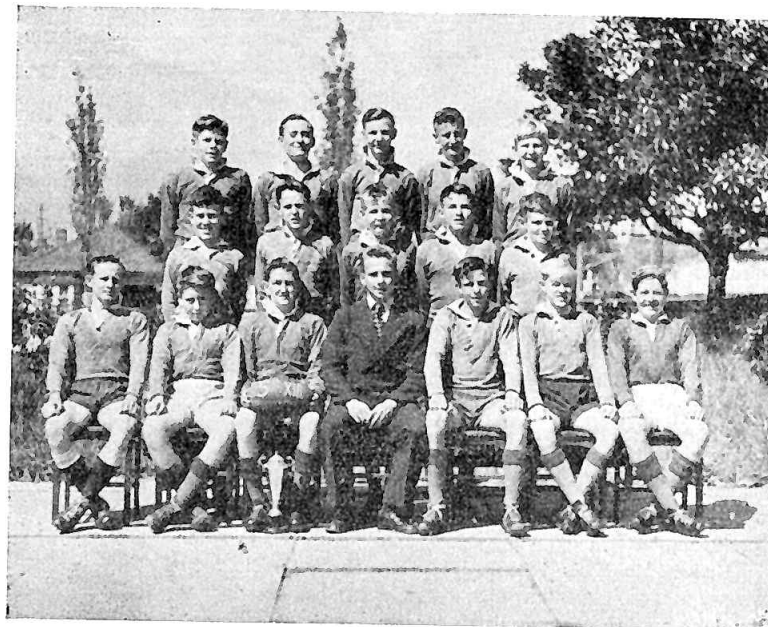
Seventh Grade: The 6 stone 7 team had an unsuccessful season owing to the very strong opposition and the bad weather. The team was very ably coached by Mr. J. Cuthbert and is grateful for the time he spent with it. Lewis and Flanagan were outstanding in the forwards and capably supported the backs whose best players were Walker and Lumby. (M. Morton, capt.).

Eighth Grade: This team coached by Mr. Bailey lost only one of the four competition matches played, going down to Marist Brothers in the last game 24-0. The extremely wet season prevented regular practice and in view of this the performance is considered very satisfactory. The keenness displayed by many members of the team promises well for the 1951 season. (R. Penman, 3D.).

Ninth Grade: This team played only four matches, two of which were lost. Injuries caused changes in the players. Therefore, at first,



SECOND GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE. Co-Premiers.
 BACK: N. Ellis, J. Blackley, J. Morris, D. Dyer.
 CENTRE: B. Dennewald, B. Munro, B. Webb, R. Rundle, F. Goninan.
 FRONT: C. McCosker, D. Douglas, R. Campbell (Capt.), Mr. A. W. Bates (Coach), R. Haynes, P. Smith (Vice-capt.), K. Magin.



FIFTH GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE. Co-Premiers.
 FRONT: S. Greedy, L. Ellis (Capt.), Mr. J. Wood (Coach), G. Little, J. Coxhell, B. Nickisson.
 CENTRE: J. Marquet, D. Deans, J. Hearn, J. McCosker, R. Muldoon.
 BACK: M. Beck, T. Lewis, B. Smith, D. Harper.
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co-operation was poor, but later the team played better football owing mainly to the enthusiastic coaching of Mr. Bowser. Our best game was against Cessnock whom we defeated 13-0. The best players in the forwards were Jones, Bannister and Spitzkowsky, while in the backs Fanning, Attwater and Kilpatrick were the stars. Owens and Williams, both first year boys, showed great promise in the backs. (J. Attwater, 2A.).

