

past their goalie and made the score one-nil. Later that half, Tighe's Hill evened the score and was constantly on the attack. After half-time, Keggen, the inside-right, put the ball over the opposing goal-keeper's head into the corner of the net. That made the score two-one, and we kept the lead till the end of the game. Matthews, Alder, Keggen, Hugo and goalkeeper Ray all played well throughout the season. We were improving in the last few games, and I am sure we shall do better next year.

—(ALAN GALT, 3A, Capt.)

Cricket

FIRST ELEVEN: Although officially defeated only once this season, the First Eleven has been disappointing, owing to the lack of experience and the pessimistic attitude of the players.

Our first match against Maitland proved unsuccessful for our batting strength, as we managed to score only 75 runs. However, Maitland fared badly also, being 2 out for 20 by the end of the first day's play. We were deprived of an interesting game, as rain did not allow us to commence on the second day.

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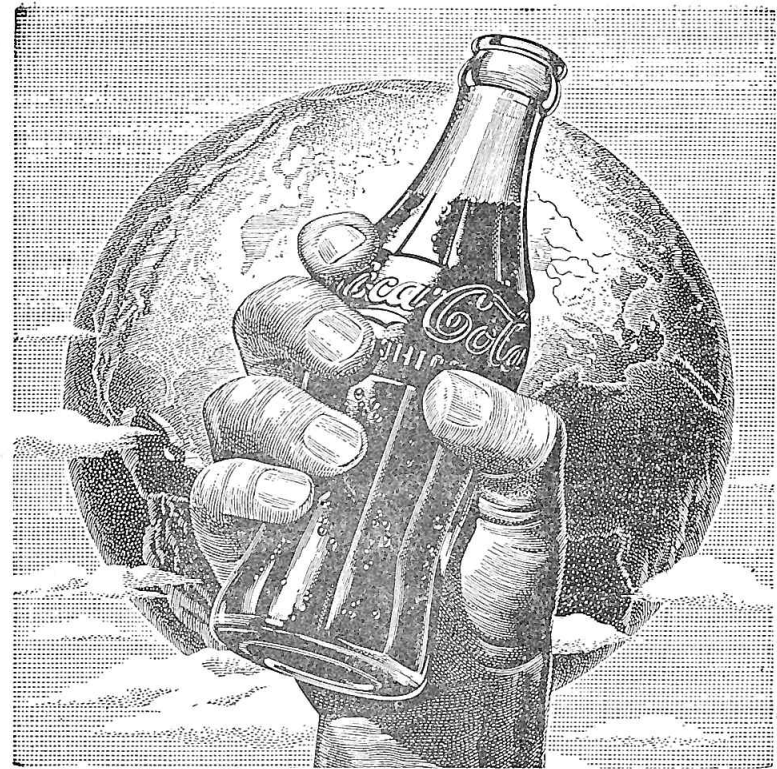
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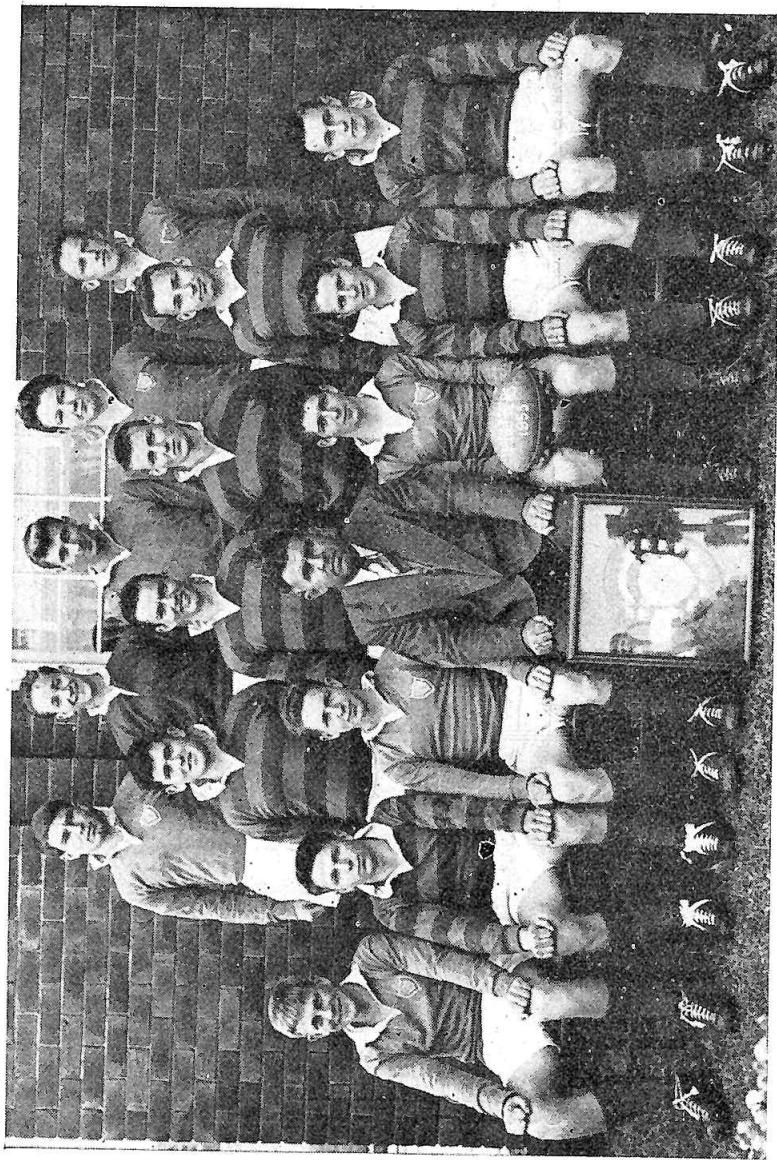


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FIRST GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE, UNDEFEATED PREMIERS, 1955, WINNERS OF EVANS SHIELD
 BACK: P. Snellson, B. Evans, K. Hamilton, G. Martin, R. Holcombe.
 MIDDLE: R. Hynes, G. Sutcliffe, P. Hardie, J. Papp.

For the next match, we journeyed to Gosford. Winning the toss, we sent Gosford in to bat on a sticky wicket. The weather did not clear, and thus we were forced to bat on a "lake." Fielding in this game was deplorable and was the main cause of our downfall. Although Gosford scored only 113, we fared much worse by scoring only 67. J. Hinde proved an asset on a sticky wicket, finishing with 5-30. Fortunately for us, the match was drawn, because all other matches were abandoned.

The aim in the next match against "Tech" was to improve our fielding and to experiment with our batting by trying new openers. After winning the toss, Technical High batted on a perfect wicket, and owing to the fine batting of their captain, J. Rodgers, managed to score 93. Schofield (3-23) and Sutcliffe (3-26) bowled exceptionally well, but their efforts were hampered by bad fielding. Again our opening pair proved unsuccessful and at the end of play we were 2 for 9. The match was drawn since rain fell on the succeeding Wednesday.

In the last match, before the football season commenced, we were defeated by Hamilton Marist. The scores were Boys' High 108, Hamilton 198. Andrews, at last, showed his ability as a batsman by scoring 30.

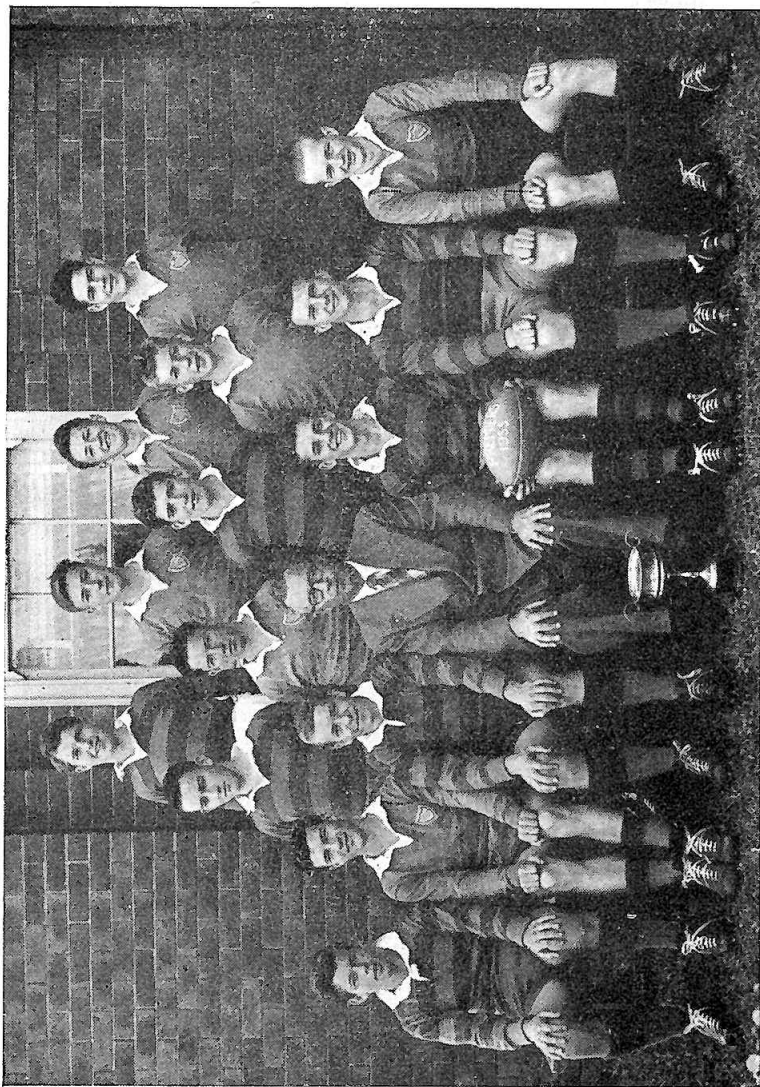
Congratulations go to Sutcliffe, Schofield and Baird, who were selected in the Combined Northern High Schools' team to play the Metropolitan side at Waratah. Congratulations also go to B. Chapman, who was presented with the Gill Trophy for the outstanding work he did as wicketkeeper.

