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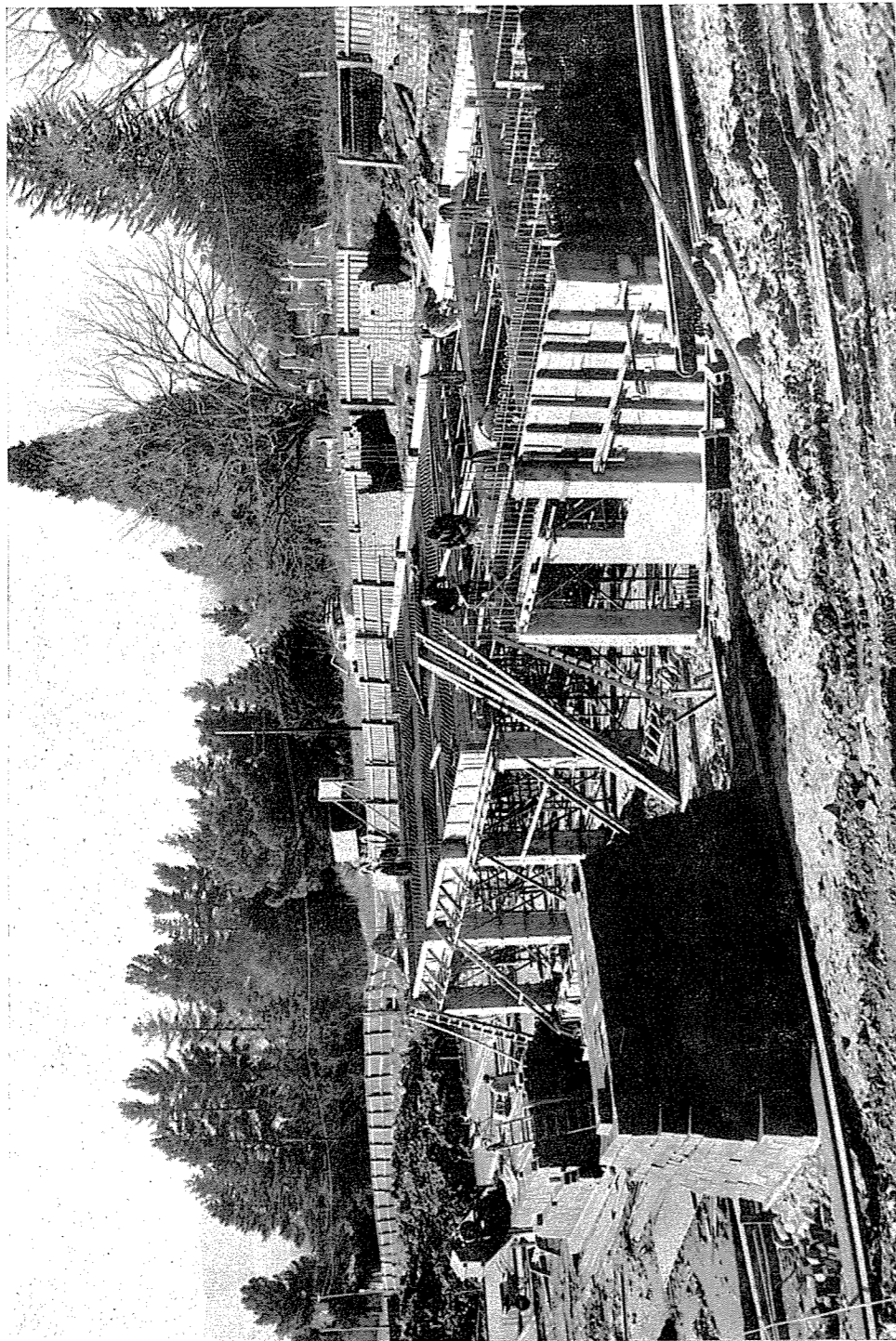


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MAIN DATES FOR THIS HALF-YEAR

August—	October—
3—110th Anniversary Day.	20—Southern Combined Athletic Sports.
9-13—Visit of Wesley College Football Team.	24—Show Holiday.
14—Combined Southern Schools Cross-Country at Elwick.	27—Island Combined Athletic Sports at Hobart.
17-24—Cadet Camp.	November—
24—School Fair. End of Term.	3-5—Boarders' Week-End.
September—	14—External Examinations commence.
11—Third Term commences.	26-Dec. 1—Olympic Games Visit.
October—	December—
12—Test Examinations, Schools Board and Matriculation Forms.	5—Speech Day. End of School Year.



The New Junior School under Construction

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M. E. Gray
A. G. Johnson

F. E. M. Lilley
R. P. B. Pitt

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J. S. Clennett
J. F. Munro
J. G. P. Overell
G. S. Perry

M. C. Page
C. A. Rankin
R. V. Skinner

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Swimming: M. E. Gray
Football: D. C. P. Brammall

Boats: M. C. Page
Tennis: G. S. Perry

Games Committee:

The Headmaster and Staff

D. C. P. Brammall
M. W. R. Weaver

G. S. Perry
E. C. Chen

S. V. Burbury
R. V. Skinner

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Army:

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U/Off. D. J. Lane

Navy:

L/S. P. S. Calvert

Air:

Sgt. M. W. R. Weaver

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Va: M. C. Hooper
Vb: D. S. Palfreyman

IVa: D. R. Fergusson
IVb: J. C. Hay
IIIa: T. A. Frankcomb

IIIb: P. L. Facy
IIa: E. C. Davis
IIb: R. E. Drysdale

EDITORIAL

MANY of us, at one time or another, have wondered why Hutchins is called a "public" school, when "private" school might appear to be a more suitable name. The reason is, of course, that Hutchins is one of the Australian group that has been modelled on the great English public schools, and so is classified in the same way. Why, then, are the English schools named "public"?

The term dates back to England in earlier centuries when the only schools that were public in the true sense of the word were those founded by benefactors who had endowed them as legal trusts. The other schools were private schools, run purely as a private enterprise by the Principal, who was mainly concerned with making a profit for himself. These schools were very expensive, the fees charged having to be big enough to leave a considerable amount over when all the general costs of running the school had been deducted.

With a public school, however, it was the public and not the individual who benefited. To begin with, the fees charged were far less than those of a private school because there was no profit to be made, and also because there was a yearly income from the trust fund. Thus, many of the population were given an education which they could not otherwise afford. This, of course, raised the standard of education in the community, to the mutual gain of all. So the "public school" became known as such because it was introduced with the single intention of helping the public.

Our schools were founded by men who had experienced the English schools as both pupils and teachers, and who realised how essential such institutions were in a young country like Australia to produce men of personality who would lead and hold responsible positions. They established the first schools, of which Hutchins is one, over a century ago, basing them on the ideas and methods of the great Dr. Arnold of Rugby. They had no other aim in mind but to benefit future generations. Their spirit has been kept in existence by masters, old boys, parents and friends, many of whom have had the advantages of a public school life themselves, and wish to repay as best they can what they have been given.

We, too, must not forget or be ungrateful for our fortunate heritage. We must be ever mindful of our obligation to the community, always striving to diminish our debt by honest, unselfish work, holding paramount the ideal of service to the public.

CHAPEL NOTES

Chaplain: Rev. S. C. Brammall, B.A., Th.L.

Servers: G. F. Parsons, G. Salmon, J. M. Jones

THE outstanding event in the spiritual life of the School during this first half-year has been, as usual, the Confirmation. The Sacrament was administered by His Lordship the Bishop in St. David's Cathedral on Sunday, June 17, at 2.30 p.m. It is gratifying to find this service growing in significance in the eyes of boys and parents in general. The service was very impressive, and the thirty candidates very sincere after their intensive preparation. The Bishop's message is one that will constantly be brought to mind; it should be whenever an orchestra is heard! The individual person has his own important part in God's plan in the world, just as the member of an orchestra has his, and so much depends upon the way he plays his part. Simple—but there's always much to think about from such a simple illustration!

The candidates were: Phillip Bowen, Robert Brasher, Anthony Burbury, Timothy Burbury, William Burton, Barry Calvert, Tim Chesterman, John Cooper, Brian Edwards, Thomas Frankcomb, John Gray, Robin Harvey, Roger Henry, Ralph Howes, Charles Ivey, Richard Lane, Christopher Linnell, Robert Maxwell, Ian McKay, Barry Neave, Robert Parsons, Andrew Plaister, Trevor Sharman, John Solomon, John St. Hill, William Turner, Robert Wansbrough, Max Weaver, William Whitehouse, Robert Young.

After the service candidates, with parents and witnesses, gathered for afternoon tea in the hall, and His Lordship met and spoke to each family group.

The Headmaster and Chaplain had each appealed to all the confirmed boys of the School to attend the service, and to make it the opportunity for a new start, realising how easy it is to forget resolutions and even promises.

The boys attended their first Communion in the Cathedral the following Sunday. May the occasion live long in the memory of each, and be an inspiration to the upholding of those highest ideals for which the School really stands. Our Communion services must always be more than a mere expression of loyalty to the Church to which we profess to owe allegiance. We must seek earnestly what our Lord has to offer—"the strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the Body and Blood of Christ."

An interesting visitor, mentioned elsewhere, was Mr. Gerald Knight, of the Royal School of Church Music. We are looking forward to a new lease of life for our choir. As we are affiliated with the R.S.C.M. we have chosen its Mary-blue colour for our new cassocks, and Mr. Boyes is working with an enlarged choir. This should eventually do much to raise the standard of worship at our Sunday evening services and help also towards the cultural life of the School.

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION, 1955-56

(Ordinary and Supplementary)

	Eng. Lit.	Mod. Hist.	Anc. Hist.	French	Maths. A	App. Maths.	Physics	Chemistry	Geography	Music
Blain, D. E. (M)	C	C	H	L						
Brammall, D. C. P. (M)	H	H	H						L	
Bryden, M. McL. (M)		H		H			H	H		
Burbury, H. W. (M)	H	H	H						H	
Burbury, S. V. (M)	H		H						H	
Douglas, R. B.							H	H		
Henry, R. A. N. (M)				H	H	H	H	H		
Hodgman, W. M. (M)	H	H	L						H	
Lilley, F. E. M. (M)					C	C	C	C		
McDougall, D. A. C. (M)	H	H	H						H	
McDougall, E. M. (CM)					H					
Martin, D. J. (M)		H			L		H	H		
Parker, I. R. S. (M)	H	H					H	H		
Phillips, C. J. E. (M)					C	L	H	H		
Pitt, R. P. B.			H							C
Pixley, S. J. B.			L							

(M) signifies qualified for Matriculation. (CM) signifies completed Matriculation.

University Entrance Scholarship: F. E. M. Lilley (2).

Commonwealth Scholarships: D. E. Blain, D. C. P. Brammall, R. A. N. Henry, W. M. Hodgman, F. E. M. Lilley, I. R. S. Parker, C. J. E. Phillips.

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS:

	Literary Subjects	Science and Maths. Subjects	Totals
Credits	3	5	8
Higher Passes	25	15	40
Lower Passes	4	2	6
Failures	2	6	8
Total Subject Entries	34	28	62

SCHOOLS BOARD EXAMINATION, 1955-56

	Eng. Exp.	Eng. Lit.	Soc. Studies	Gen. Sc. A	Maths. II	Maths. III	French II	Latin	Mus. Prac. I	Points
<i>Points Available</i>	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	
Calvert, P. D.	P	P	P	L	P					7
Eddington, D. W.		P	L	P	C	P				7
Elliott, I. N.	P	P	P	L	L		P		C	9
Heyward, I. J.		P	P		P		L		P	7
Hull, B. A.	P	P	P	P	L		L			8
Jones, R. M.	P	P	P	P	P		L			9
Millar, J. G.	P	P	P	P	L			L		8
Munro, J. F.	P	P	P	P	P	P	L			10
Pitman, E. A.	C	C	C	C	C	P	C	C		13
Simpson, P. A.	C	P	L	C	P		L			8
Skinner, R. V.	P		P	P	P					7
Thiessen, R. B.	P	P	P	C	P	P	L			10
Turner, C. R. R.	P	P	P	C	P		L	P		11
Weaver, M. W.	P	P	P	P	P					8

D. C. P. Brammall completed the Schools Board Examination with a total of 7 points.

BURSARIES EXAMINATION, 1955

Senior City Bursaries were awarded to F. E. M. Lilley (1) and E. A. Pitman (12). As a result of this Examination, Lilley was also awarded a J. A. Lyons Memorial Bursary.

SCHOOL
NEWS

—of THE NEW JUNIOR SCHOOL

HISTORY was made for the Hutchins School on March 15 of this year, when the Board of Management approved and signed the contract for the erection of the new Junior School on the ten-acre property at Sandy Bay.

Described in the July, 1955, Magazine, the School was designed by the well-known architect, Mr. J. Scarborough, and the construction of the buildings is now well under way. The foundations have been laid and, given reasonable weather, the contractors expect the school to be finished for 1957.

The new school will cater for all primary pupils, and when finished will complete the first stage of the Board's development plans; to provide an independent, self-contained Junior School, on a site which already has a Sub-Primary School, a fine memorial playing oval, and a pavilion.

—of STAFF

At the beginning of this year we were happy to welcome several new masters to the School.

Mr. D. R. Proctor, who has undertaken the duties of Form-master of IVb, is teaching Commerce, Social Studies and Woodwork, and has given valuable advice and help in coaching the rowing crews. He is also encouraging interest throughout the School in the direction of hockey and basketball.

Another newcomer to the School was Mr. C. I. Wood, an Old Boy, who is now Form-master of Vb, and is teaching Science and Mathematics.

Also, our welcome is extended to Mr. D. Ryder-Turner, who, in addition to teaching English, Social Studies and Mathematics, is Form-master of IIIb.

We are very grateful for the services of these masters, who have given up a great deal of their time in helping and supervising the Cadet Corps of the School, and we hope they will be very happy here with us.

We would like to congratulate Mr. J. M. Boyes on his production of this year's opera "Ruddigore." It was an outstanding success and a credit to the producer and

the boys taking part. We do thank him for all he has contributed to the music of the School. Our thanks are also due to Mr. D. Sampson, who supervised the painting of the scenery for the opera, which greatly added to its success.

At the conclusion of last year we were sorry to say farewell to two members of the School Staff. The Rev. W. Gill, who had been IIIb Form-master and teaching English, Latin and Social Studies, was one of these. Mr. J. Vilums, who taught Matriculation French and Greek History, also left at the end of last year. We owe him a debt of gratitude for his founding of the Camera Club, and the useful information he gave its members.

The School would like to congratulate Mr. V. G. Osborn on his marriage last December to Miss Jane Mason. Our best wishes go to them at this happy time. We also congratulate Mr. E. Bini on the conferring on him of the Degree of B.A. at University Commemoration this year.

—of ALTERATIONS AND RENOVATIONS

The painting of IVa classroom took place during the first term, the class having decided that the room was in serious need of renovation. The project was no sooner considered than decided. The Form-master, Mr. Kerr, was in charge of proceedings and planned the work in stages.

Stage one covered the cleaning—and what a dusty job it was! A number of the form stalwarts turned up one Saturday morning armed with brooms, brushes and scrapers. Dust, old paint and stains of many previous Fourth Formers were removed.

Stage two covered the painting, which took two Saturday mornings. During the first we painted the walls with a sound coat of green flat paint which we hope will be everlasting. The second was occupied in painting the window frames dark green.

The result has been made pleasing, and the classroom is much cleaner and brighter to work in. Flat paint is much better than glossy, as it does not reflect the sunlight into our eyes or onto the blackboard. Another form, Va, has followed our example, and we hope the others will do so as well.

An Old Boy passing the School might notice that the ivy has been removed from the tower. In one way this is unfortunate, because the School does not look the same without it and the School Song does mention "the Ivied Tower." However, the ivy roots were working into the mortar and loosening the stonework so to preserve the historic tower it was decided to remove the plant.

The front drive and part of the back playground were covered with gravel some years ago, but by last year most of the gravel had worn off and on wet days they were very muddy.

Burnt cinders were purchased from ships and were laid and rolled flat and left to settle. Later the whole was sealed with Colas.

In the Physics laboratory is a large transformer with rectifier built in a box. Owing to the risk of damage in transporting it, it was decided to fix it in position and to run heavy leads to the benches. The work was carried out by a small team of boys headed by Maxwell, and now each group of benches has its own set of terminals and switches. The rectifier can deliver a current of 5 amps at voltages up to 12, either A.C. or D.C.

—of ASSEMBLY

Again this year we have had a number of speakers from different walks of life. The boys always look forward to hearing any visiting personalities, or Old Boys who can spare time to come to Assembly, not least because during such a speech a certain

amount of work is missed (!), but because they feel there is something to be gained by hearing of the work of other organisations or of other people's experiences.

The first speaker for the year, soon after our return to School, was Mr. J. Dedman, from the World Council of Churches. He told us something of this great world-wide organisation and the magnificent work it is doing on some of the more backward and less privileged countries than ours.

We were fortunate to receive a visit from Mr. Gerald Knight, of the Royal School of Church Music in Canterbury. He spoke to us on church choirs and their work, and after Assembly he met our own choir.

We were extremely privileged to receive a visit from the Australian cricket captain, Mr. Ian Johnson. He gave a very good talk on the lighter side of Test cricket as he had seen it. Afterwards he met the members of the First Eleven and autographed a number of the School's and private bats. In thanking Mr. Johnson, the School wished him and his team the very best of luck for the tour of England.

At our annual Anzac Day service, Brigadier A. D. Molloy addressed the School. This is referred to elsewhere in the Magazine.