Soccer

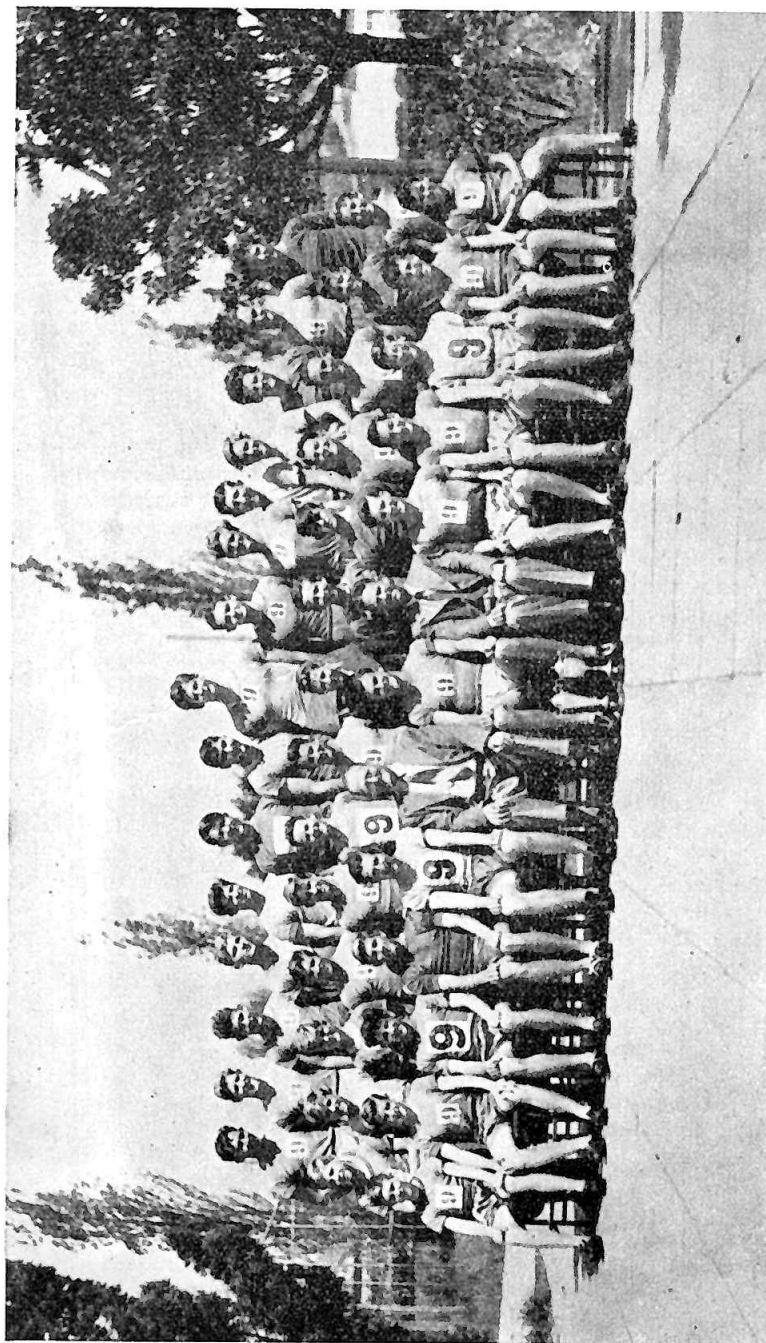
A1: Although wet weather disrupted the competition to a certain extent, the A1 soccer team was particularly successful. The players combined well and as a result completed the competition undefeated premiers, scoring 54 goals and having only four scored against them. The team was also successful in gaining honours for the school when eight of the 11 players were selected to represent Newcastle High Schools in the State Championship. This team won the State Championship with comparative ease, defeating Sydney by seven goals to one and defeating Illawarra by four goals to nil. The team's outstanding players were McKenzie, Scott, Renton, Grant, Davies and Druery. The captain, W. Strang, led the team well and worked diligently in assisting the manager, Mr. Grierson. However, a special tribute must be paid to Mr. Grierson whose work as coach was the main reason for the team's success in gaining the premiership for the second successive year. (K. Davies, 4B.).

A2: Like all other teams the A2 suffered from the adverse football weather. Out of nine games set down we played only five, winning one and drawing one. Half way through the season the A grade competition was divided into two divisions, major and minor. We did not win the minor competition, but we also did not come last. The best players were Inglis, Turner and Henderson, although all members of the team played well. (K. Hincks, 5th yr.).

B: The B grade team went through the competition undefeated, partly because of the coaching of Mr. Holmes who showed the team some good points in play. Four goals were scored against us, one goal on each of two occasions against Plattsburg, and the only other team to score against us was Junior High. The team as a whole played very well all through the season and on most occasions had the opposing team on the defensive. (K. Miller, 3E.).

C2: During the 1950 football season, the C2 soccer team progressed rapidly. The team was not experienced, and it mostly contained 1st year boys, who were good players and great triers. Our 2nd year boys were strong backs and halves, and the forward line was also very strong. The team played many games and the sportsmanship of the players helped us to win. Mr. Shield, our coach, did all in his power to help the boys, and kept up an interest that inspired all of us. (A. Norris, capt.).