—(P. J. JONAS, Capt.)

SECOND ELEVEN: So far our team has played three games, but owing to bad weather we have not completed a game.

The first match against Maitland was drawn, as the second day was washed out by rain. We lost the toss and were sent in on a very soft wicket which played badly. We collapsed and were dismissed for only 42, and except for a good knock by G. Goffet, who scored 20, the position would have been much worse. Maitland then batted but could not cope with the brilliant opening burst by C. Robinson and S. Larkin, whose figures were 6-20 and 3-13 respectively. When stumps were drawn, Maitland was in a critical position, being 9-34.

Then we played Newcastle Technical High in our second match at Waratah Oval. We won the toss and sent Tech. in to bat on a firm wicket, but they could not get on top of the bowling, and were dismissed cheaply for 39 against good bowling by C. Robinson, S. Larkin and R. Brown, the last-named taking 4-4. Then we batted and were 2-100 owing to very good batting by J. Allen (51) and L. Ffrench (29). The game resulted in a draw, as again unfavourable weather did not permit play on the second day.



THIRD GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE, UNDEFEATED PREMIERS, 1955.

BACK: D. McIntyre, W. Wallace, J. Llewellyn, K. Marjoribanks.
 MIDDLE: T. Hancock, P. Hodgins, R. Digby, T. Duffell.
 FRONT: V. Hiles, H. Lonsdale, C. Robinson (v. capt.), Mr. W. Storer, G. Jones (Captain), I. Carling,
 C. Gibbs.
 ABSENT: W. Shooby.

In the third game against Hamilton Marist Brothers, at Waratah Oval, we again won the toss and sent our opponents in. We used 5 bowlers, of whom R. Brown was the most impressive with 3-10. Then we batted and were 3-74 at stumps. L. Ffrench again batted well for 32 and B. Evans scored 20 n.o. As Waratah Oval was unfit for play on the second day, we had to be content with a first innings win. However, as no other side has secured an outright victory, we are leading in the competition.

C. Robinson is to be congratulated on his fine job as captain while the normal captain, G. Goffet, was representing the State in Perth.

We thank Mr. Ingram for the enthusiasm he has shown and for taking up his own time for practice on Monday afternoons. Our thanks also go to Mr. Clarke, whose umpiring was greatly appreciated by the team.
 —(G. GOFFET, Capt.)

A GRADE: At present, owing to rain, our team has played only two matches.

The first match against Central No. 1 was won convincingly. We won the toss and Central were sent in to bat on a bad wicket. They were dismissed for only 2: Cooksey (6 for 9) and Rogers (2 for 3) were the best bowlers. The wicket proved a bowler's paradise,

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and our wickets tumbled for a small total of 37. The following Wednesday Central batted again. They could score only 27. Rogers bowled well, taking 6 for 11. We needed 15 runs in 10 minutes. We scored 20 and thus won outright.

The second match was against Central No. 2. We batted first and declared at 8 for 62. Mink (17) and Roach (14) were the most successful. Central batted and owing to bad fielding were not dismissed until they had scored 55. On the second day our batsmen, in order to win outright, batted brightly and scored 70 for the loss of 3 wickets. Watts made 29 and Bishop 30. As Central were set an impossible task in beating us, their main concern was to avoid outright defeat. However, they were dismissed for 18. Rogers (6 for 9) and Turner (3 for 0, including the hat-trick) were the best bowlers.

With two outright wins we are well ahead on the points table. Our thanks are due to Mr. Simpson for his coaching and for his umpiring, and we hope with his help to achieve success in this competition.
—(J. TURNER, Capt.)

UNDER 14 TRAVELLING: In our first game against Maitland, we batted first and were out for 81 (Winsor 34). Maitland batted for only two overs and were 3-1 (Middleby 2-0, Dyason 1-1). Rain ruined our chances of winning on the second day. In our next game we met Tech. High, who batted first and scored 94 (Thomson took 6 wickets). We batted and had scored 4-13 when the day's play ended. Again rain washed out the second day's play. Our next match was against Hamilton Marist. We batted first and scored 60 (Jones 20, Thomson 11). After our bowlers had dismissed the first four Marist batsmen, wickets began to fall freely, but Marist turned the tables and went on to score 92. Anderson was our best bowler. In our second innings we collapsed and scored only 35 (Winsor 12 n.o.) When our last wicket fell, there was not sufficient time left for Marist to bat.

Winsor was the only member of the team to be selected in the Newcastle team.

We thank Mr. Quill for his keen interest in us.

—(P. WINSOR, 3C, Capt.)

UNDER 14 LOCAL: During the first part of the season many sports afternoons were cancelled owing to the heavy rain. Fortunately we managed to play two matches with an outright win against Junior High and a defeat by Belmont High. The main weakness was our batting, which, I am pleased to say, seemed to be improving in the later part of the half year. The highest scores were made by R. Jarret, P. Lemon and R. Wines. The highest averages in the bowling were shared by R. Jarret and G. Corling. We are very grateful for Mr. Judge's coaching and

advice. We hope that we can keep on improving so as to win the competition and bring another honour to our school

—(G. CORLING, Capt.)

FOURTH GRADE: This team has been very unfortunate as it has not completed a game. One day of each of the first two matches was washed out, and in the last match before the holidays our ground was unplayable. The team has some promising players such as Steele, Clifford, Ross, Collins, Huntley and Kilpatrick, and we expect to do much better next season. Against Tech., Clifford scored 48 in a very sound innings. Throughout our games Huntley and Collins have bowled well. Ross has scored consistently with over thirty in every game. Dyason, a last minute replacement, scored a quick 14 against Tech. Smyth and McRae played irregularly but showed definite signs of improvement. We should like to thank Mr. Hunter for his constructive hints and advice and also Mr. Gilshenan, who was present at many of our practices.—(J. WINGROVE, 2A, Capt.; K. HOLE, 2A, Vice Capt.)

UNDER 13 LOCAL: Although at the time of the writing of this report our matches are not finished, an outright win (against Belmont) and a first innings win should put us among the leaders. Outstanding performances were those of D. Kemp, who made scores of 18 and 14, Clark, who took 6 wickets for 9 runs, Barnes, who bowled 2 overs (both maiden overs) and got a wicket, and opening bowler Walz. We thank our coach, Mr. Haines, for helping us to maintain a good standard.
—(O. KIRKBY, 1B).

Tennis

Once again, Newcastle High had a most successful year in the field of tennis. Out of the six teams four won their competitions and the remaining two came second.

The 1st Grade this year won its competition with the loss of only one game, in which Maitland was victorious with a 5-3 win. However, Newcastle High avenged the defeat with two easy wins against Maitland in later rounds. The most exciting match was against Technical High, Newcastle winning by a margin of one game. The four 1st Grade players, G. Ryan (capt.), F. Bishop, A. Nelmes, and W. Turner, were picked to play in the Northern C.H.S. to play a Sydney C.H.S. team. Graham Ryan did well in this match and was picked in the State School team to play against a N.S.W. L.T.A. junior team.

In the 2nd Grade competition Newcastle High players were undefeated premiers. The team consisted of W. Hall, P. Jonas,

J. Allen (capt.), and F. Topham. The hardest match was against Maitland, Newcastle High winning by two games.

The School's 3rd Grade team (J. Williams, I. Johnson, capt., G. Goffett, W. McCrea and P. Matthews) and 4th Grade team (L. White, D. Curran, capt., O. Kirkby and P. Tonkin) both won their divisions, the 3rd Grade losing one match and the 4th Grade being undefeated premiers.

In the P.S.A.A.A. divisions the A and B Grades were both second in their competitions. The A Grade team (J. Turner, R. Dann, J. Bruton, E. Brock, capt., S. Larkin) was beaten by Junior High in the first round and drew with Junior High in the second. This was a good performance. The B Grade team (P. Williams, D. Marshall, capt., P. Cadell, K. Brown) was beaten by Belmont, this defeat costing our team premiership honours.

As in previous years the School held a Doubles Tournament. A large number of entries was received in all age divisions. G. Ryan and W. Turner won the open division, F. Topham and J. Allen the under 16, I. Johnson and J. Williams the under 15, and W. McCrea and P. Matthews the under 14.

We are very grateful for the donation of £5 by the Newcastle L.T.A. towards the cost of trophies. We thank Mr. Clarke for making the trophies, and we thank the President of the Newcastle L.T.A., Mr. Neville Shaw, for presenting them.