At the final Assembly of first term we were honoured by the presence of the celebrated singer Victor Franklin, who sang for us.

Our last speaker was the School Visitor, His Lordship the Bishop of Tasmania, who told us something of his early life and experiences both in Australia and England.

—of GIFTS

Once again we are indebted to a long list of donors who have presented gifts of various kinds. These have added greatly to our amenities and development. Our apologies are extended to Mr. G. S. Palmer, whose name, as the donor of three large volumes comprising a complete history of the First World War, had been inadvertently omitted from the Magazine since December, 1954. We now gratefully acknowledge his generosity.

To the Library:

- Rev. A. G. Reynolds for a framed signature of Archdeacon W. Hutchins.
- Mr. R. A. N. Henry (Prefect, 1955) for "Athletics" and "Tennis."
- Mr. J. Patmore for a book to the Historical Library. The book was a prize given by the Rev. J. Buckland.
- Mr. R. L. Collings for "The Vanquished People" and "Memory Hold the Door."
- Mr. D. Martin (Prefect, 1955) for "Franz Stampfl on Athletics."
- Mr. A. Pedder for "High Adventure."
- Mr. Saunders for three volumes of the "Picturesque Atlas."

To the Oval:

- The Old Boys' Football Club for the pavilion and part of the floor coverings.
- Mr. J. Page for four bags of superphosphate for fertilising the Oval.
- Mr. T. O. Dunn, Mrs. A. Munro and Mrs. J. Clennett for three chairs each to the pavilion.
- The Friends' School for a chair for the pavilion.
- Mr. G. Rex for shower curtains for the pavilion.
- Mr. W. K. Wilson for a four-gallon tank for the pavilion.
- Mr. G. Marshall for toilet soap for use at the pavilion.

To the School:

Mrs. C. G. Donnelly for two electric clocks.
 The Parents' Association for a Bell and Howell film projector.
 Mr. Saunders for some scientific equipment and a model theatre.
 Mr. Justice Green for five guineas to the Opera Fund.
 Mr. G. Hodgson for one guinea to the Opera Fund.
 Mr. W. Butler for £1/13/4 for the Butler Memorial Medal for Cricket.
 Mr. A. F. Crick, of Sydney, for a donation of £5/6/6.
 The Old Boys' Cricket Club for twelve cricket balls.

—of ANZAC DAY

This year on Anzac Day, as usual, a special service of remembrance was held by the School in the Assembly Hall. We were honoured to have the Tasmanian Commandant, Brigadier A. D. Molloy, present at our service. He gave an address about Anzac Day and what it means and should mean to us. He pointed out to us that besides remembering those who laid down their lives for us, we should also think of ways in which we can help the living Anzacs who are old and in need.

The "Last Post" was played and a wreath placed on the Honour Roll in the Library by the Captain of the School. Then the "Reveille" was played. On this occasion we are proud to remember those Old Boys of the School who established such a noble tradition of service by the sacrifices they made in both World Wars.

As well as the boys of the School, there were several parents and Old Boys present at the service. Afterwards the boys of the Senior School, with the Army, Air Force and Naval Cadets in uniform, marched past and Brigadier Molloy took the salute.

—of OLYMPIC GAMES VISIT

Lists of the boys to attend the Olympic Games in Melbourne in November are now complete, together with a list of emergencies. As published in the December issue, the forty boys will go in two parties of twenty, accompanied by two masters to a group. The boys are to be billeted by the boys of Wesley College.

The Headmaster is to be congratulated on acting so promptly as regards the purchasing of seats.

The following is the list of boys to attend the Games:

Group A (Sunday—Wednesday): P. Simpson, S. Clennett, B. Hull, R. Skinner, R. Thiessen, J. Munro, M. Crisp, D. Waters, G. Salmon, W. Henry, M. Gibson, R. Ward, R. Loney, M. Skeels, R. Martin, D. Downie, C. Burbury, L. Rex, R. Verrell, J. Solomon.

Group B (Wednesday—Saturday): D. Brammall, S. Burbury, E. Lilley, R. Maher, G. Perry, J. Ratten, D. Eddington, S. Palfreyman, R. Pitt, A. Kean, R. McCarthy, P. Cumming, M. Gray, M. Page, J. M. Jones, P. Loney, G. Parsons, J. Fricke, E. Wilson, E. Davis.

The names of the masters to accompany each group are not yet available. Mr. Mason-Cox leaves on Friday evening to return on Saturday night with the second party.

As well as those listed above, several boys are attending in a private capacity.

—of CAREER TALKS

During April Mr. J. R. Ward, an Old Boy, of the Agricultural Department, came to the School and gave the senior forms a lecture on agriculture and its future. This lecture was invaluable as an informative talk and also as a deciding factor for boys who were considering taking up agriculture as a career. Mr. Ward gave a clear and concise outline of farming in general, and a detailed talk on Pathology, which, we understand, is his speciality.

April 27 marked the second lecture, which was given by Mr. G. Hodgson, a well-known Old Boy of the School.

An expert engineer himself, Mr. Hodgson acquainted us with the many facts and intricacies of engineering. He also had an interesting film which gave a comprehensive survey of the various sections of engineering. We were all considerably enlightened on this subject, which had before been to many of us an inextricable mass of mechanics and formulae. Again the boys are indebted to Mr. Hodgson for the lecture, and we gratefully acknowledge the time he devoted to it.

The latest talk was given on June 7 by Commander A. H. Green. As a naval man he was able to give us the inside story of the Navy and the Naval College. He then showed us a film on the College, which was intensely interesting, giving us an idea of the rigorous physical and mental training boys undergo. Again we received a clear picture of a career, and we are grateful to Commander Green for "painting" it.

SALVETE

Form VI: A. G. Johnson, C. M. Rowe, T. Singh.

Form IV A: P. J. Williams.

Form III A: R. J. Lewis.

Form IIIB: P. L. Facy, W. J. Hart, J. K. Kean, A. H. Salmon.

Form II A: R. L. Hibbert, C. J. Ivey, G. W. Little, G. McL. Millar, M. J. Murdoch, R. J. Neve, B. W. J. Parker, A. H. Plaister, J. R. D. Pooley, R. C. Stephenson, K. L. Wheeldon, W. J. Whitehouse, P. A. Woods.

Form II B: P. H. Bowden, R. G. Brasher, H. P. Dobson, R. E. Drysdale, F. B. Edwards, R. G. Marshall, B. J. Martindill, B. T. Neave, R. G. Neske, C. M. Pitt, R. T. H. Sharman, C. P. Smith, R. J. Stephenson, P. J. Sweetingham.

Prep. 6: I. D. Burrows, J. P. C. Dixon, C. S. Burbury, J. W. Colebatch, J. L. Evans, A. J. Hodgson, J. S. Kelly, J. C. Miller, D. G. Read.

Prep. 5: D. E. Bennison, A. McL. Campbell, T. C. Daw, H. J. Elliott, D. Fitzgerald, R. C. Kelly, J. R. Shoobridge, P. R. Shoobridge, D. A. White.

Prep. 4: J. Burbury, J. I. Clerk, P. Connor, S. F. Dixon, R. Humphreys, I. Kennedy, J. D. Nicholls, T. G. Raphael, B. R. Reynolds, D. C. R. Reynolds, A. C. R. Watts.

Prep. 2: S. K. Palfreyman.

Prep. 1: R. A. Absolom, R. J. Clemente, G. S. Cloudsdale, A. R. Crawford, D. W. Hoyd, J. A. I. McLaren, R. M. Shaw, A. B. Wise.

Kindergarten: A. H. Ashbolt, R. A. Harris, W. N. Lovibond, K. M. Pitchford, Diana Bosworth, U. R. Ratten.

VALETE

- Bennett, W. F. (Feb. '51—Dec. '55).
- Blain, D. E. (Feb. '51—Dec. '55)—Probationary Prefect; Magazine Co-Editor, 1955; Librarian, 1955; L. F. Giblin Memorial Prize (Senior), 1955; J. B. Watchorn Memorial Prize, 1955.
- Bowden, M. A. (Feb. '52—Dec. '55).
- Brammall, P. (Feb. '52—Dec. '55).
- Broadby, J. L. (Feb. '47—Dec. '55).
- Bryden, M. McC. (Aug. '53—Dec. '55)—Probationary Prefect; Magazine Co-Editor, 1955; Head of the River Crew, 1955; Athletics, 1954; Swimming, 1954-55—Colours, 1955.
- Bryden, J. McG. (Aug. '53—Dec. '55)—Swimming, 1954-55—colours, 1955.
- Burbury, H. W. (Feb. '47—Dec. '55)—Probationary Prefect; Boarding House Senior; Athletics, 1954; Football, 1955; Champion Rifle Shot, 1955.
- Calvert, P. A. (Feb. '51—Dec. '55)—Boarding House Senior.
- Dean, G. A. (May '54—Mar. '56)—Opera.
- Denholm, P. L. (Feb. '54—Dec. '55).
- Denholm, P. A. (Feb. '52—Dec. '55)—Cricket, 1955—Colours, 1955; Football, 1955.
- Elliott, D. G. (Feb. '49—Dec. '55).
- Fahey, S. (Feb. '55—Dec. '55).
- Fergusson, H. F. (Feb. '48—Dec. '55)—Cross-Country, 1954-55—cap, 1955; Swimming, 1954.
- Gorringe, G. H. (Feb. '52—Dec. '55)—Cricket, 1955; Cross-Country, 1954-55—colours, 1955; Football, 1955—Colours.
- Gough, Mary Anne (May '54—Dec. '55).
- Grubb, J. R. (May '52—Dec. '55).
- Hibbard, B. L. C. (Feb. '53—Dec. '55)—Andrewartha Memorial Prize, 1954; Cricket, 1954-55—cap, 1955; Football, 1955—colours.
- Henry, R. A. N. (Feb. '46—Dec. '55)—Prefect; Dux of School, 1954; Mathematics Prize, 1954; Cricket, 1953-54-55; Football, 1953-54-55—Colours, 1955; Vice-Captain of Football, 1955; Tennis, 1953-54-55—Colours, 1955; Athletics, 1953-54-55—cap, 1955; Swimming and Life-Saving, 1952-53-54-55—Colours, 1955; Bursary, 1953; Commonwealth Government Scholarship, 1953.
- Heyward, I. (Feb. '53—Dec. '55).
- Hodgman, W. M. (Feb. '46—Dec. '55)—Cadet P/Off.; Senior Impromptu Orator, 1955; Swimming, 1954.
- Hutchins, R. D. (Feb. '44—Dec. '55).
- Ikin, J. L. (Feb. '48—Dec. '55).
- Jarvis, B. T. (Feb. '53—Dec. '55).
- Kelly, R. M. (Feb. '48—Dec. '55)—Newcastle and Board Scholarship, 1954; Entrance Scholarship to Wesley College.
- Lee, A. E. (Feb. '54—Dec. '55).
- McDougall, E. M. (Feb. '44—Dec. '55)—Prefect; Cadet U/Off.; Football, 1953-54-55—cap, 1955; Swimming, 1952-53-54-55—cap, 1955; Captain of Swimming, 1954-55; Life-Saving, 1954-55; Athletics, 1954-55—cap, 1955; Honour Badge, 1955.
- McDougall, D. A. C. (Feb. '44—Dec. '55)—Probationary Prefect; Football, 1954-55—cap, 1955; Swimming, 1952-53-54-55—Colours, 1955; Life-Saving, 1953-54-55; Athletics, 1953-54-55—Colours, 1955.
- Mackay, A. (Feb. '54—Dec. '55).
- McLennan, R. J. (May '55—Dec. '55).
- Martin, D. J. (Feb. '45—Dec. '55)—Prefect; Best All-round Athlete, 1955; Honour Badge, 1955; Football, 1952-53-54-55—Colours, 1955; Cross-Country, 1952-53-54-55—cap, 1955; Captain of Cross-Country, 1954-55; Athletics, 1952-53-54-55—cap, 1955; Captain of Athletics, 1955; Cricket, 1952-53-54-55; Tennis, 1952-53-54-55—cap, 1955; Captain of Tennis, 1954-55.
- Parker, I. R. (Feb. '50—Dec. '55)—Prefect; Swimming, 1952-53-54; Rowing, 1953-54-55; Captain of Boats, 1955.
- Phillips, P. D. (Feb. '53—Dec. '55)—Swimming, 1955—colours; Life-Saving, 1955.
- Phillips, C. J. E. (Feb. '53—Dec. '55)—Probationary Prefect; Swimming, 1955—colours.
- Piggott, R. B. (Feb. '50—May '56).
- Pixley, S. J. B. (Feb. '49—Dec. '55)—Boarding House Senior.
- Reynolds, D. E. (May '53—Dec. '55).
- Roberts, W. K. (June '51—Dec. '55)—Hockey, 1954.
- St. Heaps, C. B. (April '55—Dec. '55).
- Saunders, J. R. (Feb. '55—May, '56).
- Saunders, R. (Feb. '55—May, '56).
- Sharp, D. C. (Feb. '53—Dec. '55).
- Siltman, M. J. (Feb. '51—May '56).
- Stanton, A. V. (Feb. '55—Dec. '55).
- Taylor, G. V. (Feb. '51—Dec. '51; Feb. '55—Dec. '55).
- Taylor, H. C. (Feb. '51—Dec. '55)—Swimming, 1953-54-55—colours, 1955; Football, 1954-55—cap, 1955.
- Thorne, D. A. H. (May '52—Dec. '55).
- Way, A. K. (Mar. '50—May '56).
- Wild, D. A. (May, '53—Dec. '55).

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

MUSIC

THE musical life of the School has developed steadily since the beginning of the year. Three choral groups have been in operation this year and a fourth will commence shortly. Choral activities in the Senior School have been concentrated on the production of "Ruddigore," the Junior School choir has been rehearsing for a future public appearance, and the Chapel choir has been continuing to sing Evensong at the School on Sunday evenings. As a further activity it is planned to start a madrigal group in the near future.

Instrumental teaching has come into its own this year. Twenty-five boys are learning piano in the School from Mrs. Blakney and Mr. Barrett. This is an increase of twenty-five in twelve months! Classes in string, woodwind and brass instruments commence just as soon as instruments become available. These will lead to the early foundation of a number of chamber music groups and an orchestra.

Instruments which the School has acquired in recent months include tympani, clarinet, piccolo, flute, a set of recorders, and some percussion instruments. Any parent or Old Boy having an unused orchestral instrument at home is asked to remember the School music department!

"RUDDIGORE"

The Hutchins School has presented its third Gilbert and Sullivan opera, "Ruddigore." For three years we have endeavoured to produce operas in the manner worthy of the School and of Hobart. The first, "Pirates of Penzance," and the second, "H.M.S. Pinafore," were our "pioneering" productions. "Ruddigore" is the fruit of two years of experience, a wonderful spirit of co-operation in the players, and the immense work executed by Mr. Boyes.

When Mr. Boyes proposed to produce the first opera, the general view was an extremely pessimistic one. The enterprise was very ambitious, and its success was due mainly to the amount of work put into it by him, and the great faith he had in the boys.

During the Christmas holidays preparations for "Ruddigore" had already begun with most of the principals becoming familiar with their parts. Soon after the beginning of first term the choruses were announced together with a complete time-table of rehearsals. The opera had begun!

The last two weeks arrived all too quickly with a large amount to be done. However, with co-operation from the whole School, preparations for the first night were well in hand.

The three performances were of an exceptionally high standard, rewarding the big audiences for their much needed patronage. The second night was such a sterling performance that it dazzled many, the most dazzled of all being the participants. After a typical first night we all agreed that this was the finest operatic performance seen in the three years of our association with Gilbert and Sullivan.

This year we were fortunate to have the strongest team of soloists yet. Although every male singer had performed previously, three of the main female roles were taken by newcomers. They performed creditably, showing more understanding and

sincerity in their parts than has been seen in the other operas. It is not our wish to individualise, because the production of "Ruddigore" concerned the whole School. But we feel that special mention must be made of Mr. Denis Sampson, who designed the magnificent decor, and Mrs. R. W. Vincent, who, with her committee of helpers, did justice to the former by dressing the sixty-odd players in such beautiful costumes as she did.

We sincerely thank them and all the others who helped to make "Ruddigore" a success. We are proud of the performance, but we shall not rest until more and better operatic feats have been accomplished.

DEBATING

The first general meeting for 1956 of the Hutchins School Literary and Debating Society was held on February 23. The following office-bearers for 1956 were elected:

Patron: Mr. H. D. Erwin. President: Mr. J. K. Kerr. Vice-Presidents: Rev. S. C. Brammall, Mr. F. J. Williams, Mr. W. J. Gerlach. Hon. Adjudicator: Mr. J. R. M. Driscoll. Hon. Secretary: F. E. M. Lilley. Executive Committee: The Captain and Vice-Captain of each House, namely, I. Elliott, E. Pitman, C. Rankin, D. Brammall, P. Chapman, E. Lilley.

It was decided at the meeting that the House competitions should be held in the following order: First, the Senior Impromptu Speaking competition; second, the Senior Debates; third, the Junior Impromptu Speaking competition; and fourth, the Junior Debates. It was also decided to hold all Senior competitions on Friday nights.

The Senior Impromptu Speaking competition was held on March 23. Mr. Driscoll adjudicated. Each House entered a team of eight boys, and each boy had five minutes to choose between two subjects he had been given, and to prepare on the one he chose a short talk to last about three or four minutes. School House won the competition with 246 points, defeating Stephens House with 240 points and Buckland House with 210. C. Rankin, discussing the dilemma facing the modern world, made the best speech and thus became Senior Impromptu Orator for 1956.

