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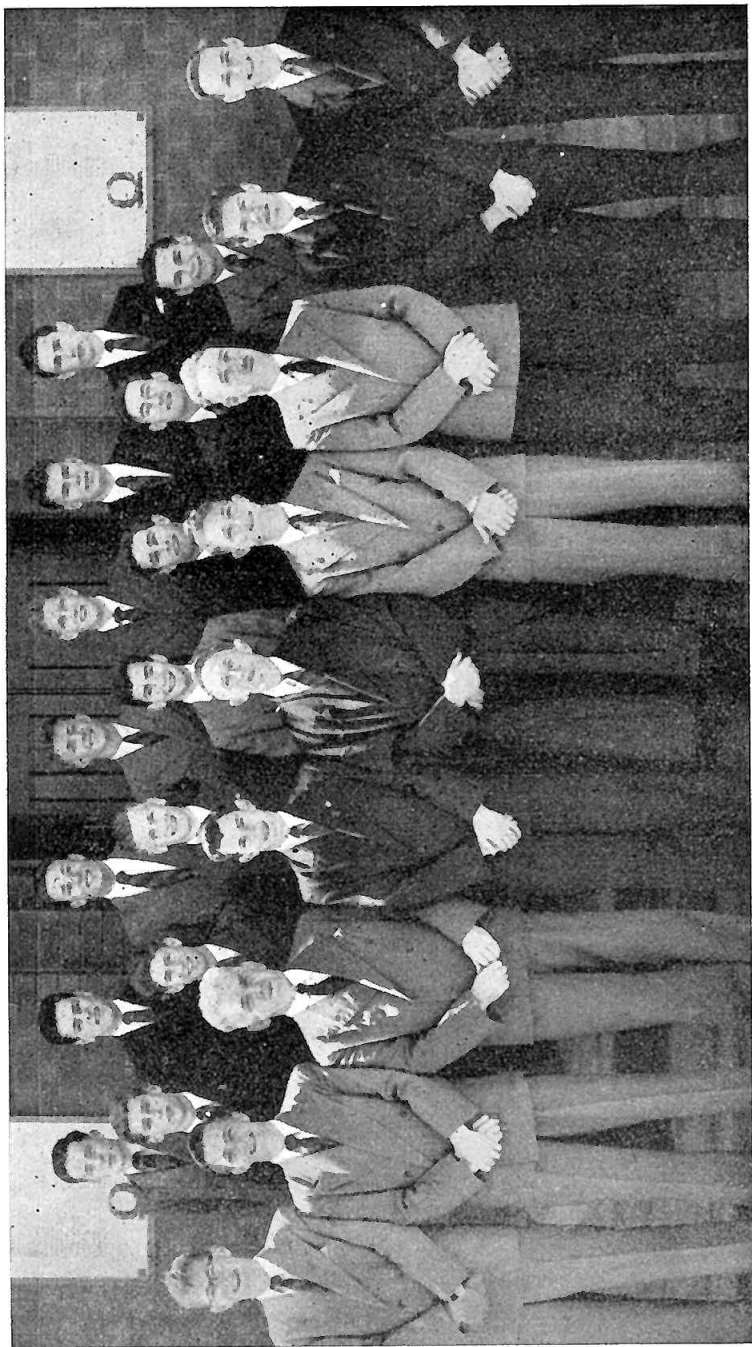
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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

My message to you boys this year is a special one, for me at least, for it comes at the end of five years as your Headmaster. We hear much of Five Year Plans these days. I believe that the most important Five Year Plan begins when you start High School. And it has been my privilege to see one such Plan being worked out in the section of the school that is about to sit for the Leaving Certificate. You men of Fifth Year came into the school when I did. You were little chaps, some quite timid, some with plenty of assurance, all, I hope, with ambition and desire to make good in this big new world you had entered. I wonder if you have carried out your own particular Plan to your satisfaction.

Growth is imperceptible. You have not realised how you were changing. But your teachers—and your parents, too, of course—have watched the process with very great interest. We wanted to see you grow in all the ways that make a four-square personality—physically, mentally, socially and spiritually. Most of you have done this. You have gained knowledge, and with it has come some measure of understanding; you have grown big and strong, and have thrown yourselves eagerly into the sporting life of your school,

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and, in striving to gain fresh laurels for it, have deepened your loyalty to and affection for it; you have learned to co-operate in the hobbies groups, in the two service units and in school activities generally; you have gained some appreciation of the things that are most worth while in life; and, by your social service, you have learnt to think of others, which is the surest way to gain happiness.

But this is an imperfect world and, of course, what I have said does not apply equally to all of you. I would ask every boy in the school to pause occasionally and ask himself: what do I really want to make of myself, and how far am I getting towards that end? You mustn't just drift along. Too many people do that. You have probably heard the song that says:

"It doesn't matter much if you're on the right road
When you're bound for Nowhere-town."

That may be all right for a walking tour, but it is a poor attitude for life itself. You need an aim, and I suggest that it should be to make the fullest use of the wonderful opportunities that this favoured country has given you. When you think of two-thirds of the world's people not being even fully fed, half of them illiterate, you must surely feel that the least you can do is to try to become a good man and a worthy citizen.

The ninety-four names on our recently unveiled War Memorial should inspire you with the example of these fine young men who gave their greatest possession—life itself—that we might continue to enjoy freedom and happiness. I want you to make up your minds to fight for peace and progress against man's greatest enemies, ignorance, poverty and disease, in the same spirit as they gave their lives for their country! But you can do this only if you first make the most of yourselves individually, if you grow into the healthiest, best educated and most public-spirited man you are capable of becoming. That is a Plan not for Five Years but for a lifetime.

THE CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

Newcastle Boys' High School has seen unparalleled changes and improvements during the past few years. Those of us who have arrived since 1948 have seen such things as the general beautification of the grounds, the repainting of the entire school, the covering of the lower corridor with rubber tiles and the installation of a much needed public address system.

All these things are being done for our benefit—reminding us that we are members of a first-class high school; but are we "first-class" members of that school? This is the question I would like to put before you in my farewell message, for, whether a school consists of beautiful, pastel-coloured rooms or dull, echoing corridors, it is, after all, the attitude of the pupil to his school which



AT THE MEMORIAL ENTRANCE AFTER THE CEREMONY OF UNVEILING.

Right to Left: Major-General Ivan Dougherty, C.B.E., D.S.O. and Bar, E.D.; The Headmaster, Mr. F. H. Beard, M.A.; Mr. D. Drake, B.Sc., Area Director of Education; Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor, Alderman T. Armstrong.

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determines its greatness. Not only now but as you go about your job in later life your actions will either add to or detract from your school's reputation. The things you do as a citizen will either reflect credit on you and the training you received as a member of this school or do just the opposite. The school's reputation with the people with whom you work will rest on your shoulders as one of its products. Whether you will carry the "burden" or let your school down is entirely dependent on your own estimation of the school's worth. For the co-operative member of the school and the future co-operative member of the community this "burden" will be very light. In fact it will be something which you will be very proud to carry, something which will never let you down; so never let it down.

Finally we prefects wish to thank you, publicly as it were, for the splendid co-operation you have given us during our term of office. Although we expected it we were still grateful for receiving it.

And now may I say this. Records in any human activity are made only to be broken. Don't be content with what you and the school have already done. Don't be afraid to set precedents if they will be beneficial to those around you. Don't be satisfied. Remember Thomas Edison's words: "You show me a thoroughly satisfied man and I'll show you a failure."

KEN SCOTT.

THE MEMORIAL ENTRANCE

Saturday, September 20th, was a memorable day in the life of our school, as it was the occasion of the ceremony of the unveiling of the Commemorative Plaques and the dedication of the Memorial Entrance to ex-students who fell in World War II.

The ceremony began with the arrival of Major-General Ivan Dougherty, C.B.E., D.S.O. and Bar, E.D., and the inspection of the Guard of Honour. The hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," was then sung, the Reverend R. Marsden read the Lesson from Revelations, ch. 7, verses 9-17, and addresses were given by the Headmaster, Mr. F. H. Beard, M.A., and the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman T. Armstrong. Then came the planting of commemorative trees, one on each side of the Memorial Entrance. Mrs. B. Jeffries planted one for the fallen in World War I; Mr. G. T. Crossman planted the other for the fallen in World War II. Major-General Dougherty then delivered his address and performed the ceremony of unveiling the Commemorative Plaques. Mr. Ray Perkins sounded the bugle call, The Last Post, and the Dedicatory Prayer was said by the Very Reverend W. A. Hardie, M.A., B.D., Dean of Newcastle. Wreaths were placed on the Memorial, Captain R. Berry-Smith M.V.O., representing the R.A.N., Brigadier J. W. Main, C.B.E., E.D., representing the Australian Army, Squadron

Leader D. R. Beattie representing the R.A.A.F., and Kenneth Scott, School Captain, representing the school. Then followed the trumpet call, Reveille, sounded by Mr. Ray Perkins, the Benediction, and the National Anthem.

The Guard of Honour was supplied by the School Cadet Unit (officers Capt. H. G. Fountain, Ct./Lt. B. Cowcher and Ct./Lt. M. Patey). On parade was the School 21 Flight, A.T.C., R.A.A.F. (officer Fl./Lt. A. H. Hodge).

The second part of the afternoon's proceedings was conducted in the School Assembly Hall. Mr. A. Denham, B.A., unveiled the stage furniture in memory of the late V. H. Walker and C. E. Jacobs. Mr. J. J. Fyfe, Secretary of the Parents and Citizens' Association, read the financial report of the £2000 Appeal. Mr. J. H. Sticpewich, Chairman of the Appeal, presented to Mr. D. Drake, B.Sc., Area Director of Education, the improvements resulting from the Appeal. K. Davies of Class 4B, 1950, presented to the School Library the Honour Book of contributors to the Rubber Flooring Fund. Mr. T. Ninness, President of the Newcastle Art Society, presented to the school a set of murals depicting various aspects of Newcastle. Mr. W. A. Hannaford, President of the Parents and Citizens' Association, delivered the vote of thanks.

SPEECH NIGHT

Speech Night at the City Hall, June 2nd, attracted a very large audience.

Speeches included the address by the Chairman, the Lord Mayor, Alderman T. Armstrong, the Headmaster's Annual Report, the adoption of the Report (moved by Mr. W. A. Hannaford and seconded by Mr. C. Sara), the address by Mr. J. G. McKenzie, B.A., B. Ec., Director-General of Education, and the vote of thanks by Mr. J. H. Cartwright, Inspector of Schools. Musical items were rendered by the School Orchestra and the Junior and Senior Choirs. The Meikle Memorial Prize was presented by Mrs. A. Chichester, the Ross Mearns and Basil Helmore Prizes by Mrs. B. Helmore, the W. V. Cochrane Memorial Prize by Mrs. Cochrane, the Capt. John Cleary Memorial Prize by Mrs. Cleary, the Allan J. Way Prizes by Dr. Enid Way, B.Sc., Ph.D., and the James William Armstrong Memorial Prizes by Mrs. Armstrong. School Prizes and Certificates were presented by the Lady Mayoress, and Sport Prizes by Mrs. W. A. Hannaford.

After requesting a few moments silence in honour of all who had contributed to the traditions of the school and had passed on, the Headmaster began his Annual Report by expressing pride in the academic and sporting achievements of the year. As statistics were recorded on the programmes, he felt free to speak of general prin-

ciples. "How well are we preparing boys to be citizens in a democracy? That is my greatest concern," he said. "The future of the world will depend on what kind of people the schools of to-day produce. The most important thing is that we should teach young people the kind of thinking that H. G. Wells and other writers have called 'creative thinking.' This century has seen the end of 300 years of fighting for intellectual freedom, which is menaced to-day from many directions. Education must take up the challenge. We are trying to do a little here by regular Current Affairs periods, by daily talks over the P.A. system and by making C.A. an examination subject for all except 5th year." Referring to our success in sport, the Headmaster thanked the Staff of Newcastle City Council. In the material sphere the Department and the P. and R. Staff were thanked in regard to repairs and painting, remodelling of the grounds, the bicycle shed and ventilation of the Assembly Hall. Special tributes were paid to our splendid P. and C. Association, to Old Boys, parents, students, industrial and commercial organisations and the public generally for the success of the High School Appeal. Among things mentioned were the rubber flooring, the P.A. system, the table and chairs on the stage, the World War II. Memorial Entrance, the proscenium for the stage, velvet curtains, spotlights, remodelled footlights, battery-controlled electric clocks.

Finally the Headmaster had a word of praise for the boys themselves, who so often rose to the occasion. "Let us do everything in our power," he concluded, "to make the best possible environment for them in the home, the school and the community, so that they may really enter into their heritage in a world of peace and harmony."

THE ANNUAL FETE

Our Annual Fete, organised by the P. and C. Association and the Ladies' Auxiliaries, and officially opened by Mrs. D. Drake, wife of the Area Director of Education, was held on Friday, October 3rd. Our thanks go to all who helped to make it a success—to Mrs. Drake, to our P. and C. and Ladies' Auxiliaries, to those conducting the various attractions, displays and games of skill, to the providers of afternoon tea and the evening meal, to all donors of goods, to the visitors, to Mr. George Owens, organizer of the evening concert and to those who took part, accompanist Mrs. J. Simpson, the two groups of 4B actors, R. Hynes, J. and K. Murray-Allen, G. Kalmykoff, K. McDonald, J. Lloyd, J. Morgan, Miss B. Levido, Miss E. Smallman, Miss Taylor, Mr. J. Dixon, Mr. K. Gardiner, and Mr. T. Bevan.

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PLAY NIGHT

Inclement weather resulted in a very small audience in our Assembly Hall for Play Night, August 6th. Plays presented were Captain Scuttleboom's Treasure (1C), The Stolen Prince (1D), The Thread of Scarlet (4C), Pray, Silence and Master and Man (4B), and Out in the Cold, Cold Snow (4D).

These plays were selected from performances held on the two previous days, the other plays being The Trial of Toad (1A), Fat King Melon (1B), The Emperor's Carpet (1E), Something to Talk About (2A), Shivering Shocks (2B), The Ghost of Jerry Bundler (2C), Mr. Justice Junior (2D), Exit Mr. Jingle (2E), Two Sketches (4B), and Scenes from Twelfth Night (3E).

All the groups of actors and those who helped "behind the scenes" are to be congratulated on their very creditable work. Costuming and stage settings were exceptionally good. Mr. F. Smith, Mr. R. McFarlane and Mr. and Mrs. D. Watchorn were responsible for the very effective making-up of the players.