John Gray and Paul Dickson, two ex-students, who did much work for tennis in the school, showed that they were equal to the leading State Juniors when they defeated an under 17 L.T.A. team in Newcastle recently. We congratulate them on their performances.

On behalf of grade tennis players, I would like to thank Messrs. Clarke, Ingram, Hodge, Davies and Simpson for their help and encouragement in coaching the teams.

—(F. BISHOP, 4C)

Australian Rules

This past season has been a good one for the school team, although it has not been the most successful. We finished the season as premiers, losing once to Cook's Hill (33-13) and once to Central (35-17).

As many of last year's leading players were too old and could not play, the team had a hard job to win the competition. The newcomers to the code played very well and must be congratulated. Notable among these players are T. Collins and R. Orton. Also worthy of mention is L. Ffrench, the vice-captain, who received a well-earned position in the State side.

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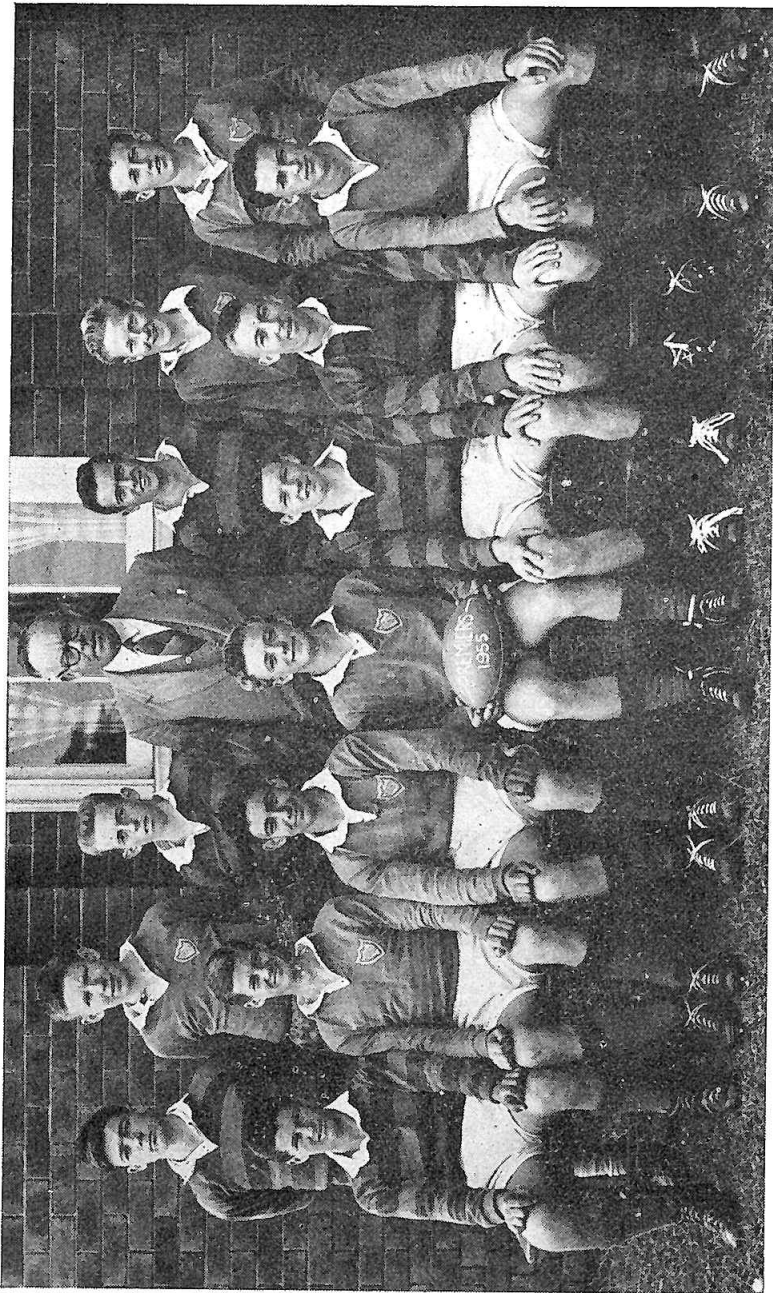


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FOURTH GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE, UNDEFEATED PREMIERS, 1955.
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 FRONT: M. Wightson, I. Watkins, G. Stefanoff, K. Dunstan, A. Andrews, J. Hinde, D. Cunningham.
 ABSENT: K. Tyndal, Leggett, A. Lester.
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Four players from our school were selected in the Newcastle side to play Sydney. They were L. Ffrench (capt.), T. Collins, J. Williams, and K. Clifford. All did well, but the Sydney side was too strong for us.

The leading goal kicker was K. Eltis with 13 goals. T. Collins scored 9 goals.

I would like to thank Mr. Judd on behalf of the team for his coaching and advice, and also the N.A.N.F.L. for footballs and other aid they gave us.

—(K. ELTIS, 5B)

Swimming

Although members of the swimming team swam well at the C.N.H.S. and C.H.S. carnivals, the standard of swimming this year has not been up to that of previous years. Lack of training was the principal cause of this, and the results we achieved were wholly due to individual effort.

The school carnival was held in February. The day was perfect for swimming. The competition was very good, and the carnival ended with Hunter House winning the Hocquard Shield for the aggregate points score. The championship pennants were all very keenly contested, and the results were: Senior Division, A. Dar-

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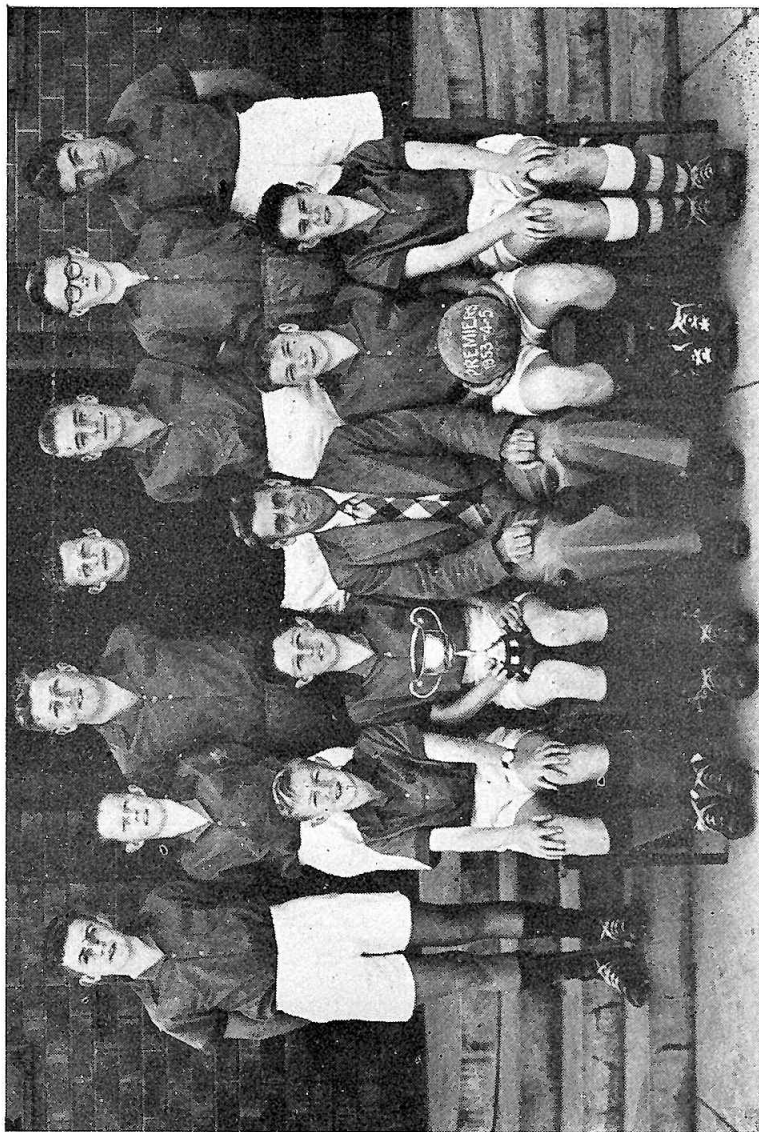
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UNDER 15 SOCCER, UNDEFEATED PREMIERS, 1955.
 BACK: M. Gledhill, J. Simpson, B. Pilleber, P. Whisor, E. Mink, K. Atkinson, J. Perry.
 FRONT: P. Thompson, R. Harris, Mr. C. Mackenzie, I. Wright (Capt.), R. Kivla.

row; Under 16, I. Carling; Under 15, T. Brice; Under 14, R. Richards; Under 13, A. Alexandroff.

The school team came second in the C.N.H.S. carnival at Cessnock. All swimmers swam well, particularly Dalton, Richards, Darrow, Carling, Alexandroff and Edwards. It was a very exciting carnival and we finished the day winning the Under 16 Relay. The team for the Relay was Snelson, Carling, Edwards and Anderson. We came second in the junior points score, and third in the juvenile points score.

The team would like to thank Messrs. H. Fountain, F. Smith, R. McFarlane, and L. McRae for their interest and coaching and for accompanying us on the trips to Sydney and Cessnock.