Under 15: This team played four competition games. Of these, two were won. All travelling was cancelled on account of the floods. Our best match was against Marist Brothers whom we defeated one to nil on a very wet ground. The goal was scored by Parkinson. Our team played well throughout all the games largely owing to the keen interest taken by our coach, Mr. O'Connor. (J. Mitchell, 3C.).



ATHLETICS TEAM. Winners of Lintott Cup and Kerr Cup.
BACK ROW: T. Smith, G. Hughes, C. Green, A. Braye, G. Dunn, B. O'Brien, J. Stephenson, D. Brown, B. Baldwin, J. Kempster, B. Pearce, J. Drinkwater, G. Dean, G. Jones, R. McKenzie
MIDDLE ROW: D. Wood, B. Coxhelli, A. Carroll, D. Cox, A. Charlton, J. McKenzie, K. Scott, A. Murphy, B. Evans, R. Haynes, K. King, H. Pritchett, W. Kirkby, J. Graig
FRONT ROW: W. Haynes, K. Mahoney, G. Boyle, J. Farrell, A. Rymer, Mr. L. McRae (Sportsmaster), K. Gosper (captain), Mr. C. Goffet (Coach), N. Palmer, B. Alcorn, D. Bowden, J. Marquet, J. Halpin.
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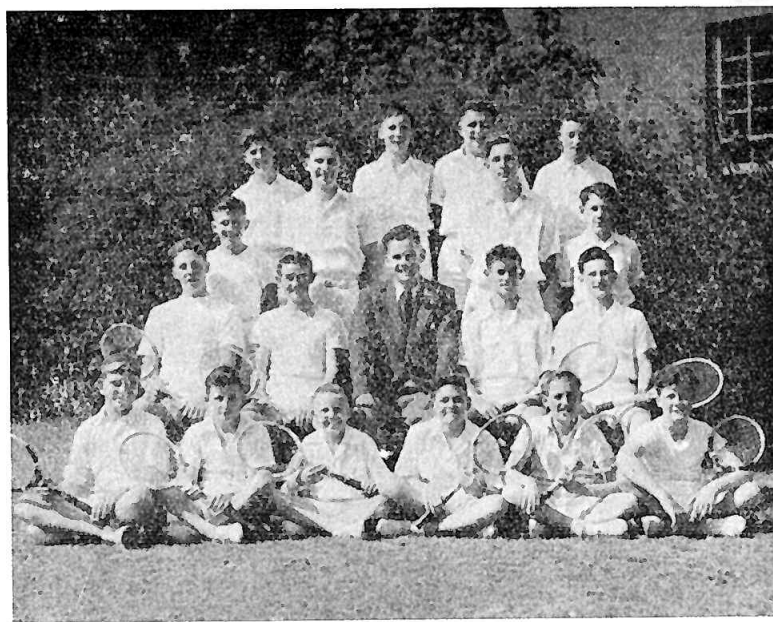
Under 14: Owing to bad weather through the season some games were not played. We defeated Marist Brothers, drew with Tech. High and were defeated by Cessnock. Our hardest and most interesting game was against Tech. High. All members of the team played hard and enjoyed the games. We thank Mr. O'Connor for his instructions during the season. (T. Iceton, 2E.).

Under 13: Cessnock beat Newcastle six goals to two. Newcastle obtained a victory over Marist Brothers, winning one goal to nil. Technical High defeated Newcastle twice and Newcastle defeated Tech. once. The scores were Tech. 5, Newcastle 1; Newcastle 3, Tech. 2; Tech. 2, Newcastle 1. Newcastle was unable to play Kurri as the floods prevented traffic from getting through. As Morpeth withdrew from the competition we could not play them. Of our players the most outstanding were centre-forward Wilson and goal-keeper Morrison. (C. Marsh, 2B.).