In a Senior House debate each team consists of three members—the leader, a second speaker and a third speaker. The leader speaks for a time which should be about seven minutes. Each supporting member speaks for about five minutes, and the leader then "sums up" for about five minutes. The actual order of speaking is affirmative leader, negative leader, affirmative second, negative second, affirmative third, negative third, negative leader, and finally affirmative leader.

The first Senior House Debate for 1956 was held on April 6. It was between the School House team led by C. Rankin, and the Buckland House team led by I. Elliott, the former taking the affirmative side. The subject was "That Capital Punishment Should be Abolished." Mr. Driscoll adjudicated. The final result was that the School House team, with 251 points, defeated the Buckland House team, with 239 points. Best speaker for the evening was D. Brammall, who gained 79 points.

An inter-school debate was held on April 20 in the War Memorial Library. It was against a Collegiate School team led by Miss R. Anderson. The subject was "That the modern child has too much independence," and the Hutchins team led by E. Lilley took the negative side. Mr. Driscoll adjudicated. The result of this most interesting debate was that the Hutchins team defeated the visitors, 280 points to 250. Best speaker for the debate was D. Lane, who gained 85 points.

On April 27 an occasional debate took place between a team led by E. Pitman and one led by E. Lilley, the former proposing that "The strife caused by modern science is greater than the benefit." Mr. Driscoll adjudicated. In a very close debate the negative side defeated the affirmative side, 263 points to 262. Best speaker was R. Jones, who, speaking for the negative side, gained 77 points.

The second Senior House debate was held on June 8 between Buckland House and Stephens House. The subject was "that one year continuous National Service Training is desirable," and Buckland House took the affirmative side. The final result was the Stephens team led by E. Pitman defeated the Buckland team led by I. Elliott, 248 points to 240. Best speaker for the evening was E. Lilley, who was awarded 81 points. The debate was adjudicated by Mr. H. J. Solomon.

Mr. Solomon also adjudicated the third of this series, held on the following Friday, June 15. It was between Stephens House and School House, and as each of these had previously defeated Buckland, the winner of this debate would be the winner of the Senior House Debating competition. The individual results of this debate would also decide the Senior Orator for 1956.

The subject was "That modern man works too little and plays too much." Buckland House had drawn the affirmative side, and after one of the most enjoyable debates held so far this year, the Stephens House team defeated the School House team, 298 points to 289, thus winning the Senior Debating competition. Best speaker for the evening was E. Pitman, who gained 90 points. This means that Pitman is the Senior Orator for 1956, having gained a total of 168 points during the debates. E. Lilley came second in the competition, and C. Rankin third.

LIBRARY NOTES

THE Library continues to be well patronised for study, for general browsing and for the borrowing of books.

During the term a special display was arranged in connection with Australian Book Week. About 150 books by Australian authors were put on display. Additional books kindly loaned by Fuller's Bookshop, colourful posters by Mr. Sampson, the Art master, and a well-arranged display of dust-covers helped to make a most attractive feature which aroused great interest.

It is pleasing to notice the increase that has taken place in the borrowings of books by native authors. After all, it takes an Australian to understand Australians and the Australian scene, and now that our own authors have attained their literary status we should cultivate their acquaintance. For too long have they suffered by contrast with English and American authors who have written little and with little knowledge of matters Australian.

A most rewarding feature of the place of the Library in the general life of the School is becoming more apparent this year. This is the way in which members of the staff were directing boys to take out books for reviews, research projects and reference. Apart from all else this has shown the Library Committee the weak sections of our shelves. Intending donors please note, the Librarian can now supply lots of ideas if approached!

Of recent years the policy of the committee has been to build up the non-fiction and reference volumes, but this year a number of novels by Australian authors and some "science fiction" books have been acquired. Judging by the demand, they are proving popular.

Class reading libraries are being formed with the idea of widening and deepening the English Literature studies, and already, in consultation with the Senior English master, seven classes have been provided with a good nucleus which we hope to increase as time goes on.

We wish to thank Mr. G. K. Saunders, who made a number of welcome books available to the Library. A number of last year's leavers also donated volumes. All these books have proved most popular and our thanks are extended to the donors.

Our thanks are also due to the wet weather which has made many boys seek sanctuary in the Library and find both profit and pleasure in the books it contains. The Library Committee are to be congratulated on a job well done. Meanwhile, some of the more popular books are showing signs of wear. If we could find a volunteer book repairer he would be very welcome.

3rd HOBART SCOUTS

The Troop has completed quite a successful half-year. The experience gained by patrol leaders especially has done much to raise the standard of scouting in the Troop. The patrol camp-sites at Chauncy Vale during the camp in first term were really worth seeing. The spirit of the Troop is being reflected also in keenness in passing tests, and by the end of the year we should have quite a respectable score of first and second class badges.

All scouts are eagerly looking forward to the annual camp at Chauncy at the end of this term. It has been suggested that life-jackets be included in the Troop equipment.

All boys interested in joining our happy band will be welcome. Meetings are held on Friday nights at 7 p.m. in the School Gymnasium.

3rd Hobart Scout Troop Patrol Leaders, 1956: Bulldog Patrol, D. Heckscher; Swift Patrol, J. Gray; Eagle Patrol, J. Brammall.

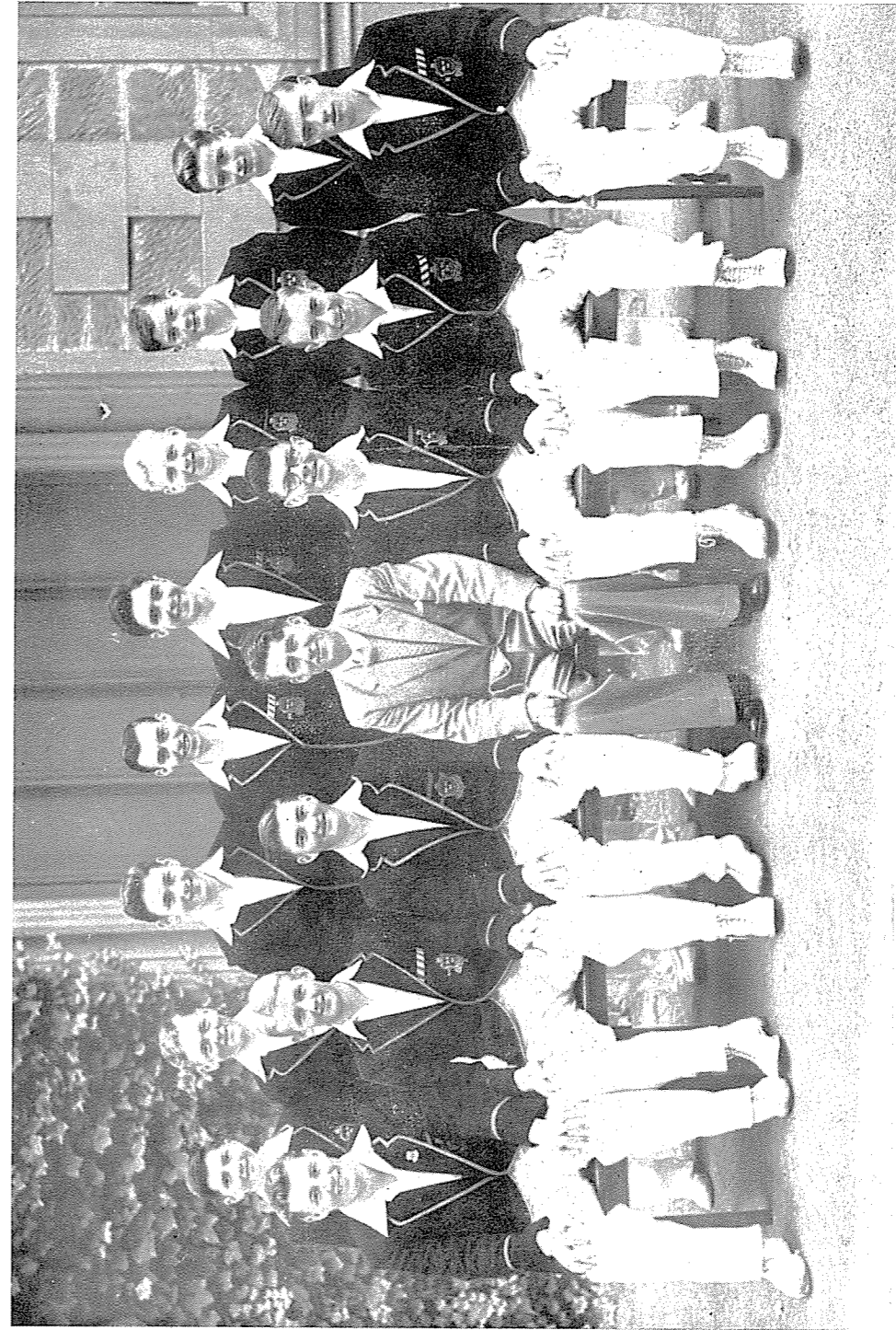
DANCING CLASS

So far this year we have had five dancing classes, conducted by Mrs. Donnelly and her helpers. Dancing class is the most popular function outside the School curriculum, with three hundred supporters. This figure includes both the Senior class, which numbers 180 pupils, and the Junior class, which numbers 120 pupils. Boys from the Second and Third Forms attend the Junior class, while those from the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Forms attend the Senior class. Girls from the Fahan and Collegiate schools make up equal numbers.

Recently, according to Mrs. Donnelly, the standard of the dancing has greatly improved, especially in the Senior class. It is thought this may be due to the expert playing by the pianist.

Dances taught range from the Old-Time Waltz to the Mambo. The main dances are the Quickstep, Mambo, Waltz, Samba, and the Barn Dance.

One notable anecdote referring to the Dancing class is that which tells of the boy who, thinking of leaving School, finally stayed for another year. Perhaps it was for sport, because it certainly was not work. When asked the reason, the boy replied that it was Dancing class!



The Cricket Team

Standing: T. V. Burbury, D. R. Anderson, E. H. Wilson, I. S. Miller, G. S. Perry, P. J. Brown, J. M. Bennett, T. O. Bayley, Sitting: J. F. Munro, D. S. Palfreyman, S. V. Burbury (captain), Mr. G. A. McKay (coach), D. C. P. Brammall (vice-captain), P. T. Loney, D. W. Eddington.



The Second Crew

P. T. McP. Johnstone (bow), M. W. R. Weaver (2), R. L. McCarthy (3), M. D. Gibson (stroke), T. A. Francomb (cox.).



The Life-Saving Team

Standing: I. S. Miller (instructor), W. J. Henry, R. W. Loney. Sitting: J. S. Clennett, S. W. Knott.



NAVAL CADETS

WE are pleased to report that this year to date has been our most successful since we were formed as a separate unit several years ago. Our performances have not been spectacular; our numbers have not been quadrupled, or even doubled; nor have we thrust ourselves in any way in the public eye. But, of course, the very nature of our traditions is against exhibitionism. Our numbers are still limited by budget policy to about twenty, while the Friday afternoon period is largely used for basic theory instruction instead of the practical seamanship most of the boys would prefer.

There has been a marked increase in the interest of cadets in the activities of our main unit, the training ship "Derwent."

The annual camp at Fort Direction was a happy affair, though too few of our chaps were prepared to endure the rigours of camp life. Most agree now that we were fortunate in the presence of the senior Hutchins cadet, Able Seaman Phillip Calvert.

Rifle drill exercises have made great strides this term under the direction of Able Seaman Michael Gray. In fact, with most things going well there is only one disturbing note: What about that tug-o'-war challenge we issued to the Army and Air Force cadets?

ARMY CADETS

This year has been one of the most successful for the School Corps. We have a record number of 110 cadets.

A camp was held at Brighton during the Christmas holidays, from January 23, for the training of non-commissioned officers. As usual, it was enjoyed by the boys who attended. As a result of this camp the following promotions have been made: Sgt. Brammall to U/O, Cpl. Palfreyman to WOii, L/Cpls. Kean, Skeels, Clennett and Burbury to Sgt., Cds. Johnson and Turner to L/Cpl., and Cdt. Munro to Cpl. Sgt. Clennett has also been appointed Staff Sergeant.

We welcome to our Cadet Corps Capt. Wood, who is our C.O., and Sgt. Jones, who is our A.R.A. Instructor.

Our first showing in public this year was on Anzac Day, when the Tasmanian Commandant, Brigadier A. D. Molloy, addressed the School and later took the salute at the march past. The Cadets' marching was a credit to them and their instructors.

The second term held in store for us the annual Empire Youth Sunday march as soon as we returned from the holidays. The Cadets attended the rally which was held in St. David's Park, and were addressed by His Excellency the Administrator, Sir John Morris. From there they marched to Scots' Church, by way of the Town Hall, where His Excellency took the salute. At this juncture the marching was somewhat jeopardised by three bands, each one beating a different rhythm.

The annual Cadet Camp is to be held again this year at Fort Direction from August 16 to 24. Fort Direction appears to be much more popular among the boys than Brighton. The only unsatisfactory details are the very limited canteen and the fact that there is no range for the firing of weapons.

AIR FORCE CADETS

The annual A.T.C. promotion camp was held at Laverton, Victoria, during the Christmas holidays. Two members of 3 Flight attended—Cdt. Chen and Acting-Cpl. Weaver. Both gained distinction passes in their course, and were the only Tasmanian cadets to do so.

The Flight now has an O.C. in the person of Mr. Proctor, who has shown himself to be very capable in this capacity.

Sgt. Pitt has vacated his position in the Flight, owing to his age, and his place has been taken by Cpl. Weaver, who has been promoted to the rank of Acting-Sgt. Other promotions are: Cdt. Chen to Cpl. and L.A.C. Cooper to Acting-Cpl.

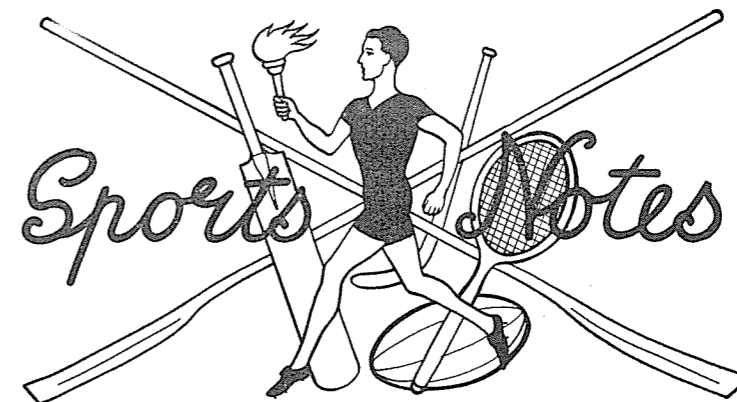
This year there was an influx of a large number of probationary cadets, and many attended special classes on Tuesday night prior to the final selection of some ten cadets, who brought the Flight up to maximum strength.

On Wednesday, April 25, under the charge of Sgt. Weaver, the Flight participated in an Anzac Day march at School. They performed creditably.

Since the last issue of the Magazine the Air Force H.Q. has been moved from Anglesea Barracks to Fitzroy Place, and each Friday afternoon the cadets march to the Barracks for drill instruction and then to Fitzroy Place for lectures.

So far the cadets have received, by means of films, instruction as to: the organisation and administration of the Air Force; discipline; the mechanism and practical efficiency of the .303 rifle; the correct method of addressing letters to Air Force personnel; and R.A.A.F. careers.

During the May holidays the usual A.T.C. camp was held at Fort Direction. Several cadets from 3 Flight attended. While there they participated in a mock battle waged against Army and Navy Cadets, which was made realistic by the use of rifles, sub-machine guns, and by aerial bombardment. Three members of the Flight were among the Hobart cadets who regained the drill trophy, which is presented each year at the camp.



CRICKET

Captain: S. V. Burbury

Coach: Mr. G. A. McKay



WHEN net practice began at the beginning of the year there were few new faces seen, because a big number of last year's practice list had returned to School. Under the guidance of the coach, Mr. G. McKay, the players progressed and were soon moulded into a team.

Before the roster season started, the team played several matches against the Old Boys, and these helped the coach to see some of the faults and so have an opportunity to rectify them.

Our first roster match was against St. Virgil's, to be played at the Memorial Oval on February 18. However, rain fell on the Friday night before the match, and so the match could not be played until the afternoon of Monday, the 27th.

St. Virgil's batted first and scored 83 runs. Hutchins made a promising start, but did just not manage to make a big enough score, and so lost the match by three runs. Burbury and Loney were our chief scorers, with Brammall and Burbury the best bowlers.

Rain also caused the postponement of the match against Friends, and this had to be played on the following Monday. In this match both teams batted for twenty-five overs, Hutchins batting first. On a wet wicket we were all out for a score of 52. Friends batted, and it was not until the last over that they passed our score with six wickets in hand. Brammall was our best bowler in this match.

Conditions were perfect for our second match against St. Virgil's, and a full day's play was enjoyed. We went in first and scored 77, Brammall top-scoring with 17. St. Virgil's then batted, but their innings was wrecked by the extremely accurate bowling of Brammall, who from ten overs took seven wickets for 30 runs. St. Virgil's scored 64 runs.

Our batting picked up considerably in the second innings, and when our captain—Burbury—declared the score stood at six wickets for 130. Of this Brammall had scored 54, and Palfreyman and Anderson both scored 19 not out.