THE ANNUAL CONCERT

Our Annual Concert at the City Hall, August 20th, presented a very attractive programme. Part 1 consisted of items by the School Orchestra, the Instrumental Septet, the Junior, Senior and Combined Choirs, violin solos by Gregory Blaxland, flute solos by John Lloyd, songs by Ross Hynes, and a Gymnastics Display of vaulting, tumbling shuttles and pyramids. Part 2 was devoted to an excellent performance by a group of over 30 4A students of Acts 2 and 3 of Sheridan's play, "The Critic." Acting, make-up, costuming and scenery were all of very high quality. The use of painted ships to represent the Spanish Armada and the British Fleet, the representation of canon fire by lighted firecrackers, and the eight-piece orchestra led by John Lloyd were very effective. The producer of the play was Mr. F. Smith, the choirs and the orchestra were conducted by Mr. D. Watchorn, the Physical Education Instructor was Mr. R. Judge, and the House Managers were Messrs. A. H. Hodge and H. Abrahams.

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EMPIRE DAY CEREMONY

Our Empire Day ceremony on May 23rd in the Assembly Hall was most impressively conducted. After the singing of "Advance Australia Fair," the School Captain, as Chairman, introduced the speakers, referred to the importance of maintaining our Commonwealth of Nations and stressed the special significance of this Empire Day, as we now had a Queen to lead the Empire. The Deputy-Headmaster, Mr. A. W. Milne, then read Lord Gowrie's Empire Day Message. This was followed by the singing of "There'll Always Be An England" and "Land of Hope and Glory." Our student-speakers, who performed their tasks admirably, were Ian Ford ("The Conception of the Commonwealth of Nations"), John Hinds ("Australia's Position in the Empire To-day") and John Kilpatrick ("Another Elizabethan Era—Can History Repeat Itself?"). The ceremony closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Our ceremony of Commemoration in the Assembly Hall was opened by the singing of "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." After Mr. Milne's introductory remarks on the purpose of the assembly, Mr. Hodge gave our students a graphic account of the story of Gallipoli and explained the significance of the Day of Remembrance. The school then sang part of Kipling's "Recessional" and repeated after Mr. Milne the moving words of Laurence Binyon's poem, "For the Fallen." Receiving a wreath from Mr. Milne, the Captain and the Vice-Captain presented it to Mr. D. Davies and Mr. H. Beveridge, who placed it at the foot of the Honour Roll. Then, while all stood, facing the flag, Mr. Ray Perkins sounded the Last Post and Reveille, two minutes' silence was observed, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the ceremony to a close.

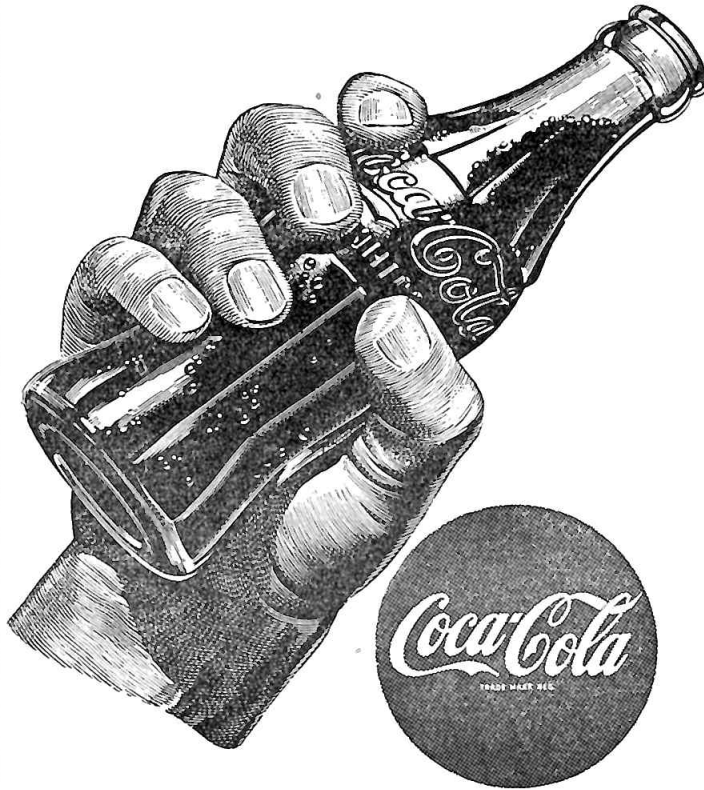
THE PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

It is pleasing to record that the present year is an all time high in the number of members enrolled in the Association, there being 688 annual members and 53 new life members. Subscriptions totalled just over £60.

Our active workers are also on the increase, and this is very desirable as our functions are many and the work thrown on our lady members, in particular, is rather heavy. Fortunately there are two ladies' auxiliaries, Waratah and Bar Beach, which, besides working for the parent body, conduct their own functions and raise considerable sums each year. The thanks of all parents is due to these two bands of ladies who work with such zeal for the good of the school.

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repeated requests from this Association the Department has now under way the erection of a cycle shed and has installed a ventilating system in the Assembly Hall. During the last few months the school has also been painted inside and out. Our thanks to the Minister for Education, Hon. R. J. Heffron, for these improvements.

The appeal fund sponsored by this Association has provided the magnificent plaques at the entrance to the school as a memorial to ex-pupils who gave their lives in the 1939-45 war, the rubber flooring on the ground floor, the public address system and the stage furniture forming the Jacobs-Walker Memorial.

A series of murals now hanging in the Assembly Hall depicts various phases of the life of our city. We thank those members of the Newcastle Society of Artists who gave of their time and skill in preparing these.

At the commencement of the year the House and Finance Committees, now active sub-committees of the Association, prepared a budget which was adopted by the members. Included therein was £250 for text books, of which almost £100 was provided by parents in response to a circular issued by the Association. Our thanks to those who contributed. £100 was allotted to the School Library, £75 to the Appeal Fund, £60 for the purchase of paper for the yearly and half-yearly exams., £30 for hurdles and £50 balance outstanding on electric gestetner purchased from school funds last year, as well as many other items too numerous to mention. Most of these items have already been provided and all will be paid for before the year ends.

Social functions held during the year included the P. and C. Dance, Father and Son Nights, one for 1st and 2nd years and another for 3rd and 4th years, Teacher and Parent Socials at the beginning and ending of the school year and the Annual School Fete. The Ladies' Auxiliaries also conducted dances and other functions.

The Association again takes this opportunity of expressing its appreciation to Mr. F. H. Beard and the teaching staff for the high standard that is being maintained and to those of the staff whose interest is such that they give of their time to coach the sporting teams, the School Orchestra, the School Choir, the Cadet Detachment and the Air Training Corps Flight.

This report would be incomplete without special mention of the part played in the Association by our Headmaster, Mr. F. H. Beard. Much of its success is due to his co-operation and enthusiasm. As we have done for the past five years, again we thank him.

In conclusion the Association urges the active support of all parents, as all our efforts are directed to improving the amenities of the school for the benefit of the scholars who are our sons.

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WARATAH LADIES' AUXILIARY

Throughout another year, successful both socially and financially, this Auxiliary has accepted its responsibilities to the school and in a friendly, happy atmosphere, entertained official visitors, staff and pupils at school functions and managed to build up a considerable bank balance to help with school beautification and equipment.

The ladies have worked arduously and consistently; no task has been too great, and the united efforts of both Bar Beach and Waratah Ladies' Auxiliaries for major functions have achieved outstanding results. The catering for Lintott Cup, when this year Newcastle Boys' High was the host school, the Supper Dance at Newbold's Hall, the Unveiling Ceremony at the school and the Annual Fete were the main combined functions for the year. Then again we had an enjoyable Staff and Parents' Social to commence the year and Father and Son Nights to follow. Thanks for your co-operation, Bar Beach.

At the first meeting for 1952 "new" mothers were welcomed and soon mingled with the "old" members. We have had an ever-increasing membership and, with this happy state and Mrs. W. A. Hannaford as President for the year, have accomplished much.

Following the Annual Meeting in March, many varied functions have been held. Mrs. Allen of Mayfield held a successful card party at her home in March. A cooking demonstration was given for our benefit at Nesca House. Several Jumble Sales were held, and the results were most favourable financially. A card party held in the Assembly Hall in June was most enjoyable. The Annual Students' Supper Dance during University vacation was again an outstanding success.

Waratah Auxiliary provided supper for official guests and staff at Speech Night this year and a hot luncheon was served on the Annual Sports Day at the school. This innovation was greatly appreciated by the members of the staff.

We wish to thank all those who have assisted so readily in our efforts for the school and its students and extend an invitation to any mother who wishes to enjoy happy fellowship while working for a worthy cause to come and join us.

J. MARQUET, Hon. Sec.

BAR BEACH LADIES' AUXILIARY

Herewith is submitted a report of the 4th year's activities of the Bar Beach Ladies' Auxiliary.

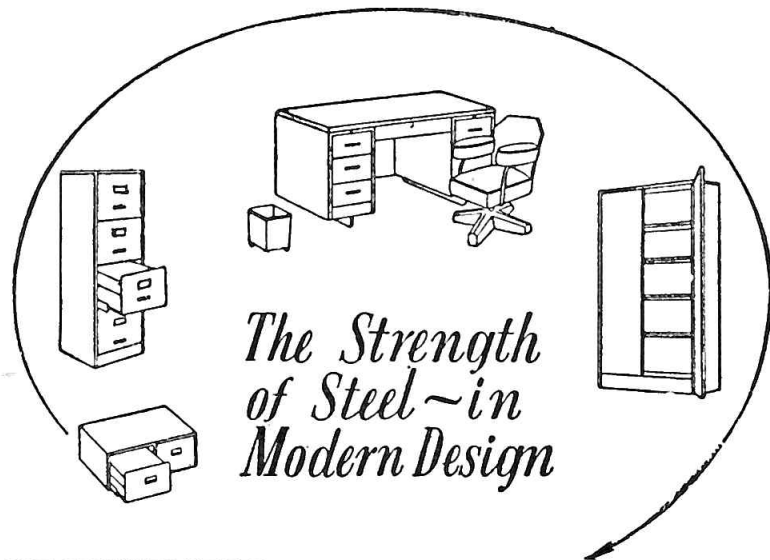
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willing and untiring efforts were instrumental in achieving this result, and we extend our thanks to the public who attended the various functions.

Our present membership is 71, being an increase of 8, and we hope to improve on this during the forthcoming year.

Our major function was in the form of a Garden Fete, which was held at the home of Mrs. F. Griffiths on Saturday, 24th May. Despite the inclement weather, our funds were augmented to the extent of £99/4/8—a remarkably fine effort.

As a departure from the usual functions, it was decided, as an experiment, to hold a small dance at St. Peter's Hall—tickets being 7/6. This proved to be most successful and increased our bank balance to the extent of £42 and augurs well for future similar functions.

Newcastle Boys' High School being host for the 1951 season's Lintott Cup Day, it devolved upon the Waratah and Bar Beach Ladies' Auxiliaries to provide the necessary catering. The luncheon for the officials was in the capable hands of the Waratah ladies, whilst our Auxiliary was in charge of the tuck shop.

Heavy rain fell during the greater part of the day but failed to mar the enthusiasm of the competitors and their supporters, and once again we could claim a success financially.

Members also assisted at the Annual P. and C. Dance held at Newbold's Recreation Hall, and at the Father and Son Supper for 3rd and 4th year Students held in the Assembly Hall.

The home of Mrs. Mitchell, 9 Fenton Avenue, Bar Beach, still continues to be the headquarters for our meetings, and we cordially invite all those who have their sons' interests at heart to attend and help to provide the amenities necessary for the well being of our Boys' High School Students.

E. WHITEHEAD, Secretary.

SCHOOL WELFARE AND SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

It is with great pleasure that I present the report of the activities carried out in 1952 by the School Welfare and Social Service Committee, usually referred to as S.W.A.S.S.C. Once again the committee has fulfilled its purpose of helping those who are in need and has certainly proved to be a worthy and outstanding unit within our school.

Under the supervision of Mr. Beard and Mr. Milne the committee, led by the school captain, Ken Scott, who was elected president, has carried on its meetings in a formal manner and has allotted benefits to various deserving causes. Donations were made to the Newcastle Ambulance Parlour Coach Fund (£5/5/-), the Lord Mayor's Korea Comfort Fund (£10), the P.S.A.A.A. Appeal (£5) and the

Stewart House Holiday Home for Children (£50). Mother's Day badges were purchased for every boy in the school, the proceeds being given to the Benevolent Society (£19).

A cheque on behalf of the school was sent to Mrs. Scully, a war widow, the mother of a late school pupil, Allan Scully, who was killed in a train accident this year.

S.W.A.S.S.C., we feel, has now become a regular contributor to those in need and takes its place as a charitable organisation in the City of Newcastle. Just recently an invitation was extended to a member of our committee to attend the opening of the Belmont Holiday Home for Crippled Children.

This year the captain of the school has spoken to the school several times of the significance of S.W.A.S.S.C., and an increased response has resulted. Unfortunately this response has not continued throughout the year, and I take this opportunity of appealing to boys of the school to make the next financial year a more satisfactory one by contributing regularly the usual amount of 3d per week.

R. TAYLOR, Secretary.



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FIFTH YEAR FAREWELL

On Thursday, October 30th., the school bade farewell to our fifth year students and wished them well in the L.C. Examination and in their careers. As a gift from fifth year and a token of their appreciation, a fine set of books was presented to the Headmaster by departing School Captain Ken Scott. During the afternoon the school was entertained by fifth year in the Assembly Hall.

The Passing-Out Parade was once again a very impressive ceremony. Lieutenant-Colonel J. Churchill, D.S.O. and Bar, Army Instructor of Transport Support Wing, School of Land-Air Warfare, Williamtown, took the salute and inspected the Cadet Detachment and the Air Training Corps personnel. After his address he presented the Captain Jacobs' Memorial Trophy to Cadet Lieutenant M. Patey representing No. 2 Platoon. Among the visitors were Lieutenant-Colonel J. V. Mather, Wing Commander K. Bollyman, Squadron-Leader H. L. Hoare, Captain G. K. Dellow, and Captain J. Connors.