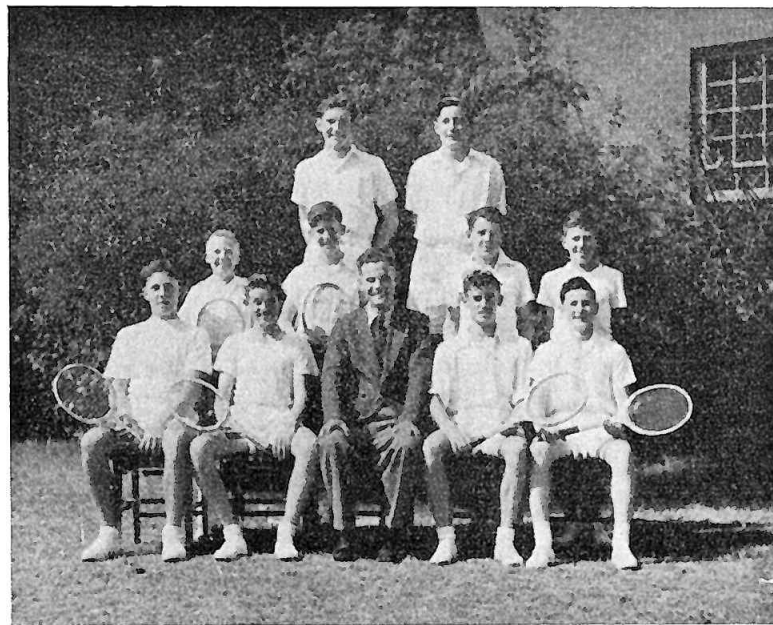
Cricket

First XI: This season has been a disappointing one for our team. Our main weakness has been our batting. Although we have dismissed opposing sides for reasonable totals we have had a constant struggle to better our opponents' scores. Our bowling as a whole has been good, especially that of our slow spinners, Mould and Heyen. We gained three positions in the Combined Northern High Schools' match against Sydney, the players selected being Willis, Mould and Heyen. They were perhaps the most successful players in the northern team, Heyen and Mould taking the majority of the wickets and Willis top-scoring. No batsman has as yet recorded an outstanding score. Willis and Davidson both batted stubbornly against Technical High when facing defeat. Our bowling has been much better comparatively. Against Technical High, Mould dismissed four batsman for twenty runs. Again in the following match against Maitland, Mould was successful, taking five for 32. Mould has taken a total of 13 wickets, Wilkinson seven, Heyen and Ryan five each, in three matches. Two of the team, Davidson and Roxby, were selected in the under fifteen New South Wales team to tour Queensland. We look forward to having a fine team next year as seven members of our present team are still below the senior year. (K. Wilkinson, 5th yr.).

Second XI: In this competition, to be continued in the 3rd term, only two games out of four were played. One was a bye, and the other, against Cessnock, was abandoned because of rain. In the other two games, the team suffered two defeats. In our first match, which was against Maitland Marist, Maitland batted first and scored 147. High, playing only ten men, batted well to reply with 108, Statham with 42 and Smith with 22 being the top scorers. In the bowling Rymer took three for 39, and Gosper two for 22. In the second game we were without Statham, Palmer, Scott, and Layt, who were required for the 1st XI, and, although we congratulate these lads, we wish they had been with us, as Hamilton Marist, our opponents, batting first, scored 98, and High, without the services of four of our regular players, scored only 77—Campbell 20, and Wickham 16, stopping the fall. Rymer



TENNIS TEAMS. Undefeated Premiers All Grades.
 FRONT ROW: P. B. Sutcliffe, J. Berrill, J. Gray, D. Martin, T. Pinkney, I. Williams (4th gr.).
 SECOND ROW: J. Layt, D. Wickham (Capt.), Mr. A. M. Clarke (Coach), D. Willis, P. Dickson (1st gr.).
 THIRD ROW: J. Shearman, J. Cameron, J. Richmond, P. Myers (2nd gr.).
 BACK ROW: R. Flanagan, S. Kelso, E. Roach, T. Smith (3rd gr.).
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Combined Northern Districts Tennis Representatives.
 FRONT ROW: J. Layt, D. Wickham (Capt.), Mr. A. M. Clarke (Coach), D. Willis, P. Dixon.
 SECOND ROW: J. Gray, R. Flanagan, P. Myers, G. Shearman.
 BACK ROW: J. Cameron, J. Richmond.
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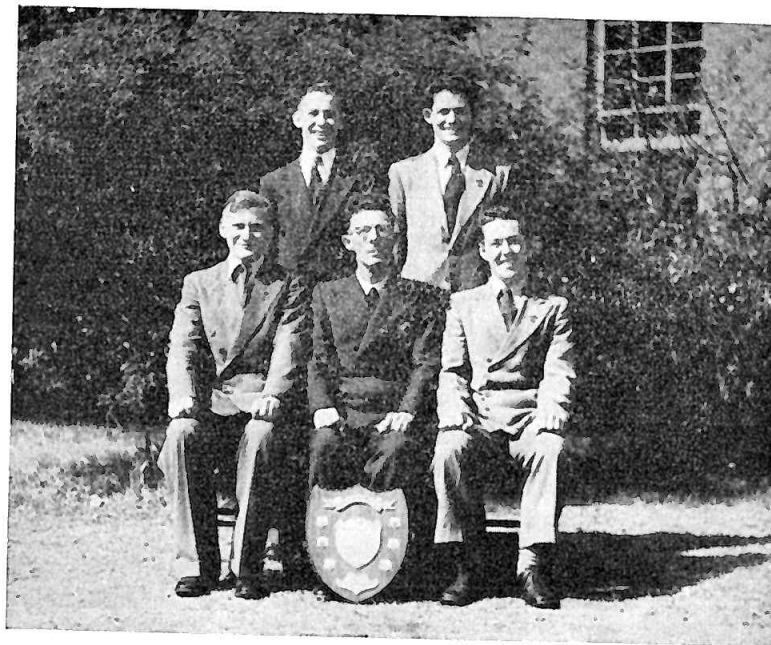
again took three wickets, this time for 15, and Beal impressed with four for six. Marist Brothers again batted, scoring 71, Campbell taking two for 12, but High was beaten on the first innings. J. Wilkinson ably captained the team which, although only a very young side for a 2nd XI, performed well in both games. N. Statham leads the batting with an average of 42. A. Rymer leads in the bowling with 7.6 as an average. Although Messrs. Ingram and Clarke, our coaches, had limited opportunity to develop the team in the time provided, they formed the basis of a strong team for the second half of the competition, and we express our thanks to them.* (T. Smith, A. Rymer.).