St. Virgil's were then left with 143 runs to get in just under "even time." At one stage it looked as if they might not be dismissed, but John Bennett, in an inspired spell of bowling, took five St. Virgil's wickets for nine runs, and thus gave Hutchins an outright victory.

The last match of the season, against Friends, was a thriller from the beginning. To win the premiership we had to win this match outright. Friends batted first, and at one stage had lost eight wickets for 48 runs, but Hall and Blythe made an eighth wicket stand of 73 runs and shortly after Friends were all out for 122 runs. Munro, Brammall and Loney shared bowling honours.

Our innings started sensationally with both openers being dismissed in the first two overs, but Brammall and Burbury compiled a bright partnership of 72 runs before Burbury was run out. The younger players batted gamely, but the team was all out for 120.

When, after a quarter of an hour's play, four Friends wickets had gone for only 10 runs we were indeed in a strong position, but stubborn play by their batsmen made our position hopeless and we were given half-an-hour in which to score 82 runs if we were to win the match outright.

A point noticed was that most of our batsmen failed realise that all the runs needed could not be made in one hit! When time ran out we had lost eight wickets for 44 runs. This gave Friends a win on the first innings, and also the Southern Premiership. Several weeks later they defeated Launceston Church Grammar in the State Premiership, played on our War Memorial Oval.

Five of our players—Burbury, Brammall, Loney, Palfreyman and Munro—were selected to play for the Southern Combined Public Schools team against the T.C.A. Colts. For the first time in many years the Colts were beaten, largely due to the efforts of our players. In the first innings Brammall scored 24 runs, and in the second innings bowled magnificently to take eight wickets for 15 runs. Loney top-scored in both innings with 36 and 51. In the Colts' first innings Burbury dismissed seven batsmen for 64 runs.

Results:

Hutchins v. St. Virgil's (27/2/'56): St. Virgil's, 83; Hutchins, 80 (Loney 17, Eddington 12, S. Burbury 31). Hutchins bowling: Brammall 3/19, Munro 1/20, S. Burbury 4/21.

Hutchins v. The Friends' School (6/3/'56): Hutchins, 52; Friends, 4/53. Hutchins bowling: Brammall 2/22, Palfreyman 1/9.

Hutchins v. St. Virgil's (10/3/'56): Hutchins, 1st innings, 77 (Loney 10, Brammall 17, Burbury 11, Anderson 13, Brown 11). S.V.C., 1st innings, 64 (Brammall 7/30, Burbury 2/19).

Hutchins, 2nd innings, 6/130 (Eddington 16, Brammall 54, Burbury 11, Palfreyman 19 n.o., Anderson 19 n.o. S.V.C., 2nd innings, 99 (Brammall 2/31, Burbury 2/35, Bennett 5/9).

Hutchins v. The Friends' School (24/3/56): Friends, 1st innings, 122 (Brammall 3/46, Munro 5/36, Loney 2/3). Hutchins, 1st innings, 120 (Brammall 50, Burbury 32).

Friends, 2nd innings, 79 (Brammall 2/15, Munro 4/21, Loney 1/12, Burbury 3/8). Hutchins, 2nd innings, 8/44 (Brown 11).

In conclusion, we would like to express our appreciation to our coach, Mr. McKay, who gave many hours of his time in service to the team; Mr. McClennan, who prepared the grounds and excellent wickets; and to all those people who lent support to the team.



ROWING

Captain of Boats: M. C. Page

THE rowing activities of the School went away to an early start this year when a scratch crew took part in the School Fours event at the Sandy Bay Regatta, held before term began. Rowing a regulation boat lent by the Sandy Bay Rowing Club, the crew were beaten by St. Virgil's, the other crew in the race.

School was resumed soon after this, and under Mr. D. Proctor a crew consisting of C. Chen (stroke), C. Rankin, M. Gibson, R. McCarthy (bow) and T. Frankcombe (cox.) had about a week's training before rowing in the School Fours event at the Hobart Regatta. Again our crew was beaten by St. Virgil's, but this time only by a canvas.

During the next two weeks trials were given at the School shed to the large number of boys who wished to either row or cox, and at the end of this period six tentative crews had been selected.

The members of the First Crew were given a chance to try themselves under racing conditions almost immediately, when they took part in the Maiden Fours competition at the Bellerive Regatta. Representing the Sandy Bay Rowing Club, they came second in their heat, being beaten only by the Derwent combination, which came second in the final.

After the other crews had had several rows each and a few minor changes had been made, regular training began in earnest, all crews working in practice (tub) fours. The Firsts were coached by Mr. T. Darcey, the Seconds by Mr. D. Proctor, the Thirds by Mr. C. Wood, the Fourths by Mr. R. Purden, the Fifths by Mr. V. Osborn, and the Sixths by Mr. J. Biggs.

First to leave the "tubs" was the Second crew, who went over to the Derwent sheds to train in the Club's regulation four, the "J. D. Hay." After several weeks of work in this they moved back to the School shed into one of our racing boats, the "Argo," and the Third crew went over to train in the "J. D. Hay." The other coaches still had their crews in practice fours. At this stage Mr. R. Purden found he was unable to continue to coach the Fourth crew, and his place was filled by another Old Boy, Mr. M. Dunn.

As Easter approached, permission was granted by the Derwent Rowing Club for the "J. D. Hay" to be kept at our shed till the end of the season. A race was now held between the Fifth and Sixth crews to decide which should be the No. 1 Fifth crew and which the No. 2 Fifth crew, as an event for Sixth crews was not going to be held at the Head-of-the-River. Both crews rowed regulation fours, and after a strenuous race the Sixth crew beat the Fifth crew. This meant that Mr. Biggs' crew now became the No. 1 Fifths, and Mr. Osborn's the No. 2 Fifths.

A rest from rowing was given to most crews over the first three days of the Easter break, with the result that training was resumed with renewed vigour. The Fourth crew suffered a setback when their stroke injured one of his wrists and had to be replaced, but a substitute was soon found. By now Mr. Darcey had taken the First crew into the "Stuart C. Walch," a racing boat, and the Third, Fourth and Fifth crews were all training in the "J. D. Hay."

In the week preceding the race a lot of work was done at the shed on the boats themselves. Hulls were sanded down and varnished, and riggers and oar-tips were painted.

Then the time came to go North. The three boats that were being taken were the "Stuart C. Walch," the "Argo" and the "J. D. Hay." These were loaded onto the special bus on the morning of Thursday, April 12, and in the afternoon the crews boarded the bus and journeyed to Launceston. They unloaded and rigged the boats as soon as they arrived there, and the First, Second and Third crews had a light row from City Park, where the boats were launched, to the North Esk Club's shed, where they were to be housed while in Launceston.

All crews went for at least one row on Friday, and everybody had an early night.

Saturday dawned fine and promised to remain so. Each crew went for a light row in the morning. By the afternoon a following breeze was blowing up the river, but the water was not very rough.

The race for the Fifth crew was held first, starting at 2.40 p.m. over a course of half-a-mile. After a very exciting race our No. 1 Fifth crew was narrowly beaten for first place by the Grammar No. 1 crew. Our No. 2 crew finished fifth.

The event for the Fourth crews followed next, and our crew rowed well to fill fifth place.

In the race for the Thirds, which provided the closest finish of the day, our crew did not manage to regain the distance lost by a slow start, and finished fifth also.

The Seconds event followed, and after jumping ahead at the start our crew rowed a beautiful race to lead clearly all the way and to finish two lengths ahead of the nearest competitor.

Soon after four o'clock the First crews lined up for the Head-of-the-River race. At the beginning of the one-and-one-eighth-mile course the crews went away to a perfect start, rowing blade for blade for the first three hundred yards. Then, at about the same time that the Grammar crew broke to the front, our crew, on the eastern shore, dropped back. Nearing the finish St. Patrick's followed Grammar away from the main bunch, and was in turn followed by Friends. This crew gradually moved up until, almost on the line, it headed the Northern crew to take second place. Scotch College came fourth, and St. Virgil's and then Hutchins brought up the rear.

Our congratulations to Grammar, who now have permanent possession of the Golden Fleece Cup, having won the Head-of-the-River for three years in succession.

In conclusion, all the crews would like to offer their sincere thanks to the coaches, and to everybody else who helped to make the season so successful. This year has seen a great increase in the interest in rowing at the School, and if it had not been for the acute shortage of boats several more crews would have been formed to cater for all the boys interested in the sport.

At a recent Headmasters' conference it was decided to introduce "eights" to the Head-of-the-River as soon as is financially possible, though not before 1958. The Southern schools are moving quickly in raising finance for the task of building "eights," and the date on which these are introduced will be very important in the history of Tasmanian public school rowing.

Crews which raced on April 14:

First Crew: C. Rankin (bow), R. V. Skinner (2), E. C. Chen (3), B. A. Hull (stroke), M. C. Page (cox.).

Second Crew: P. T. Johnstone (bow), M. W. Weaver (2), R. L. McCarthy (3), M. D. Gibson (stroke), T. A. Francombe (cox.).

Third Crew: N. E. King (bow), R. E. Jones (2), R. S. Verrell (3), F. E. M. Lilley (stroke), E. A. Downie (cox.).

Fourth Crew: P. Cumming (bow), T. Singh (2), G. Parsons (3), B. N. Bastian (stroke), A. Cruickshank (cox.).

No. 1 Fifth Crew: P. Overell (bow), R. K. Brodribb (2), W. R. Salisbury (3), J. F. Grant (stroke), R. Dunsford (cox.).

No. 2 Fifth Crew: H. K. Skegg (bow), J. Hood (2), G. O'Meagher (3), M. Skeels (stroke), B. Edwards (cox.).



SWIMMING AND LIFE-SAVING

Captain: M. E. Gray

SWIMMING

THE swimming season opened again with enthusiasm which could only lead to success. This year the under-age competitors were extremely strong, which reflects on the concentration given them last year by the coach, Mr. B. Foster. A number of boys had gained further experience by swimming in club races at Amateur House.

The Inter-House competitions, which were held at the Amateur House baths on March 19, witnessed a struggle between Buckland and School for victory. In previous years School House seldom made the grade, but this year they really showed what hard training, determination and team work can produce, and came very close to upsetting the habitual winners. Outstanding swimming records were set by S. Knott, of School, who won the 33 metres freestyle and breast-stroke events under 14, as well as winning the new event, the 33 metres backstroke under 14.

The final points were Buckland House 131, School House 108, and Stephens House 64. So Buckland once more took possession of the McKean Cup.

The following day the School team was selected and immediately settled down to hard training under Mr. Foster and Mr. Maher. It soon showed cohesion and strength, the relay teams being confident of success. The whole team showed enthusiasm in training.

On March 27 Hutchins once again took possession of the Donovan Cup, for the twenty-sixth time, the surprise of the day being the much improved swimming ability shown by the Friends' School, which, for the first time in recent years, beat the St. Virgil's team. At no stage during the morning, except perhaps during the first few

events, were Hutchins seriously challenged, and many fine performances were witnessed. One record was broken by S. Knott, who recorded 20.1 secs. for the 33 metres freestyle under 14. Knott is a swimmer who should become a real champion.

Teamwork in the relay events is just as essential as in other sports; it is this factor that gains victory. Since all the Hutchins relay teams showed this ability, it was of little surprise when they all came in first, though in the open event the School was disqualified. M. E. Gray swam extremely well, setting a fine example as captain of the team. Other good swims were recorded by M. Gibson, who won the open 66 metres backstroke; S. Clennett, who won the 100 metres freestyle under 16 and the 66 metres freestyle under 16; and R. Loney, who won the 66 metres backstroke under 16. The only big weakness in the team was in the diving, of which Friends won nearly all events. The only diving event the School won was the under 15, in which R. Maxwell displayed some extremely good dives.

Final points for the 1956 Swimming Sports: Hutchins School, 145½; Friends' School, 99½; St. Virgil's College, 82.

LIFE-SAVING

The "A" House Life-Saving was held during the first term. The Buckland team gained the highest total of points, thus winning the competition. School House came second, half a point behind Buckland, and Stephens House came third. The "B" House Life-Saving was postponed till third term.

The Public Schools' Life-Saving Championship was held on April 10. Friends won the championship for the first time since its introduction four years ago, gaining a total of 101.2 points. Our team came second with a total of 94.55 points, and St. Virgil's were third with 91.05 points. After this our team took part in the State Championships. The final result of this was: Sandy Bay Club, 1; Friends' School, 2; Hutchins School, 3; and St. Virgil's College, 4.

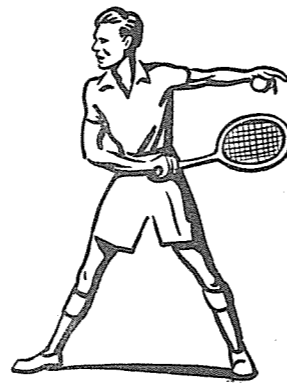
TENNIS

Coach: Mr. W. J. Gerlach
Captain: G. Perry

THIS year's team had two of last year's players back—G. Perry and S. Burbury—and two new members—S. Palfreyman and D. Brammall. At a meeting held earlier in the year between the first eight players in the School, G. Perry was elected captain and S. Burbury vice-captain for 1956.

As all members of the team were regular players in the First XI, initial practice did not begin until after cricket finished at Easter. The team then settled down to hard training under the coach, Mr. Gerlach, for the following three weeks.

The coach concentrated mainly on moulding two strong doubles combinations with the idea in mind that a good win in the doubles, which are usually played first, would give the team confidence for their singles encounters. Both pairs worked together well with Brammall and Palfreyman playing excellent tennis. They frequently



proved themselves equal in doubles play to the first pair. Palfreyman improved a great deal during the weeks of practice and was playing particularly good tennis when the first roster match was played. Perry was also playing well, both in singles and doubles. Burbury and Brammall were in good form, and the team entered their first match in a very confident manner.

Due to the Olympic Games causing earlier examinations this year, the tennis has been divided over the three terms. Consequently, only one match has been played to date. That was on April 21 against St. Virgil's, with the first pair playing on the School court and the second on the St. Virgil's courts. The result was quite an easy victory for the School team. Scores:

Perry and Burbury defeated Baily and Shelton, 6—3, 6—0.
Brammall and Palfreyman defeated Saintsbury and Luttrell, 6—2, 6—5.
Perry defeated Baily, 6—1, 6—3.
Burbury lost to Shelton, 5—6, 1-6.
Palfreyman defeated Saintsbury, 6—2, 6—3.
Brammall lost to Luttrell, 4—6, 3—6.
Hutchins: 4 rubbers, 8 sets, 61 games.
St. Virgil's, 2 rubbers, 4 sets, 43 games.

As yet there have been no School Championships or House matches, but a number of boys took part in the Annual Schoolchildren's Tournament held at the Creek Road Courts during the May holidays. There were several quite good performances by a number of the School entrants. The School No. 2 pair, Brammall and Palfreyman, entered the semi-finals of the open doubles before they were eliminated, and G. Perry, partnered by A. Townley of Friends, were defeated in the final. Two young players, R. Henry and S. Knott, also did well to enter the final of the under 14 doubles.

We have started our tennis off this year very well with one good game, and the team are looking forward to playing Friends at the end of second term.

HOUSE NOTES



BUCKLAND HOUSE

Colours: Maroon and White

Housemaster: Mr. F. J. Williams
House Captain: D. Brammall
Vice-Captain: M. Weaver
Captain of Football and Cricket:
D. Brammall

Captain of Swimming and Life-Saving:
M. Gray
Captain of Athletics: I. Miller
Captain of Tennis: W. Henry
Captain of Debating: I. Elliott

ONCE again Buckland has shown its strength at swimming, by soundly beating School and Stephens. Our team was captained by M. Gray, who was later the captain of the Inter-School team. Swimming being more an individual sport, one boy is often found to carry off most of the victories. This year this boy was S. Knott, of School House. However, several firsts went to Bucks, namely, J. Hood, A. Maxwell, J. Turner, S. Clennett, M. Gibson, M. Weaver, D. Brammall and M. Gray. The final points were: Bucks, 131; School, 108; and Steps, 64.

In the "A" House Life-Saving our team was successful in winning the competition from School and Stephens. With the exception of S. Knott, Bucks' team was also the Inter-School team—a very fine performance!

Cricket was the next sport to be played, in which we won one match and lost one. In the first School beat us easily, but in the other match our team soundly beat Stephens. D. Brammall, in both bowling and batting, gave our team a splendid advantage. The "B" House matches, which it was hoped could be played in the first term, have been postponed till third term. Thus, the final cricket result will not be known until next term.

This year "A" House Debating was decided in first and second terms. In this field we must acknowledge a thorough defeat at the hands of Stephens and School. School won the Impromptu Speaking, and Stephens the Debating. Bucks was third in each. However, both sections of "B" House Debating will be decided later, so there is still a chance for those in the lower forms to bring Bucks up to second in Debating.

House Football has not yet begun, and Bucks has high hopes of taking off top place.

With a return to Inter-House Drama competitions this year, Bucks has been practising for several weeks. However, a change has been introduced since the last House plays. This is that only Fourth, Third and Second Formers are allowed to compete. The Buckland House play is "Archibald," a one-act play by W. Robertson, produced by D. Ferguson.

In conclusion, the whole House would like to congratulate School on their fine win in the Cock-House Competition last year. This year we hope to be able to wrest the title from them.

