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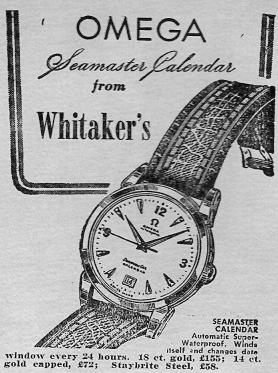
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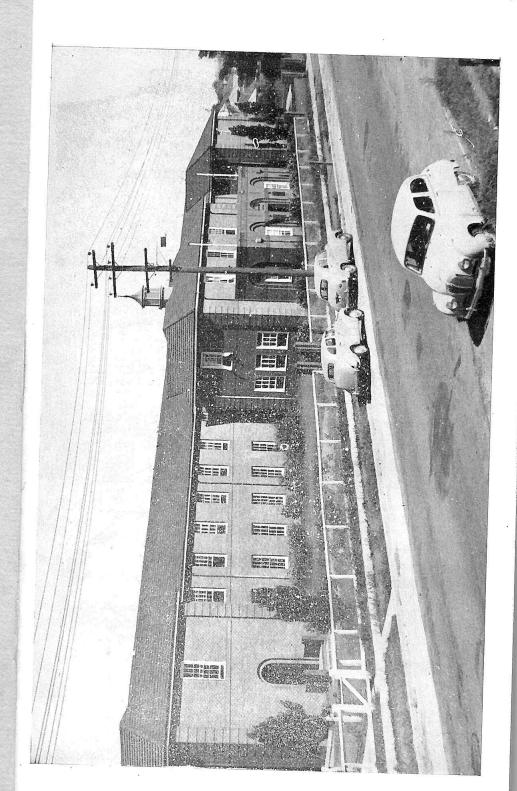


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Mr. F. H. Beard, M.A.

-Drawn by Victor Kalmykoff, 4C

The Headmaster's Message

This year we have celebrated the Jubilee of our school. It has had fifty years of fine achievement and service to the community. The reunicn gatherings were most inspiring. I wish that you boys could have been at all of them. You would have realised more than ever that a school is three-fold. It belongs to the past, the present and the future. To the many old students who gathered together, some meeting again for the first time since their schooldays, it was a tremendously important part of their past. But it belonged, also, to the present, for the characters and personalities that were forming during those school-days were still part of them, and many a fine tribute was paid to the moral influence and inspiration of some teacher of former days. With us, they, too, lcoked to the future-and that is where you boys come in. You have a proud heritage to carry on. The problems you will have to face are infinitely greater than those of your predecessors. The world has shrunk until we are all close neighbours, and we have to learn to live together. Science has given man tremendous possibilities of good and evil. During your lifetime, you will see machines taking more and more of the hard work and giving men more leisure, which they can use for their benefit or their hurt. You will see atomic power making possible the raising of the standards of the backward people of the world until we have a true democracy based on equality of opportunity. You could-we pray nct!-share in the destruction of humanity by an atomic and hydrogen war. This is a time of boundless possibilities. You have a special task to fit yourselves to play your part. The ultimate fate of the world will depend on the kind of people in it. You have to develop the right attitudes: to learn to take life seriously; to realise your good fortune in having all the advantages that life in this bountiful land provides; to consider other people and work for their betterment. I don't want you to lose the joy of life or become old betere your time. There must be plenty of room in your lives for pleasure and fun. But pause sometimes and ask yourselves what kind of childhood the young folk of, say, Egypt and Hungary are having. Then determine to make the most of your good fortune. If you do this, the school will be able to look forward to the future with as much confidence as it has pride in the past.



The School Pledge

I promise to be loyal to my Queen, my country, and the wider commonwealth of mankind; to do all in my power to uphold the good name of my school; and to strive to be just and honourable in all that I do.

School Captain's Message

The second half-century of the school's history has begun. Last June, we paused to glance back at the achievements of those who have passed through this school before us. We saw how the traditions and spirit of the school have developed in those fifty years. We saw that the school has a record of which it can be proud, a record which places it among the great high schools of this state.

The school exists primarily to prepare candidates for the Leaving Certificate, so that they may then seek employment at that level or continue their education further. But school would be a dull place if this was all that happened, and we would not gain greatly from school life; so various school activities are introduced to enable us to lead a balanced life at school and to take an interest in things that are not directly concerned with the Leaving Certificate. As our school has developed, the range of school activities has become wider. We have sport, socials, hobbies groups, cadets, choirs and other activities which allow freedom and variation in our life at school. These have been introduced for our benefit. We can improve our school and make our cwn school-life much more interesting and more pleasant if we take an active interest in these activities, and if we take an interest in the activities of our fellow students.

We have a lot to gain if we participate in school sport. Of course, everyone cannot win an event at the athletics carnival or play in the first-grade football team. This is done only by the few who can successfully combine natural ability and hard work in training. But everyone can take part in sport in the school. Everyone can start in an event at the athletics carnival or play in some football team. Naturally, some sports do not interest particular boys. But in the school we have such a wide range of sports that every one of us should be able to take part in a sport which he can enjoy and in which he can give of his best. It is by playing in sports teams that we are able to know other boys in the school and are then able to work with them for the benefit of both our school and ourselves.

We must keep our interest in the school, our school spirit, our pride in the school alive. The school is not just a building overcrowded with boys and teachers. It is more than that. It is a living body, which has a history and a tradition, and which must be kept alive and developed by the boys and teachers in it. This is done only if we help the next boy and take an active interest in school activities. It we all work together, doing our best for the common good, there is no limit to what our school may achieve.