A grade: The A grade, which is coached by Mr. Simpson, is leading in the competition. Its captain, Ray McKenzie, is a capable leader and a good all-rounder. Taken on the whole, the team is not exceptionally strong in batting, and its scores have not been very high. However, there have been good batting performances by R. McKenzie, B. Strang, J. Blackley and P. Kirkby. The most outstanding bowlers were B. Strang, R. McKenzie, P. Ray, K. Bignill and K. Hincks. The most pleasing feature of the team has been its marked improvement in the field. In this regard those showing greatest keenness and anticipation are R. McKenzie, B. Bint (vice-capt. and wicket-keeper), B. Strang and J. Blackley, (R. McKenzie 3B, B. Bint 5A.).

B Grade: The travelling B grade team has played three games so far this season, registering one win against Marist Brothers, and being defeated by Tech. High and Maitland High. We defeated Marist Brothers on the 1st innings by 22 runs (Moore four for seven and Penman four for 19). Against Tech. High we were narrowly beaten, Tech. passing our score of 95 (Owen 46 and Moore 13 not out) to score 99. In this match Daly took six for 14. Against Maitland High, McCosker batted well to score 16 of our total 48 in the 1st innings. In their 1st innings, Maitland batted well to score 77 runs. We had them out for 38 in their second innings, Daly taking five for 11 including the hat trick and Owen four for eight. However, Maitland gained a 1st innings win. J. McCosker and B. Daly have been the team's two star performers. We are fortunate to have Mr. Bowser as our coach and we hope to have more success when the competition is resumed. (A. Owen, 3D.).

B Grade local: This team had a fairly successful season, losing only three matches, one to Junior High, one to Cook's Hill and one to Tech. High. The outstanding batsmen were H. Moore and D. Martyn, while the bowling honours were shared by G. Hughes and K. Streeter. H. Moore batted brilliantly on a wet wicket to score 20 of the team's total of 28 against Junior High. K. Streeter ably captained the team with H. Moore as vice-captain. The wicket-keeping was shared by H. Moore and T. Hyland. Mr. F. W. Hyland was in charge of the team. (K. Streeter, 3B.).

C Grade: So far the C travelling team has played only two matches. In the first game against Maitland Marist we had a decisive win, dismissing them for six and 13, owing to the fine bowling of Wellham (10 for six) and Lumby (seven for six), while we scored 40. We were



DEBATING TEAM. Winners of Northern Zone Hume-Barbour Competition.
 STANDING: R. Beal, J. Morris.
 SITTING: G. Henry, Mr. F. Hyland (Master in Charge), D. Douglas.
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THE CADET BAND.
 BACK ROW: Cdts. J. Drinkwater, W. Barsley, J. Craig, I. Gibbins, Cpl. J. Lyons,
 Cdts. J. Cowen, W. Lynch, N. Bannister.
 FRONT ROW: Cdts. R. Knight, H. Moore, Cpl. M. Beck, Dr. Maj. B. Alcorn,
 Sgt. P. Burns, Cdts. J. Moorely, J. Yates, D. Sheldon.
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very unlucky to be defeated by Hamilton Marist in a very close game. Myers, Wellham, Newton and Attwater were the best with the bat while Wellham, Lumby and Newton were the most successful bowlers. All the team attended practices regularly under the excellent coaching of Mr. Lloyd, who showed keen interest in the team. (J. Attwater, 2A.).