In the evening the Annual Father and Son Dinner was held at Shortland Hall. The programme included community singing, the Chairman K. Scott's toast to the Queen, the Headmaster's toast to Departed Friends, the Chairman's toast to The School, the reply by the Headmaster, the Captain-elect, J. McKenzie's toast to departing fifth year, the reply by K. Davies and T. Morgan, D. Clarke's toast to the Staff, the reply by Mr. W. Milne, R. Mitchell's toast to the City of Newcastle, the reply by Mr. Trevalla, E. Hodge's toast to the visitors, the reply by Mr. D. Drake and Mr. W. Hannaford, B. Crozier's toast to the parents, the reply by Mr. J. J. Fyfe, and a speech by Mr. A. E. Denham, who bestowed the "Order of the Trowel" upon D. Clarke.

Congratulations to a Successful Ex-Student

A letter received by the Headmaster late in November last year brought very gratifying news of the success of one of our ex-students, Mr. Cyril Cook, who attended our school from 1935 to 1940. After obtaining his B.Sc. Degree at Armida'e University, he won his M.Sc. Degree at Sydney University, where he was on the staff until he went to England. In the words of the letter "he has just, at the age of 28, received his Doctor of Philosophy Degree at Manchester University."

LIVERSIDGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHEMISTRY

Two of our students distinguished themselves by winning Liversidge Scholarships at the L.C. Examination last year: M. Smith (1st in the State), D. Barnes (2nd in the State).

LEAVING CERTIFICATE, 1951.

(1 English, 2 Latin, 3 French, 4 German, 5 Mathematics I., 6 Mathematics II., 7 General Mathematics, 9 Modern History, 11 Combined Physics and Chemistry, 12 Physics, 13 Chemistry, 17 Geography, 18 Economics, 35 Technical Drawing. The letters "H (1)" signify first-class honours; "H(2)" second-class honours: "A" first-class pass; "B" second-class. The sign "(o)" denotes those who have passed in the oral tests in French, German).

Adcock, E. F. 5B 6B 12A 13B.	Bell, G. A., 1B 7B 9B 13B 17B 18A.
Allen, J. K. H., 3Bo 5B 6B 12A 13A.	Bignall, K. R., 1H(2) 3 Bo 7B 9A 13B.
Allwood, M. B., 1B 3B 7B 9A 12B 13B.	Blackley, J. H., 1B 5B 13B 17B.
Ashe, R. C., 1B 5B 6B 11B 17B 18B.	Bluford, D. J., 1H(2) 7A 9A 11A 17B 18A.
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Madew, D. M., 1B 3Bo 5B 6B 12A 13A.	Winn, D. J., 1B 3Bo 5B 12B 35B.
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D.; Nickisson, B. G.; Norris, A. C.; Pedersen, S.; Perkins, J. A.; Pinkney, T. J.; Poole, C.; Pulver, J. K.; Roberts, R. E.; Ross, B. W.; Ross, R. B.; Sennett, R. E.; Simmons, J. R.; Simpson, G. H.; Smith, T. O.; Smyth, W. J.; Sneddon, M. J.; Spence, W.; Steel, K. G.; Sutcliffe, P. R.; Sutherland, B. A.; Talbot, R. B.; Taylor, G. W.; Taylor, R. B.; Taylor, R. W.; Temby, E. M.; Thompson, J.; Thornton, B. W.; Traise, R. A.; Turnbull, I. D.; Twaddle, W. M.; Urquhart, B.; Walker, G. A.; Waters, J.; Waters, J. F.; Weatherburn, J.; Weimer, K. W.; Weston, J.; White, J. W.; Williams, B. E.; Williams, I. F.; Williamson, L.; Winsor, J. G.

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PRIZE LIST, 1951.

Specials

James Meikle Memorial Prize for Dux: D. Barnes.

Elizabeth Meikle Memorial Prize for Dux: Jeanette Goffet.

Ross Mearns Prize: Donald Willis.

Ken Sanderson Memorial Prize (for 2nd in School): Murray Smith.

Basil Helmore Prize: Don Martyn.

Capt. John Cleary Memorial Prizes—L.C. English: Jeffrey Miles.
L.C. History: Alan Murphy.

W. V. Cochrane Memorial Prize—L.C. Chemistry: Murray Smith.
Allan J. Way Prizes—L.C. Physics: Donald Barnes. 4th Year
Physics: James Whitton. 4th Year Chemistry: Trefor Morgan.

James William Armstrong Memorial Prize—4th Year Economics:
Brian Alcorn. School Prize for Captain: D. Willis.

Current Affairs Prizes—Junior: Michael Nicholas. Certificates
to Alan Findlay. Senior: Trefor Morgan. Certificates to
Patrick Healy and Mervyn Cotterill.

Special Improvement Prize for 2nd Year 2 Language Student:
M. Vincent.

Best Passes at Leaving—1st: Donald Barnes. 2nd: Murray
Smith. 3rd: Jeffrey Miles. 4th: Geoffrey Jenks. 5th:
Alan Murphy. 6th: David Bluford.

Subject Prizes—English: Jeffery Miles. Latin: Alan Murphy.
French: Jeffery Miles. German: Jeffery Miles. Maths.
I.: Geoffrey Jenks. Maths. II.: Geoffrey Jenks. Gen. Maths.:
Alan Murphy. Physics and Chemistry: Alan Murphy.
Physics: Donald Barnes. Chemistry: Murray Smith.
Geography: Robert Donald. Economics: Warren Waudby.
Tech. Drawing: Desmond Mason.

Year Prizes and Certificates—

Fourth Year—Dux: Patrick Healy. 2nd: Anthony Smith. 3rd:
Richard Flanagan. 4th: Trefor Morgan. 5th: Garry Hughes.
6th: James Whitton.

Certificates—English: A. Smith. History: Brian Jackson.
French: A. Smith, P. Healy. Latin: Barrie Kemple. Ger-
man: A. Smith. Maths. I.: R. Flanagan. Maths. II.: J.
Whitton. Gen. Maths.: Michael Beck, Cyril Green. Comb.
Physics and Chemistry: Kevin Clulow. Chemistry: Trefor
Morgan. Physics: J. Whitton. Geography: Errol Hodge,
Donald Keith. Economics: Brian Alcorn. T.D.: Peter Body.

Third Year—Dux: Mervyn Cotterill. 2nd: Peter Cole. 3rd:
Geoffrey Firkin. 4th: Ray Cooper. 5th: Donald Martyn.
6th: Kenneth Barratt.

Certificates—English: R. Cooper. History: K. Barratt, John
McKenzie. French: M. Cotterill. Latin: M. Cotterill. Ger-
man: M. Cotterill, Donald Laycock. Maths. I.: M. Cotterill.
Maths. II.: Barry Williams. El. Science: P. Cole. Geo-
graphy: John Perkins. Social Studies: D. Martyn. Bus.
Principles: D. Martyn. Tech. Drawing: Robert Dunn.

First In—3A: M. Cotterill. 3B.: Richard Goldberg. 3C.: David
Fry. 3D.: D. Martyn. 3E.: Noel Cocking.

Second Year—Dux: John Marquet. 2nd: Colyn Whitehead. 3rd:
Lloyd Gledhill. 4th: Alan Findlay. 5th: Michael Nicols.
6th: Neville Harrison.

Certificates—English: J. Marquet. History: J. Marquet. French:
C. Whitehead. Latin: C. Whitehead. German: L. Gledhill.
Maths. I.: David Beach, Robin Saunders, C. Whitehead.
Maths. II.: D. Beach, R. Saunders, N. Harrison, J. Wrightson.
El. Science: C. Whitehead. Soc. Studies: Colin Melville, P.
Blanch. Geography: Trevor Jenkins. Bus. Principles: Wil-
liam Jones. Tech. Drawing: Robert Long.

First In—2A: John Marquet. 2B: Ian Symes. 2C: Adrian Wil-
liams. 2D: John Sneddon. 2E: John Wrightson.

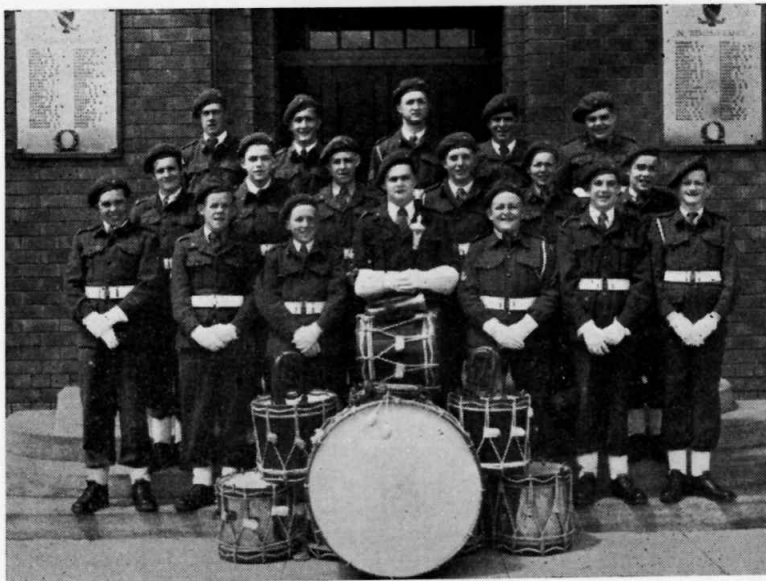
First Year—Dux: Philip Schofield. 2nd: Jim Stephens. 3rd:
Grahame Jones. 4th: John Hinde. 5th: Warren Atkins.
6th: Ronald Parsons.

Certificates—English: Philip Schofield. History: Peter Harwin.
French: Philip Snelson. Latin: Ross McLuckie, W. Atkins.
Maths. I.: P. Schofield. Maths. II.: Kevin Herd. El. Science:
P. Schofield. Tech. Drawing and Woodwork: Robert Chad-
ban. Soc. Studies: Philip Rees. Geography: John Halpin.

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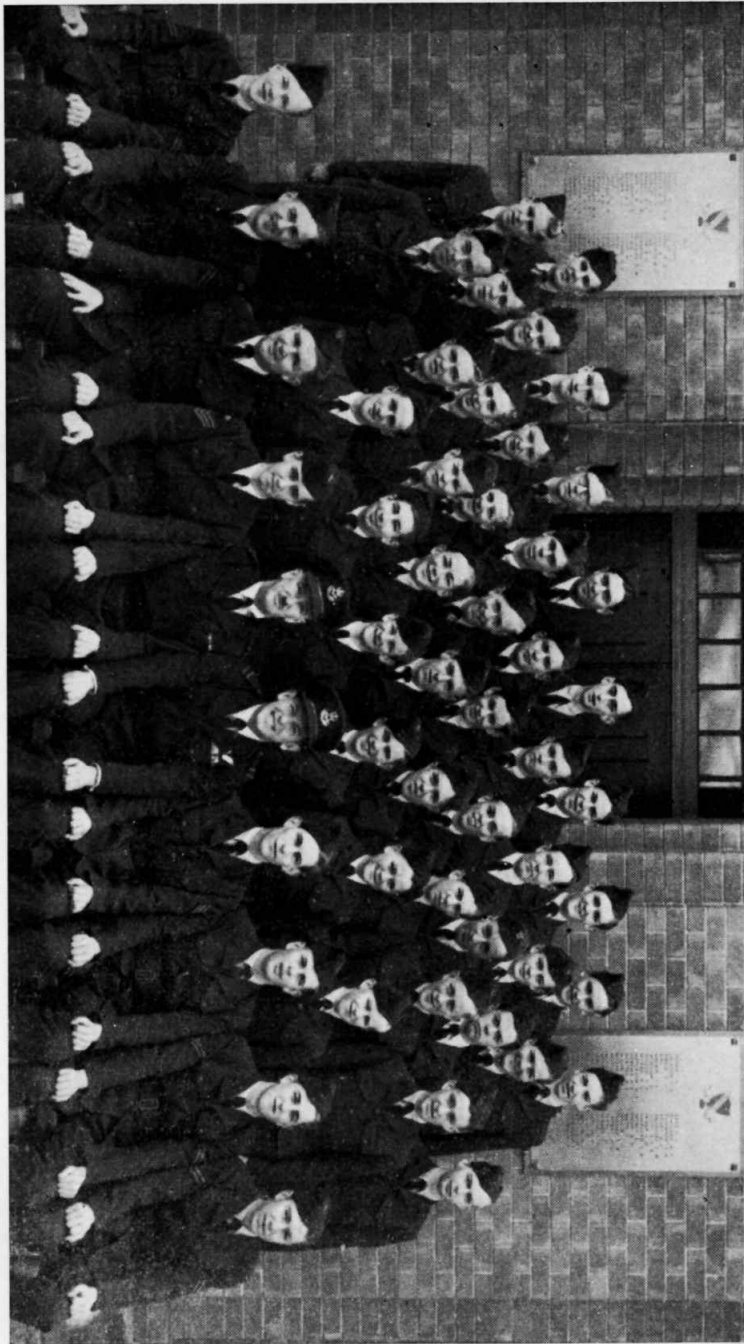
The degree of school spirit is directly proportional to the number of cadets. And why shouldn't it be? Teamwork and co-operation are a natural outcome of cadet training. Throughout the school an apathy towards the cadets occurs because of a distorted outlook. The cadets are not jack-booted commissars. They do not join because of a fine uniform. They join knowing that it will do them some good, that it is an interesting change and a chance for healthy exercise. All cadets train on the Bren, the rifle and the grenade, and also learn map reading and fieldcraft and the general principles of tactics and army organisation. Some boys graduate to the specialist sections, where the 6 pdr. tank attack gun, the 3 inch mortar, the Vickers M.M.G., regimental signals, and medical and intelligence work are taught. The band is a great asset to the school as well as to the cadets.

The efficiency and accuracy of our 6 pdr. crew and M M B squad at camps have amazed sceptics. At Gan-Gan last year the signals squad laid down and maintained a twenty-line switchboard for twenty days. These sections have brought great credit to our unit.

Camps and bivouacs are attended by all cadets. Specialist courses maintain a flow of highly trained instructors. The annual N.C.O. and Potential Officers' School held at Singleton is the goal for every cadet. The impression made by our unit at these camps in competition with other schools enhances the reputation of the school itself.

At camps the cadets are introduced to the 2-inch mortar, the rifle grenade discharger, the Very pistol and the walkie-talk'e. Occasionally R.A.A.F. demonstrations and armoured fighting vehicle displays are seen. Our teamwork and training were best shown when our 50 cadets defeated 110 cadets from Sydney schools in an exercise at Singleton. The fun, the friendships and the strenuous nature of these camps do much good among the boys.