—(P. Snelson)

Hockey

This season was most successful as far as hockey was concerned. The A1 Grade were the undefeated premiers, the A2 were equal second, the B Grade came fourth, and the C Grade came third.

The A.1 built up a very good record during the season and out of 15 matches scored full points and scored over 50 goals for only two against. There was very little competition for such a strong team, but, although many matches resulted in easy wins, there was very little laxness on the field. The forwards hardly missed a shot. R. Griffiths played very well on the right wing. The halves, Jackson, Hawkins and Cooper, were so strong that the backs hardly had a hit, and Scott in goals was little more than an ornament for most matches.

The B Grade team showed much improvement this year and finished 3rd in the competition. Christie and Jones were outstanding in the forwards, and Newman, Blundell and Elliot formed a strong half line. Hughes and Hankin played well as backs and thwarted many attempts to score goals.

The C Grade came third and played in the spirit of the game throughout the season. They played very well considering that many had not used a hockey stick before.

Many thanks to Mr. Plummer and Mr. Osborne for their coaching and to Hawkins and Phillis, who refereed the B2 matches and made the functioning of this new team possible.

—(G. REYNOLDS, Capt., A1)

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Athletics

This season was most enjoyable and successful, with many boys training consistently. The team is grateful for the wonderful help given by Mr. Davis, Mr. Abrahams, Mr. McRae, Mr. Hunter, other members of the staff, Mr. J. Lorenc, and particularly Mr. Osborne and staff of Waratah Oval.

We competed in three big carnivals, for which the weather was perfect.

At our School Carnival, the Championship Pennants were won by:—

Michael Clarke: Under 13

Robert Barnes: Under 14

Ian Anderson: Under 15.

Bruce Abrahams: Under 16.

Trevor Dunn: Senior.

At the Linton Cup Carnival, we won the Cup for Champion School, the Senior Cup and the Junior Division, and came second in the Juvenile Point Score.

Many of our boys won events at the Northern Districts All-Schools Carnival.

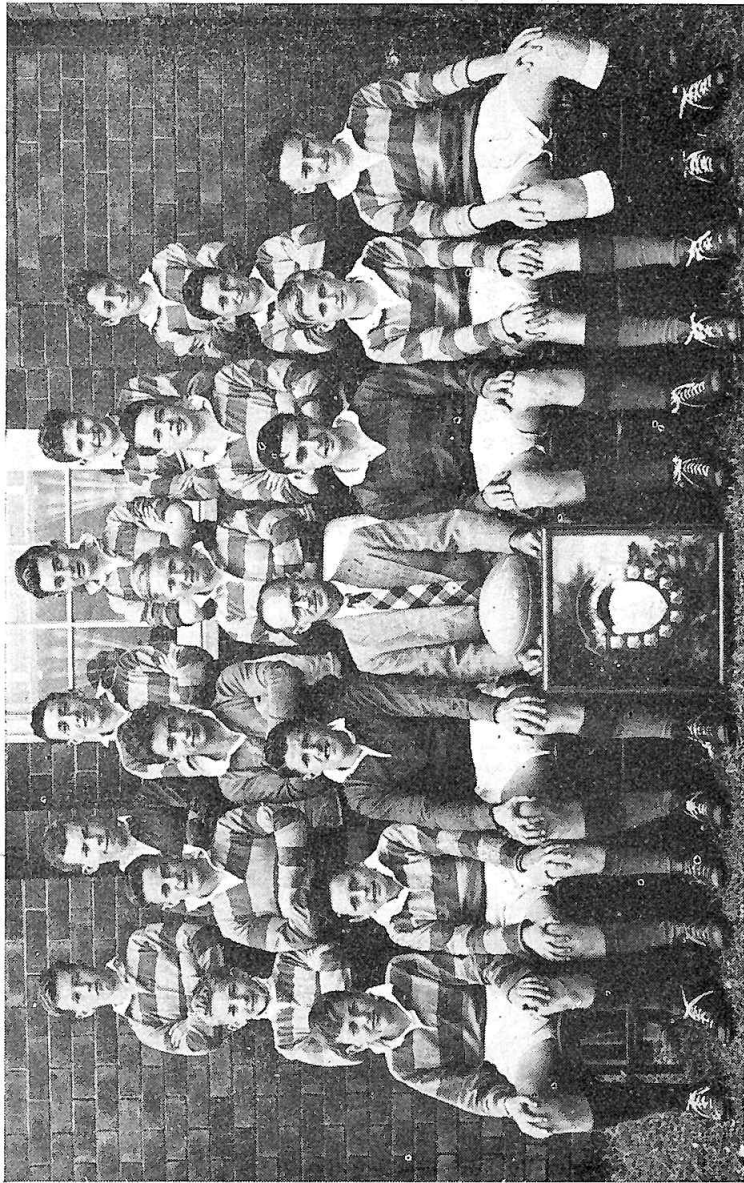
At the Sydney C.H.S. Carnival, we won the Kerr Cup for the 14th year in succession, came second in the Senior Division and fourth in the Aggregate.

We congratulate Trevor Dunn, Graham Sutcliffe and Robert Brown-Smith on their excellent performances, and hope that they will take an active part in athletics in their new sphere.

CLUB REPORTS

Senior Debating

This year the Senior Debating Club has twenty members. The President is G. Wilson, the Vice-President F. Topham, the Secretary J. Cox. We have organised many successful debates, in which the members have consistently developed their facility of speech. In choosing subjects, which have ranged from matters of world importance to topics concerning the school and the home, our members have shown originality and independence. This year we have not limited our activities to debating only, but have introduced impromptu speaking, and we propose to use the tape recorder for reading plays, poetry, etc., in order to develop our powers of expression. One afternoon, we held a very interesting informal



AUSTRALIAN RULES TEAM, PREMIERS, 1955.
 BACK: P. Hoffman, T. Jeans, F. Boswell, J. Williams, G. Dutton, R. Smyville.
 MIDDLE: I. Martin, J. Drury, J. Stansfield, N. Greedy, R. Crton, J. Hill.
 FRONT: D. Cederblad, D. Goodwin, L. French, Mr. A. Judd, K. Eltis (Cap.), T. Collins, K. Clifford.
 Absent: N. Carlaw.
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discussion on "The Crisis in Education" and came to the conclusion that the best remedy was more attractive conditions for teachers.

Tuesday afternoon of Education Week found our room filled to capacity with visitors. The six debaters were in their best form for their eight-minute speeches (the usual length is three and a half minutes) on the topic, "That the State Parliaments Should Be Abolished." The result of the keen competition in this debate was a narrow win for the opposition. Such was the interest displayed by the visitors that two nights later one of the ladies who had had to leave early inquired which team had won.

As yet the club has not had opportunity to participate in external competition, but shortly we hope to debate against Newcastle Teachers' College and Newcastle Technical High School.

Most members of the club have taken part in at least one debate, and we are pleased to report that the new members are keen and are progressing well.

The club would like to thank Mr. Ingram for his interest in us and for his helpful comments on our debates. It is he who is responsible for the improvement every member has shown, and we feel that without him the club would not be able to continue as it does at present.

The Senior Debating Club has thus far had a most successful year. It is performing an important task by improving the speech of its members, by vastly increasing their store of knowledge through research done in preparation for debates, and by teaching them the correct procedure of a meeting. Thereby its members are being prepared for society and citizenship.

—(JOHN COX, 4D)

2nd and 3rd Year Debating

This Club has a smaller membership than in previous years, but the debates have been none the less educational, exciting and humorous. A debate against First Year was held on the topic, "The Current Affairs Session Should Be Abolished." Our team of Le Marchant, Hughes and Wingrove took the affirmative and won the debate. On Open Day an interesting debate on the topic, "Men and Women Should Receive Equal Pay," was held. We should like to thank Mr. Hunter for his helpful advice, which has greatly furthered our knowledge of debating.

—(J. WINGROVE, 2A; K. HOLE, 2A)

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First Year Debating

This year the Junior Debating Club has been divided into two divisions, these being the First Year Debating Club with a membership of 32 and the Second and Third Year Debating Club with a membership of 14. One of the advantages of this new system is that the club consists of boys the same age, with the result that there is healthy but not overwhelming competition in a debate. Topics well within the ability of first year boys can now be chosen.

Probably the worst debate of this year was the one on the topic, "Corporal Punishment Should Be Abolished in Schools." When the debate ended, no one was sure whether detention or the cane hurt boys more.

On "Open Day" this year we were observed by parents as we debated that Maitland should be moved to higher ground. This was one of the best debates I have heard. Most of the boys collected much material and presented it in a sensible manner.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Hunter for his keen interest in our club.