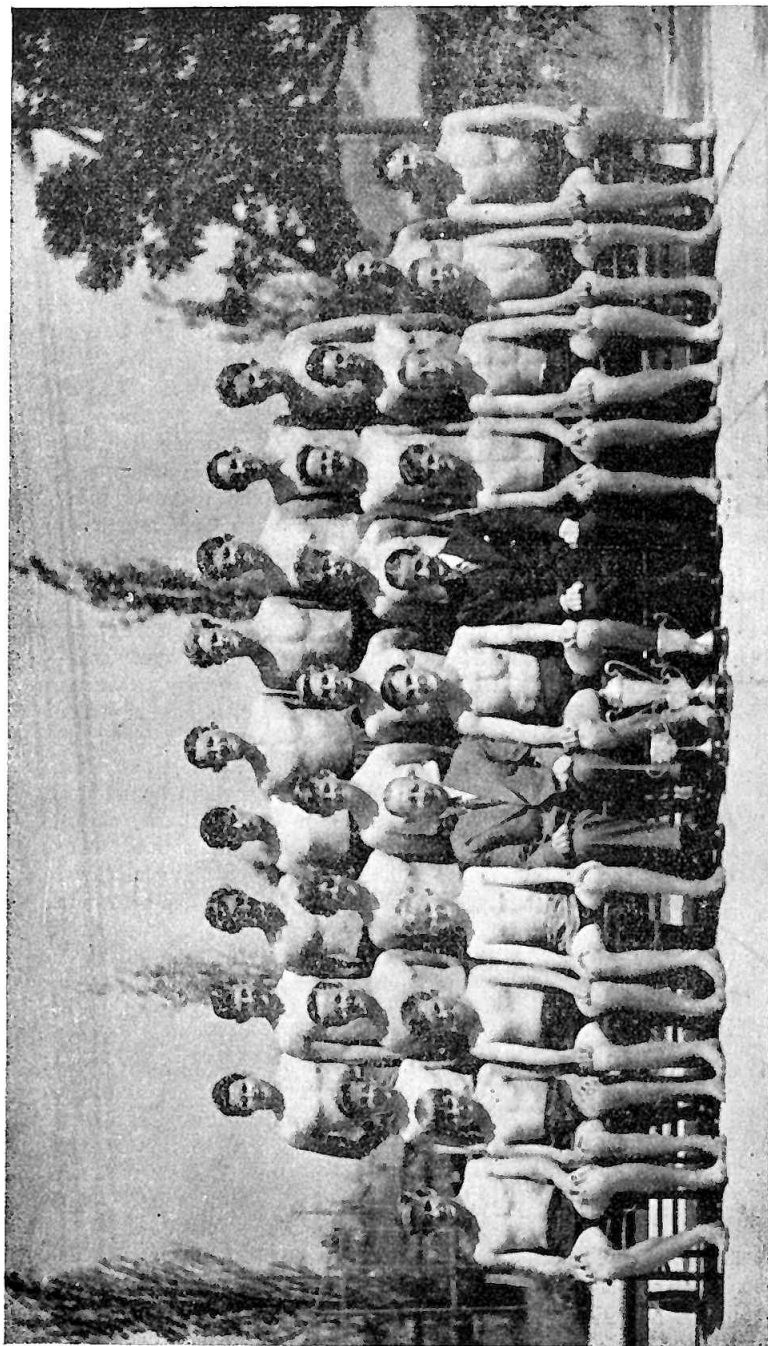
C Grade local: This team did reasonably well this season and managed to gain 14 points. In the first match against Newcastle Tech., P. Dickson scored 53 not out and A. Barclay obtained four wickets for 20 runs. We won on the first innings. The second match was won by Central outright. There was no outstanding batsman. The best bowler was P. Sutcliffe who took six wickets for 15' runs. In the third match, in which we defeated Plattsburg on the first innings, B. Williams scored 31 not out. In the final match against Junior High, who defeated us outright, the outstanding bowlers were P. Sutcliffe and P. Dickson. (P. Sutcliffe, capt., 2B.).