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Capt. Jacobs' Memorial Trophy will also be presented to the most soldierly platoon in the unit.

Capt. Fountain, our O.C., and Lt. Watchorn receive the unit's sincere appreciation for a job well done. Capt. Marquet, who still takes keen interest in us, has our thanks. We also thank Mr. Beard and all other persons who have helped in any way.

D. KEITH.

THE CADET BAND

The Cadet Band of 1952, consisting of ten drummers, two bass drummers, seven buglers and a drum-major, has had a very full programme this year.

We began in February with practically a new set of players. The enthusiasm of the boys and the able leadership of the drummers by Sergt. K. Davies brought the playing again to a high standard. The band's public performances included an Anzac march at Stockton as well as in Hunter Street, the Wattle Day ceremony at the Cenotaph, and the leading of the Newcastle Cadets to commemorate Empire Day. The marching and playing at the Newcastle Girls' High Sports and later on at our own sports proved to be once again very efficient.

Unfortunately only a small percentage of the boys attended the annual camp at Singleton, and it was necessary to combine the band with another school band for the march past. However, the boys who attended gained valuable experience and tuition from army instructors at the camp.

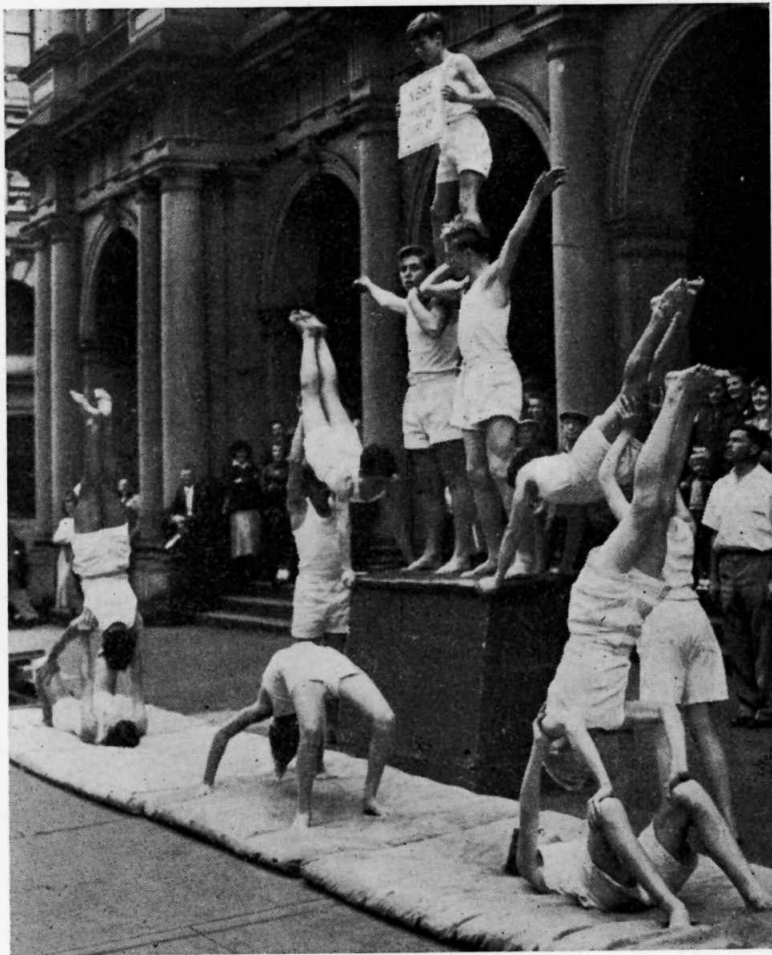
The band is now preparing for the unveiling of the School War Memorial and also for the Passing Out Parade at the end of the year.

DRUM-MAJOR ROBERT TAYLOR.

No. 21 FLIGHT, A.T.C.

In February of this year, N.S.W. Squadron A.T.C. gave permission for the formation of a Flight of Air Training Corps at the School, and sixty-five boys were selected, medically examined and enrolled as members of the Flight.

F./Lt. A. H. Hodge became the first Commanding Officer, with Flying Officer F. S. Smith as Chief Instructor and Pilot Officer H. Beveridge as Adjutant. At an early stage, the Flight was fortunate enough to obtain the services of Sgt. Frank Sheriff of the General Reserve, and the efficiency of the Cadets is largely the result of his capable and devoted services. He has now been seconded to A.T.C. for permanent service and thus has become a regular member of the Corps. We owe much to his keenness and example. In April the Cadets went into camp at Canberra R.A.A.F. Station. During the week they saw much of the Capital, including Parliament



HEALTH WEEK DISPLAY BY GYMNASTICS GROUP OUTSIDE NEWCASTLE POST OFFICE.

N. Hincks,
 D. Weatherall, M. Phillips, J. Perkins, W. Sheehan, P. Snelson, J. Sheehan.
 ON MATS: K. Bubb, P. Street (up), P. Swatbridge, B. Ableson (up), G. Urpeth.
 AT REAR: Mr. R. Judge.

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House and the War Memorial Museum, and, despite the cold, they enjoyed the experience of station life. During the August vacation, twelve cadets attended a Junior N.C.O. Course at Rathmines with very satisfactory results. A./Cpl. C. Spitzkowsky won Special Distinction and the Pennant for the Outstanding Cadet. Cdt. G. Lindus won Special Distinction and all others, save two, passed with Distinction.

The Flight has attended special parades on Empire Day and in Health Week, but the most important from the School's point of view was that of the unveiling of the Memorial Plaques for World War II. by Major-General I. Dougherty, C.B.E., D.S.O. and Bar, E.D. On that occasion, visitors from other Sydney Flights and from the local 16 and 22 Flights assisted by their presence.

Recently we have received rifles, a Bren, a bombsight, an Aldis Lamp and other gear for use by the Flight. It will add greatly to the interest shown in lectures and provide material for range work and signalling.

The Commanding Officer wishes to place on record his appreciation of the co-operation and assistance willingly given by the Cadet Corps during the year. It is typical of the friendly spirit which exists between the Services within the School.

CLUB REPORTS

Chess: This year interest in Chess has risen to such a degree that many members have to bring their own sets, as the school supply has no chance of coping with the demand. In addition to our regular members, students from other clubs, including the Cadets, often come to the Chess Club room. We are looking forward to a round competition to decide the Chess Champion of 1952.

J. BANNISTER, 4D.

Senior Debating: Owing to the fact that the school can take part in only a few Hume-Barbour and Junior Hume-Barbour debates, it did not, this year, enter either competition. Instead, the Business Men's Club was asked to donate a shield (which had hitherto been the prize for the winner of the Northern Zone of the Junior Hume-Barbour) as a trophy to be presented to the successful school in a District Debating Competition. The schools taking part are Maitland High, Cessnock High, Technical High, and of course, Newcastle Boys' High.

Trefor Morgan, David Clarke and Ken Scott were chosen for the team, a solid combination which has argued its way undefeated to the final.

Apart from this competition, many debates and discussions have been fought out inside the club. "That elephants should smoke pipes," was probably the highlight of all discussions. Among



DEBATING TEAM.

Winners of Shield Presented by Newcastle Business Men's Club for Competition among Northern High Schools.

K. Scott, T. Morgan, Mr. F. Hyland, D. Clarke.

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other animal lovers, G. Bradford championed the elephants' cause, and we respect him for his tender heart and touching, eloquent address.

One debate worthy of remembrance was "that boys are better than girls," a subject on which the Junior Club as the Government challenged 4th year. Unfortunately, the 4th year team thought it knew enough about girls to prepare its case the period before the debate. The juniors won.

Altogether the Senior Debating Club has had, so far, a successful year, having, apart from the competition, defeated Tech. High in two debates. Three of its members have gained places in both age groups of the boys' section of the Royal Empire Society's Public Speaking Competition.

However, we would not have done as well as we did had it not been for Mr. Hyland's sound coaching and advice. To him we extend sincere thanks and gratitude. Our thanks must also go to Mr. Beard, who adjudicated the 4th year debate against Tech. High, and to Mr. Eddy, who has been kind enough to adjudicate the various competition debates against other schools.

In sport and in studies our school has established a fine reputation. It has also won itself an equally fine reputation in debating. However, it is to be regretted that more boys do not join debating clubs and thus master, or at least try to master, this branch of the art of expression.

J. McKENZIE, 4th year.

Engineering Drawing: Formed in 1951, the Engineering Drawing Club is proving to be a popular hobby for its members.

This year we have continued with discussions, which take place on the first Thursday of each month, and with making all types of engineering drawings.

The discussions have followed the same pattern as last year, with talks on engineering subjects.

This year perspective, both freehand and mechanical, and axonometric drawings, which are widely used in architecture, have been introduced.

Club members are extremely interested in this hobby, and special thanks go to our club patron, Mr. Hainsworth, for the interest he takes in all of our activities.

Club membership has increased this year, and any boy who is interested in engineering drawing would benefit by joining this club.

B. MYERS, 3C.

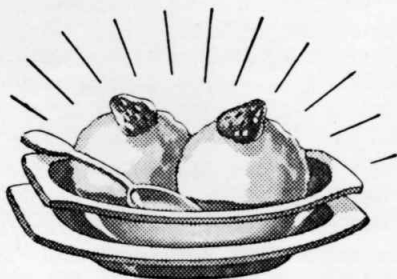
Gymnastics: Another successful period of tumbling, vaulting and pyramid displays is being enjoyed by the members of this popular club. Numerous new recruits have increased the membership so much that many boys have been unable to join. The high standard of the group has been maintained. Messrs. Smith and Judge must be given credit for their fine tuition. Displays were given at the School Concert and outside the Post Office, Newcastle, during Health Week and at a benefit at St. Andrew's Church, Mayfield. Present officials of the club are M. Phillips (Pres.), K. Bubb (Vice Pres.) and J. Wrightson (Treas.).

M. PHILLIPS, 3E.

Library Club: A milestone in the history of the Library Club has been reached this year by the introduction of a Book Week Exhibition, which was held by the club in the library during Book Week.

Displays of books were grouped in special sections, which covered various subjects such as Science, Music, Dramatic Art and "The History of Writing and Printing." Two other very fine displays, one of "Books by Australian Authors," and another of the latest in fiction, attracted much attention.

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One of the highlights of the exhibition was the excellent set of posters, which were made by a few members of the club, and we wish to thank them for the time and money which they spent in their preparation.

During Book Week, Mr. Rigby conducted a survey for the favourite author. This was won by Ion L. Idriess with Capt. W. E. Johns a close second.

A special effort made by the club during the year enabled us to buy for the library, two books, "Atomic Power" and "Electric Power," which were gratefully accepted.

Our sincerest appreciation is extended to the school's librarian, Mr. Rigby, who has made a marked improvement in our club during the year.

C. R. ANDERSON, Secretary.

Model Aeroplanes: We have a total membership of 20, many of whom own engines, and we are very ably supervised by Mr. Denham. Our main difficulties have been the transporting of models to school in crowded buses and trains and the adverse weather which we have often experienced. However, we have had several lectures by different members on various aspects of model aeroplanes, and some members have brought their 'planes to school although not flying because of the high winds. With the approach of better weather we are looking forward to much activity in our club.

C. FELTON, 3A.

Photography: Membership of this club has been opened to all but first year. A donation of 3d is given weekly to finance the purchase of necessary chemicals and general equipment. The club owns an excellent enlarger and members can do their own enlarging both during the period and after school. Competitions play a leading part in the club's activities. B. Stevenson won the "Nature Scene" competition in July with a fine river scene, and the "School Athletics Carnival" is the current competition. For members not occupied in the dark room the club has its own photographic magazines. We would like to thank Mr. Simpson for his conscientious work for the club and Mr. Cockrane and the Science Staff for the loan of the Physics storeroom.

J. TATE, J. MARSHALL.

Sketch Club: The Sketch Club, under Mr. Holmes, began this year with a large membership for such an activity. It was decided that two officers, a president and a treasurer, be elected, these positions being filled by Maurice Scott (President) and John Berryl (Treasurer). The usual club policy of using club time to travel to and sketch subjects in close proximity to the school was

abandoned for one which devoted the hobbies period to the finishing off, showing and criticizing of members' work. All types of drawing and painting were encouraged by Mr. Holmes. Members' work touched on nearly every school of art, classical, portrait, landscape, impressionist and even the modern semi-surrealism. The best of members' work has been shown in the two major exhibitions which have been held. In the first, members put their work straight into the main exhibition, for which there were three section prizes and one grand prize, the last being won by C. Whitehead. In the second, however, a preliminary exhibition was held each week. The best entries in these were placed in a monthly preliminary, the best amongst these becoming finalists in the major exhibition, which was won by J. Berryl. During the present term, we arranged to have a series of lectures by the members on various aspects of art. In this way we hoped to gain in knowledge and experience.

M. SCOTT.

The Stamp Club: For the first half of the year R. Stevenson was elected President, R. Ferguson Secretary and J. Carter Treasurer. At the election of officers for the second half of the year R. Fer-



THE ORCHESTRA.

BACK ROW: R. Mitchell, E. Kearns, J. Hawkins.
 THIRD ROW: P. Simpson, G. Bow, W. Burrows, P. Healy, A. Hutchinson.
 SECOND ROW: P. Jackson, D. Fry, K. McDonald, J. Lloyd, G. Kalmykoff, D. Baker,
 D. Weatherall, E. Smith.
 FRONT ROW: P. Dent, A. Atkins, Mr. D. Watchorn, G. Blaxland, J. Murray-Allen.
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guson was elected President, G. Laurie Secretary, and J. Carter was re-elected Treasurer.

We have had visits from Mesdames Rock and Garrard who brought along some very fine stamps to show us. Pick-a-Box has been held several times and some good prizes won.

At the school fete this year we intend to have a display of stamps by members of the club. It is hoped that during the following years the club will prosper and help the stamp collectors of the future.

R. STEVENSON, 5E.

MUSIC

Apart from normal class work, this year has seen some good work from the school choirs and orchestra.