I would like to thank Peter, Bruce, and all the prefects for the way they have helped this year, and congratulate them on the way in which they have all stuck together and worked hard in doing their share, which is necessary for the school to function efficiently. Special thanks must go to Mr. Plummer for the way he has stood behind the prefects and helped bridge the gap between staff and prefects, so making our task much more pleasant.

J. A. F. ANDERSON

The Death of Mr. Fred Smith

The school was shocked in February this year by the tragic death of Mr. Fred Smith, who joined our staff as a member of the English Department in 1950. The Novocastrian records our own keen sense of loss and our deepest sympathy for his family.

Both in the sphere of teaching and in various other activities in which he played such a notable part—we remember particularly his production of plays and his leadership of the Air Training Corps—his personality, his fine qualities of character, his work and his influence have left a lasting and an inspiring mark on the life of the school.

On Thursday, February 16th a moving memorial service was conducted in our assembly hall by Padre Henderson of the R.A.A.F. Station, Williamtown. The school flight of the A.T.C. paraded.

A photograph of Fred Smith in Air Force uniform has been hung in the corridor of the main entrance to the school.

On Speech Night, Mr. J. Smith, on behalf of the family, presented the school with a very fine lectern in memory of his brother.

A Fred Smith Memorial Drama Prize has been donated by the Parents and Citizens' Association.

This year's Speech Night on May 31st at the City Hall was attended by a very large audience and was an outstanding success. The stage was beautifully decorated with flowers, and on the left and on the right respectively, as a reminder of our School Jubilee, were in large figures 1906 and 1956.

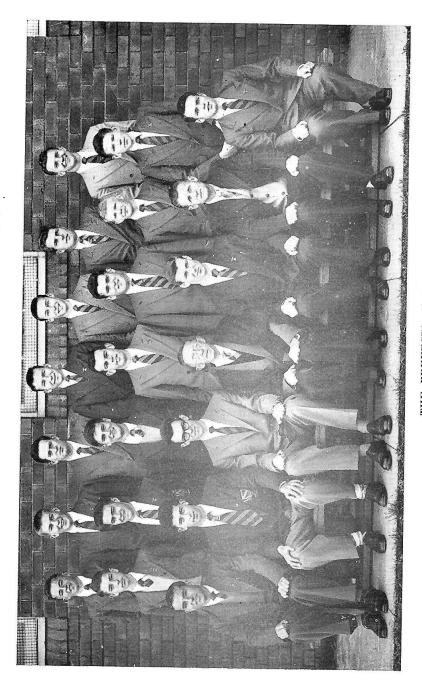
The IIcadmaster opened the proceedings by welcoming the many visitors and inviting the Lord Mayor, Alderman D. G. McDougall, to take the chair.

As is usual on our Speech Nights, the audience was requested to observe a short period of silence in memory of all friends of the school who had passed on.

The singing of the School Scng, in which all present were invited to join, was followed by our customary programme including the addresses, the presentation of special prizes, sports prizes and school prizes, and several splendid musical items rendered by our junior choir, small choir and combined choir under the direction of Mr. J. Rushton.

Mr. P. G. Price, Director of Secondary Education, told the audience that the higher standard set in secondary and tertiary courses resulted in too many students' failing in university courses. He said that the average student took a year longer than the course prescribed to obtain a degree. It might be advisable, he suggested, to make the Leaving Certificate course a six-year course. The high cost of education should not deter people from attempting degrees. Students had an obligation to themselves and to their school. The problem was theirs, and they must face it.

The Headmaster began his report by thanking the school's many benefactors. After reviewing the school's success in examinations, in sport, and in its numerous other activities, he stressed the need for a larger assembly hall, as the present one seated only four hundred students and made it necessary to hold assemblies in two divisions, one for junior classes and the other for senior classes. He then spoke of the great challenge of today's problems, of Professor Arnold Toynbee's interpretation of history and his views on the chances of civilization's surviving. The task facing students, he said, was greater than it had ever been. Before them was a doubtful future. It was their task to try to repair the damage done by two wars in the past fifty years.



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The Parents and Citizens' Association

The year just completed has been a most successful one for the Association.

The Jubilee Celebrations are now past history, but it is pleasing to record that all the functions arranged to celebrate the Jubilee proved most successful, and I was particularly well pleased with the reception of the Jubilee Book, published to commemorate the occasion.

Our annual fete again proved an unqualified success, and the net profit increased slightly from £441 to £444. As in previous years, the credit for the running of the fete must largely go to the staff and the boys, and particularly to the members of the Ladies' Auxiliaries, who never fail to lend a helping hand.

One of our most important projects this year was the conversion of the old sports store into a very well equipped sick bay. Although perhaps a costly undertaking, it has been acclaimed as a most worthwhile amenity. The sick bay was officially opened by our President, Mr. L. Warland, during Education Week.

Among many items which have been purchased to improve school facilities, special reference should be made to the new set of German Linguaphone records, which will doubtless prove most helpful to the students.

Once again, I pay tribute to the members of the Ladies' Auxiliaries, who are continuing to do an excellent job for the Association, not only by arranging private functions to augment our funds but by devoting time and effort in the renovation of

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school text books. We do very much appreciate their help. I also convey my sincere thanks to the Headmaster and his staff and also the Executive and members of the Association for the full support which they give to all functions arranged by the Association.

Cur meetings are held on the third Tuesday in each month, and they have been reasonably well attended. On behalf of the President, I extend a cordial invitation to the parents of new students to come along to our meetings and help foster the progress of this Association.

L. C. BOYD, Secretary

Waratah Ladies' Auxiliary

Once again the Waratah Ladles' Auxiliary has pleasure in reporting a very cutstanding year of activities both financial and social.