—(GERD ALEXANDROFF, 1A)

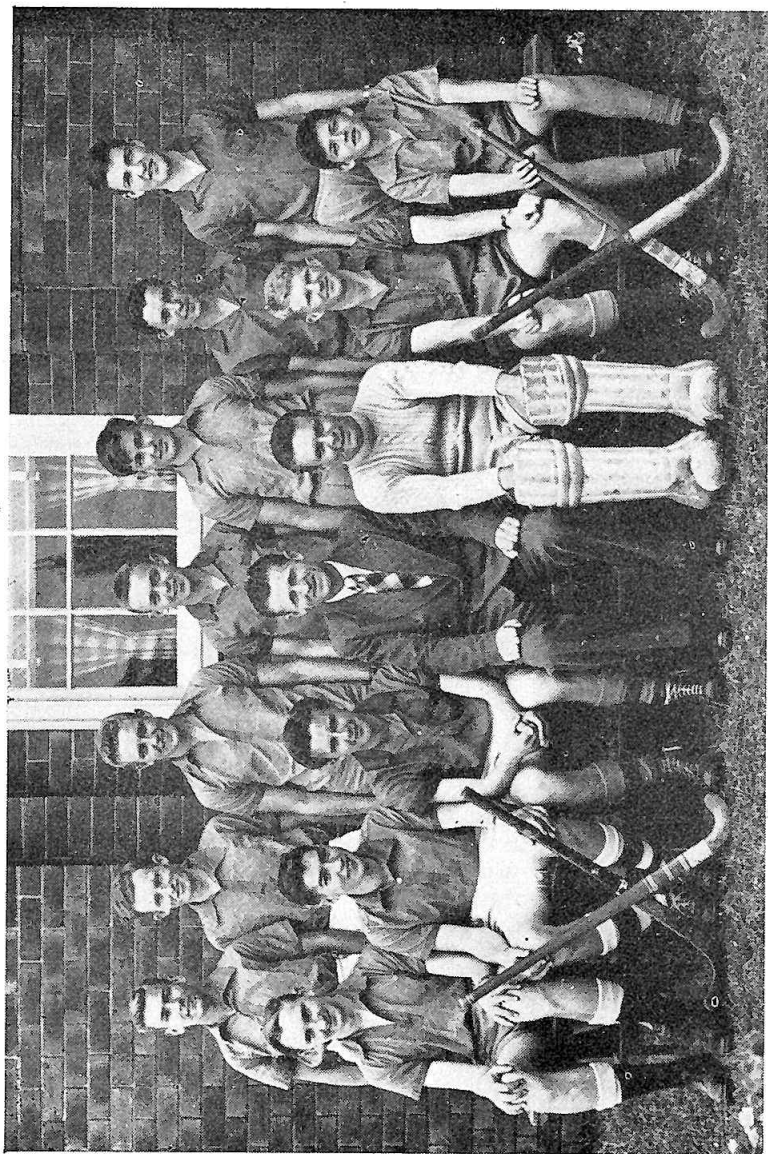
Films

This, the largest of the hobby groups, is supervised by Mr. Gray and also Mr. Quill, who arranges for the loan of the films. So far this year, the films have been borrowed from the Canadian Film Board and the N.S.W. Film Council. Occasionally a small charge is made to help pay for the postage. Several comedy films were hired and shown at the School Fete to raise money. Films were shown on Open Day during Education Week and were seen by many parents.

The installation of a power point at the back of the hall and repairs to the blinds have improved the screening of films. The projector has given considerable trouble, and repairs have been necessary. Several parts still need to be replaced.

I want to thank the staff, R. Cook, R. Midtvik, W. Murray and B. Roberts, who have shown films on numerous occasions besides the hobby periods, and, when necessary, have attended the P. and C. meetings to show films.

—(W. MURRAY)



A. GRADE HOCKEY UNDEFEATED PREMIERS, 1955.
BACK: R. Griffiths, J. Hawkins, B. Acheson, B. Lovett, C. Cooper, K. Jackson, J. Phillis,
FRONT: P. Catterall, P. Lovett, G. Reynolds (Capt.), Mr. T. Plummer, E. Scott, J. Steel, R. James.
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Photography

This year, owing to the limitations of the dark-room and equipment, membership of the club was limited to twenty-five boys, and so all applicants in 1st and 2nd Years were eliminated. A weekly donation, which has remained at threepence despite rising prices, is made by each member, and this money is used for the purchase of books, chemicals and photographic goods.

When we have not been engaged in activities in the dark room, Mr. Simpson, our patron, has given us a series of lectures from the club's literature. Despite the fact that many of these have placed the accent on cleanliness, a few members have at times left the dark room in a deplorable state.

The general standard of photography in the club has greatly improved, as many members have gained experience and more efficient equipment. To win a competition a photograph must be of really first-class quality. Prize winners, judged by voting, have been G. Adcock, B. Bates and R. Brock. The club had a display on Open Day and, as this coincided with a competition, the day was most interesting for visitors.

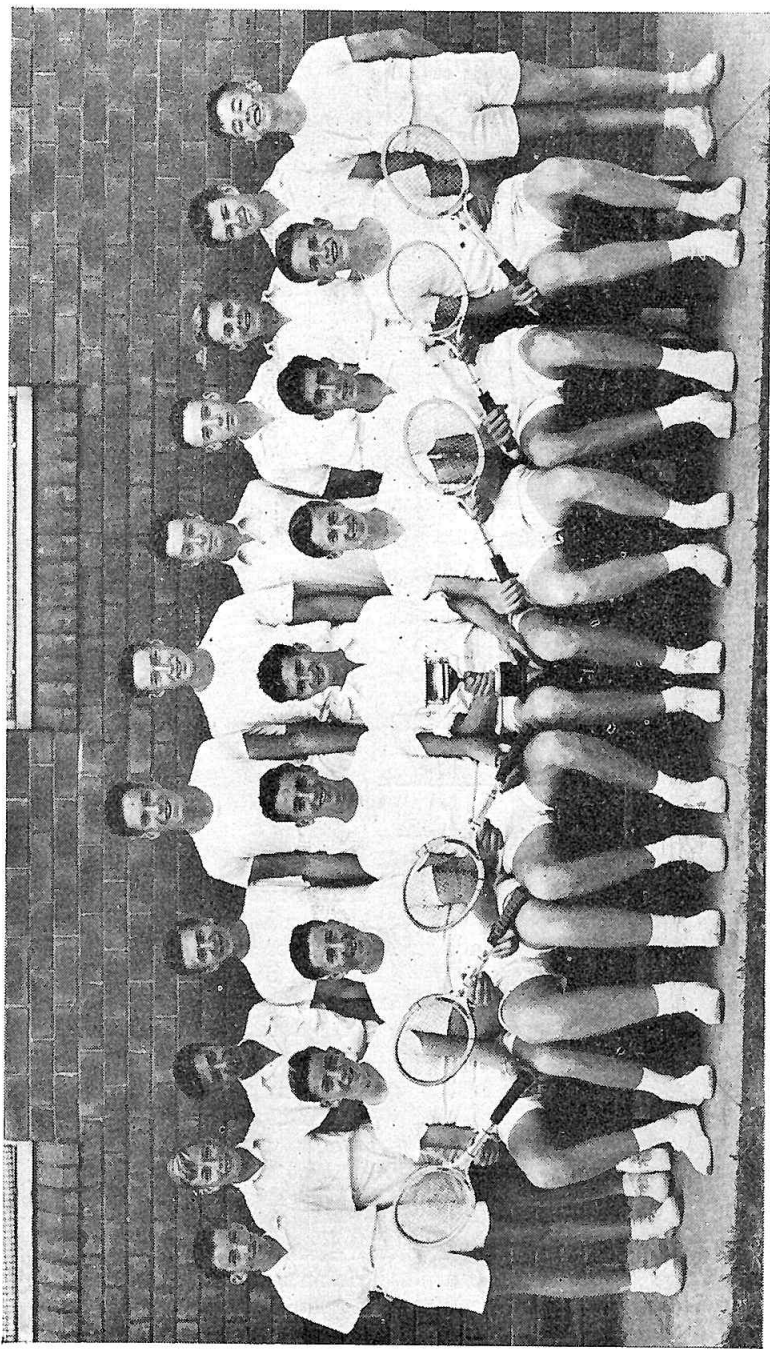
We express our gratitude to Mr. Simpson for his excellent work, to Mr. Gray and the Science staff for the use of the Physics store-room and to all those who helped make the year a most successful one for our club.

—(T. WITHERDIN, G. ADCOCK, 4th Year)

The Library

The Library Club commenced this year with increased numbers, and it was found necessary to use room 15 as a work-room for the boys doing the gluing and lacquering. Groups were selected to carry out the different stages in repairing the damaged books. Among these were groups cutting linen, stitching, gluing, lacquering, printing, cataloguing, repairing pages with dux and preparing posters which were displayed in the library each week.

During Education Week an excellent exhibition took place in the library. This exhibition was really a first-class production, which was praised very highly by the parents who visited the school on Open Day and also the fathers and boys who attended both the junior and senior "Dad and Lad" Nights. It consisted of displays on various topics: one on "Australia," which was decorated with wool and wattle; one on "Science," which gave the library club's impression of a St. Trinian's gin still (with rather a convincing sample of gin); one on "The School Curricu-



TENNIS TEAMS, PREMIERS, 1955.