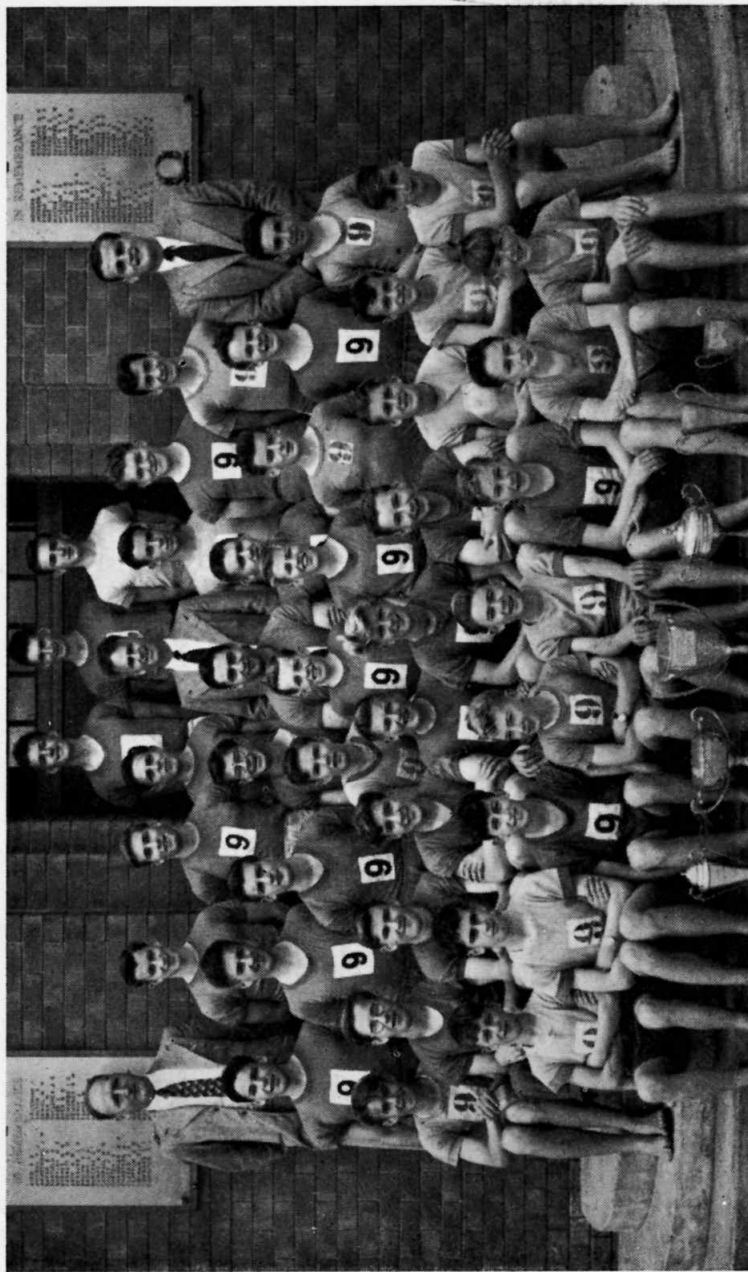
The junior and senior choirs performed at Speech Night and at the School Concert and were very well received. These performances could have been improved greatly if many more boys had attended practices regularly. This applies also to the orchestra who, in spite of this irregularity of practice, brought credit on themselves on both of the above-mentioned occasions.

Notable this year was the winning of scholarships to the Conservatorium by some of the boys of the orchestra. Great credit for this is due to John Lloyd (flute), Ted Kearns (violin) and Robert Atcheson (violin). The school owes its congratulations to these boys, as these activities all serve to bring more honour and credit to the name of the school. It is our earnest hope that more boys will attempt them again this year, as there is much musical talent in the school deserving the high standard of teaching and experience which members of the staff of the Conservatorium can give them.

Credit is due also to the boys who formed the instrumental septet, which played so well at the concert. The organising ability and hard work of Greg Blaxland and the enthusiasm and musicianship of the whole group combined to give a most enjoyable performance of "Nights of Gladness," by Arncliffe and the popular "March" from "Carmen," by Bizet. The septet comprises G. Blaxland, E. Kearns, J. Lloyd, G. Kalmykoff, K. McDonald, E. Smith and A. Atkins.

Lastly let us thank very sincerely those fifth year boys who have helped in the choir and orchestra, particularly our reliable accompanist, Reg. Mitchell, and let us wish them well in the coming examinations and later in their chosen careers. Let us hope that music provides them with continual enjoyment in their leisure hours.

MR. D. WATCHORN.



ATHLETICS TEAM.
 Winners Sydney C.H.S. Senior Cup, Newcastle Senior Cup, Newcastle Teachers' College Challenge Relay, Lintott Cup, Kerr Cup, 2nd in Aggregate S.C.H.S.
 FRONT ROW: R. Mathieson, R. Jenkins, B. Abrahams, P. Stoeker, R. Connors, T. Duffell, T. Wood, F. Bishop, Hamilton.
 SECOND ROW: A. Parsons, M. Bailey, J. Thompson, D. Baker, G. Doyle, A. Carroll, T. Dunn, G. Fielding, B. Coxhell, K. Sutcliffe, A. Abraham, A. Thomas.
 THIRD ROW: G. Sutcliffe, A. Abraham, A. Thomas, Bowden, J. Stephenson, R. Williams, K. Mahoney, J. McKenzie, M. Scott.
 FOURTH ROW: R. Bender, J. Gill, J. Nattress, D. Bowden, J. Farrell, D. Madew, Mr. C. Goffet (Coach), A. Charlton.
 FIFTH ROW: Mr. L. McRae (Sportmaster), K. Scott (Capt.), J. Farrell, D. Madew, Mr. C. Goffet (Coach), A. Charlton.

SPORT

Blues Awarded 1951:

Cricket—D. Willis, G. Mould, A. Davidson, G. Marshall.

Rugby—A. Davidson, C. McCosker, M. Allwood, T. Webb.

Soccer—K. Scott, K. Davies, R. Renton, G. Hughes, J. Lloyd, B. Evans.

Tennis—D. Willis, J. Layt, P. Myors, P. Dickson.

Athletics—K. King, J. Farrell.

Swimming—J. Sticpewich, A. Charlton, J. Barr.

Athletics

The season just ended has been most enjoyable and successful, with all members showing a very fine team spirit. Prospects were not bright early in the year, but, as the season progressed, many boys showed great improvement, so that finally we had possibly the best all-round team ever.

Our senior relay team, Alcorn, Farrell, Madew and Scott, began the year well by winning the Teachers' College Challenge Cup.

We were lucky to get through a very evenly-contested School Carnival in spite of bad weather, and the following boys are to be congratulated on winning the Championship Pennants in the various divisions:—Senior: K. Scott; Under 16: D. Bowden; Under 15: B. Coxhell; Under 14: G. Sutcliffe; Under 13: B. Abrahams. Records were broken or equalled by the following athletes: J. Farrell, Senior Mile; K. Scott, Senior Hurdles; J. Stephenson, Senior Shot Put; B. Alcorn, Senior Hop, Step and Jump; D. Bowden, Under 16 High Jump and Hop, Step and Jump; A. Charlton, Under 16 Shot Put; J. McKenzie, Under 16 880 yards; J. Nattress, Under 16 High Jump; G. Sutcliffe, Under 14 High Jump; A. Parsons, Under 14 Shot Put; and R. Hynes, Under 13 Shot Put. The Arthur Shield was won by Hunter House.

Our School did well at the Northern Districts C.H.S. Carnival, which was held in shocking weather. We won the Lintott Cup for the aggregate, with a record number of points, came first in the Senior Cup, first in the Junior and second in the Juvenile, which was won by Hamilton Marist Brothers, whom we congratulate. There were so many fine performances that it is not quite fair to single out boys for special mention, but Farrell, Scott, Charlton, McKenzie, Bowden and Coxhell were probably the stars of our team. Before leaving for America, Kevan Gosper donated a Cup to be won outright by the juvenile gaining most points at the Lintott Cup Carnival. Bruce Abrahams was the winner this year. Kevan Gosper has provided similar Cups for future years, and we thank

him for his continued interest in the School. New records at this Carnival were made by J. Stephenson in the Senior Shot Put, G. Fielding in the Under 14 Shot Put, and D. Bowden in the Under 16 Hop, Step and Jump.

The School team did really well at the Sydney C.H.S. Carnival, in which 35 schools competed. We won the Senior Cup for the first time since 1923, came second in the aggregate, third in the Junior Cup and third in the Juvenile Shield. We also won the Kerr Cup, for the eleventh successive year. Most of our boys and all the relay teams qualified for the finals. Abrahams won the Under 13 Hurdles, Sutcliffe the Under 14 High Jump, Bowden the Under 16 High Jump, and Mahoney the Under 16 100 yards second division. A remarkable performance was that of Allan Charlton, who put the shot 50 feet 3½ inches in the Under 16, to be beaten by 3½ inches. Ken Scott went close to winning the Senior Hurdles and 220 yards.

Blues for 1951 will be awarded to Ken Scott, John Farrell, Brian Alcorn and David Madew, whom we heartily congratulate, as Blues are hard to win in Athletics.

Even more than in past years, we must thank Messrs. Taylor, Eggington, Osborne and Parks for their invaluable assistance dur-



FIRST-GRADE CRICKET—PREMIERS, 1952.

FRONT ROW: R. Freeman, K. Scott (Capt.), Mr. J. Burrows, T. Smith, H. Moore.
BACK ROW: B. Wellham, C. Keane, J. Gill, G. Marshall, J. Stephenson, G. Hughes,
J. Layt.

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ing the season. Thanks are also due to the P. and C. for purchasing 40 new hurdles, to North Sydney Boys' High School for billeting members of our Sydney team, and to the parents who took such a keen interest in the Carnivals.

Australian Rules

This season our team was not as successful as it had been previously owing to the fact that a very small number of boys played the game last year. We finished second behind Central, who lost only one game. We lost six and won eight. Had our kicking been more accurate in our early games, we might have done better.

Four of our boys, Bisson, Cotterill, Howe and Simmons were chosen to represent Newcastle against Sydney and, when we played Sydney at Newcastle, the same four boys were in the team together with Bates and Carroll. In this game our boys scored three of the five goals for Newcastle. Congratulations to all those chosen.

John Thompson, playing Rules for the first time, appears as though he will develop into the best player in the team next year. Jim Bates and Athol Carroll, two other new players, played like veterans. Our most consistent player was probably John Simmons, who was always on the ball, and he was assisted by his change rover, Carl Bisson, and ruck, Barry Howe. Cotterill, the captain, was the leading goal scorer, followed by Richard Fielding, Jim Bates and John Simmons. Cotterill received the trophy for the best and fairest player in the team.

I take this opportunity on behalf of the team of thanking Mr. Judd for his helpful advice and Waratah Australian Rules Football Club for donating the trophy and giving us other assistance.

M. COTTERILL, 4A.

Cricket

First XI: As the 1952 season draws to a close the First XI. once again finds itself struggling to regain the lead it lost by its defeat by Tech. High. During the past few seasons our first grades have made almost a habit of trailing one team in the competition point score. This year we are confident of regaining the lead by the end of the season to re-establish Newcastle High as the premier cricketing school of the district. The team, built around its four Combined High Schools' representatives, R. Freeman, G. Marshal, B. Wellham and J. Gill, is capable of doing this.

We opened the season brilliantly by defeating Cessnock outright and overwhelming Hamilton Marist in a match drawn because of rain's interference on the first day. It was then that our fall from grace occurred. At Waratah Oval the first day found



SECOND GRADE CRICKET TEAM—CO-PREMIERS, 1952.
 BACK: G. Shearman, B. Daly, P. Myers, S. Kelso, D. Renton, A. Roach, D. Keith.
 FRONT: J. Attwater, P. Kirkby (Capt.), Mr. E. Ingram (Coach), I. Fauchon,
 D. Martyn.



"A" GRADE CRICKET TEAM—UNDEFEATED PREMIERS, 1952.
 BACK: B. Andrews, N. Cocking, L. Gledhill, D. Reynolds, A. Barclay, B. Kemple,
 B. Sharp, B. Williams.
 FRONT: C. Whitehead, P. Sutcliffe (Capt.), Mr. J. Simpson (Coach), R. Taylor
 (Vice-Capt.), C. Moore.

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us out for 66 and already trailing Tech.'s 6 wickets total by 3 runs. Greater determination on the second day brought to our team more inspired cricket, but it was too late to redeem our earlier failures. The final match before winter saw us easily victorious at Gosford in a game which could be described as a pleasant experience rather than a tenacious battle for cricket supremacy.

In this report I have not attempted to cite individual performances because to mention one would be to do an injustice to many others. Suffice is to say that each member did his best and this is, after all, the most and the least a first grader, or for that matter, anyone can do for his school.

In addition to our thanks to Mr. Burrows, who is always ready with a word of advice or constructive criticism, the team as a unit and the school as a whole is indebted to Mr. Gill, father of one of the team, for his donation of a fine trophy for presentation to the member of the 1st XI. who showed most improvement during the season. B. Wellham was the lucky boy this year—a very popular decision.

KEN. SCOTT, Capt.

Second XI: So far this season the Second Eleven has been very successful. It has not been defeated and has three first innings wins to its credit. The notable feature of all its matches has been the high scoring of the tail-end batsmen.

In the first match against Hamilton Marist Brothers, Boys' High batted first and scored 169. Stephenson batting number 8 scored 46 in short time, Renton made 39, and Martyn 33. Hamilton Marist replied with 82 and 5 for 50.

The next match was against Technical High. We batted first and were in a bad position with 7 wickets down for 34. Fauchon (52) and Keith (22) were largely responsible for our final total of 110. Technical High replied with 61, Myers taking 4 for 23. In this match we were unlucky in not gaining an outright victory as Technical High in the second innings scored 7 for 25.

The next match provided the highlight of the season. We played Maitland Marist who did not enter a first grade team and thus had a very strong second grade team. They won the toss and decided to bat. All that afternoon we hunted leather and they declared at 8 for 195. The next Wednesday we started badly with 3 wickets down for 15. Geoff Shearman then scored 87 in fine style and played the best innings of the season. Fauchon played another good innings for 46 and Attwater scored 26. We finished the day with 206, a mighty effort.

The success this team has had during the past half season was due to the good team spirit displayed by all members and to the coaching of Messrs. Clarke and Ingram.

P. KIRKBY, Capt.

A Grade: This team has had a very good season, being undefeated and leading in the competition. The first match was played against Newcastle Tech. at District Park. Tech. batted first and was dismissed for 77. We replied with 5 wickets down for 156. In their second innings they were dismissed for 42 and thus we gained an outright victory, the top-scorers for us being Taylor 33 and Sutcliffe 71 not out.