This year being "Jubilee Year", we found we were caught in a social whirl, the main event being the "Jubilee Ball."

Our thanks go to our very good workers, who so willingly gave of their time to help with all the extra activities.

Functions this year included catering for Speech Night, card parties, a musicale, jumble sale, sports luncheons, teenage dances, and we also combined with the Bar Beach Ladies for the Annual Fete and Dag and Lad Nights.

The bock-mending group this year was strengthened by some of the mothers of new pupils. Both auxiliaries are represented in this band of very ardent workers, and, should any mothers of pupils be interested in this worthy effort, they will be most welcome and, I feel sure, will come to look forward to these days as much as we do.

In closing may I extend the thanks of the executive to the staff and to all who help make our efforts so worthwhile.

Mrs. P. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Bar Beach Ladies' Auxiliary

The membership of the Bar Beach Ladies' Auxiliary, now in its 9th year, is 54, with its new headquarters at No. 2 Committee Room, City Hall.

Many happy functions were held during the year, each of which proved financially successful. These consisted of several card parties, a sewing demonstration, a garden party at the home of our President, and a car drive to the Oak Butter Factory. Two jumble sales also helped considerably to swell our funds.

Our contribution towards the Jubilee Celebrations held during May and early June was to combine with the P. & C. and Waratah Auxiliary in arranging a Ball held in the City Hall, instead of the usual "Newbold's Annual Dance" in October. The Jubilee Ball was a fitting finale to the varied programme of social activities of the Newcastle Jubilee Celebrations.

The outstanding financial success of the year once again was the Annual Fete in April, owing to the untiring efforts of members of both Auxiliaries. Our sincere gratitude to all these ladies, also to the parents and friends of our boys, without whose interest and enthusiastic support functions such as this could not materialise. Our appreciation also to members of both Auxiliaries for the success in catering for the Lintott Cup, and "Dad and Lad Nights".

In clesing, we earnestly solicit all mothers who possibly can, to join with us in helping provide those additional amenities which mean so much to our sons.

P. DEVON, Hon. Secretary

S. W. A. S. S. C.

The year 1956 has been an outstanding year for S.W.A.S.S.C. It shows that we have the support of the majority of the school. The weekly donations have been very pleasing.

At the beginning of the year we were in debt to the extent of approximately £17. but at the end of July we had a balance of approximately £136.

During the year we made many donations to such worthy causes as the Benevolent Society (£21/10/-), Blind Children's Society (£30), Stewart House (£40) and Mr. Knott (£30).

On behalf of the committee I wish to thank Mr. Beard for his active interest and co-operation throughout the year, and fellow-students for their increasing interest and financial support.

It has given me great pleasure to be associated with such a fine committee, which has worked so well for all these most deserving appeals. I hope that next year the school will support S.W.A.S.S.C. in the way it has done this year.

E. SCOTT, Secretary

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The I.S.C.F. is a worldwide inter-denominational movement designed to supply school students with added scope for active Christian service, and to present Christ as a personal Saviour to the boys. Believing that education is a broader, fuller experience than the mere gaining of academic qualifications, the Fellowship aims at strengthening the characters of its members by the balanced development of the spiritual, the intellectual, the physical and the social faculties, and so helping to prepare its members for more useful citizenship.

The most important activity of the I.S.C.F. is its weekly meeting which, opening with prayer and a scripture reading, usually features a guest speaker. This gentleman, whether clergyman, evangelist, missionary, doctor or businessman, imparts to the society practical instruction on some aspect of Christian living. On two occasions, we were privileged to have as guest speakers a missionary from Arabia and Mr. Campbell, the secretary of I.S.C.F. in New South Wales. On occasions when guest speakers have not been available, some of the boys have given us inspiring talks, or we have engaged in profitable discussions and testimony meetings.

While the greatest emphasis is placed on spiritual aspects, the other activities of the society are worthy of mention. From time to time we associate with the other I.S.C.F's. of the district in hikes, picnics, and social evenings. Of course, the crowning event of the year in this field is the I.S.C.F. Annual Dinner followed by the Annual Meeting in the City Hall, which is attended by a full house of interested parents.

The Boys' High I.S.C.F. would like to express its thanks to the Headmaster and the Science Staff for their willing co-operation, without which the society would be unable to function as it does.

We regret that the membership of the I.S.C.F. this year is not as high as it has been in previous years. A cordial invitation is extended to all students who wish to attend, and we are confident that next year will see the I.S.C.F. meetings filled to capacity.

J. COX

CADET

Senior Cadet Unit

So passes another year in the life of our illustrious Cadet Unit. As usual the unit has had its quota of "squares", but now consists of only "level guys".

The unit was unlucky at the beginning of this year to lose Captain Fountain, who was transferred to Enmore High School, but it has now settled down under the capable guidance of Captain James.

Have you heard of the incongruous statement, "Why ride when you can walk?" Well, I am sure most of the cadets have pleasant memories of perambulating through the pleasant countryside on a lovely tar-sealed road, breathing the clean, dust-free country air; enjoying all this on their way out to the field-firing range. It was here that we watched demonstrations of firing of infantry support weapons, and also air drops of supplies and drops by members of the Airborne Platoon from Williamtown. We were also treated to a display of strafing and rocketing by two Meteor jets from Williamtown.

This camp was held at Singleton during the August-September holidays and lasted for nine days. The emphasis was on field work, which included field-craft, weapon handling and some instruction in minor tactics.

I must thank those thoughtful cadets, especially D/Maj. Sellars, for the gift presented to me on the last night of camp. I have been able to put it to the fullest possible use, using both sides and the ragged edges as well, but I think a sheaf of bus tickets would have done just as well.