SCHOOL HOUSE

Colours: Light Blue and Dark Blue

Housemaster: Rev. S. C. Brammall
House Captain: S. V. Burbury
Vice-Captain: R. Skinner
Captain of Cricket, Football, Tennis and
Rifle-Shooting: S. V. Burbury
Captain of Athletics and Dramatics:
A. Johnson

Captain of Swimming: A. Kean
Captain of Standard Athletics: C. Rankin
Captain of Cross-Country: P. Loney
Captain of Debating: P. Chapman
Captain of Music: J. M. Jones
Captain of Life-Saving: R. Thiessen

AS the half-year approaches School House is in the lead for the Cock-House Shield.

Our cricket team has played exceptionally well in scoring two decisive victories against Buckland and Stephens.

The Swimming Sports for 1955 were conducted at Amateur House. The conditions were perfect; the pool was heated to a nicety, and all was prepared for a morning's sport. Here we received a treat, as from the first race it was apparent that School and Buckland were going to be the two contenders for the Swimming Shield. Each race, each point, was fiercely contested. However, Buckland drew away from us in the last few races. A record went by the board; it was broken by S. Knott, of School, in the 33 metres under 14 freestyle. We offer our congratulations to Buckland and Knott, and also to Henric Groenier, who in the open breaststroke swam an excellent race, finishing second just behind Brammall of Bucks.

In the Debating, also, School has been quite successful, finishing first in the Senior Impromptu speaking, and winning one of the other debates. Senior Impromptu Orator for 1956 was C. Rankin of School, and Senior Orator for the year was E. Pitman of Stephens House. Our congratulations to those two.

Football and Cross-Country will probably be the deciding factor in the competition for the Cock-House Shield. We have a particularly strong football team this

year, captained by S. Burbury, who is vice-captain of the First XVIII, and we also have eight other First players. We wish our team every success in the approaching season.

In the Cross-Country, also, we have a strong team, including P. Loney, who came third in the School Cross-Country last year. A newcomer to the team is A. Johnson, who has returned from the Naval College this year. He has proved his running powers in winning the Sub-Junior 1½-mile club race, in which he narrowly defeated P. Loney. We offer our congratulations to this pair, and look forward with anticipation to the Inter-House and School Cross-Country, where they are bound to distinguish themselves.

The Tennis team, with S. Burbury and S. Palfreyman, both of the School team, is expected to put up a strong fight for the House Tennis Shield.

In the Rifle-Shooting, too, we hope to gain success.

So, until next issue, we wish our sportsmen good luck in the coming competitions.

STEPHENS HOUSE

Colours: Blue, Black and Gold

Housemaster: Mr. W. J. Gerlach

Captain of Football, Cross-Country, Athletics and Standard Athletics: C. Chen

House Captain: G. Perry

Captain of Rifle-Shooting and Dramatics: D. Lane

Captain of Cricket, Swimming, Tennis and Life-Saving: G. Perry

Captain of Debating: E. Lilley

FOLLOWING the usual custom, the first inter-House competition this year was Swimming. The competition was keen and there was considerable excitement as to the outcome, and a real fight to the finish between Buckland and School. The winner was in doubt till very near the end. The only trouble was that our position was never in doubt, as we trailed from the start. Our congratulations go to Buckland on their victory, which, we believe, is their fourth successive win in the Swimming, and also to School House for their fine performance.

Next on the sporting calendar was Life-Saving. In this we must once again admit that we came a rather inglorious last. Competitions held on water evidently do not seem to favour us. We were determined to do better on dry land, but both Bucks and School proved our superiors at Cricket.

On the Debating side we came second to School in the "A" Impromptu speaking, but had our revenge by being victorious over both Buckland and School in the "A" House Debates.

However, there is still another half-year to go, and considerably less than half of the inter-House competitions have as yet been decided. Football, Cross-Country, Athletics, Standard Aths., Tennis and Rifle-Shooting are still to come, and with all our members giving full support we should have as good a chance as any at these. Football and Cross-Country both are imminent, and here is hoping that we put up a really good showing at these. Victory in the House Cross-Country depends more than anything else on the number of willing triers. So, all Stephens boys, here's a real chance to do your bit!

Stephens may still surprise and carry off the coveted Cock-House Shield at the end of the year. So "Come on, Steps!" and "May the best House win!"

EXCHANGES

WE acknowledge receipt of magazines from the following schools since December, 1955, and apologise if any have been inadvertently omitted:

Tasmania: Church of England Grammar School, Launceston; The Friends' School, Hobart; State High School, Hobart.

Victoria: Caulfield Grammar School; Scotch College, Hawthorn; Melbourne Church of England Grammar School (2); Mentone Grammar School; Wesley College, Prahran; Albury Grammar School; Carey Baptist Grammar School, Kew; Melbourne Church of England Girls' Grammar School; The R.A.A.F. College, Point Cook; Trinity College, Carlton.

New South Wales: Sydney Church of England Grammar School; The Armidale School; Barker College, Hornsby; Sydney Grammar School; The King's School, Parramatta (2); Newington College, Stanmore (2); St. Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill.

South Australia: Collegiate School of St. Peter, Adelaide; Prince Alfred College, Adelaide; Scotch College, Mitcham.

West Australia: Guildford Grammar School; The Hale School, Perth; Scotch College, Claremont.

Queensland: Church of England Grammar School, Brisbane; Brisbane Grammar School.

Overseas: St. Thomas' College, Colombo, Ceylon; Prince of Wales School, Nairobi, Kenya; John McGlashan College, Dunedin, New Zealand; Royal College, Colombo, Ceylon; Trinity College School, Port Hope, Ontario, Canada (2); High School, Rabaul, New Britain.

Note: We are especially glad to receive a copy of the first issue of "The Beacon," which is the Journal of the Rabaul Elementary A and High School. It is a highly creditable publication and gives interesting information on the work of the school, whose students are predominantly Chinese. The Headmaster, Mr. A. T. T. Shanley, was on our Junior School Staff during 1947-48.—Ed.

THE VOICE OF THE SCHOOL



SIXTH FORM SPASMS

WHY are the Sixth Form notes called "Spasms"? The answer is, presumably, that they are supposed to be excruciatingly funny. If the following fall too far short of traditional standards don't blame the author, who is a modest, retiring sort of chap, whose original spark of humour has been extinguished by pondering over weighty questions in the "humanities."

The most important and controversial subject of debate so far this year has been the result of the progress voting for the Artist's Medal. At this stage Pill seems to be fairly certain of figuring prominently in the final results, and he is now holding a narrow lead over Ted. This shows a startling improvement, as last year, at this time, Pill was unable to obtain a single vote! Singh polled very well for a newcomer, but we were all very upset by Crocket's failure to gain a vote, in spite of considerable talent shown at the beginning of the year.

Our one great disappointment has been the recent realisation that Syd is ineligible to enter the Ellerton Brown Essay Competition. After months of frantic preparation and "broad, general reading" from G. M. Trevallyan (so Syd assures us), this budding young historian has been withdrawn from the competition owing to his advancing years.

Another lesser disappointment has been the "temporary abandonment" of the plan to construct a School swimming pool, which was to have been built by the Sixth. It had to be shelved because of certain insurmountable technical and financial difficulties. This, of course, puts an end to Ted's more ambitious plans for the construction of a glaciarium and ski-run at the far end of the Oval.

This year many of the Sixth have played a prominent part in the School's debating activities; but, in spite of our experience in this field, we found it extremely hard to follow Smithy's argument on the subject of Capital Punishment. Apparently it is used too often in schools, because the culprit, after punishment, goes off and does exactly the same thing again!

We were given food for thought when the Maths. and literary boys combined for a few lessons to hear some very interesting speakers. Our first speaker was Professor Hromadka, who gave us an interesting picture of life behind the "Iron Curtain." To quell any flames of revolution that may have been kindled by the professor, we next heard a talk by Mr. J. K. Locher, a refugee from Czechoslovakia. Later in the first term we were given an introduction to early architecture by Mr. J. Scarborough, who designed the new Junior School.

Before closing this somewhat garbled account of Sixth Form activities, we would like to draw attention to the incredible laziness of the Maths. boys who, because of their labours during free periods, often receive undeserved admiration. It follows that the Literary boys, who do absolutely nothing during their free periods, do all their homework at home, under conditions more suited to hard, concentrated study. The Maths. boys, of course, are content to make do with the work produced under the appalling odours of the chem. lab., etc., and will never understand the general specific detail of broad outlines!

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

SEA BREEZE

A SAILOR is home from the sea; home from the broad, rolling, boundless deeps; home from the winds of heaven and the grim storms of life.

And now he is forgotten by all his friends, cast away on the sandy shore of a lonely beach which is frequented only by occasional land-birds. Here the gull lies, motionless and still, heedless of the peaceful lap-lap of the water and the faint murmur of the breeze.

He lies in the centre of the beach, a little white bundle of feathers with two red curled-up claws. He rests on a miniature raft made by some unselfish human being who had the kindness to give him a decent burial-place. There are twigs of green trees standing in the sand around him, while at his head a roughly-made cross of wood stands erect, to mark the spot.

No more will this feathered sailor see the glorious sun shining on the miles of ocean which he loved so much. No more will he see majestic ships plough through the water past him. Sometimes there would be tasty morsels thrown to him from the galley, but as often as not there would be no scraps and little food to be obtained from the sea itself.

Now, however, starvation, cold, wind and sea are far behind him and he is in a deep sleep, dreaming of the life he has lived.

But slowly the tide of life gradually comes up the sand, swamping the grave and carrying off the gull.

Hours later, I again visited the beach. This time there was no grave, no gull lying on the sand. All that remained was the wooden cross, still standing amidst the shallow water; and I turned slowly homewards.

G. G. Hiller, Form IVa

WRITING ESSAYS

IMAGINE the plight of the unfortunate schoolboy confronted with the task of writing an English essay, especially if it is on a subject which has taken all the craft and cunning that the English master can summon. Such a subject is that of "Writing Essays."

Some English teachers assert that the three things most necessary in writing an essay are the preparation of, the presentation of, and the spelling in, an essay. Personally, I believe that the essay is quite an important part.

I find it rather difficult to write an essay in a style pleasing to the teacher, for, of one essay, he might remark, "Too immature," and when I endeavour to rectify the matter next time, the remark is usually, "Too stiff and formal for an essay." I have yet to find the happy medium.

Great writers have written essays on a wide variety of subjects. Apparently, if one has talents in that direction one can make a good essay from almost any subject.

It takes no skill to present work neatly, or spell correctly, and most people have some imagination with which they can form ideas. The only skill is to express oneself clearly, interestingly and grammatically.

I am now contradicting myself, for I have run out of ideas whilst writing this essay. I expect I have made several spelling mistakes, and have used incorrect grammar in these few lines, which might easily have been avoided.

I conclude by observing that essay writing is the most pleasant part of English learnt at school, for it is possible to become carried away and to enjoy writing what is, possibly, a very good essay.

D. H. Waters, Form Va

WONDER METAL OF THE FUTURE

WHAT is the metal which, when extracted from black sand and alloyed with aluminium, is stronger than the strongest steel? Titanium!

Titanium was discovered over 150 years ago, but it has recently been much in the news. There are two reasons for this: Some Australian scientists have discovered a method of extracting it from its basic ore; and there is an increasing demand for it in defence and industrial productions.

Some of the wonderful properties of this metal are that it will not corrode; it is half as heavy but twice as strong as the strongest steel (it will easily stand up to 70 tons pressure per square inch, which is as much as the strongest of the steel alloys will stand); and, finally, it is highly resistant to armour-piercing bullets.

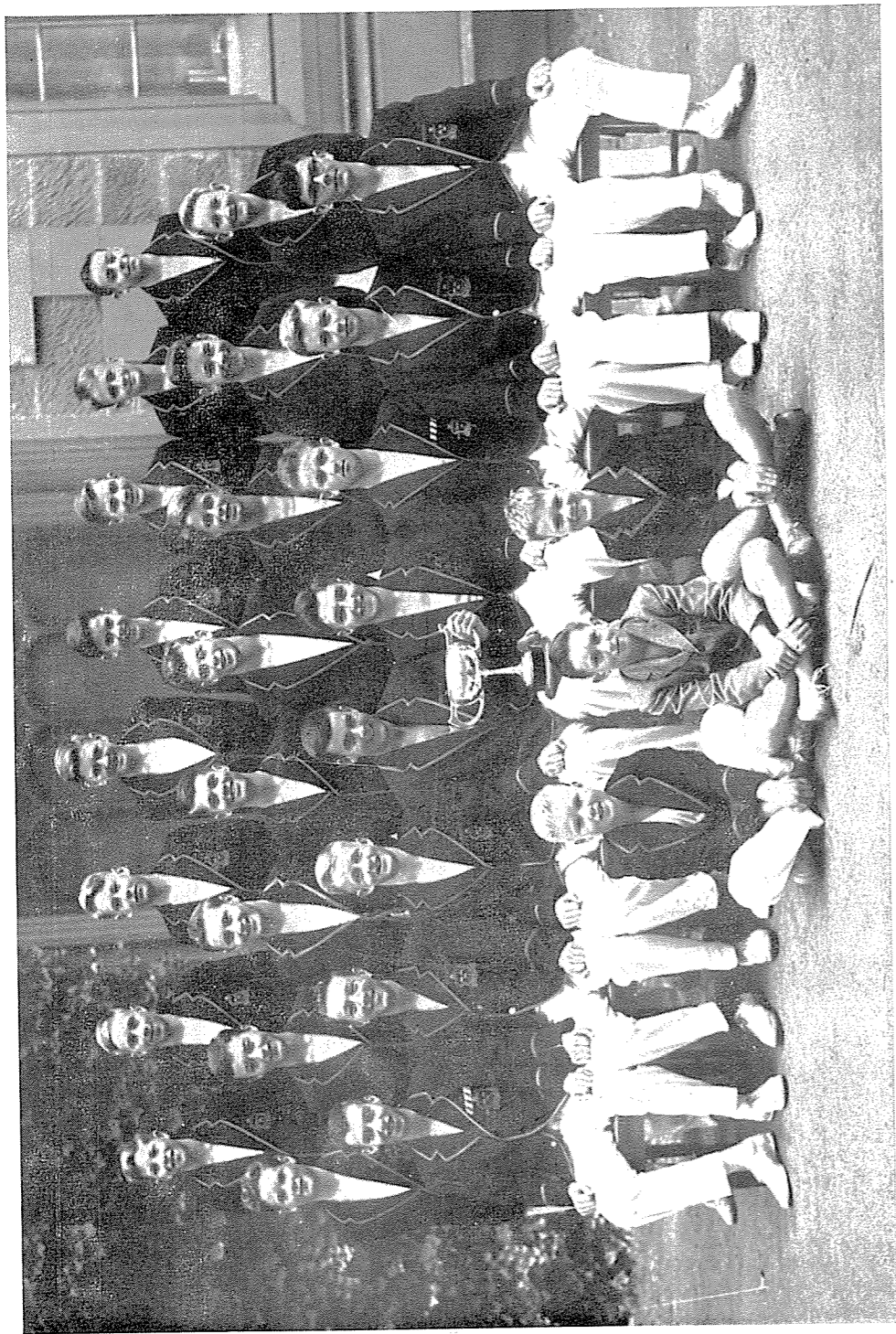
Why, then, have we not ships which do not have to be painted, or aircraft half as light and twice as fast? Simply because titanium costs £2/10/- per pound to produce, whereas the best steel costs 5/6 per pound. It costs so much to produce because, when it is molten it will combine with any impurity or element near it, especially oxygen, nitrogen, carbon and hydrogen. The only process used to make it at present is the extremely expensive Kroll method.

Scientists of the School of Metallurgy in Melbourne claim to have discovered a cheaper method of extracting it from the basic ore. This method will cut the cost of production in half. When these scientists have the money to exploit their discovery titanium will be produced commercially.

R. I. Maxwell, Form IVa



The First Crew
C. A. Rankin (bow), R. V. Skinner (2), C. Chen (3), B. A. Hull (stroke), M. C. Page (cox.).



The Swimming Team

Back row: R. J. Henry, L. R. Holyman, G. P. O'Meagher, D. J. Salter, D. J. I. Hood, J. G. Turner, A. J. Stephenson, P. S. Kyle, Middle row: G. C. Gibson, W. J. Henry, R. I. Maxwell, D. H. Waters, M. W. R. Weaver, R. W. Loney, E. H. Wilson, J. W. Hamilton, Seated: I. S. Miller, J. S. Clennett, S. W. Knott (vice-captain), M. E. Gray (captain), G. S. Perry (vice-captain), F. A. Kean, F. E. M. Litley, D. C. P. Brammall, In front: I. R. Chesterman, P. C. Salmon, K. J. Woodston.

PYNITE

What is it that roareth thus?
 Can it be a motor-bus?
 Earl Street residents are rocked,
 Folk in Nelson Road are shocked,
 Whither may the locals flee
 From this loud cacophony,
 From these shouts of wild delight
 That issue forth each Friday night?
 What makes this weekly noise ad nauseum?
 Just footer boys with pies and sauceum.

A recent innovation in the life of the First training list has been the introduction of a "Pie Night," which is held in the pavilion at the Oval each Friday night after training.

This practice was started by the Coach, Mr. Kerr, who has introduced a light training run on Friday afternoon, after which the players adjourn to the pavilion with their pies, sandwiches, fish and chips, lamingtons, etc., etc.

The coach's wisdom in introducing this weekly "get-together" has already been reflected in the spirit that exists among the members of the team. One of the essential factors in the building of a football team is the development of a spirit of comradeship and understanding amongst the individuals.

The programme usually includes a very helpful talk from some leading footballer, or past footballer, and in June we were very pleased to welcome Mr. Gordon Bowman, the captain and coach of the Sandy Bay team, who gave us a most instructive talk. Also included in the evening's programme is a short session of community singing, which, though perhaps lacking in tone and quality, certainly possesses quantity.