The second match was against Junior High whom we defeated on the first innings after a fairly close match.

Plattsburg, whom we defeated outright, scored 15 and 109. We replied with 109 and two for 17. The outstanding batsman was Williams.

Morpeth Grammar School provided the opposition for our next match. We batted first and declared at 2 wickets for 167, to which they replied with 37 and 30. The outstanding batsmen were Moore 57 not out and Sutcliffe 87. The best bowler was Kemple. This win made us the leaders in the competition. Williams topped the batting averages and Kemple the bowling averages. On the whole the team fielded well, Barclay being outstanding. The wickets were ably kept by R. Taylor.

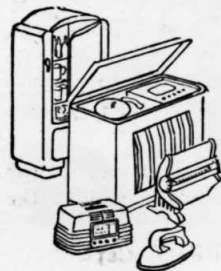
On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Simpson for his keen interest and coaching. P. SUTCLIFFE, 4B, Capt.

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B. Grade Local: This team has done exceptionally well in this year's competition. It is practically the same team which was successful in the previous year. Warren Burrows, the vice-captain, was honoured by being selected to represent N.S.W. in the Interstate Carnival. The outstanding players were W. Burrows and R. Morris. Morris, J. Hamonet and G. Sutcliffe were selected to represent Newcastle. Ian Symes strengthened the attack by his medium-paced spin bowling. We are undefeated but are running second to Cook's Hill, whom we defeated in the last match. Our team is very well balanced and has good prospects of winning the competition.

J. GRAY, Capt.

C Grade Travelling: This team has so far played four games: two outright wins and two outright defeats. Our wins were against Cessnock and Morpeth Grammar School. Our defeats were against Hamilton Marist Brothers and Tech. High. Against Cessnock McIntyre batted well, while Hinks bowled splendidly to capture 6 wickets for 3 and 6 wickets for 4. When we played Tech. High Casey and Elters were the best bats and Jackson the best bowler. After Tech. High came Hamilton Marist Brothers. Hinks had the honour of being best batsman and bowler on our side. Against Morpeth Grammar School Evans was the highest scorer and Hinks shared the bowling honours with Jackson. The best fielders were Jackson, Evans, Hinks and Elters. Special credit must be given to Mr. Idstein, for the team thinks that its two wins were due mainly to his coaching.

B. EVANS, 2D.

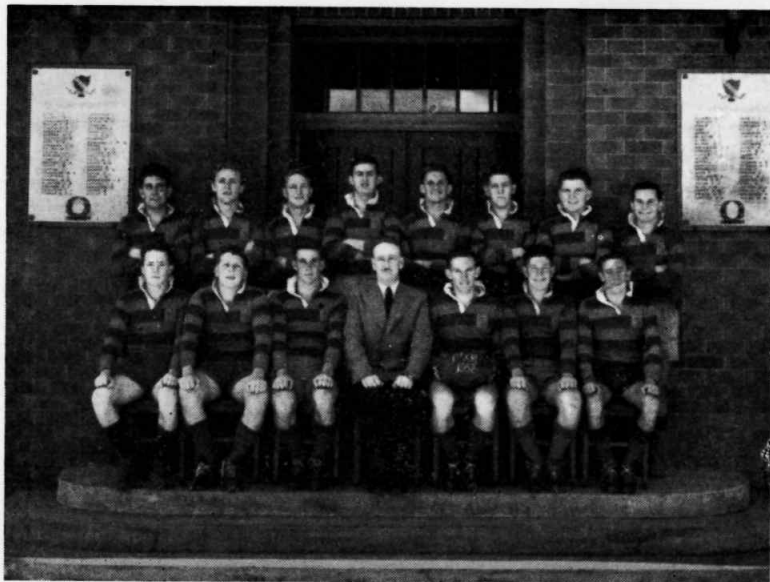
Hockey

As Mr. Brown, last year's hockey coach, was transferred, it looked for a while that there would be no hockey this year. However, Mr. Plummer agreed to look after the hockey. There were three teams this year, A grade, B grade and C grade. The A grade had a very unsatisfactory season, coming last in the competition against Junior High, Cook's Hill and Central. Grady and Suiters were the only goal scorers. The only excuse that can be offered is that the team consisted of last year's B graders and was not up to the standard of the other schools.

The B grade did fairly well, coming third in the competition. Many of the games were won easily and the games which were lost were very keenly contested. P. Wolfendon, as a back, stopped many balls coming through, and J. Richardson, although out of position, played well as centre forward.

The C grade was undefeated in the 1st round. However, as the season progressed, the team seemed to fade, playing well on some days and badly on others and finishing in fourth position behind Cook's Hill, Central and Junior High.

D. FRY.



FIRST GRADE LEAGUE.

BACK ROW: J. Ferguson, C. Keane, K. Davies, G. Bradford, W. Cowan, G. Stokes, E. Roach, K. Clulow.
 FRONT ROW: D. Keith, C. Chapman, A. Charlton (Vice-Capt.), Mr. Hodge (Coach), T. Smith (Capt.), B. Nickisson, D. Ward.



2ND GRADE LEAGUE—PREMIERS, 1952. WINNERS OF THE "DODD" SHIELD.
 FRONT ROW: G. Burns, K. Mahoney, R. Baxter, D. Harper.
 MIDDLE: D. Keith, B. Miller, J. McKenzie, M. Fowell (Capt.), Mr. Brown (Coach), J. Farrell, D. Madew.
 BACK: B. Daley, C. Chapman, M. Patey, D. Cowan, G. Stokes, B. Smith, D. Davies.
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Rugby League

1st Grade: The season was marked by early misfortunes in the form of injuries to key players and by a late run of successes when the team finally was able to settle down and develop a combination.

During the competition four games were won, one was drawn and five were lost, points scored being 117 for and 90 against.

To the competition winners, Technical High, we extend our congratulations. It was a very good team and deserved its victory. Our games against Tech. were played in the traditional hard but friendly spirit which has characterised similar struggles in the past, and strangely enough the two clashes provided the closest games of the season, Tech. winning the first 3 points to 2 and the other resulting in a 3 all draw in driving rain.

A first round defeat by Maitland was evened up by a narrow win 7 points to 5 in the return encounter. A similar situation developed in two Cessnock games.

For the team the outstanding player both in attack and defence was Alan Charlton, who scored nine tries during the season and saved many others by determined defence. Terry Smith as Captain resumed after an injury to lead the team very ably and play inspiring football. His tally was 22 points. Eric Roach, front-row forward, played tirelessly and intelligently and kicked eight handy goals. W. Cowen played consistently at second row and George Bradford worked hard in the scrums and rucks. C. Ward at half back revealed speed and evasiveness. What a pity it was that this fine player's services were lost to us for five weeks in a vital stage of the competition. Ferguson played rugged football as lock; Clulow defended ably on the wing and Keane played soundly as full back.

A tribute must be paid to the 2nd and 3rd grade sides who won their divisions and especially to the 2nds who provided Keith, Burns, Stokes and Smith to help the team when injuries depleted its ranks.

We look forward to the 1953 season when the School should have a particularly competent team.

2nd Grade: The 2nd XIII. finished a very successful season by winning the Dodd Shield. The team scored an aggregate of 186 to 27, and was unlucky to suffer its only defeat. This was the hardest game of the season. Playing one man short in the second half, we were beaten 7-6 by Maitland High. It was unfortunate that, for such an important game as this, two of our key players were promoted to the Firsts.

It was also unfortunate that B. Daley, D. Harper and K. Mahoney were put out of the competition through injuries. However, despite these losses, the team was moulded into a hard-rucking, speedy combination and defeated Maitland Marists, co-leaders of the competition, by 8 to 6. It was the last and best game of the season.

M. Fowell, the captain and hard running five-eight, led the team capably, and his leadership, combined with Mr. Brown's solid and effective coaching and training, was a large factor in our success.

The most improved player on the field was R. Baxter, playing his first season as full-back. Other outstanding backs were D. Madew, our scoring machine, K. Mahoney, and D. Keith.

Led by B. Miller and C. Chapman, the forwards, with plenty of weight and speed, rucked hard and came out well in the scrums. Many players from this team will prove good contenders for a place in the Firsts next year and should acquit themselves well.

J. McKENZIE, 4A.

3rd Grade: Our 3rd grade team maintained the high standard set by last year's thirds and achieved the honour of being undefeated premiers. The first match against Maitland, who finished runners-up, was our hardest game, and it was only the stubbornness of the team that enabled us to score at the last moment to make the game a draw (3-3). The team's success was due mainly to the coaching of Mr. Storer and to the keenness shown by the boys at practice. Players whose performances were outstanding were J. Cornelius and J. Todd in the backs and "Polly" Perkins, N. Kafer and M. Patey in the forwards. We hope that future 3rd grade teams can keep our record unbroken.

G. JONES, Capt.



THIRD GRADE LEAGUE—UNDEFEATED PREMIERS.

BACK ROW: J. Lea, B. Moran, N. Kafer, T. Morgan, J. Perkins, D. Gordon.
 CENTRE ROW: J. Todd (Vice-Capt.), E. Peterson, Mr. W. Storer (Coach), G. Jones (Capt.), I. Gibbons.
 FRONT ROW: I. Symes, D. Beach, R. Hinde, B. Ross, R. Woodward.
 ABSENT: C. Maughan. (Block donated by W. E. Bramble & Sons Pty. Ltd.)

5th Grade: This team had a successful season, finishing third in the competition. Out of the eleven games played we won 6 and lost 5. The forwards played well throughout the season and had a fair share of the ball from scrums and rucks. Our hardest game was against Hamilton Marist who defeated us 3-0. Our best players were Wrightson, Brett and Holcombe in the forwards and Coxhell, Doyle and Attwater in the backs. We were unlucky to lose Warren Haynes just after the beginning of the season through injury. Our chief point-scorer was Coxhell. The team scored 76 points to 71 points. Our fullback was reliable and often stopped attackers from scoring. Our thanks go to Mr. Judge for his capable coaching and for accompanying us on our trips.

P. SNELSON, 2C.

6th Grade: Although this year we were unable to uphold the honour of last season's team as premiers, our matches were all keenly contested. In the matches we lost we were narrowly beaten and, if every member of the team had attended practice regularly, the results would have been much better. The game we enjoyed most was the one against Cessnock at South Cessnock Oval, where we had a convincing win. A good goal kicker would have been an asset to the team. Our thanks go to Mr. Cochran for his splendid work as coach.

R. OWENS, 3D.

7th Grade: This team had a successful season and finished fourth in the competition. In early matches the forwards were loose but, as the season progressed, developed into a fine combination under the leadership of G. Jones and D. Miles. Of the backs A. Amber at half played constructive football and B. Abrahams and B. Wilson, who scored 27 points during the season, were always prominent in attack. Our thanks go to Mr. Bailey, whose help as coach played a major part in the team's success. A. JONES, Capt.

8th Grade: The 6-stone team showed good form this season and came third in the competition. The team consisted mainly of second year pupils, but we would have been hopeless if we had not been assisted by the first year players, namely J. Wilkinson, E. Snelson, P. Brothers, Greg Moore and Gil Moore. The team played 11 games, winning 5, drawing 1 and losing 5. The highlight of the season was a trip to Gosford one Saturday. All players enjoyed themselves and were keen to play. Unfortunately, the hard-fought game was lost. The team would like to thank Mr. Murray Smith for his coaching and for accompanying us on our trips.

R. WARREN, 2C.

9th Grade: This team was fifth in the competition. Junior High were our most evenly matched opponents and on both occasions

when we met them we played a draw. The team was a good unit, the forwards combining well with the backs, who were very fast and threw the ball around splendidly. Our attack was generally good, but our defence was not reliable.

N. HINCKS.

Soccer

A1: The A1 soccer team consisted of players who were playing their first season together and consequently took time to develop form as a team, although we had outstanding individual players such as B. Shean and C. Moore. We suffered only one defeat, our match against Boys' High No. 2 eleven, which was by far the better team on the day. However, our revenge came in the second round when



SOCCKER—A2 PREMIERS, 1952. WINNERS OF BLOOMFIELD CUP.
FRONT ROW: M. Sneddon, E. Hodge, Mr. R. Grierson (Coach), D. Renton (Capt.), G. Hughes.
BACK ROW: N. Cocking, K. Scott, K. Walker, H. Moore, B. Kemple, J. Thomas.

we defeated them by 2 goals to 1. The competition ended keenly with No. 2 team taking the premiership one point ahead of us. During the season a Newcastle representative team was selected and four of our boys, B. Taylor, C. Moore, B. Shean and K. Clarke, were included. B. Taylor, inside right, was our main goal scorer with over 20 goals. The team scored 56 goals and conceded only 8. This result is attributed mainly to our competent defence which displayed effective co-ordination throughout the season. Much of the credit for our success must go to Mr. Grierson, whose coaching helped us greatly.

L. CARTER, Capt.

A2: This year the two A grade soccer teams were selected so that they would be of equal strength. Throughout the season this move proved to be very successful and the competition was much keener. The A2 team was built around six players from last year's A1, H. Moore, K. Scott, J. Lloyd, G. Hughes, J. Thomas and D. Renton. The other five players were Kemp'e, Sneddon, Cocking, Walker and Hodge. The team combined well and won the competition, finishing just ahead of the A1. We played 12 games, winning eleven and losing 1, scoring 85 goals and conceding only 8. The number of goals scored by the A2 this year is the highest scored by any school soccer team in one season. Four of the players, J. Lloyd, G. Hughes, K. Scott and D. Renton gained soccer "Blues" for the year 1951.

D. RENTON.

B1: This team played very well throughout the season and was runner-up in the competition, being defeated by Tech. High No. 1 team by only one point. The success was largely due to the play and captaincy of Warren Burrows.

We defeated Cessnock twice but in the third game they beat us 2-1. We defeated Tech. No. 2 three times and with premier team, Tech. No. 1, we drew twice and in the third match were defeated 1 nil.

Nearly everyone in the team scored one goal at least during the season. The most outstanding players were Ken Hamilton, goalkeeper, Alan Thomas and Brian Chapman, full backs, Warren Burrows, centre half, and Warren Barsley, inside left. The main goal scorers were Barsley and Schrader.

We were fortunate to have two players, Ken Hamilton and Warren Burrows, selected in the Newcastle representative team, but they were unlucky as the team did not go to Sydney and the State team was chosen from Sydney and Illawarra players and toured Queensland.