The school was well represented at the Officers' Course held at Singleton last December. C.U.O. R. Lee topped the 11 Cadet Bn.

Many thanks to Captains James and Marquet for the splendid work they have done this year, and also to W.O. II Robson, our A.R.A. instructor, for the amount of work and co-operation he has shown in helping us. I also thank C.U.O's. Fielding, Horsefield, Lee and Scott for the time and effort they have put into the year's work. Much credit is due to W.O. II Duffell, our C.S.M., and to Sgt. Cain for the excellent job he did at camp. The Sergeants, being the backbone of the army, are to be congratulated on their excellent work.

This year being my last with the cadets, I am very sorry to be leaving, but I do hope that the unit will live up to all that is expected from it in the future.

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Drum Cpl. J. BRUTON

Anzac Day Ceremony

We express our gratitude to Colonel Bartley and to Mr. Ray Perkins for attending our Anzac Day ceremony on April 24th. Colonel Bartley gave us a very impressive address on the significance of Anzac Day. Mr. Ray Perkins sounded The Last Post and The Reveille.

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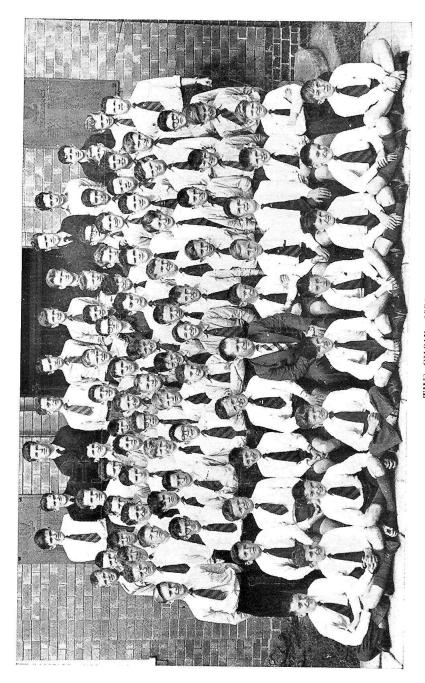
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The Choir

We have really accomplished something worthwhile this year in cur choral work, thanks primarily to the Jubilee and Girls' High. Until this year, the main and only choral event of the year was Speech Night, and the choir consisted chiefly of boys who, full of "esprit de corps", felt they ought to help the music teacher to make this a success.

This year, it has been quite different. The membership graph showed a sudden rise, especially in the senior school, when it was announced that we would be combining with a choir from Girls' High to take part in the Jubilee Concert. As Mr. Rushton has sagely remarked: "It's marvellous how the little sprats catch all the big mackerei." The metaphor is obvious.

As time and a half went by (and incidentally numerous practices), we arrived at the long-awaited date of the combined practices and on three glorious occasions invaded Girls' High. This seemed to increase everyone's singing ability tremendously, and on the fateful night of the concert we gave our first public performance as a choir, under the capable batons of Mr. Rushton and Miss Lambert. Our programme, which seemed to be very successful, included "These Things Shall Be", a hymn sung in five parts, two negro spirituals, several three-part rounds, and various other compositions such as "Ye Shepherds Tell Me."

Two nights later the boys, unfortunately without the girls, struggled valuantly through a choral programme on Speech Night.

On the following Sunday at the Jubilee Church Service, the Combined Choir again performed, and, after the combined practice which preceded the service, Mr. Rushton was observed to place in the music room an advertisement inscribed: "See Rushton for reliable dates."

To terminate the Jubilee period, the Combined Choir was recorded by the A.B.C. and broadcast on Station 2NA through the courtesy of Mr. Colhoun. This, of course, meant another combined practice, much to the glee of everyone concerned.

(Note to non-members of the choir: See what you've missed!)

To wind up a highly profitable (musically) and very happy (not only musically) year, the combined choir will be recording a programme of carols, which will be broadcast at Christmas time.

Mr. Rushton is hoping to arrange a Combined Choral Concert for next year, and, although the membership this year is greater, we still need many more members.

The credit for this year's excellent choral work by the boys rests entirely with Mr. Rushton, who has worked tirelessly throughout the year. On behalf of the members of the choir I should like to express our appreciation and thanks to him.

L. EVANS, 4A.

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No. 21 Flight A.T.C.

Early this year the flight was grieved by the loss of its Commanding Officer, Flt. Lt. Smith, D.F.C., whose place has been ably filled by Flt. Lt. Waters.

After the Christmas holidays, the flight had a large intake of recruits, and ,owing to the fine work of the N.C.O's. and especially that of W/O's. Sherriff and Steele, the flight has reached a high standard of efficiency. This can be seen from the splendid reports which have been received of cadets from this flight who have attended camps during the year. At May camps, L.A.C's. Ranclaud, Henderson, Stubbs, Watson and Sweetland all passed their Junior N.C.O. Courses, and, together with Cpl. Murdoch, these cadets completed a Senior N.C.O. Course at Canberra during the August holidays. Off-course camps were also held at Uranquinty, Wagga, Canberra, Richmond, Rathmines and Williamtown and were attended by newer members of the flight.

Owing to the loss of C.P/O's. Donald and Richard Geddes, F/Sgt. Oswald and Cpls. Rutter, Pilcher and Dixon, there was a large number of promotions amongst the junior N.C.O's. Cpl. McKie and Sgt. Williams were promoted to the rank of F/Sgt., Cpls. Cogan and Cunningham to Sgts., while L.A.C.'s. Colly, Lyon, Proudfoot and Murdoch were promoted to Corporals.