Swimming

Competitive swimming commenced this year with the school carnival which was held in March. Every boy made an excellent effort for his house. Individual performances in some divisions were outstanding. Alan Charlton, winner of the state 13-year-old backstroke championship, won the under 14 years backstroke at the school carnival in very good time. Charlton created new records in the under 14 backstroke and breaststroke events. The senior pennant was won by J. Cornelius, the junior by J. Sticpewich, who put up very good performances in every event in which he contested, the under 15 by P. O'Brien, the juvenile by A. Charlton and the under 13 by J. Perkins. The team travelled to Maitland on March 7th to compete in the Northern Districts Carnival and won the Farlow Cup for the highest aggregate point score. The Combined High Schools swimming championships were held at the North Sydney Olympic Pool. The 14 years 100 metres was won by J. Barr and the under 14 backstroke by A. Charlton in 36.1 seconds (record). The team was captained by Kevan Gosper. (J. Barr, 2D.).

Life Saving

The annual life saving classes were held at the end of November and the beginning of December last year. All tried conscientiously to gain awards with the result that 260 awards were won, giving us a total of 955 points, in the competition for 1st class Boys' High Schools. This result placed us second to Homebush Boys' High School, 1,290 points, with Fort Street Boys' High School 3rd, 949 points. The 260 awards included three Awards of Merit won by J. Hetherington, J. Mulholland and G. Henry. Congratulations to those three on their excellent achievement. Also gained were 15 Bronze Crosses, one Bar to the Bronze Cross, 48 Bronze Medallions, three Bars to Bronze Medallion, 67 Intermediate Certificates, six Intermediate Certificate Labels, 69 Elementary Certificates, 26 Junior Resuscitation Certificates, seven Instructors' Certificates, 13 Scholar Instruction Certificates and two Examiners' Certificates. These good results must be attributed both to the efforts of the boys who gained the awards and also to Messrs H.



SWIMMING TEAM. Winners of Aggregate, Farlow Cup, Senior and Junior Divisions.
 BACK ROW: N. Statham, L. Aham, T. Cumitt, G. Bradford, J. Mulholland, J. Kempster, G. Bell, J. Wallis, R. Moore.
 MIDDLE ROW: D. Gordon, J. Barr, J. Caruthers, T. Ford, J. Farrell, C. Ray, J. McKenzie, J. Cornelius, I. Morton.
 FRONT ROW: A. Charlton, T. Clarke, R. Bradbury, M. Nicholls, Mr. H. Fountain (Coach), K. Gosper (Captain), Mr. R. McFarlane (Coach), A. Booth, B. Wearne, J. Sticpewich.
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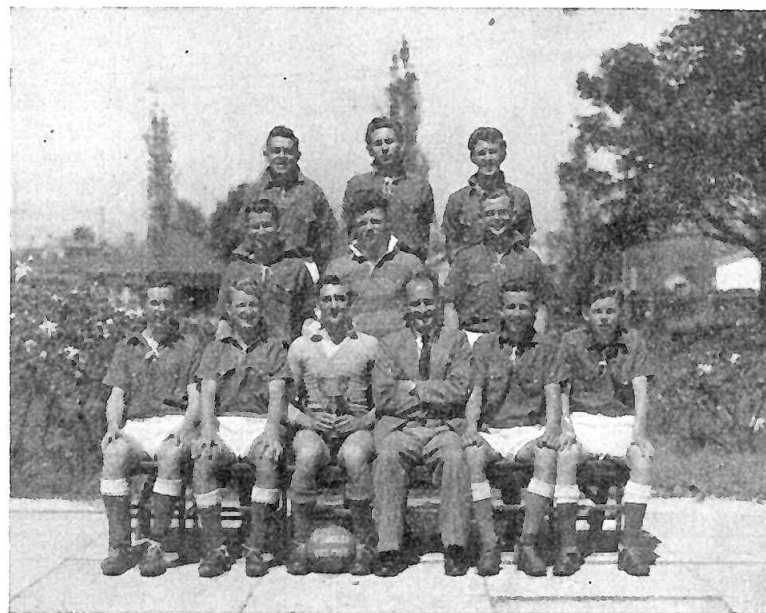
Fountain, R. Jear and F. Saunders and all the other members of the staff who trained us so well. The school life saving activities have lost a stalwart by the transfer of Mr. R. Jear, to whom we wish the best of luck in his new sphere. Congratulations to all award winners. All, especially first year boys, are asked to make a special effort this year to change the red pennant we received into a blue one. (A. Murphy, 4A.)