The team wishes to thank Mr. Hyland for his supervision.

W. BARSLEY, 3E.

B2: We were unlucky this year and finished second last in the competition. During the early matches some players were in camp and we suffered defeats. We drew 1-1 with Swansea and defeated Tighe's Hill 4-0. In this game Harris, outside left, scored 2 goals. Other scorers were Baker and Tamsett. Against Central Mills scored a goal but we lost 1-4. Our best game was against Plattsburg. Playing a man short in the first half, we were 2 goals down at halftime, and in the second half we narrowly missed making the match a draw. Harris scored our goal. Our best players were Newton in defence and Roxby and Perry in the halves.

R. FERGUSON, Capt.

Under 15 Travelling: Although our team started off well, beating both Tech. II. and Cessnock and later on drawing with Cessnock in a hard, well fought game, we did not have any further success. In the following games we were defeated by Tech. I. twice, once by Tech. II. and once by Cessnock. In our travels we went to Cessnock twice, enjoying the trips and the games. We thank Mr. Hyland and Mr. Watchorn for the help they gave us. Although they had teams of their own, they showed very keen interest in us.

W. TODD, Captain.

C1: This team did not do well in the 1st round but improved in the 2nd and 3rd. We beat Cessnock, the best team, in the second game against them. Trevor Wilson played splendidly throughout the season and scored 5 goals. Terry Mieham in the backs, and the wingers, John Allan and Ron Bell, played well. R. Phillips and J. Allan were chosen to represent Newcastle, but unfortunately the trip was cancelled. We played a 1 all draw with Technical I., R. Phillips scoring our goal. R. Be'l, centre-forward, retired hurt in the 2nd half. Our coach was Mr. D. Watchorn, whom we thank for the interest he took in us.

R. PHILLIPS, Capt.



TENNIS TEAMS, 1952. UNDEFEATED PREMIERS.
FRONT ROW: 1st Grade—P. Myers, P. Dickson, Mr. A. Clarke (Coach), J. Layt, S. Kelso.
SECOND ROW: 2nd Grade—W. Matthews, P. Sutcliffe, R. Flanagan, P. Kirkby.
THIRD ROW: P.S.A.A.A. (Under 16)—D. Reynolds, J. Jenkins, W. Turner, J. Berrill.
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Tennis

Although this season was not as successful as last year, the school entered more teams in the various competitions and this permitted more boys to participate in tournament tennis. The school had three teams in second grade and the Under 16 team in the P.S.A.A.A. competition. The teams used Scholey St. courts and the school courts and often practised on the newly surfaced asphalt courts in the school grounds.

In first grade the school team was undefeated, losing only 1 set in 64—a grand record. The team consisted of Jim Layt, Stuart Kelso, Paul Dickson and Peter Myers. In one match our team defeated Cessnock 8 sets to nil, losing only one game in the 8 sets played.

In second grade our No. 1 team won the competition and our No. 2 team was runner-up. The No. 1 team, led by Dick Flanagan, is to be congratulated on its fine win. The team was undefeated owing mainly to good teamwork. The No. 2 team also played well and was beaten only once—by the No. 1 team. Geoff Shearman and Warren Kirkby showed good form this year and are improving rapidly.

The Under 16 team, which plays against the Intermediate High Schools, won its competition. Bill Turner, the captain, must develop once he corrects his grip on the racquet.

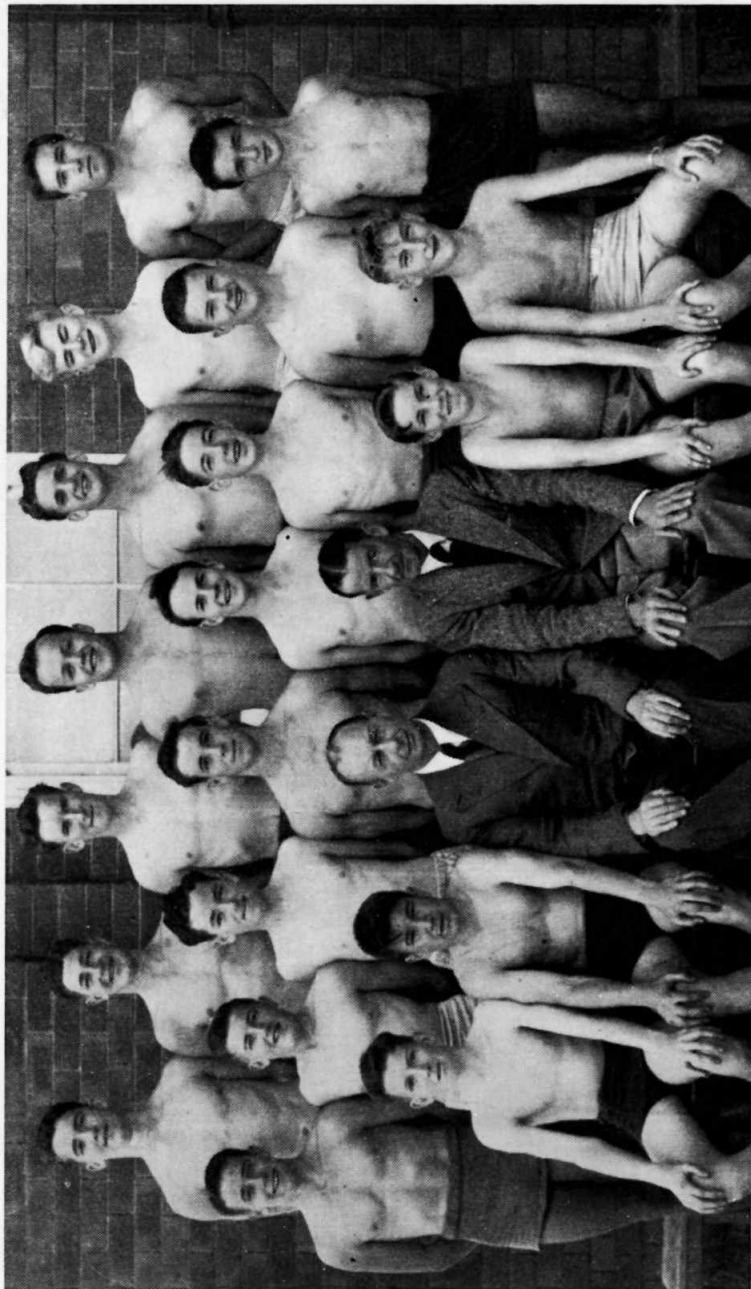
The Under 15 team, runner-up to Maitland, defeated the other schools very comfortably. Grahame Ryan is definitely a player of the future.

The Under 14 team was a disappointment, as the four in this team play solid tennis but were unable to show form in their competition. After a bad start the team won its last four matches, defeating the premiers, Maitland, six sets to two. This team improved its general play when Dick Griffiths, formerly a reserve, was included.

The reserves for the school teams were able to practise at Scholey Street, and often these boys played particularly well.

Our boys dominated the Combined Northern Districts High Schools' team, which played in Sydney in July. Six boys, Jim Layt (Capt.), Paul Dickson, Peter Myers, Stuart Kelso, Geoff Shearman and Dick Flanagan filled the team of eight.

During the school vacation in September, some of our boys received tuition under Mr. Coady, a coach employed by the N.S.W. L.T.A. The boys selected were Warren Kirkby, Bob Freeman, Bill Turner and John Gray. Peter Myers and Stuart Kelso did well in the age championships held in August by the Association, and Paul Dickson reached the semifinals of the Metropolitan under 16 tournament held in Sydney. In May, Paul won the State under 16 doubles championships with Dick Swanton, a Sydney junior.



SWIMMING TEAM. SENIOR AND JUNIOR C.N.H.S. CHAMPIONS.
 FRONT ROW: A. Darrow, P. Snelson, Mr. H. Fountain (Coach), Mr. R. McFarlane (Coach), T. Harris, B. Straker.
 SECOND ROW: D. Ward, G. Doyle, A. Williams, A. Charlton, J. McKenzie, D. Gordon, I. Carling, T. Street.
 BACK ROW: G. Burns, B. Nickisson, R. Bradbury, J. Barr, W. Cowan, J. Nickols, J. Farrell.

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Three of our boys, Dickson, Myers and Layt, were selected in Badge tennis, which is the grouping of the best 24 players in the district, and their match play has improved considerably owing to this hard tennis. Stuart Kelso substituted for players during the season on two occasions.

The school doubles tournament was a huge success this year and the winners, Paul Dickson and Peter Myers, received five trophies. The school thanks the Newcastle Association for its generous donation of £3 towards the prizes. Special praise must be given to Dick Flanagan and Mr. Clarke, who managed this tournament extremely well.

Mr. Clarke is the force behind all tennis activities in the school and we appreciate the tremendous effort he has put into the organising of the school teams. Mr. Davies, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Ingram must be thanked also for their help.

JIM LAYT (5th Year).

A Seascape

Jagged rocks lay beneath the cliff on which I was standing, and seagulls glided lazily around searching continuously for unwary fish. Large white-crested waves rolled endlessly in from the vast blue depths, breaking against rocks or running up the stretches of yellow sand that contrasted so vividly with the light blue of the sky and the sea. Ships steamed busily along, gradually disappearing beyond the purple, sunlit horizon.

W. MURRAY, 1C.

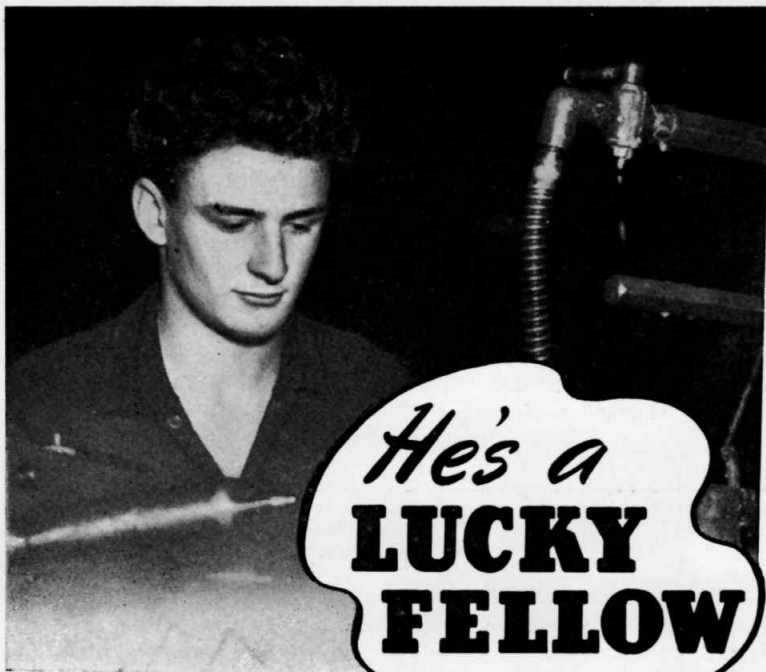
Memories

Now Spring's so near with daffodils,
 With prunice blooms and wattle hills,
 I often think with homely pride
 Of the bonny, bonny banks o' Clyde.
 'Twas in that place I left behind
 Such sights as here I cannot find,
 Of purple heather soon to spread
 O'er moor to mountain's snow-capped head.

J. McKENZIE, 1A.

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Things perfect vary in accordance with different points of view. Upon questioning certain people, one might discover that a perfect day can be sunny, rainy, windy, cold, hot, cloudy or humid. A perfect night can be spent in dancing, studying, listening to the radio, reading, sleeping and so on. We have everything perfect, houses, gardens, streets, shops, drinks, food—everything from beans to battle ships, from matches to mountains. They all hinge on a person's point of view, or on his state of mind. I know that there is a multitude of perfect things, but I have the opportunity to talk on only one of them, a perfect feeling, the description of which is as elusive as a seagull. Perhaps it is exhilaration, perhaps achievement, but I rather fancy that it is a feeling distantly related to a sense of freedom. It may be experienced anywhere at any time.

I recall the hot day when I went shooting with two cousins. We were sweating, the horses were sweating, and the flies buzzed and stung. Ten shots had yielded one rabbit, an insignificant fraction of the tribes we had seen. Things were far from perfect. Then, as the rifle erupted near my ear, I saw the fox. It was a good shot, and for a while we thought the fox was dead, but suddenly, with a burst of speed it headed off into the scrub. Our horses pawed and snorted, one of my cousins came crashing down through the bracken, and we were off. The horses seemed almost to fly. Down into the gully and, slithering, up the other side we rode. The fox zig-zaggered among the ferns, and we chased it. It was then that the perfect feeling came over me. I was not to know how my arms were waving round in the air; that sense of exhilaration was upon me, and I felt free, free as the hawk that spiralled above.

Again this feeling seizes me. This time I am sailing in a dinghy with a hard, insistent wind blowing across the lake. Here, in this small craft, I am leaning out as far as I dare. Deep green water swirls past my wet feet, and, as the bows chop at each swell, I am drenched with a barrage of cold, white spray. The centreboard hums, the sheets and stays whistle, and the wet, curved sails are taut. The boat bounces, driving along, while a creamy wake eddies and bubbles behind.

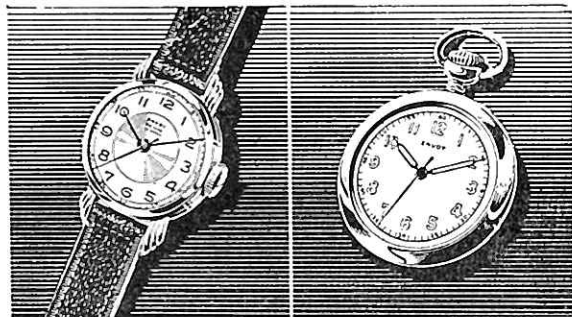
Let me choose my day for a walk, and I will choose a winter afternoon with a nippy breeze to chase behind me, a couple of easy miles in front of me, and, to terminate it all, a roast dinner with hot, steamed pudding. With such a promising reward to satisfy a keen appetite I should not hesitate to step outside and, with long

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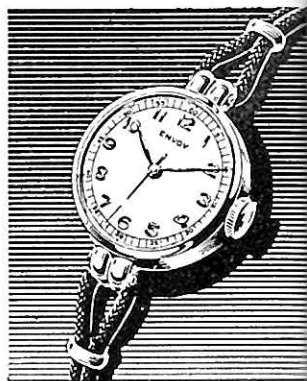
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strides and hands in pockets, walk through a few miles of the out-back. Then such a feeling would come over me as I strode along whistling, the keen breeze making my face and ears tingle, that I should feel as if I could go on like that forever—except for the roast dinner and the hot steamed pudding.