FRONT: L. White (4th gr.), G. Goffett (3rd gr.), G. Ryan, W. Turner, A. Nelmes, F. Bishop (1st gr.), I. Johnston (3rd gr.),
 BACK: O. Kirkby, D. Curran, P. Tonkin (4th gr.) W. Hall, P. Jonas, F. Topham, S. Larkin (2nd gr. undefeated premiers), J. Williams, P. Matthews, W. McCrea (3rd gr.), J. Allen (2nd gr.).
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lum"; one on "War"; and many others, including "A Journey Around the World," "Arts," "Sports and Hobbies," "Magazines to Be Found in the Library" and "Magazines from Other Schools," which proved most interesting to the boys (especially "Nobby's"). Another highlight of the exhibition was a very fine display of photographs from "Julius Caesar," "Hamlet," and "Romeo and Juliet." This exhibition was the first really full-scale display of its kind that the school had ever witnessed and was indeed a credit to the boys, who, although few in number, put so much personal effort into it and worked so hard to make it the undoubted success that it was.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the staff, and especially Mr. Smith and the Science teachers, who made material available to us for the exhibition. Our sincerest appreciation goes to Mr. Rigby, who assisted us in many ways and supervised us during the year.

—(BRIAN J. YEE, Secretary)

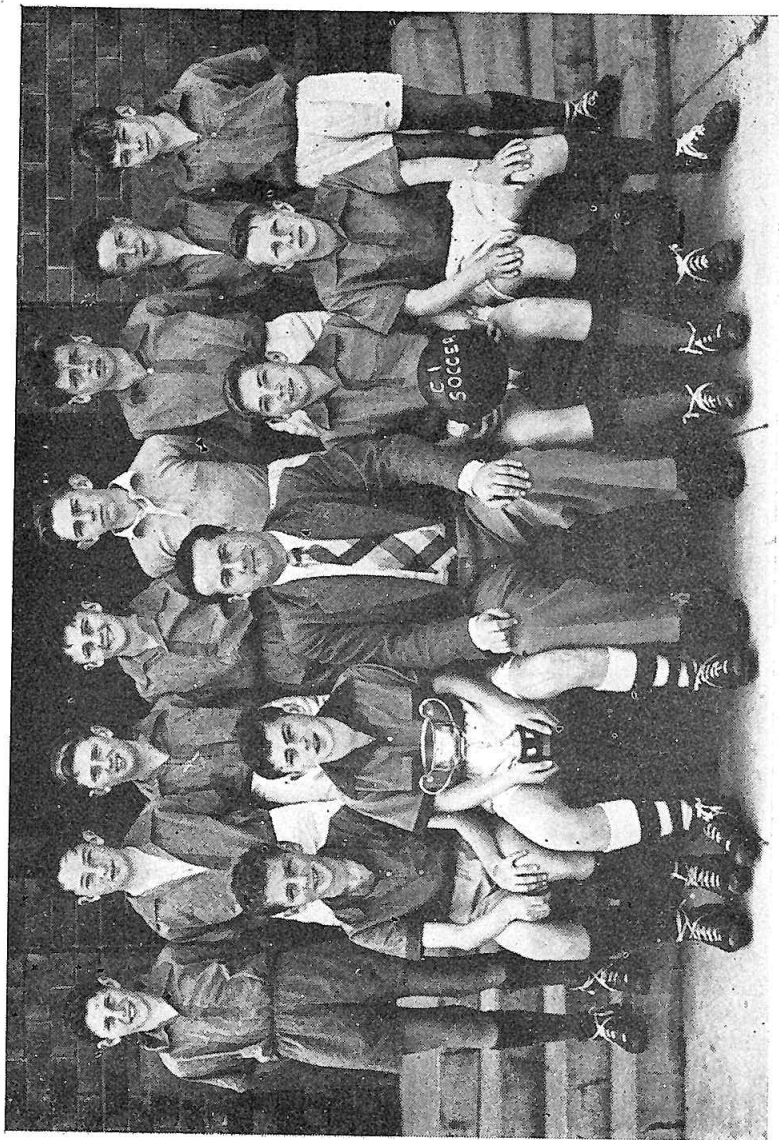
Stamps

The Stamp Club was divided into two groups this year, with a total membership of 85. Under the supervision of Mr. Whalen and Mr. Bailey considerable progress has been made. Mr. Whalen has given very interesting talks on the finer points of stamp collecting, such as thematics, watermarks, perforations, and precancels. A few exchange books have been circulating amongst the members throughout the year. At this year's fete many members put sheets of stamps in the stamp exhibition. There was also another exhibition held on Open Day in Education Week. There was a competition for the best array of stamps in this, and it was won by R. Worsley for his entry of map stamps.

—(R. HARBORNE, 3E)

Gymnastics

This year has been a successful one for the club in many ways. The arrival of the new springboard and vaulting box from the Department of Education has enabled the club to increase its activities as well as its membership, which now totals thirty-five, consisting of twenty juniors and fifteen seniors. In October, gymnastic displays were again held. Our club took a prominent part in them, with the seniors giving a vaulting exhibition and two of our seniors performing a gymnastic clown routine, which



CL. SOCCER TEAM, PREMIERS, 1955.
BACK: J. Hobson, D. Pickon, D. Kemp, J. Whitmore, F. Allen, K. Hains, C. Youngberry, R. Wright.
MIDDLE: J. Hood, G. H. Milne, W. Milne, C. Starks, D. J. Milne, R. Milne.
FRONT: R. Milne, D. J. Milne, R. Milne, R. Milne, R. Milne, R. Milne.

brought variety to the display. We should like to thank, on behalf of the club, Mr. Judge and Mr. Gilshenan for the interest they have taken in us and our activities during the year.

—(R. SHELDON, B. ABLESON, 5D)

Model Aeroplanes

Under the capable supervision of Mr. R. Haines, the Model Aeroplane Club, which consists of 25 members, has had a very successful year. We have built about twenty models, both solid and flying, and late last term we held a field day in which about five models took part. I think that the best model of the day was the "Dart," a hurl glider built by C. Croft. This 'plane flew beautifully, and sometimes missed crashing by inches. We meet every Thursday afternoon, in Room 13, which is an ideal place for throwing 'planes from windows, as it is an upstairs room. This term some of the boys intend to combine, contribute money, buy a kit and built a part each. I think that is a very good idea. I hope that the model aeroplane club will continue indefinitely, and that Mr. Haines will stay with us, as he is always at hand when he is needed.

—(C. STARK, 1A)

The Jazz Club

The suggestion that a Jazz Club would be established again (the first one was in 1951) came at the beginning of this year. A group of senior jazz enthusiasts eager to break away from the traditional trend of hobbies started the ball rolling. It became evident from the very first session that the club would be a success. The music covered a wide field from the early New Orleans jazz styles through a range including be-bop, boogie-woogie, blues, rags and stomps to the more modern styles in swing. Efforts were made to appeal to all tastes, so that variety was aimed at in every programme. The club was particularly fortunate in obtaining tapes of records, some of which were and still are rare collector's items, and to which members listened avidly. For the loan of these tapes we are indebted to Mr. Gilshenan. We are grateful to Mr. Milne for his services. We do not wish to detract from his reputation by calling him a jazz lover, but we must say that his face was wreathed in smiles when he was with us. We featured some of the most famous exponents of jazz such as Woody Herman

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"The Swing King," Benny Goodman, Australia's Grahaeme Bell, and Louis Armstrong. The numbers included such evergreen standards as "Golden Wedding," "When the Saints Go Marchin' In," "Muskrat Ramble," "Boogie Blues," and "How High the Moon."

I should be very pleased to see this tradition carried on in order to afford future jazz-loving pupils of the school entertainment such as we have enjoyed this year.

—(JOHN ASHE, 5D)

Classical Music

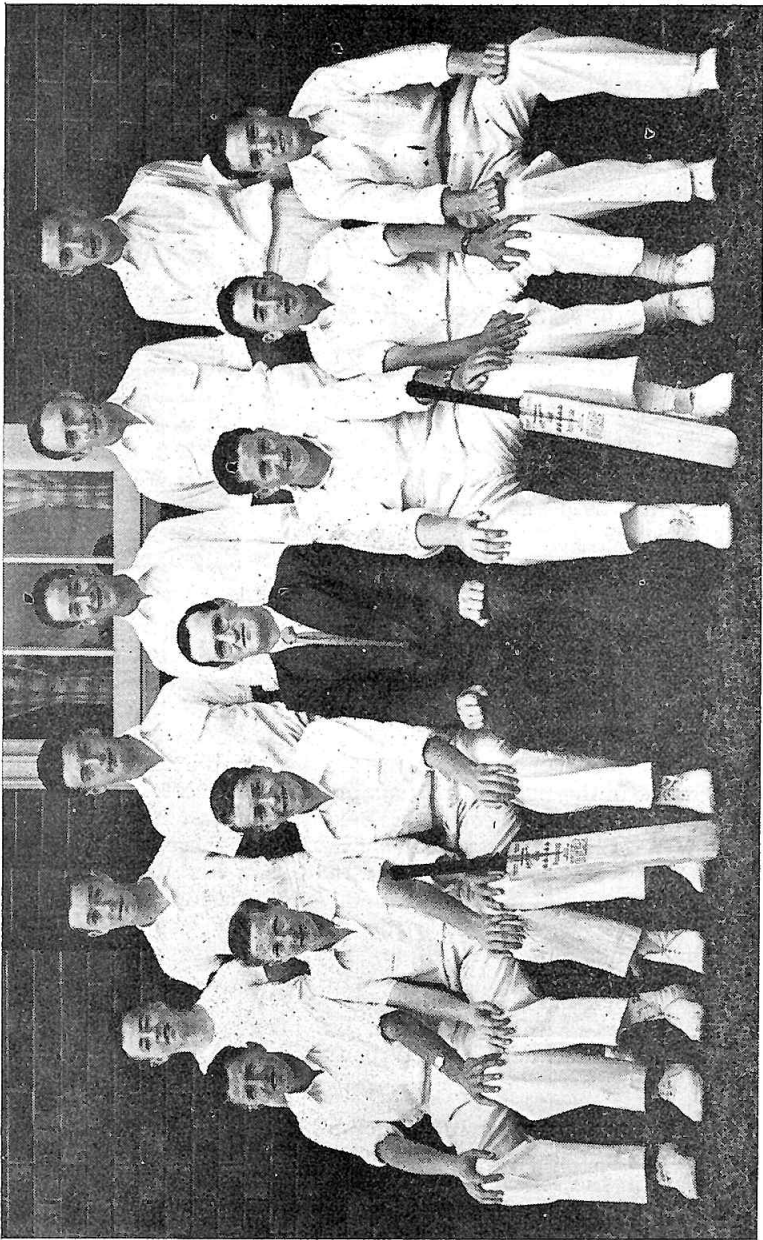
Once again the boys of this school have displayed an appalling lack of interest in classical music. It is unfortunate that out of eight hundred boys only fourteen can find time or interest to listen to thirty minutes of classical music a week. I am sure this apathy arises from the fact that music is no longer taught after 3rd Year and, as most students do not seriously listen to the classics till at least their fifteenth year, this premature training has resulted in many boys forming a dislike for an art they cannot fully appreciate at such an early age.