Part of the flight's duties during the year has entailed attending public functions. A flight of twelve cadets changed the guard with Technical High Cadets at Technical High Fete, and, cwing once again to the splendid work of W/O. Steele, the drill was faultless. The flight also participated in the Empire Day March, and at the Anzac Day ceremony at Sandgate, as well as being represented at the Dawn Service. During last year's Passing Out Parade, the P. & C. presented the flight with our flag, which was designed by our late C.O., Flight Lieutenant Smith, D.F.C. Although the flag has not been dedicated, it is hoped that this will be possible sometime in the near future.

As it is expected that, when the time comes, ex-A.T.C. cadets will enjoy National Service as much as they enjoyed their service in the A.T.C., they should be looking forward to it with eager anticipation.

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News of Old Boys' Success

A letter received from the Hemingway Robertson Institute has brought us news of the success of some of our ex-students in the May examinations of the Australian Society of Accountants. Mr. S. T. McLean passed in Accounting and Auditing, Mr. W. Urane and Mr. A. R. Kempe passed in Company Law and Accounts, Mr. N. C. Jones passed in Monetary Theory and Practice, and Mr. D. A. Martin passed in Company Law and Accounts, obtaining the position of first place in Australia under the Public Accounts Registration Board. We thank Hemingway Robertson for this gratifying information, and we congratulate our Old Boys on their success.

Public Speaking

We congratulate the following boys on their success in the Royal Empire Society's Public Speaking Competition this year. M. Gledhiil came second in the senior section. R. Le Marchant came second in the junior section. C. Hughes gained a Certificate of Merit.

"The Frogs"

As part of the Jubilee Celebrations of the Newcastle Boys' and Girls' High Schools a combined concert was held at the City Hall on the night of May 29th. Features of this concert were two Greek plays presented by the students of the two High Schools.

The play presented by Boys' High was an excerpt from the ancient Greek comedy, "The Frogs", by Aristophanes. "The Frogs" tells of the journey by Bacchus, God of wine, who wishes to travel to Hades to bring back a worthy poet as the poets living then were all "worthless and weak." Bacchus (played by Donald Ross) is assisted by his little slave, Xanthius (Bill Sweetland), whom he always bullies. He is advised on his journey by the jovial giant, Hercules (Ralph Burkett). On the way Bacchus meets a corpse (Alan Watson) being carried by two bearers (Julian Croft and Patrick Garde) and in vain requests the dead man to carry his bundles to Hades with him. The request failing, Xanthius has to carry the bundles (as usual). The God of wine continues till he reaches the River Styx, where Charon ferries him across. Poor Xanthius has to walk around by the top of the lake as Charon (Robert Gearing) will not take slaves aboard. Bacchus is forced to row but being a landsman finds this difficult, and so to make rowing easier a chorus of frogs appears and starts croaking.

Bacchus becomes annoyed with them, uttering several curses and swinging his oar at the frogs. The frogs swim away as the shore is reached. The bearded and red-nosed God steps out, pays his fare and is greeted by Xanthius.

Our thanks go to the producer, Mr. Lawes, who was assisted by Mr. Murphy, and to Mr. Waters, who built the properties.

D. ROSS, 4A.

The Critic and I

"When schoolboys attempt an adult play anything is likely to happen—and usually does.

"If lines are muffed, if the scenery falls to pieces during a moment of high drama, or the lights fail at the most inopportune time, they can be shrugged off as normal hazards. The unexpected, in effect, becomes the common-place.

"What one is not prepared to encounter, however, is a strictly adult approach in both production and performance.

"The production of the very amusing John Dighton comedy, which has probably been seen by most people in its original stage form or in the film version, is a good effort, by any adult amateur standard."

This memorable comment came from the pen of competent Matt Hayes, the Newcastle Sun theatre critic, after viewing Fourth Year's presentation of "The Happiest Days of Your Life." As one who is well accustomed to his stage reviews, I find it a compliment indeed that he should honour us with his praise. Although, admittedly, the play was not as polished as a professional presentation (this being the debut of the majority of the cast), it was, according to Mr. Hayes, "well produced, well rehearsed, and well performed."

The play was produced by Mr. Lawes and Mr. Murphy. They and the cast gave up Saturday mornings (eventually working into the afternoons), after school hours and finally nights to rehearse. During the last weeks school periods were given up, and eventually whole days. As for the presentation—well, the cast has its own opinion on which was the best performance and which was the most responsive audience.

Mr. Hayes continued: "It had a lot of the gaucheries you would expect to find when boys, or men, attempt female roles, but in this case they increased rather than detracted from the fun of the proceedings.

"Its timing—most essential part of any comedy presentation—was good; its principals at least understood their roles, even though their youthfulness sometimes prevented them expressing it in full."

The timing may have appeared to be good, but no one knew of the minor catastrophe that caused a major panic backstage.

Such was the case when a member of the cast unthinkingly locked the French windows, thus preventing the rest of the cast from making their respective entrances at that place. Such mistakes, and others, such as slow, or even forgotten cues, were all ironed out, and, to the audience, a seemingly smooth performance gave enjoyment.

"There is one gem of a performance that needs no allowances made. It comes from Denis Tamsett as the ebullient sports mistress, Miss ("Sausage") Gossage. A fine effort, Denis!"

Without doubt, his performance was exceptionally good and highly commendable.

Matt Hayes concludes by saying: "There are other good performances, from Lance Evans as the porter Rainbow, Patrick Garde as the cynical Billings (a most difficult role for a boy of sixteen), William Storer as Miss Whitchurch, Principal of St. Swithins, Richard Sanders as the head, Donald Ross and Milton Lewis (two performances each) as Tassel, Donald Mathews and Philip Thomson as Hopcroft Minor, and Geoff Ditton (Joyce Harper), Julian Croft (Rev. Peck), Kenneth Longworth (Mrs. Peck), John Harris (Mr. Sowter), Ross Taylor (Mrs. Sowter) and Allen Watson (Barbara Cahoun) in minor roles."