The tyres hiss as they whirl, flinging tiny fragments of glistening water through the pale beam of a bicycle lamp. There is no need for that lamp, as reflected light illumines the road. Reflections of street lights are wriggling, writhing, yellow snakes as they slither across the shiny tar. Rain ceases, the pedals turn more slowly, and, as the bicycle swerves up a hill, the steady hiss of the rubber tyres changes to a wish-swish. From the top of the hill all the lights shine brightly through an atmosphere washed to a pure fresh keenness. Stars blaze down past an insignificant, jagged cloud. I draw in a deep breath as I watch, and that same exhilarating feeling, absolutely perfect, grips me. As when chasing the red fox, when sailing, when walking on that certain winter afternoon, I feel grand. I own the universe!

J. McKENZIE, 4A.

Blackout

Bright white in the night,
Electric light.
Ebony shadows, sharp and clear,
Shrink away from the wireless near
As blaring, pulsing long and strong
Society gossip, latest song—
Darkness.

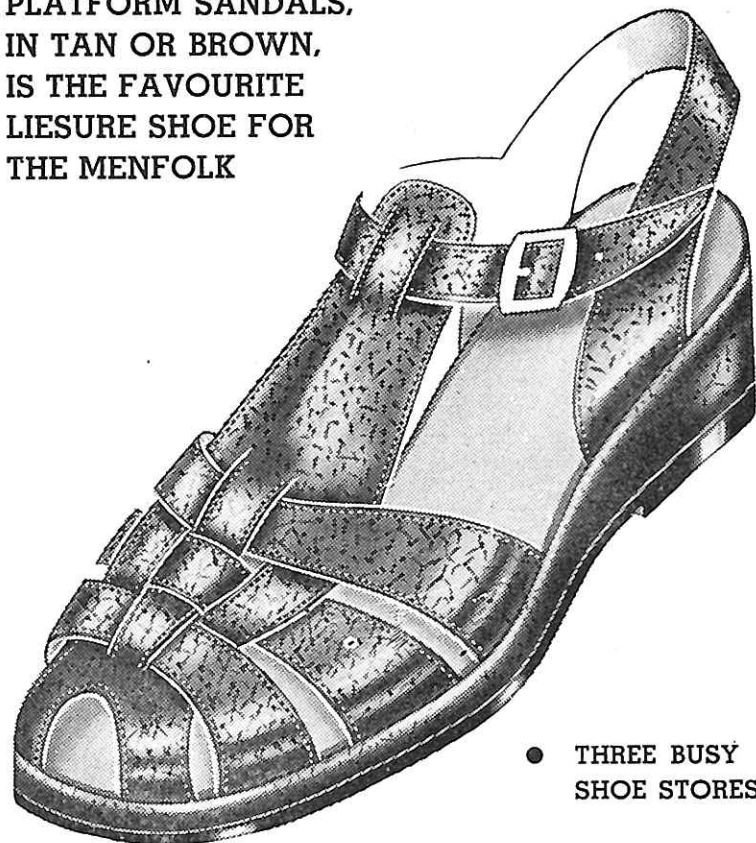
If silence were money,
Here, then, is wealth.
The clock chimes
On the mantel shelf.

Soft, mellow,
Candlelight yellow,
Flickering, fluttering,
Fitfully faint.
See its pale beams,
Stuff made of dreams,
Throw out strange shadows,
Quivering—quaint.

J. McKENZIE, 4A.

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The Keeper of the Cave

The three men climbed cautiously, for the rocks were covered with slippery, grey-green slime and some could be dislodged from their position by a careless foot. When they came to their objective, a keyhole-shaped opening, barely large enough to admit an upright man, at the base of the massive grey cliffs which beetled above, one of them lit an oil lamp and led the others inside. They walked along an irregularly shaped tunnel with pools of water in the floor inhabited only by tiny crabs, which scuttled out of the way and stared at them with beady eyes as they passed. The air was dank and cool and grew increasingly so as they approached the end of the tunnel.

Here the men paused and by the light of the flickering lantern gazed into a large cave, the floor of which was covered with water to a height of three or four feet. Round the walls of the cave ran a series of ledges from three to six inches wide. Strange lumps of rock rose from the water and cast shadows that advanced and retreated in the uncertain light like grotesque demons. A foul odour permeated the atmosphere and awakened a curious foreboding in their minds. To avoid wading through the water on the floor of the cave the three men precariously edged their way along one of the ledges, all of which proved to be covered with slime.

They had gone halfway round the cave when they saw it. A mass of glistening jelly in constant flux floated on the water below. As they watched, it convulsively surged upwards towards them and then sank back into the water. It was an amorphous aggregation of cells, almost the lowest form of life on earth, which had only one instinct, to eat. The three men sat on one of the wider sections of the ledge until it should go away, for they knew it could easily reach the tunnel before them. At this stage they were not frightened, only repelled. Below them the organism rested on the water, swaying against the sheer wall every few seconds like a worshipper grovelling at the throne of an idol. They remained seated for almost an hour. Then one man noticed that it was nearer. They looked towards the tunnel. It was filled by the tide which was still coming in.

The miasmatic atmosphere of the cave suddenly almost stifled them. They looked around wildly for another exit but knew there was none. Claustrophobia insidiously commenced to drive them mad. They moved to a slightly safer position, but the tide grew inexorably higher. They decided to leave the lamp in a position which allowed it to shed its meagre rays to the best advantage and then separate so that at least two of them could escape. As the first man was placing the lamp on a projecting lump of rock he slipped and fell.

His companions stared paralysed with horror. His unearthly scream was cut short as he plunged into the organism. For perhaps

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thirty seconds he threshed and churned in the gelatinous mass and then lay still as the powerful digestive acids began to act. The most vulnerable part of his body was his head. Blood streamed from his nose, eyes and ears, dissipating in the gleaming jelly like cigarette smoke in air. Then his whole body became suffused with red as his flesh disintegrated into a pulpy mess which spread to the very edges of the organism, allowing every cell to receive its share of food. At the end of twenty minutes the organism resumed its transparency. All that remained of the man was his skeleton and his shoes. In another ten minutes they also disappeared.

The organism then recommenced its attempt to scale the cavern walls. With a cry of horror one of the men picked up the lamp and threw it at the organism. It seemed unaware of anything happening as burning oil spread over it like a crown of flame. The shadow demons in the recesses of the cave became a thousand times more active. Writhing, grinning, striking and recoiling, dilating and shrinking, they assumed many different forms, each of them as evanescent as lightning.

The two men separated as the flames waned and died. The organism separated into equal masses and followed them to their new positions. Then a slithering crash and an agonising scream rang through the cave. The second man had fallen on to a pile of stones just above the water and broken both legs. The mass of organism under the third man amalgamated with the other and flowed towards the second man, who was desperately struggling to pull himself up the wall with his arms. He was engulfed up to his waist. For nearly five minutes he hung from a tiny crevice while his screams re-echoed throughout the cave and his legs crumbled away. Then, with a last despairing shriek, he dropped into it. The whole organism flowed back under the third man after the second man had been digested.

Some hours later the rays of the setting sun streamed through the tunnel. The glorious blades of light seemed to pierce into the third man's brain and dispel all his fears. He looked down. The organism lay on a smooth area of rock just above the water, helpless until the next tide. Flashes of light on the surface of the jelly glared at him, malevolent but impotent.

B. SUTHERLAND, 4A.

The Ghost-Hunters' League

The four men gazed at the house in front of them. To an ordinary observer this gaunt monster, against an awesome background of ominously whispering trees and threatening sky, would have appeared the last place to spend a night. It seemed inexpressibly evil; the cracked windows peered out into the darkness as eyes

from another world, and the creaking shutters screeched out their hideous chorus like condemned souls in hell. Yet these four men now approaching the rusty iron gates were not visibly impressed by the scene which nature had provided or by the overture of the werewolf-like howlings and moanings of the wind. To them this was a customary sight; they were hardened to the course of things supernatural by their association with the Ghost-Hunters' League.

With a forbidding finality the gates clanged shut behind them, echoing and re-echoing even above the incessant wailing of the wind. Silently they approached the dust-covered door, and, not without a moment's hesitation, brushed the cobwebs away and entered. The room before them they surveyed as soon as their eyes became accustomed to the infinite blackness; but in reality there was nothing to see. The four walls and a door emerged slowly, one by one, from the sea of ink around them. That was all, and the men were satisfied. The lamp they carried was not to be lit yet; each of the four despised the use of artificial light in their meetings with the supernatural, asserting that spirits would never make their appearance but under the natural cloak of night. And so they waited. Nothing was said; no movement was made; they waited in silence for a signal from the other world.

Something banged upstairs. The four ghost-hunters started apprehensively. Was it merely a shutter, or was it—a signal?

"YOUR EYES!"

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Someone (but only one; a rule of the Ghost Hunters' League) must be sent to find out. Three of them turned instinctively to him whom they regarded as their leader, the oldest and most experienced among them. He nodded and walked through the far door into the unknown beyond. The others strained their eyes to catch his departing form, then waited mute once more.

The chosen one picked his way through the intricate passages, following each wall by touch. Spider-webs sent a ghostly thrill down his spine as they snapped upon contact with his face and neck, but did not hinder his cautious progress. He ascended the creaking stairs one by one, with great care, the memory of previous falls through rotten steps dominant in his brain. But these were solid, and they held. At the top he hesitated for the first time. A hall ran both ways. Which way? His mind was resolved by another crash. This time he was almost certain it was a shutter, but he decided to make quite sure. He turned to the left and strode silently into the room. Walking first to the window he discovered the loose shutter. Now he knew. He turned to leave and found himself confronted by a pair of glowing red eyes! He jumped back involuntarily, and thereby sealed his own doom. Losing his balance, he crashed through the termite-eaten window-frame. His frenzied scream brought his companions below to the window of their room, and they were just in time to see his living body impaled on the spikes of the iron fence.

The three remaining turned away from the sickening spectacle. The loss of their comrade left a void which each instinctively knew nothing could fill. No one spoke for some time; there was no need of words. Then a council of war was held. Retreat was out of the question. They must find the thing, whatever it was, and either destroy it or be destroyed in an attempt to avenge their murdered fellow. They ascended the stairs. The lamp was now lit, but beyond its tiny circle of influence the blackness pressed in on them with ever-increasing vigour. They hesitated at the top, but not for long. Suddenly there appeared not far from them those same malignant eyes. They appeared suddenly from out of the brooding darkness and stared with fiendish immobility. The man with the lamp, and indeed all three, stood paralyzed, unable to move for terror. Panic-stricken, the youngest of the three tried to seize the lamp. The man holding it lost his balance, and the two rolled down the stairs, tongues of flame licking around their clothing from the broken lamp. The man above watched in fascinated horror as the two living torches shrieked and writhed at the bottom of the stairs, but he could do nothing, with his mind dwelling so much on the terrors of the night.

The two bodies became still at last. He averted his gaze. There, in exactly the same position, were the eyes, unchanging, unblinking. To his fevered brain they seemed the materialization of all things

evil; yet such was their magnetic attraction that he could not turn away from their hypnotic gaze. He stood there, staring at those twin balls of fire, immobile, impassive.

Through the barrier set up by his trance another thought came and gradually penetrated his obsessed brain—the house was on fire. The rising flames were leaping higher and higher, and the darkness changed to light. At last he saw—saw the murderer of his three comrades. The spell was broken. He began to laugh hysterically. His legs refused to support him, and he collapsed in a crumpled heap on the floor, where he lay writhing convulsively. He was still laughing from the depths of his deranged mind when the first eager tongues of flame began licking at his clothing.

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Aeneas' Prayer

AENEID, LIBER VI., lines 56-76.

"O Phoebus, thou who hast
The sore distress of Troy at heart,
Who hast the hand of Paris guided,
Mighty as thou art,
'Gainst Achilles' body, and who hast
The Trojan weapons e'er directed,
I say to thee, my journeyings,
Ever by thyself protected,
Have led me to many foreign seas
Washing distant lands.
I have seen the Massylian nation
And the treacherous Syrtan sands,
But now at last, our journey ended,
On Latium's shores our boats have landed.
Now is it right for thine own pity
To fall upon this party banded.
All ye gods and goddesses
Now must spare the Trojan race.
The misfortunes of Dardania,
May they end here in this place!
And thou, most holy prophetess,
The future clear dost see,
Grant us the lands that we deserve.
By fate are they due to me.
Permit the wandering Teucri
With their stormtossed gods,
To settle here in Latium
And turn its peaceful sods.
Then here a temple shall I build
Of solid marble white.

Festivals shall I establish
To show Apollo's might.
In this land great shrines await thee.
Here thy oracles I place,
The words unto my people spoken,
The great Pergamean race.
Chosen men I will sacrifice
To thee, O gracious one.
But do not commit thy words to leaves
Lest they become the fun
And game of cruel winds,
Lest they be blown
From our eyes away
And in confusion thrown.
Therefore from thy own mouth
The oracle I seek;
I wait for thine own answer—
Thyself I beg to speak."

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In Defence of Teenagers

In these days of bodgies, widgies, atom bombs, coca-cola and the Red menace, it seems that people are going berserk. That, at least, is what everyone says of everyone else. So it is natural that, as America criticizes Russia and as the highbrow criticizes jazz, the present generation of adults (who have placed the world in a mess anyhow) criticizes the adolescent generation. Are these criticisms well founded? Do adults have cause to say that they do not know what the younger generation is coming to? Have they the right to condemn us (for we are that generation) as being degenerate?

Examining an example of modern youth, I strove to see if the criticisms of the adult were with or without foundation. The example I examined was that set of teenagers known as bodgies and widgies. This misunderstood group, with its almost fanatical love of jazz, its fondness for bright and modern clothes and caramel milk-shakes, is often the butt of jokes, criticisms and stories (often unfounded) devised and presented by the older generation to illustrate the way in which the adolescent generation is degenerating. Stories of wild parties are read in newspapers and heard of in many places. In one case, a worthy citizen reported a group of bodgies and widgies indulging in such a practice. Further investigation revealed, however, that it was merely a gymnastic group practising. Statistics show that the morals of the youth of this country are improving. This is more than could be said for the adults. Everyone has heard of