Hockey

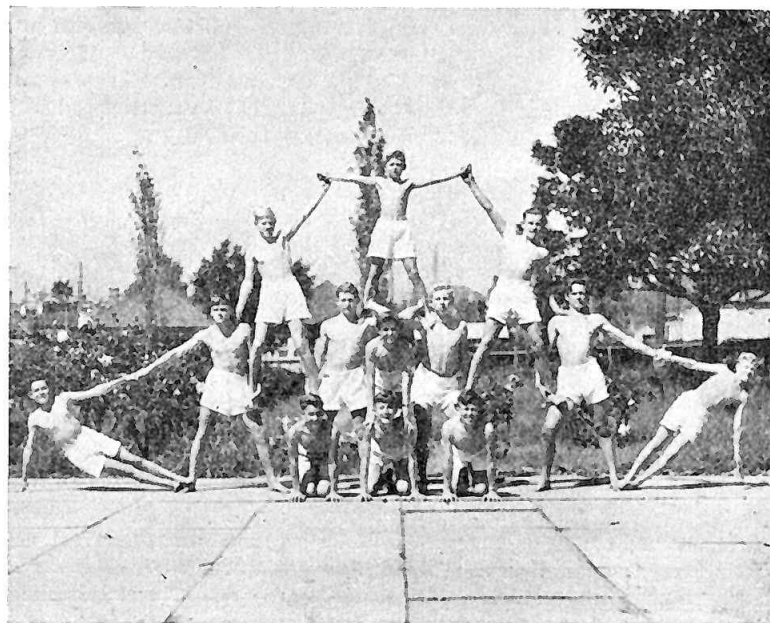
This year increased interest has been shown in hockey, enough players having come forward for the school to enter four teams in the P.S.A.A.A. competitions. Unfortunately, owing to the frequent heavy rain about half the matches had to be abandoned. Results were as follows: The A1 team lost to the A2, Cook's Hill and Central, drew with Central, defeated Cook's Hill and the A2; the A2 team lost to Cook's Hill and the A1, defeated the A1 and Junior High; the B team lost to Junior High twice, Cook's Hill twice, Central twice; the C team lost to Cook's Hill 1, Junior High 1, Central 1, Cook's Hill 2, drew with Junior High 2, defeated Junior High 2. Our congratulations go to G. Davies, S. Jones, B. Davis, N. Palmer, R. Lane, J. Ebrill, J. Jenkins, A. Fawcett, who gained selection in Newcastle combined teams to play Sydney representative sides. We wish to thank those boys and their parents who kindly provided billets for visiting players. (G. Davies.)

Tennis

Owing to the inclemency of the weather this season, the tennis competition was confined to one round. Our four teams played Technical and Maitland High Schools and were supposed to play Cessnock, but because Cessnock could not come down, the matches against them were won on a forfeit. The four grades went through the competition undefeated. The first grade finished even on points with Cessnock, and, because they could not accept Cessnock's forfeit, shared the honours with them. The first grade, which consists of D. Wickham (capt.), J. Layt, P. Dickson and D. Willis, went through undefeated. They beat Tech. High by six sets to two. In the next match, which was played at Maitland, they beat the home team by seven sets to one. The team this year is the youngest the school has had, and an asset to the team is 12 years old Paul Dickson who won the under 13 years state title in Sydney this year. The second grade, under the capable hands of Jeff Cameron, also went through undefeated. They beat Maitland by five sets to nil, and against Tech. High, they had a narrow win on games, both teams finishing with four sets all. The third grade team also went through undefeated. It beat Tech. High by five sets to three, and Maitland by seven sets to one. This team played very sound tennis throughout the competition and deserved to win. Finally the fourth grade team also went through undefeated. It beat Tech. High by seven sets to one and Maitland by seven sets to one. This team shows a tremendous amount of promise and, under John Grey, should go a long way in tennis. Apart from the actual school competition our tennis representatives have been gaining many fine



"A" GRADE SOCCER TEAM. Undefeated Premiers.
 BACK ROW: B. Reay, F. Druery, D. Renton
 MIDDLE ROW: K. Scott, J. Wilkinson, K. Grant.
 FRONT ROW: R. McKenzie, K. Davies, B. Strang (Capt.), Mr. R. Grierson
 (Coach), B. Evans, G. Westbrook.
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GYMNASTIC DISPLAY GROUP.
 BACK: D. Ward, J. Scott, J. Coxhell, W. Matthews, C. Ray, C. Spitzkowski.
 CENTRE: P. Gonnin, R. Wilson, N. Apitz.
 KNEELING: B. Morton, R. Baxter, R. Shearman.
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