I'm sure that all those who saw this comedy thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and I'm equally sure that I, as well as the rest of the cast, shall always remember the happiest days of OUR lives.

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Our Jubilee Celebrations

Our school's highly successful Jubilee Celebrations included the following memorable functions:

Tuesday, 22nd May:

The Combined Ex-Students' Ball at the City Hall at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 29th May:

The Combined Concert at the City Hall at 8 p.m. Features were the combined choir of 225 voices, a Physical Education display by girls and boys, and drama including "The Lesson" (a modern sketch), "The Frogs" (a Greek comedy by Aristophanes) and a "dcubtful" Greek tragedy, "The Spartan Girl", by Euripides.

Thursday, 31st May:

Our Speech Night at the City Hall at 8 p.m.

Saturday, 2nd June:

At 12 noon an Informal Luncheon arranged by ex-students of N.G.H.S. in the Supper Room of the City Hall. At 2 p.m. a Reunich Gathering in the City Hall. There were musical items, and addresses by distinguished guests, prominent ex-students, and school Principals. Among the speakers were the Rt. Hon. R. J. Heffron, M.L.A., Minister for Education, Mr. P. G. Price, Director of Secondary Education, Mr. W. Gelfius, Area Director of Education, the Lord Mayor, Alderman D. G. McDougall, Dr. Ida Saunders, one of Australia's leading gynaecologists, and Mr. Alan Knott, Rhodes Scholar. At 3.45 p.m. a "March up the Hill" to the original school, where Mr. Heffron unveiled three plaques at a commemorative ceremony—a plaque for each of the three schools. At 6.30 p.m. a Jubilee Dinner at Winns Shortland Hall. Speakers included Mr. Oliver Hogue, Press Liaison Officer during the Royal Visit, and Mr. J. Hayes, first Deputy Headmaster of the old school.

Sunday, 3rd June:

A Combined Inter-Denominational Religious Service at the City Hall at 3 p.m. The service was conducted by Canon Rush of Muswellbrook in the presence of the Bishop of Newcastle, the Rt. Rev. F. de Witt Batty. Other ministers taking part were the Rev. N. King, President of the Ministerial Association, and the Rev. C. Keir, former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church. The preacher was the Rev. A. Kitley, Chaplain of the Armidale School and one of our ex-students. A combined choir from Girls' High and Beys' High took part.

Tuesday, 5th June:

N.B.H.S. Parents and Citizens' Association Jubilee Ball at the City Hall at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 12th June:

Junior High School Parents and Citizens' Association Dance at the City Hall.

A tree-planting ceremony was conducted at our school on the afternoon of Tuesday, 5th June. Dr. J. W. Smith, an ex-student of the old school, addressed our assembly in the grounds at the front of the school and planted a tree in honour of the school's birthday.

A splendid Golden Jubilee Book was produced to commemorate the cccasion of the school's Jubilee.

The members of the Combined Jubilee Management Committee were as follows:

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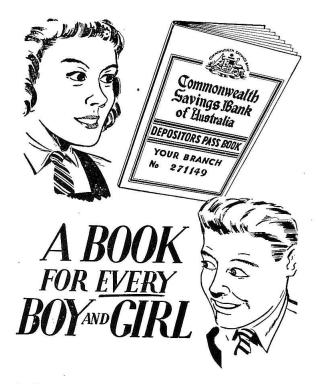
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Prefects-Elect For 1957

I. Johnson (School Captain); I. Anderson (Vice-Captain); I. Watts (Senior Prefect); M. Batley, A. Blundell, M. Brookes, R. Cocksey, P. Delton, K. Duncan, J. Eltis, L. Evans, M. Gledhill, A. Johnson, F. Junius, V. Kalmykoff, A. Lewis, M. Lewis, J. Roach, J. Scarlett, G. Thomas, P. Thomson, W. Wallace, P. Winsor.

As I. Anderson will not be at the school next year, I. Watts has been elected Vice-Captain Elect and M. Brookes Senior Prefect Elect for 1957.



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James Meikle Memorial Prize: John Cardenzana. Kenneth Sanderson Memorial Prize: Grahame Jones. Finlay Donald McLeod Memorial Prize: Trevor Dunn. Ross Mearns Prize: Trevor Dunn. Basil Helmore Prize: John Eltis. Captain John Cleary Memorial Prizes-Leaving Certificate English: James Stephens; Leaving Certificate History: John Atherton, Bar Beach Auxiliary Prizes-Maths. I.: Kevin Herd; Maths. II.: Kevin Herd; Gen. Maths.: Neil Whitton W. V. Cochrane Memorial Prizes-Leaving Certificate Chemistry: Philip Schofield. Allan J. Way Prizes-Leaving Certificate Physics: John Hinde: 4th Year Physics: Christopher Fell; 4th Year Chemistry: Christopher Fell. Jean Mackie Prize-Leaving Certificate French: Grahame Jones. Jane Warnes' Memorial Prizes-Leaving Certificate Geography: Robert Bunton, Raymond Smith; Leaving Certificate Economics: John Cardenzana. Current Affairs Prizes-Juniors' Journal: John Cox: 3rd Year: Darryl Clifton; 2nd Year: Renald Mason; 1st Year: Bruce Chadwick. Contributions to School Magazine-Best Verse: Peter Hardie; Best Drawing: Phillip Jonas; Best Report: John Cox: Best Original Prose Composition-5th Year: Colin Gibbs; 4th Year: Peter Hardie; 3rd Year: Kenneth Longworth; 2nd Year: William McCrea; 1st Year: Kenneth Northam. Public Speaking: John Cox. Fred Smith Memorial Drama Prize: Douglas Miles.