We should be deeply grateful to our coach for the introduction of this very important part of our training, and for the sake of the team we hope that it is something that has come to stay.

D. C. P. Brammall, Form VI

FIJI ISLANDS, "THE PARADISE OF THE PACIFIC"

IT is rather strange that some people still think that Fiji is a backward island, and, to my astonishment, I ascertained on my arrival in Tasmania that quite a few people had not even heard the name of the Fiji Islands, whereas those who had visited Fiji asked innumerable questions. Those who had visited "the land of honey and moon" were so much attracted by the beautiful tropical scenery of the islands, that I propose to describe them further.

The Fiji Group comprises some 320 islands, Viti Levu and Vanu Levu being the largest, on which are growing the beautiful coconut, orange, lemon, pawpaw and mango trees. These waving and rustling trees are of great value to the inhabitants (Indians, Europeans and Fijians). Besides these, there are other tropical fruits such as melon, pineapple, cucumber, rock melon, guava, and many others.

Sugar-cane and rice growing are the principal occupations of the people. Besides these, pineapple, tobacco and potato industries are carried on on a large scale. But, out of 300,000 people, fifty per cent. are engaged in sugar-cane cultivation. New Zealand and Australia are partially dependent upon Fijian sugar.

Of 320 islands, nearly 80 contain gold, manganese, copper, silver, zinc and lead. Millions of pounds worth of gold, manganese and copper are exported every year, although there are quite a number of mines not in operation.

Fiji has a great international airport as well as a seaport. A traveller really wonders when he perceives so many aeroplanes and ships calling at such a small group of islands.

There is no doubt that Fiji has justly been described as "The Paradise of the Pacific." Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth first visited the Fiji Islands before she actually made her tour of Australia and other British colonies in the Pacific ocean.

Finally, the most important point is that Fiji is a great tourist attraction. There are several beaches, the most famous being the "Deumba Beach," where the film "His Majesty O'Keefe" was taken. It is something for a tourist to remember when he sits down with a couple of pawpaws on the soft sand and gazes at the huge waves as they collapse on the reefs while he slowly eats his fruit, and again when he swims in the warm waters and dries himself by lying on the shining sand.

I hope this information will encourage all, including even non-tourists, to visit "The Paradise of the Pacific."

Tirmal Singh, Form VI

THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL

IF you have ever been through the Panama Canal you will realise what a wonderful feat of engineering it is. Three sets of locks were constructed, as well as a long cut and the Gatun Lake, which is artificial and has an area of some 164 square miles.

On entering the canal from the Atlantic the ship may call at the twin cities, Colon, which is Panamanian, and Cristobal, which is under United States administration. After passing through the cities' harbour, Limon Bay, the ship passes into the canal and travels along it for seven miles until it enters the Gatun Locks, which raise the ship 85 feet, by means of three steps, into Gatun Lake.

After crossing the lake the canal is re-entered and the ship passes through beautiful forests. Here are seen quaint native craft carrying bananas from the villages to the railway, which runs along the canal for its whole length.

Next the ship passes through the Gaillard and Culebra Cuts which traverse the mountain backbone of Central America. These cuts are considered to be amongst the world's greatest engineering feats. Thence the ship proceeds via the Pedro Miguel and Miraflores Locks back to sea level, and out of the canal to Panama City, where the ship may call.

If a call is made at Panama City, it is worthwhile to make a trip to the ruins of Old Panama, which was destroyed by buccaneers in 1671. Here is the ruined cathedral from which the giant gold altar was carried into the jungle by the monks, and which now is the treasured possession of the Panama Cathedral. Panama City,

as with all cities bordering the Canal Zone, has become Americanised. Native bazaars are just around the corner from American-style department stores, and modern motor-cars mix with primitive forms of Indian transport.

This journey of 50 miles from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean is a truly wonderful experience. The ship is raised from sea level by locks and passes through a mountain range, and then is lowered again to sea level. This canal is a monument to man's capacity in overcoming Nature's barriers.

D. R. Ferguson, Form IVa

THE GHOST TOWN

The winding road runs down the vale
And o'er the bridge which crosses the stream,
With shallow pools, both cool and pale,
Where idly swim the roach and bream.
Poplars and gums shadow the road
As it nears a musty old ghost town,
Where once large traces of gold had showed,
And many a man had worked on the down.

The town still nestles into the ridge,
But now lies quiet and still.
No sounds of footsteps on the bridge,
No figures by the mill.
The houses are bare and full of dust,
And the streets are old and unkept.
The "blackie's" shop is a heap of rust
As from the town its life has crept.

R. M. Jones, Form VI

MOLESWORTH AT HUTCHINS?

The following passage, entitled by its anonymous author simply "Essay," was presented in all good faith to a master of the Middle School as an imposition. We considered it to have a distinctly Custardian flavour, and therefore present it for your inspection.—Eds.

ESSAY

AS I sit medertating inand out of essays it vagly enter my mind that I had one to do for Mr. ———. For pasing an impolit remark about a window, whether the window minded or not is bisid the the point it still go me an essay to do on talking in school so far I have been able to shovel on and got half a page or so done on this morbid subject. However to get to the point calling out in class get has advantages and disadvantage for if the master is in a dais or comor which some of them often fall fowl of a shout often makes them snap out of their dais and come round. But siting a whole period through a whole period is without doing somthing to break the morotony. But if a habite is made of it a master starts to unfare advantages and gives detentions or some rediculas punishment which a waist of time in most kases.

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SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1956

Captain of the Junior School: L. Batchelor

House Captains:

Hay: B. A. H. Palfreyman
Montgomery: A. C. Brooker
Nixon: J. R. Brammall

House Vice-Captains:

Hay: L. Batchelor
Montgomery: G. B. Wight
Nixon: P. C. Salmon

Games Captains:

Cricket: B. A. H. Palfreyman
Football: B. A. H. Palfreyman
Swimming: R. P. Long

Form Captains:

Prep. VIv: L. Batchelor
Prep. VIIm: A. J. R. Hodgson
Prep. V: T. J. Fricke
Prep. IV: A. R. Vincent
Prep. III: A. W. Alexander

Clubs:

Art: J. R. Brammall.
Chess: G. B. Wight
Stamps: R. A. Russell
Coins: R. R. Norman
Photography: A. J. R. Hodgson

Traffic Control: J. R. Brammall

VISITORS

DURING this half of the year we have been privileged to have some most welcome and enjoyable visitors.

Mr. Ian Johnson, captain of the Australian XI, spoke to the School and greatly amused us with "Big Cricket" anecdotes.

Sister Rachael Joseph, from Travancore, India, spoke on a variety of subjects, including the coming of Christianity to India. She was most interesting, and we enjoyed her song in her native tongue.

On Anzac Day we joined the Senior School Assembly to hear Brigadier Molloy give the Anzac address.

We were also fortunate to attend Senior School Assembly to hear Mr. Dedman, who spoke on the work of the World Council of Churches, and how displaced persons from Europe are assisted in migrating to other lands.

Mr. Beamish addressed the boys on Road Safety and, as usual, we gained from him many useful hints.

EXCURSIONS

We have had three enjoyable outings during the half-year. One was to New Norfolk to see the hop and apple industries. The others were to the Tasmanian Government Printery and to the aircraft carrier, H.M.A.S. "Sydney." All these outings were most instructive. We offer to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Warner, of "Valleyfield," New Norfolk, our warmest thanks for their kindness and hospitality when we visited their magnificent property. We also thank Mr. Shea for making possible our visit to the Printery. More boys will be taking advantage of this visit during the rest of the year.

ACTIVITIES

It is again pleasing to see boys so interested in out-of-school activities. We commend those boys in the various clubs who have occupied spare moments so

profitably. The Art Club deserves special mention for its newspaper, which "came out" about mid-term and was most appreciated by all for its good layout, breezy articles and good drawings.

Next year, when we are in our new Junior School, boys will have an opportunity of activities of such a nature that will benefit their School—activities like gardening, beautifying areas of the School grounds, and ground clearing. We're sure to look forward to this.

HOUSE SYSTEM

We are pleased that School work is going to be counted in our Cock-House points. A system of fortnightly tests has been started, and boys may gain points for good work and lose points for slackness. Our Cock-House Shield points now are counted for Cricket, Football, Tennis, Swimming, Athletics and School Work.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

FAIRY PENGUINS

One evening last summer at Clifton Beach I went along to the cliffs to see the penguins coming in from the sea. When I had waited there for about a quarter of an hour, I saw something moving near the water's edge, and there they were—six of them—walking up the beach. They were about twelve inches high and walked in single file.

When they were about five yards away I got up to have a closer look at them. As soon as they started waddling up the cliff track I followed them and watched them feed their young. They do this by opening their mouths and the baby penguins put their heads in and eat the food which is inside. As soon as I walked nearer them they ran into their burrows.

I walked home that night very pleased to have seen a colony of Fairy Penguins.

I. J. McArthur, Prep. VIIm

IMPROVEMENTS IN HOUSE COMPETITION

I think it is a big improvement for House points to be given for School Work as well as for Sport. Some boys never had the joy of gaining points for their House because they were just not good enough to be chosen for the various teams. Already I have noticed the boys trying to do their best so as they can gain points.

Congratulations to those who introduced this very good idea.

P. Reynolds, Prep. VIIm

SHEARING SHEEP

Shearing is the busiest time of the year on any ordinary sheep station. The work starts long before the shearers turn up. The first task is to bring the sheep in from the pastures, to convenient paddocks to graze while they wait to be shorn. Next thing you proceed to do is to set the table up for the wool-classer. A wool-classer checks the wool and places it into the right bin.

If you wish to start in good time you must rise at six o'clock.

In big sheds they have shed hands who pick up the fleeces and skirt the wool. It takes a medium shearer three minutes to shear a sheep. After two hours the shearers "knock off" for lunch and have a "smoko," or whatever the meal might be. The reason for all these breaks is that the shearers have to bend over the sheep and it gives them backache. "Knock off" time is half-past five.

Shearing takes about three weeks, depending on the weather. If it looks like rain the shepherds endeavour to drive the sheep under shelter before it falls, because you cannot shear wet sheep.

After the sheep are shorn they are put in the branding pens. When there are sufficient shorn sheep in the pen, the sheep are branded and marked according to their age, and turned out for another year.

When there is enough wool in each bin, that bin is pressed into bales, according to the type of wool. Each bale weighs about three hundred pounds. It is then carted with other bales to the wool store.

One-year-old sheep called "hoggets" cut the best wool. A good adult sheep cuts about twelve pounds of wool, and even lambs cut about two or three pounds.

When shearing is finished and the bales of wool are carted to the store, the grazier's harvest is over for the year and it is time to worry about the Christmas dinner and the Income Tax.

C. Burbury, Prep. VI m

SUB-PRIMARY NOTES

Our school year started with a happy reunion for some and a new experience for others. To add to our pleasures two new climbing units, the gift of our Parents and Friends' Association, had been erected and we now have appropriate units for all ages. It is a happy sight to see the excited faces of little ones as well as big when they have reached "the top."

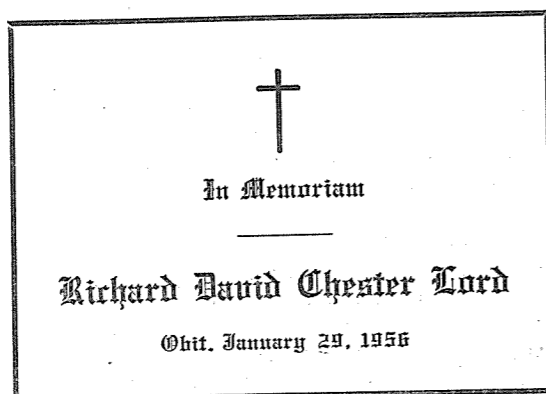
Through the activities of our Parents, the Library is up-to-date and in good repair, for which we thank them.

Last term the Association had a successful card evening at the "Big School," which helped to augment their funds for School purposes.

Since the beginning of this wet and cold term hot soup is being served, to those who wish for it, at lunch time.

Owing to continuous rain and bleak days we have added to our indoor equipment, which has proved most successful.

As in other years, our Kindergarten group is one of the most interesting. The children have a happy time, and free expression is encouraged generally. These early years of association with schoolmates make a grand foundation for the comradeship of later years.



THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

President: Mr. E. M. Lilley

Vice-Presidents: Mr. A. P. Brammall and Mr. J. H. Clennett

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. E. R. Henry

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. L. N. Partington

Fair Organiser: Mrs. J. Limb

Executive Committee: Mesdames A. S. Perry, J. F. Young, J. Limb, D. G. Salter, R. A. Rowe, Rev. A. G. Reynolds, Messrs. R. A. Terry, H. Edwards, A. J. Salter, R. B. Anderson, N. B. Davis, J. T. Martin.

Sub-Primary Representatives: Mesdames F. G. Carter and J. Whelan

Ex Officio: The Headmaster and Mrs. W. H. Mason-Cox

Convener of Social Committee: Mrs. Batchelor

THE Association held its first At Home in the School Hall on the eve of the beginning of the second term. Our thanks go to Mrs. Batchelor and the ladies of the Social Committee for organising what turned out to be a big success. We hope that this will become an annual event as it is a most suitable opportunity to bring the out-of-town parents into closer touch with the activities of the Association.

The School Fair, again organised by Mrs. J. Limb, will be held as usual on the last day of second term.

As we had a small surplus of money in hand to start the year, £100 was made available for the purchasing of steel chairs for the School Hall. We hope that from the proceeds of the 1956 Fair we will be able to make a substantial contribution to the furnishing of the new Junior School at Sandy Bay.

V. P.

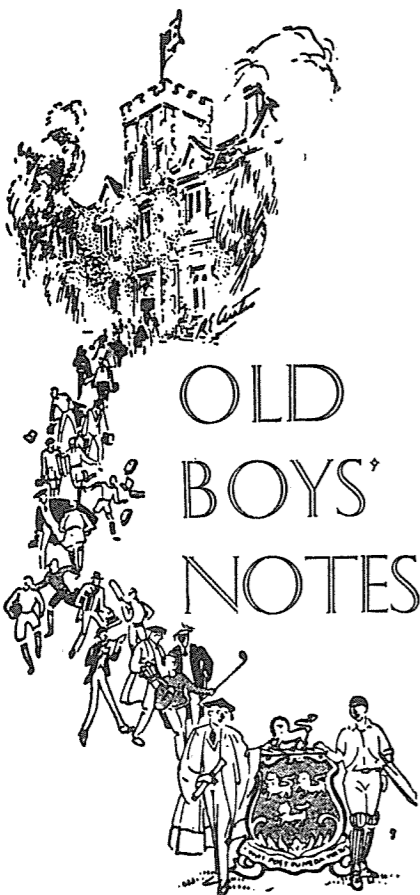
WAR MEMORIAL FUND

The following donations are acknowledged with thanks (period 1/12/55 to 30/6/56):

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	17,676	8	11
Neale Edwards Pty. Ltd.	250	0	0
C.I.G. Tasmania	3	3	0
L. J. Ikin	2	2	0
A. T. Crick	5	5	0
M. W. Perkins	10	10	0
Dr. W. W. Wilson	50	0	0
A. W. and M. H. Hargreaves	54	12	0
N. M. Thomas	2	0	0
	<u>£18,054</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>

FORTHCOMING FUNCTIONS

- August—
3—110th Anniversary Celebrations.
- September—
8—Annual Reunion
- October—
23—Annual "At Home."
- December—
4—Past v. Present Cricket.
7—Luncheon.



OLD BOYS' NOTES

BALL

The 1957 Ball is to be held on Friday, April 26. His Excellency the Governor is to be asked whether he can attend, and if he will be prepared to receive debutantes. Further advice will be given in the December issue of this Magazine.

TIES

A further issue of Old Boys' Ties is to hand and may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

Old Boys' Badges and Blazer Pockets are also obtainable from the Secretary.

AROUND THE BRANCHES

At the time of going to press two Branch Reunions have been attended by the Headmaster and Association officials. When this Magazine is ready for circulation, Branch Reunions will have been held by Huon, Derwent Valley, Northern and North-Western. These reports will appear in the next issue of the Magazine, as will that of the Reunion in Hobart.

A suggestion has been made that Branch Presidents should be given the opportunity of returning visits of officials from Headquarters. It is hoped that a convenient date can be arranged in the next month or so. A visit of Branch Presidents will enable closer contact to be maintained between the parent body and its offspring.

Victorian Branch.—Mr. G. E. Hodgson, representing the President (Mr. A. P. Brammall), the Headmaster and the Association Secretary were the guests of the Victorian Branch at the Public Schools' Club in Melbourne. The film of School Activities was shown to members and created much interest, whilst the Headmaster's report on the School was received most enthusiastically.

Officers elected were: President, Arthur R. Scott; Vice-Presidents, Rex Leader, Jack Conway; Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, Stan. Hodgson; Committee, Geoff. Colman, B. S. ("Grafty") Gray, R. A. (Bob) Scott, Mike Courtney, Michael Hodgson, Allan Gilchrist, J. B. ("Bush") Jackson, Barry Edwards.