The Music Club is endeavouring to give the boys an opportunity to hear fine music. The club is arranged so that any boy may present a programme of music on one or a number of afternoons, bringing either his own records or making a selection from the school's library. Tamsett, Bunton, Croft and Lowe have arranged programmes, the last-named giving us one memorable afternoon when he brought in the Beethoven D Major Violin Concerto. There has again been a variety of composers heard this year, including Grieg, Beethoven, Chopin, Stravinsky and Lalo, and there was one rather terrifying work by Ravel. The radiogram has displayed somewhat temperamental behaviour this year. Not only has it whined and clicked, but one afternoon it faded out completely, leaving us no option but to listen to "The Housewife's Choice" from the A.B.C.

The club thanks Mr. McKenzie, who has been supervisor this year. He has taken an active interest, and on one occasion he collection.

In spite of its small membership the club has had an instructive and enjoyable year and looks forward to the future for an increase in music-lovers in the school.

—(R. A. MORRISON, 5th Year)



SECOND XI UNDEFEATED PREMIERS, 1955.
 FRONT: L. Ffrench, L. Davies, C. Robinson, Mr. E. Ingram, G. Goffett (Capt.), - Hughes, - Brown.
 BACK: J. Allen, S. Larkin, C. Yarrington, B. Evans, C. Catteral, K. Ellis.
 ABSENT: R. Williams, A. Neimes, N. Chapman.
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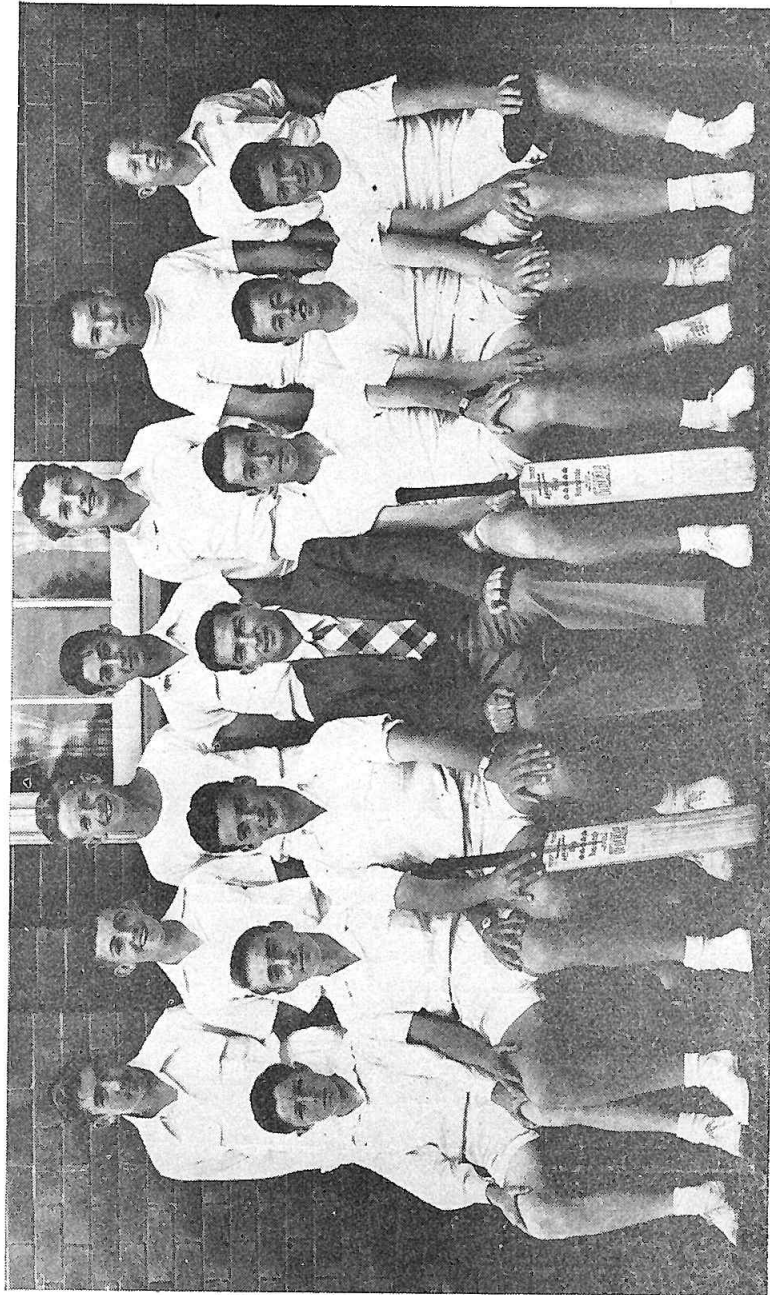
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Sports Union	376	4	1	
General	406	12	7	
School Activities	1,042	11	6	
Library	74	8	10	
S.W.A.S.S.C.	259	8	0	
Pro Items	525	11	9	
PAYMENTS:				3,355 5 11
Text Books	815	12	3	
Sports Union	358	0	6	
General	425	12	4	
School Activities	700	11	2	
Library	136	18	4	
S.W. and S.S.C.	245	7	0	
Contra Items	673	4	4	
Balance				£205 17 11

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School Funds come from various sources, the main one being the fees charged students (35.0d. for 1st, and 2nd years, £2 for 3rd years, £2/5/0 for 4th and 5th years). These fees are broken up between four main accounts: Text books, sports union, general and school activities, 1st and 2nd years pay 13.0d. for text books, 7.0d. for Sports Union, 8.0d. for the General Fund and 7.0d. for School Activities, 3rd year's fees are divided 17.0d., 7.0d., 8.0d. and 8.0d. respectively, while 4th and 5th years' are dissected in a similar way, £1/1/-, 7.0d., 8.0d. and 9.0d.

It must be understood that the various funds are for convenience only and, for example, we would not stop buying text books because we had exhausted funds in that account if we had idle funds in the General Account.



B. GRADE CRICKET, PREMIERS 1955.

The P. and C. usually contributes generously to school funds towards the end of the year, e.g. if our text book requirements are heavy or if books for the school library need purchasing. Then too, the various school activities such as Dramatic Club and Physical Education Club add to funds from time to time.

The General Account covers such items as prizes, school repairs and garden (nearly £70 this year), duplication paper, ordinary printing of programmes etc., badges, telephone, first aid, cartage, wreaths, toilet paper etc. The School Activities Fund deals with the following: Examination paper, "Novo", sporting programmes, films, speech night, play days, stencil cutting etc.

Although library expenditure exceeds receipts by some £60, this will probably be covered by an overdue grant from the Department and Tuck Shop rent for this term.

Prefects Elect for 1956

J. Anderson (School Captain), P. Hardie (Vice Captain), B. Abrahams (Senior Prefect), G. Adcock, J. Allen, J. Cox, I. Carling, T. Duffell, P. Edwards, G. Fielding, L. Ffrench, D. Harland, R. Hubbuck, R. Hynes, D. McIntyre, D. Miles, G. Moore, J. Steel, F. Topham, G. Wilson.