BEST PASSES AT LEAVING

1st: John Cardenzana; 2nd: Grahame Jones; 3rd: Gordon Cocking; 4th: Frank Bagnall; 5th: James Stephens; 6th: Robert Bunton.

SUBJECT PRIZES

English: James Stephens; Latin: Grahame Jones; French: Grahame Jones; German: Grahame Jones; Maths. I.: Kevin Herd; Maths. II.: Kevin Herd; Maths.: Neil Whitton; Modern History: John Atherton; Comb. Physics and Chemistry: Gordon DeCean; Physics: John Hinde; Chemistry: Philip Schofield; Geography: Robert Bunton, Raymond Smith; Economics: John Cardenzana; Descriptive Geometry and Drawing: Robert Chadban.

YEAR PRIZES

FOURTH YEAR—Dux: Christopher Fell; 2nd: John Cox; 3rd: Bruce Abrahams; 4th: David Harland; 5th: Frank Firkin; 6th: Ian Watson.

P. & C. Prizes for First in—English: Robert Burns; Latin: David Harland, Peter Hardie; French: John Cox; German: David Harland; Maths. I.: Christopher Fell; Maths. II.: Christopher Fell;

General Maths.: John Cox, David Harland; Modern History: David Harland; Comb. Physics and Chemistry: John Cox; Physics: Christopher Fell: Chemistry: Christopher Fell; Geography: Ernest Phillis; Economics: Robert Hubbuck, Robert Burns; Descriptive Geometry and Drawing: Bryen Wild; Accountancy: Ernest Phillis.

THIRD YEAR—Dux: Lance Evans; 2nd: John Eltis; 3rd: Maurice Brookes; 4th: Robert Leeman; 5th: Michael Batley; 6th: Peter Jennings.

First in—English: Kenneth Longworth; Latin: Lance Evans; French: Lance Evans; German: Lance Evans; Maths. I.: John Owens; Maths. II.: Peter Jennings; Modern History: Paul Douglas; Elementary Science: Lance Evans, Robert Hall; Geography: Ralph Burkett; Social Studies: Robert Leeman; Business Principles: Neville Burns. John Owens; Descriptive Geometry and Drawing: Robert Leeman, Peter Winsor.

P. & C. Prizes for First in—3A: Lance Evans; 3B: Barry Sherringham; 3C: John Eltis; 3D: John Owens; 3E: Robert Harborne.

SECOND YEAR—Dux: Richard Temple; 2nd: Ross Evans; 3rd: Michael O'Neill; 4th: Allan Elliott; 5th Michael McWhinney; 6th: Paul Hannan, Robert Wilson.

First in—English: Ross Evans, Paul Hannan; Latin: Michael O'Neill, Gerald Fehlberg; French: Robert Allan, Ross Evans; German: Gerald Fehlberg; Maths. I.: Richard Temple; Maths. II.: Richard Temple; Modern History: Michael O'Neill; Elementary Science: Michael O'Neill, Richard Temple; Geography: Peter Matthews; Social Studies: Neville Gibson; Business Principles: Malcolm Miller; Descriptive Geometry and Drawing: Robert Godhard.

Waratah Auxiliary Prizes for First in—2A: Richard Temple; 2B: William McCrea; 2C: Graham Symes; 2D: Michael Hilton; 2E: Robert Wines.

FIRST YEAR—Dux: Bruce Chadwick; 2nd: Gerd Alexandroff; 3rd: Allan Gilmore; 4th: John Bunting; 5th: Colin Stark; 6th: Brian Goodwin.

P. &. C. Prizes for First in—English: Denis Simond, Brian Goodwin; Latin: Allan Gilmore; French: Cecil Stubbs; German: Robert Thomson; Maths. I.: John Bunting; Maths. II.: John Bunting, Allan Wright, Richard Barry; History: Paul Williams; Elementary Science: Colin Stark; Geography: William Lyddiard, Neil Jones; Sccial Studies: James McCarty; Descriptive Geometry and Drawing: 1A and 1B; Stuart Cooksey; 1C, 1D, 1E; Rodney Williamson.

Waratah Auxiliary Prizes for First in—1A: Bruce Chadwick; 1B: David Kerr; 1C: Allan Wright; 1D: William Lyddiard; 1E: Stanley Allen.

Leaving Certificate Results, 1955

1 English, 2 Latin, 3 French, 4 German, 5 Mathematics I, 6 Mathematics II, 7 General Mathematics, 9 History, 11 Combined Physics and Chemistry, 12 Physics, 13 Chemistry, 17 Geography, 18 Economics, 19 Theory and Practice of Music, 34 Russian, 35 Descriptive Geometry and Drawing.

H1 signifies first-class honours, H2 second-class honours, A first-class pass, B second-class pass, O a pass in the oral tests in French, German or Russian.

Ableson, B. W.—1B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 35B.

Anderson, J. R.—1A, 3B, 5A, 6B, 12A, 13A.

Andrews, G. R.—1B, 5B, 6B, 12A, 13A, 17B.

Atherton, J. R.—1A, 7B, 9H(2), 11B, 18H(2).

Eagnall, F. T.—1A, 3A(o), 5A, 6A, 12A, 13B,

Brownsmith, R. A.—1A, 5B, 6B, 12A, 35B.

Bunton, R. B.—1B, 5H(1), 6A, 12A, 13B, 17B.