Among those present were Roy Gray (1914), Noel Hickman (1921), Hal Vincent (1924), Graeme Tudor (1926), Geoff. Colman (1936), R. A. Scott (1922), Dave Tudor (1923), J. B. Jackson (1922), Neil Thomas (1934), Eric Shoobridge (1918), Chris. Dehle (1908), A. R. Scott (1910), Terence Crisp (1914), Jack Collier (1935), J. S. Conway (1931), Jack Harrison (1912), Ron. Watson (—), Neil Watson (—), G. S. Gray (1932), Dave Denholm (1952), Barry Edwards (1937), V. Chen (1944), O. L. Lade (1934), Stan. Hodgson (1935), Rex Reader (1913), Mike Hodgson (1942), A. W. Hargraves (1896), George Hodgson (1921), Ray Vincent (1923), the Headmaster (W. H. Mason-Cox), L. B. ("Buckhurst") West (1912), Allan Gilchrist (1922), John Marsden (1929), Pat Moloney (—).

Apologies were numerous and included J. R. O. ("Jack") Harris (Old Boy and Past Headmaster), Charles Best (Past Branch President) and A. Keith Dargaville.

The oldest Boy present made his second substantial donation to the Building and Development Fund, whilst Neil Thomas donated £2, and advice was received that the Branch would be donated £20.

Secretary's Note: Years of entry are as stated by those present.

Editor's Note: According to the Nominal Roll published in the Centenary Magazine, some memories are slightly hazy!

New South Wales.—The first gathering of Old Boys since 1946 was held in Sydney on the night following the Victorian meeting. The Association Secretary represented the President, and the Headmaster attended. Whilst we have attended many enthusiastic Reunions over the past three years, there is no doubt that the New South Wales Old Boys greatly appreciated the presence of the Headmaster, and it is their desire that the Head attend each year if it is at all feasible.

Many of the Old Boys in Sydney have not been back to Hobart for twenty years or more and, after feeling that they belonged to "the lost tribes of Israel," they now feel that they belong to the brotherhood of Old Boys. The Headmaster's report and the film were most enthusiastically received and the Branch considers that next year numbers will be doubled.

Officers: President, Dr. K. B. Armstrong; Vice-Presidents, Dr. A. Stafford-Crane, N. J. Kellaway, G. H. Anderson, L. Vaughan; Secretary-Treasurer, J. A. Lewis; Committee, R. G. C. K. Harris, J. C. Hudson, C. C. D. Brammall, R. G. Cruttenden, S. Darling, K. Webster.

Those present included Keith ("Jacker") Harris (1924), C. C. D. Brammall (1916), G. Hall (1911), G. H. (Bert) Anderson (1906), Kay Webster (1948), R. W. H. Peirce (1921), G. Stillwell (1943), R. G. ("Rubber") Kellaway (1918), Dr. T. F. Brown (1887), Maurice Susman (1880), W. E. Newton (1897), C. M. Newton (1927), Lyell Robertson (1915), Keith Armstrong (1914), Clayton Hudson (—), Arthur Watchorn (1922), A. Brettingham-Moore (1929), J. Brettingham-Moore (1915), Hector Calder (1910), Fred Innes (—), R. Clark (1912), J. Powell (1916), J. A. ("Lossie") Lewis (1920), Stan. Darling (1919), R. R. (Dick) Cruttenden (1924), the Headmaster and the Hon. Secretary.

Apologies were received from eighteen Old Boys.

During the evening "Cheggy" Vincent was handed £65 by Dick Cruttenden for a scholarship to be known as the David Cruttenden Memorial Scholarship. This is to be a yearly gift during the lifetime of Dick, and is to be awarded by the Headmaster, Mr. W. J. Gerlach (Tennis Master) and the Association Secretary, to the boy who shows promise at tennis and where an early year's tuition will benefit School tennis and complete the holder's education.

Secretary's Note: I would like to pay a tribute to Clayton Hudson for taking over the initial work in regard to this function, and to the organising committee.

DOWN THROUGH THE AGES

Felix St. Hill (1930), who has for some years been stationed in New Zealand, has been transferred by I.C.I.A.N.Z. Ltd. to Adelaide.

H. C. (Clyde) Smith (Queen's) was awarded the C.B.E. by Her Majesty the Queen in the New Year Honours.

Edward Butler (1940), son of Eustace G. (1915), was admitted to the Bar in January.

Geoff. Colman (1936) was a visitor from Melbourne in January.

Bruce Saunders (1941) won the Kingston Beach Golf Club Summer Cup.

Emerson Rodwell (1928) scored the first "A" grade century in the T.C.A. competition. He captained the Tasmanian XI against the Australians in March.

Prominent in Clay-Bird Shooting competitions have been **Paul** (1945) and **Sperry** (1945) **Marshall** (Commonwealth Deauville Championship) and **Robin Terry** (1941).

W. L. Rait (1917), Wing Commander, R.A.A.F., has been appointed to command the new School of Aviation Medicine at Point Cook. "Lochie" has the degrees of B.Sc. (Tas.), M.Sc. (Adelaide) and Medicine (Melbourne).

Don McKean (1929) has been selected as an Olympic official for the yachting.

K. ("Jacker") Harris (1924), Sydney, visited Hobart for a few days in February.

John P. Morris (1945) was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court by another Old Boy, Mr. Justice R. K. Green (1918).

A. T. Crick (1895) paid us a visit during February. He was one of the early Australians who joined the Royal Flying Corps, and is a well-known 6-metre helmsman in the yachting world.

Quentin McDougall (1919) is the President of the Australian Society of Accountants (Tasmanian Division).

Peter W. McCabe (1944) has been admitted to the Bar.

Doug. F. Calvert (1913) is President of the Royal Agricultural Society.

Dr. F. Philip Bowden (1915), a Fellow of the Royal Society and Reader in Physical Chemistry at the University of Cambridge, has won the Elliot Cresson Medal, and in the Birthday Honours was awarded the C.B.E. by Her Majesty the Queen.

University degrees were conferred on the following Old Boys at Commemoration on May 9 this year: Master of Arts: **J. R. J. Clark**, B.A. (Hons.); Bachelor of Arts: **J. B. Biggs**, **D. A. Burton**, LL.B., **E. G. Butler**, **J. P. Morris**; Bachelor of Economics: **D. E. Kirby**; Bachelor of Laws: **E. G. Butler**, **P. W. McCabe**, **J. P. Morris**, **R. S. J. Valentine**.

A Senior Scholarship was awarded to **J. B. Biggs**, whilst **D. E. Kirby** received an equal share of the J. B. Brigden Memorial Prize.

W. ("Tim") Jackson (1918) and **Angus Bethune** (1919) have been elected Leader and Deputy-Leader respectively of the Liberal Party in the State Parliament.

It is with regret that we record the death in Melbourne of **Mr. W. P. Dobson** (1876, No. 845) so shortly after his visit last December. As he was the oldest living Old Boy at the time of his passing, the mantle now falls on **Mr. A. A. Reid**, of Hobart (1876, No. 847).

ACTIVITIES

MARCH

Cricket.—We won the Southern Old Scholars' Association premiership and defeated Old Launcestonians in the annual match (refer to Sports Clubs).

APRIL

Golf.—The annual match was played against Old Launcestonians, by courtesy of the home club at Oatlands. The President and Secretary attended. It was the best match yet and resulted in a tie, five matches all. Tom Bastick, the hero, won the final match at the 21st hole to square the match. Next year it is hoped to have 15 pairs a side. Our thanks are due to Allan Murdoch for acting as match manager, and the ladies for catering.

Ball.—This was held on the last Friday in April and was another successful and most enjoyable function. Our thanks are due to the Ladies' Committees who worked so hard to make this function a success.

MAY

Luncheon.—Curried scallops formed the main course for eighty Old Boys, who received the report on the Mainland Reunions most enthusiastically. Thank you, ladies, for catering.

Reunions.—Victorian and New South Wales Branches (refer to "Around the Branches").

JUNE

Football.—Refer to Club notes.

Reunion.—Derwent Valley Branch: Report in the next issue of the Magazine.

JULY

Reunions.—Huon, Northern and North-West Branches: Refer to the next issue of the Magazine.

SPORTS CLUBS

CRICKET

A successful season was "clinched" by our team defeating Friends in the grand final by three runs on the first innings. As the winning hit was a boundary, it can be understood that we had nothing to spare. This success gave us our third successive premiership.

A new third-wicket partnership record was created by T. Treweek and R. Wilson-Haffenden (117), whilst Wilson-Haffenden and E. Creese smashed the fifth-wicket partnership record with new figures of 76.

The Committee of the Club desires to express its appreciation to the Headmaster for the use of ovals.

George McKay, the School cricket coach, is being recommended to the next Annual General Meeting of the Club for election to Life Membership.

Trophy winners for the season were: John Mullen Memorial, M. S. Bull; Most Outstanding Performances, W. H. Mason-Cox, M. S. Bull and N. Johnston; Best Fieldsman, N. Johnston.

The date of the Annual General Meeting for the forthcoming season has not been decided, but will be in September. If you are interested in playing, contact the Association Secretary.

Results:

Round 1

St. Virgil's forfeited to Hutchins.

Friends, 96 (R. Rogers 34, Nicholas 17, Creese 2/19, Johnston 4/28, Strutt 3/9) and 118 (Nicholas 36, J. Tanner 28, J. Thorp 19, Bull 2/19, Strutt 1/19, Creese 3/36, Johnston 4/38), lost to Hutchins, 236 (Trewweek 67, Wilson-Haffenden 82, Clennett 20, Wolfhagen 3/37, R. Thorp 2/41, Tanner 2/52), by an innings and 22 runs. Our first game on the Memorial Oval. Hutchins passed Friends' first innings score with the loss of only two wickets. A new third-wicket partnership of 117 was established.

Hutchins, 148 (Wilson-Haffenden 19, Creese 75, Stanley 5/51, Chadwick 2/26, Brown 2/26), defeated Ogilvenians, 28 (Pacey 21 n.o., Bull 2/12, Creese 3/11) and 20 (Bull 2/3, Johnston 2/6), by an innings and 100 runs. Played on St. Virgil's ground. We were 3/12, and the match was completed in one session.

Round 2

Hutchins, 4/214 declared (Trewweek 69, Bull 57, Creese 40, Clennett 22, Smart 3/32), defeated St. Virgil's, 75 (Taylor 13, Bull 2/17, Strutt 3/18, Creese 2/20, Johnston 3/12) and 64 (Smart 20, Bull 2/6, Strutt 1/9, Creese 4/25, Johnston 3/20), by an innings and 78 runs. This was an all-day game. The first-wicket partnership realised 114 runs, from which Saints never recovered.

Friends, 104 (Turner 23, Taylor 17, B. Rogers 22, Bull 1/9, Creese 2/31, Mason-Cox 2/6, Johnston 1/17, Strutt 3/23) and 49 (J. Brown 28, Bull 7/9, Creese 1/16, Mason-Cox 1/9), defeated Hutchins, 27 (Wolfhagen 3/14, B. Rogers 2/1), by 77 runs on the first innings. Played at St. Virgil's, and we gave one of the weakest batting exhibitions for years. The opposition bowlers got on top and stayed there. Bull's 7/9 off 7 overs was the only redeeming feature of the game from our angle.

The Ogilvenians match was washed out on account of rain on both days.

Round 3

Hutchins, 136 (Mason-Cox 50, Bentham 23, Strutt 1/15, Grubb 2/44, Howard 2/31, Taylor 3/27, Fulton 2/13) and 7/79 decl. (Bull 36, Howard 2/38, Fulton 2/21), defeated St. Virgil's, 100 (Taylor 19, Grubb 21 n.o., Bull 5/18, Johnston 3/11, Strutt 1/24, Creese 1/25) and 40 (Bull 1/19, Mason-Cox 5/7), outright by 75 runs. The team made a good recovery from 5/46. Mason-Cox took the bowling honours with 8 wickets for 7.

Friends, 35 (Bull 5/12, Mason-Cox 4/20) and 0/0, lost to Hutchins, 9/153 declared (Wilson-Haffenden 26, Mason-Cox 42, Gibson 29 n.o., Johnston 15, J. Thorp 4/33, B. Rogers 3/22). This was probably the most important game of the season. We were in a handy position for forcing an outright win when, after five balls on the second day, it commenced to rain and there was no further play. The match was played on the Memorial Oval, the main features of the first day's play being the excellent bowling of Bull and Mason-Cox, which prevented Friends from settling down, our excellent fielding, and batting recovery after being 3/27.

Hutchins, 4/185 declared (Bull 24, Robertson 55, Wilson-Haffenden 29 n.o., Trewweek 23, Mason-Cox 19 n.o., Prero 3/51), defeated Ogilvenians, 40 (Bull 2/15, Mason-Cox 7/22) and 4/55 (McVilly 19), by 145 runs on the first innings. Rain washed out play on the first day.

With two points separating Hutchins and Friends, it was necessary to play a final for the premiership.

Final

Friends, 136 (R. Thorp 47, B. Rogers 34, Bull 4/50, Mason-Cox 4/32, Johnston 5/15) and 7/138 declared (M. Rogers 32, Turner 22, Eddington 24 n.o., B. Rogers 27, Bull 2/52, Mason-Cox 5/53), lost to Hutchins, 139 (Wilson-Haffenden 33, Creese 44, J. Thorp 4/21, Wolfhagen 6/62) and 5/89 (Bentham 56 n.o., J. Thorp 2/14, Eddington

2/1). Friends were 7/52, but the eighth-wicket partnership put on 80 runs, and after being 3/14 ourselves, we ended play on the first day with four wickets in hand and requiring 16 runs to win. On resumption of play on the second day we lost three wickets in two overs for three runs, then Strutt and Tunbridge held on until a glance to the fine leg fence gave Tunbridge four runs and put us ahead by three runs. Friends went for the outright win but we broke evens.

In a match against the School, Bentham saved us from a defeat by scoring 63 runs out of our 95. The School had made 43 and knocked up 7/82 in their second innings.

The annual fixture against Old Launcestonians was played in Launceston. We put

the O.L.A. team in on a drying pitch. It was a most enjoyable day, Old Launcestonians conceding us a ten-wicket victory as we required only five runs with time to play one over. Details: Old Launcestonians, 26 (Bull 4/15, Mason-Cox 3/8, Strutt 2/1, Creese 1/1) and 109 (Bull 2/16, Mason-Cox 6/33, Strutt 1/18, Creese 1/31), lost to Hutchins, 131 (Bull 47, Gibson 21 n.o., Tinning 21, Meredith 3/36, Chugg 7/40). At the conclusion of the match both sides foregathered and were suitably entertained by the President and Committee members of our Northern Branch and the O.L.A. cricket team. It was most gratifying to see Northern Old Boys, including Branch officers, out at the game at Grammar.

FOOTBALL

At the time of compiling these notes half the season has been completed and there is a break in the roster for the 6th Australian Amateur Football Carnival. Andy Hay, Dave Harvey, Graeme Tinning and Jim Vautin gained selection in the State side, whilst Ray Vincent, an A.A.F.C. Delegate, organised what was a highly successful carnival, for the Tasmanian Amateur Football League on behalf of the A.A.F.C.

At the Annual Meeting in March, the President reported that Jack Rogers had again accepted the office of Coach, whilst Jim Morgan had agreed to look after the injuries. The election of officers resulted: Patrons, The President of the H.S.O.B.A. and the Headmaster; President, R. M. Swan; Vice-Presidents, M. S. Bull and R. J. S. McIntyre; Hon. Secretary, A. W. Graves; Hon. Assistant Secretary, R. W. Vincent; Committee, J. R. Clennett, the late J. C. Tinning, A. G. Turner, G. W. Renney (Captain), A. J. Hay (Vice-Captain), D. J. Harvey (Players' Representative); Auditor, T. A. Wise. The financial statement showed credit balances to the amount of £59/11/10.

Results:

Round 1

Lost to Lindisfarne, 7.10 (52) to 11.12 (78); defeated University, 10.17 (77) to 5.14 (44); defeated O.H.A., 8.14 (62) to 7.13 (55); defeated Friends, 10.12 (72) to 9.14 (68); defeated Claremont, 10.12 (72) to 9.5 (59); defeated St. Virgil's, 7.5 (49) to 4.9 (33); defeated City, 8.9 (57) to 6.7 (43);

defeated Hydro, 5.16 (46) to 6.2 (38); lost to Ogilvenians, 3.12 (30) to 7.16 (58).

Round 2

Refer to Friday's "Mercury" for ground and time of start. Most games are played at the Memorial Oval. Results appear in Monday's "Mercury."

HUTCHINS OLD BOYS' MASONIC LODGE

Attendances at the monthly meetings of the Hutchins Old Boys' Masonic Lodge, which rose sharply last year, have been fully maintained. Old Boys of the School who belong to other Lodges occasionally join this Lodge by affiliation, and in this regard any Old Boys who are Masons and who would like to associate more closely with their former schoolmates in the Masonic sphere are invited to get in touch with the Lodge with a view to affiliation. The present Master of the Lodge (Wor. Bro. N. R. Wilson) has nearly completed his year of office, and Bro. J. D. Moir has been elected to succeed him in the chair. Practical interest is shown in

School activities, such as the Annual Fair (at which the Lodge conducts the Jumble Stall), the Ball, and Speech Night. Financial support has been rendered to the School Building and Development Project. Visits are exchanged with the two daughter Lodges—Old Grammarians (comprising Old Boys of the Launceston Church Grammar School) and Old Hobartian (Old Boys of State secondary schools)—and both the Craft and social sides of these meetings afford great pleasure to all concerned. Special arrangements are made for an annual Christmas meeting of the Lodge, when the conviviality following the more serious proceedings is greatly enjoyed. In June, Brethren and their lady folk had a delightful evening at an "At Home." The Wor. Master thanked Wor. Bro. Terry Cooper and Mrs. Cooper for their kindness in making their charming home available for the occasion. The children at the Clarendon Home were accorded their annual outing as guests of the Lodge in February, when they were taken to the airport at Cambridge to see the big airliners, and then to morning tea at the Botanical Gardens.