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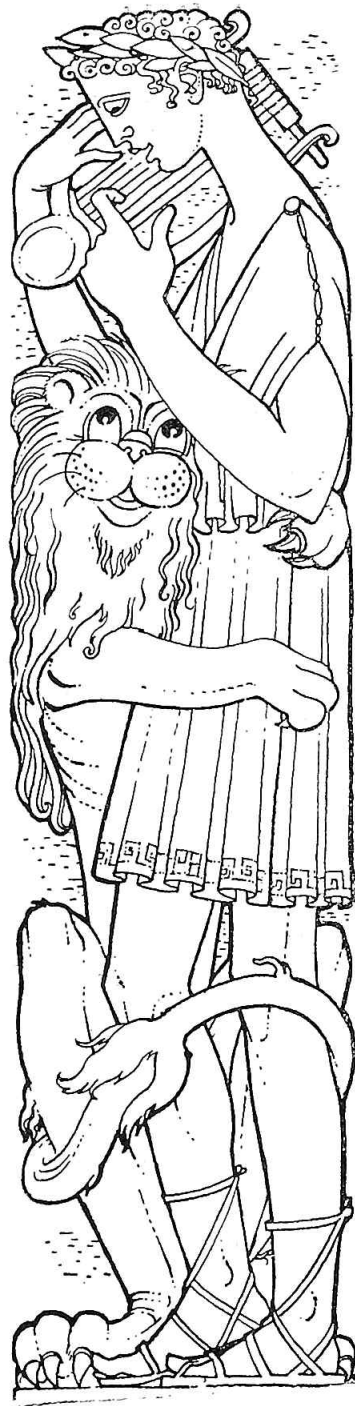
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Frustration and Procrastination

What a quagmire the mind becomes when overburdened! With laborious study and over-regular weekly exercises and essays, the mind, a delicate mechanism, becomes a clogged channel. Its smooth, precisioned ticking is slowed to an irregular, shuddering jolt. The worry of the necessity of doing all these tasks and deciding which should be done first leads the all-important mechanism into a state of subconscious bewilderment which prevents even the beginning of one assignment.

This is as I have found and do now find myself. I gaze at a pile of books which mean no more to me at present than the man across the road mowing a lawn; for, as I sit, a car rumbling past distracts my waning attention from my work, and for a further five minutes I stare disconsolately out the window. Then forcibly my senses are collected as I conceive the punishment (if only that of a guilty conscience) I shall suffer for this lack of work. A consideration of this arrests me for several minutes. I force myself to write the next sentence. Stimulating my interest just enough to decide that it is unsatisfactory, I cross it out. When in this way I have increased and reduced my work by exactly the same proportions, the sensation of hunger, the mover of all great deeds, draws me from my desk.

A brief respite—and on returning to my desk I find a stimulus to my interest which brings a feeling of relief to my mind, clearing its constriction, liberating its flow of thoughts, and in an almost effortless continuity ideas are transferred from head to paper. In a whisk of time compared with that in which I vacillated so greatly, the first hurdle has been conquered, but now, in approaching the next, I find time running short; I cannot possibly finish all I have to do, and a renewed frustration settles upon me.

Thus I do not consider the time of frustration time wasted. I think of it as a necessary period of fitting myself back into a state of mental stress; and the resultant work can be nothing but inferior after the mental exhaustion of a hard day.

Beach Scene — Winter

Stale sea, wind' weary, breaking
Tiredly against its slimy reefs,
Freezing wind and grey sea aching
With a thousand savage griefs.

The dirty spume, like watery dust,
Drifts above the empty stands;
Lunch papers blown by windy gusts
Skip desperately across the damp, deserted sands.

Dark, rotting sky above looks down,
Down upon a wilderness;
Behind us lies the brilliant, blackened town,
And, everywhere, the soured sea of bitterness.

PETER HARDIE, 4th Year.

Lake Macquarie Sunrise

The mist had settled low over the eddying water. It was murky, like a dirty white cloth covering the lake and hiding the stunted growth which clung tenaciously to the rocky fringe of foreshore. The dank morning air was frosty, and the tang of dried seaweed and salt was almost choking. The gaunt, grey jetty projected into the enveloping infinity of whiteness. The solitude was disturbed only by the soft lapping of myriads of tiny waves against the moss-covered stones and pebbles of the shore. The faint, distant splash of oars and the creak of rowlocks echoed weirdly across the placid waters.

A faint tingle of yellow, a ray of light penetrating the white, heralded the sunrise. Gradually the mist whirled and swirled, finally gyrating into thin wraith-like vapours. The lakeside focused into view, at first hazy and purple, then more distinct, green and brown, until the black carpet of the bitumen road could be distinguished. The waves caught the sun's rays and sparkled spasmodically as they rose and fell. A few fishing boats, like rain drops upon a window-pane, moved aimlessly over the dappled surface. A seagull plummeted from the blue and swooped upon an unsuspecting fish in a flurry of whirring wings.

The drone of a bus, the hoot of a horn, the thin spires of smoke, the rattle of milk bottles, the clash of garbage cans, the smell of cooking all proclaimed the beginning of another day.

COLIN GIBBS, 5th Year.

A Haven

On the gently sloping green hill,
Standing, signal, underneath the low clouds
And the bleak sky and the hurried birds
And the winds jostling, cavorting, skipping, gliding
Amid the leaves,
He stands with low brow,
His mind perplexed, his thoughts divided,
Reflecting, as it were, the mood above him,
Surly and brooding, ruffled and foreboding.

A drift of rain—so fine it is
That far below its sole effect
Is to blur and shroud in mist,
Bringing the rainbow and a little sun,
The meeting of the fields and firmament—
Surrounds him now,
The setting for his silent, cold contention.

Thunder rolls; his eyes light up.
In giant strides he leaves the height—
Wet foliage underfoot—
Is lost to sight
In winding paths eternal;
And yet his thoughts remain
United with the air
Of the chilly, clammy hill.

A. G. HOCKINGS, 5A.

“On Half-pennies”

(After Charles Lamb)

I do not know a more entertaining coin than the half-penny. In base worth, it is the least of our coins, whose value, though not indeed *nihili*, is only *flocci*, yet it is that coin which, when I am feeling melancholy, I prefer above all others to have in my pocket.

It is a cheery, pleasant little coin. It lacks the grossness of the penny and the florin, the facile glitter of the silver shilling, and the irritating smallness of the sixpence and threepence, which are so easy to lose and so hard to find. To the avid reader, it affords the same mental *pabulum* as other coins—Elizabeth II *dei gratia regina*—but lacks their pomposity or obscurity in making this resounding statement.

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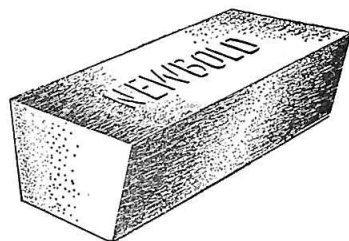
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But to my mind, the greatest virtue of the half-penny is that we always have one of these coins with us. You may lose bank-notes—a vile, impersonal form of money—or florins, but you will never lose a half-penny. It is always there, to jingle if we feel inclined, or to flip into the air on the slightest pretext, and if, haply, it rolls into some drain, there is always another in our pocket.

Last Sunday, a sudden urge of piety—or it might have been Bridget—forced me to abandon my customary Sabbatical lethargy, and betake myself to the nearest church, which edifice had not shadowed me since the wedding of our friends R— and A—.

I was completely engrossed in the ramblings of the liturgy, when I was disconcerted to hear at my back a muted clinking. Imagine my feelings when, on turning round, I discovered that it was not

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which are constructed mainly to relieve traffic congestion. It was only natural that he, being a boy, found great interest in the passing cars, trucks and buses, but his main interest lay in the trams, which fascinated him. He would watch the trams all day through an opening in the design of the front fence. Sometimes there would even be a double tram, crowded with people and with the conductor swinging along the platform. (He would be a conductor later on.)

To him that front fence was one of the highest things imaginable, except, of course, for a roof or a telegraph pole! Then there was Uncle Jack. He was taller than the front fence. At least to him it was insurmountable because of its height and the lock and chain on the front gate. His big brother was lucky; he could climb the fence; but then he was nine. However, the young fellow made up his mind to conquer the heights of that front gate. It took a long time, a number of hard falls and much watching of big brother's climbing, but he finally reached the stage where he could attain the top. It seemed an awfully long way down from up there, and, as he lifted one leg over, he suddenly grew frightened, lost his footing and fell to the concrete below. At least, he half-fell, for he landed on his feet and without a moment's hesitation ran straight across the road.

There was a screaming of brakes as a taxi screeching to a halt nearly drowned the curses of an elderly cyclist, who in his frantic haste in applying the brake had toppled over. The youngster, however, unperturbed by the haste and noise of civilization, and overjoyed to be at last out alone in the wide, open world, reached the island, made himself comfortable between two shiny tramlines, and in a rather different way from most people waited for a tram. When one is engaged in watching for trams in one direction, it is inconceivable that one can see trams approaching from the other direction. In any case he knew nothing of what was happening until there was a roaring of engines very close. Something passed just above his head, and wheels whirred on each side. Women screamed, bells jangled, and whistles blew as the tram tried to pull up. Something suddenly lifted the little fellow and carried him along with the momentum of the tram. The vehicle stopped. The screaming continued. Dazed, he was still able to comprehend what was going on about him. Sounds like "Is he dead?" "Is he badly hurt?" "Ya kwillin' me wittle bwuvver!" he understood. Then the driver, not looking so smart now with his cap off and his face as white as a sheet, appeared between two wheels and, crawling over to the little fellow, lifted him from the cow-catcher and took him back into the open air.