Cardenzana, J.—1A, 7A, 9A, 11B, 17B, 18H(1).

Catterall, C. D.—1B, 17B, 18B, 35B.

Chadban, R. N.—1B, 5H(2), 6A, 12A, 13B, 35A.

Chamberlain, D. A.—1B, 7B, 9B, 11A, 18B, 35A,

Chapman, B. E.—1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 11A, 18B.

Cocking, G. M.—1A, 5H(2), 6A, 12A, 13B, 19H(2).

Cchen, J. A.—1B, 5B, 6B, 13B, 18B.

Ccoper, B. W.—1B, 3B, 5H(1), 6A, 12A, 13B.

Davies, K.—1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 11B, 18B.

Davies, L. R.—1B, 7B, 13B, 18B, 35B.

Davies, T. T.—1B, 7B, 9B, 17B, 18A,

De-Cean, G. C.—1B, 7A, 11A, 17B, 18A.

Digby, R. W.—5B, 6B, 12B, 35B. Dunn, T. H.—1A, 3B, 7B, 9B, 11B, 18H(2).

Edmonds, B. J.—1B, 7B, 9B, 17B, 18H(1).

Eltis, K. J.—1B, 3A(0), 4H(20), 5A, 6B, 12A.

Evans, B. J.—1B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 13B.

Geddes, D. M.—1B, 7B, 9B, 18B. Geddes, R. M.—1B, 7B, 11B, 17B.

Gibbs, C. L.—1B, 3A, 6B, 12A, 13H(2).

Griffiths, R. F.—1B, 5A, 6A, 12A, 13B.

Hall, W. N.—1B, 5A, 6A, 12A, 13B.

Hamilton, K. W.—1B, 7B, 9B, 11B, 18B.

Hancock, T. N.—1A, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 13B,

Hawkins, J. K.—1B, 3B(0), 5A, 6A, 12A, 13A.

Herd, K. C.—1B, 5H(1), 6H(1), 12A, 13A,

Hicks, A. J.—5B, 6B, 12A, 13B, 35B

Hiles, V.—1B, 7B, 11B, 18B.

Hinde, J. G.—1B, 3B(o), 5H(2), 6A, 12H(2), 13B.

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Lupish, V.—1B, 12B, 35B, 34A(o). McFayden, N. B.—1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12A, 13B.

McGreger, I.—1A, 3B, 7B, 12B Majoribanks, K. M.—1B, 5B, 6B, 12A, 13B, 17B.

Martin, G. J.—1A, 7B, 9B, 17B, 18B.

Mills, D. M.—1B, 3B, 5A, 6B, 12A, 13A.

Mcrrison, R. A.—1A, 7A, 11B, 18A,

Nelmes, A. P.—1B, 3A(0), 4A(0), 7B, 9B, 18A.

Nevin, B. J.-1B, 7A, 9B, 17B.

Park, P. A.—1B, 7B, 9B, 17B. Parker, G. M.—1B, 5B, 6B, 12B,

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Parsons, R. J.—1B, 3B, 5H(2), 6A, 12A, 13B.

Paterson, D. C.—1B, 3B, 5A, 6A, 12A, 13A.

Paterson, G.—1B, 3B, 5A, 6A, 12A, 13B.

Phillips, R. J.—7B, 9B, 13B, 18B.Read, H. W.—1B, 3B, 5A, 6A, 12A, 13A.

Rees, P. T.—1B, 12B, 13B, 17B. Riley, T. W.—1A, 5A, 6A, 12A, 13B, 17B.

Roberts, J. D.—1B, 9B, 11B, 18B.Roberts, L. F.—1B, 7A, 9B, 17B.18A.

Ross, G.—1B, 5B, 6B, 12A, 13B. Sara, J. A.—1B, 9B, 17B, 18B. Schofield, P. J.—1B, 3A(o), 5B, 6B, 12A, 13B.

Shaw, B. H.—1A, 3B(0), 5A, 6B, 12B, 13B.

Sheehy, B. E.—1B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 13B, 35B.

Sheldon, R. K.—1B, 6B, 12B, 13B, 35A.

Simpson, J. A.—1B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 13B.

Smith, R. H.—1B, 5B, 6B, 13A, 17B, 18A.

Sneddon, J.—1B, 3B, 5A, 6A, 12A, 13A.

Snelson, P. J.—1B, 3B, 7B, 9A, 13A, 18B.

Steffanoff, G.—1A, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12A, 13A.

Stephens, J. A.—1H(2), 3A(0), 5A, 6A, 12A, 13A.

Sutcliffe, G. W.—1B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 13B.

Taylor, J. F.—1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 13B.

Teece, R. L.—1B, 3B, 5B, 12A, 13B.

Towler, K. J.—1B, 3B, 7B, 9A, 11B, 18B.

Vincent, M. D.—1B, 3B(o), 5B, 12B, 13A.

Warren, R.-1B, 5B, 6B, 17B.

Wendtman, R. D.—1B, 7B, 17B, 18B.

Whitton, N. S.—1B, 7A, 12A, 13B, 17B.

Wood, R. G.—1B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 13B.

Wood, T.—1B, 5A, 6B, 12B, 13B. Yee, B. J.—1B, 3B, 7B, 11B.

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J. Anderson, G. Andrews, J. Atherton, F. Bagnall, B. Bunton J. Cardenzana, R. Chadban, D.

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J. Cardenzana.

CAREERS ENTERED BY 1955 LEAVING CERTIFICATE STUDENTS

Sydney University: 14.
University of Technology: 27
(including Diploma courses).
University of New England: 4.
Teachers' College: 18.
Pharmacy: 3.

Law: 3. Commercial: 14.

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