HUTCHINS SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1955-56

Payments			Receipts		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Functions—			Subscriptions—		
Sub-Primary	2	3 4	Annual	218	5 0
School Dance	8	8 9	Life Members written off	65	0 0
Advertising	3	17 0	Interest	11	14 7
Postage and Telegrams	53	5 7	Interest on Loan to be Notified	20	0 0
Printing and Stationery, etc.	56	14 5	Donations	0	6 0
Telephone	28	4 2			
Sundries	3	3 6			
Depreciation	5	0 0			
School Board	20	0 0			
Profit to Income and Expenditure A/c.	134	8 10			
	<u>£315</u>	<u>5 7</u>		<u>£315</u>	<u>5 7</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended June 30, 1956

Expenditure			Income		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Back-to-School Function	40	16 5	Sports—		
	<u>£40</u>	<u>16 5</u>	Football	0	14 10
			Tennis	0	8 0
			Cricket	0	6 10
			Shooting	1	0 0
			Table Tennis	1	0 0
			Golf	2	6 6
			Magazines	34	0 6
			Functions—		
			Luncheons	6	2 2
			At Home	0	8 4
			Reunion	5	13 9
			Ball	113	15 8
Surplus—Income over Expenditure	269	10 6	Badge and Tie Account	10	1 6
	<u>£310</u>	<u>6 11</u>	Working Account	134	8 10
				<u>£310</u>	<u>6 11</u>

BALANCE SHEET as at June 30, 1956

Liabilities			Assets		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Subscriptions—			Cash at Bank	307	13 5
Life Members	1,226	0 0	Loans—		
Paid in Advance	14	0 0	Scholarship	1,115	18 11
Magazines in Advance	37	0 0	Life Members	500	0 0
Scholarship Fund	1,115	18 11	Debentures	250	0 0
			Stock on Hand	57	0 6
			Glassware, less Depreciation	22	0 0
			Addressograph	29	0 0
			Accumulated Fund, 1st		
			July	£380	16 7
			Less Surplus	269	10 6
				111	6 1
	<u>£2,392</u>	<u>18 11</u>		<u>£2,392</u>	<u>18 11</u>

F. J. E. JOHNSON, Hon. Treasurer

R. W. VINCENT, Hon. Secretary

OBITUARY

It is with regret that we record the passing of the following Old Boys:

- Bowden, W. A. (1917), 2210.
- Dobson, W. P. (1876), 845.
- Dowdell, D. L. (1884), 1102.
- Morris, J. McG. (1919), 2348.
- Rees, L. N. (Queen's).
- Rodway, F. A. (1890), 1343.
- Swan, M. H. (1890), 1347.
- Wood, A. D. (1903), 1645.

ENGAGEMENTS

- Black, Hugh, to Miss Margaret Allen.
- Bull, Maxwell S., to Miss Althea M. Hean.
- Cranswick, Peter R., to Miss Doris A. McIntyre.
- Crowther, Dr. W. E. L., to Miss E. R. Tann.
- Hadlow, Peter G., to Miss Gwenda Clennett.
- Hicks, Richard J., to Miss Moonen M. Tunks.
- Hughes, K. J., to Miss P. M. McLachlan.
- Muir, Dr. John D. H., to Sister Helen M. Manning.
- Reid, A. L., to Miss M. Donaldson.
- Shaw, Edward C., to Margaret D. Elliott.
- Shepherd, Denis U., to Miss Dorothy J. Kirk.

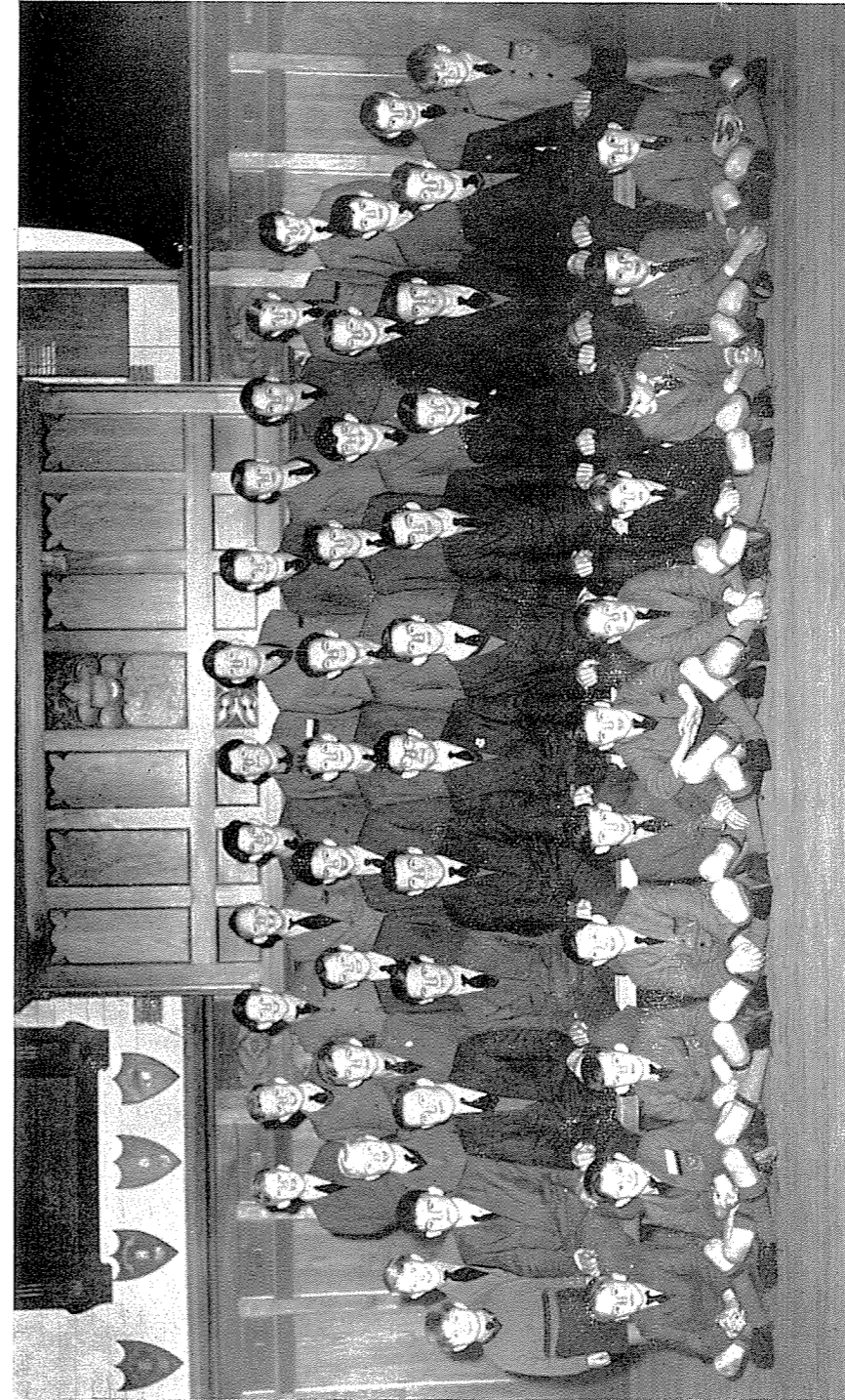
MARRIAGES

- Carter, James, to Miss Elaine Stuart.
- Foster, Noel B., to Miss A. Balon.
- Hay, Andrew J., to Miss Elizabeth Hean.
- Johnson, Dr. Bruce, to Miss Noel Smith.
- Knight, Cyril H. E., to Miss Kathleen A. Knight.
- Marshall, Graeme, to Dr. Ailsa Young.
- Millington, David J., to Miss Natalie Taylor.
- McIntosh, Ian R., to Miss S. M. Oxley.
- McLaren, Alex. C., to Miss Netta Thompson.
- Parkes, Dr. Tony, to Miss Rowena McGhie.
- Pearson, Chester R., to Miss Judith M. Mortyn.
- Spinner, R. E., to Miss Eileen Mann.
- Stean, David, to Miss Adrienne Hadden.
- Wolfhagen, N., to Miss D. Graves.

BIRTHS

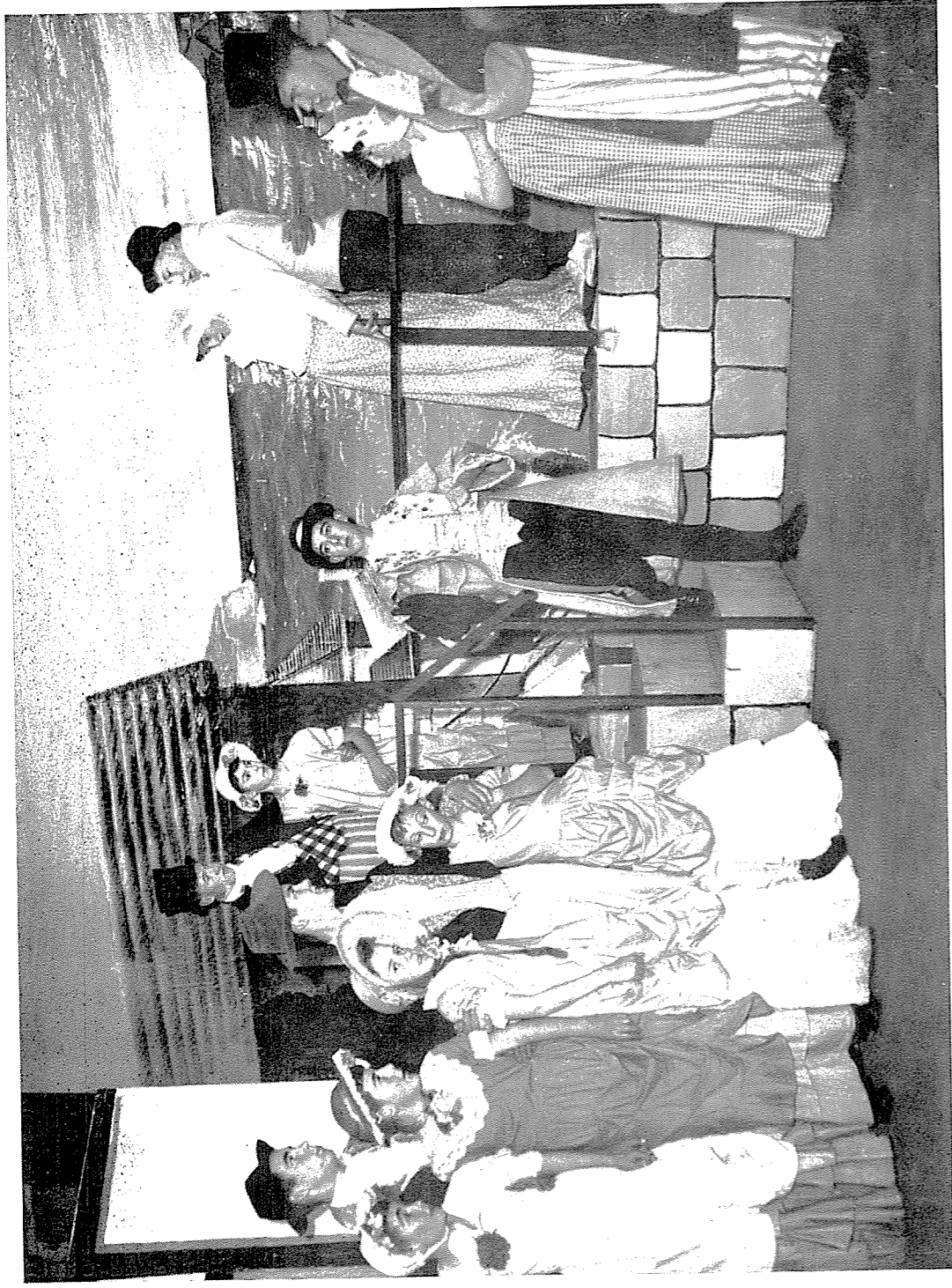
- Allen—Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Allen: a son.
- Bennetto—Mr. and Mrs. J. Bennetto: a daughter.

- Black—Mr. and Mrs. R. Black: a daughter.
- Blacklow—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blacklow: a son.
- Bovill—Mr. and Mrs. John Bovill: a son.
- Crawford—Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Crawford: a daughter.
- Calvert—Mr. and Mrs. Hedley Calvert: a daughter.
- Clark—Mrs. and Mrs. D. Clark: a daughter.
- Dargaville—Dr. and Mrs. D. K. Dargaville: a daughter.
- Duncan—Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Duncan: a daughter.
- Edwards—Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Edwards: a son.
- Geeves—Mr. and Mrs. Wally Geeves: a son.
- Gibson—Dr. and Mrs. David Gibson: a son.
- Golding—Mr. and Mrs. J. Golding: a son.
- Hadden-Cave—Mr. and Mrs. P. Hadden-Cave: a son.
- Hale—Mr. and Mrs. H. M. D. Hale: a daughter.
- Hamilton—Mr. and Mrs. Barry Hamilton: a son.
- Harvey—Mr. and Mrs. Alan Harvey: a daughter.
- Heathorn—Mr. and Mrs. M. Heathorn: a daughter.
- Johnson—Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Johnson: a son.
- McKean—Mr. and Mrs. Doug. McKean: a daughter.
- Mace—Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Mace: a son.
- Nichols—Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Nichols: a son.
- Orbell—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Orbell: a daughter.
- Park—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Park: a daughter.
- Parsons—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Parsons: a son.
- Rattenbury—Mr. and Mrs. Ron. Rattenbury: a son.
- Reeve—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reeve: a son.
- Sansom—Mr. and Mrs. Geoff. Sansom: a daughter.
- Saunders—Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Saunders: a son.
- Steele—Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Steele: a son.
- St. Hill—Mr. and Mrs. K. St. Hill: a daughter.
- Strutt—Mr. and Mrs. John Strutt: a son.
- Tanner—Mr. and Mrs. P. Tanner: a son.
- Tunbridge—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tunbridge: a son.
- Valentine—Mr. and Mrs. R. J. S. Valentine: a daughter.
- Wilson—Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson: a son.
- Wood—Dr. and Mrs. I. H. Wood: a son.



Grandsons and Great-Grandsons

Back row: G. T. C. Chapman (great-grandson of G. C. Nicholas, 1863), W. J. Murdoch (grandson of L. H. Murdoch, 1889), J. C. Miller (grandson of A. J. Miller, 1881), G. D. Cook (grandson of G. Cook, 1885), P. W. Bowden (grandson of H. G. Anderson, 1898), P. R. Shoobridge (grandson of R. W. Shoobridge, 1897), J. R. Shoobridge (grandson of R. W. Shoobridge, 1897), D. G. Read (grandson of G. H. Read, 1880), B. A. H. Palfreyman (grandson of A. Palfreyman, 1851), W. B. Headlam (great-grandson of A. Headlam, 1890), J. B. Davies (grandson of G. B. Davies, 1893), J. R. Brammell (great-grandson of C. J. Brammell, 1851), Middle row: M. R. Bethune (great-grandson of J. Nicholas, 1863), I. R. Chastman (grandson of E. R. Burgess, 1900), T. N. Ferry (great-grandson of W. C. Blyth, 1847), R. W. L. Turner (great-grandson of Frederick Mace, 1856), G. P. Chapman (great-grandson of F. W. Reynolds, 1889), C. J. S. Hamilton (great-grandson of J. Hamilton, 1849), J. W. Burton (grandson of J. W. Burton, 1901), R. A. Munro (grandson of F. W. Reynolds, 1889), C. J. S. Brammell (great-grandson of C. J. Brammell, 1855), P. J. Williams (grandson of M. L. Williams, 1895), W. E. Burton (grandson of W. Burton, 1901), J. I. Clark (great-grandson of C. J. Maxwell, 1861), J. I. Grant (grandson of G. Grant, 1887), J. M. Munro (grandson of F. W. Reynolds, 1881), D. C. P. Brammell (great-grandson of C. J. Brammell, 1855), J. G. P. Overell (grandson of R. H. Overell, 1891), L. S. Miller (great-grandson of H. A. E. Westbrock, 1872), R. C. R. Gray (great-grandson of H. E. Risby, 1892), C. R. R. Rex (great-grandson of R. K. Rex, 1852), G. J. Wilkinson (grandson of A. E. Boyes, 1907), G. J. Hood (grandson of C. N. Atkins, 1897), G. C. Allen (great-grandson of I. E. Self, 1861), D. I. Grant (grandson of F. G. Grant, 1887), A. R. Vincent (great-grandson of M. W. Perkins, 1852), C. D. R. Reynolds (grandson of H. R. Reynolds, 1890), J. M. Saville (grandson of W. G. Allen, 1898), S. K. Palfreyman (—), A. E. Risby (grandson of R. J. Anderson, 1892), G. Millar (grandson of L. W. Cooley, 1896), L. D. Rex (great-grandson of R. R. Rex, 1872), R. W. Loney (grandson of S. R. Crick, 1895), T. Giblin (grandson of W. W. Giblin, 1888), L. J. W. Cooley, 1896), L. D. Rex (great-grandson of W. C. Blyth, 1847), M. W. Hutchins (grandson of W. Hutchins, 1903), R. Johnson (grandson of R. V. Johnson, 1890), D. E. Bennison (great-grandson of T. Bennison, 1849), M. A. Warner (grandson of H. A. Warner, 1897), D. P. Fitzgerald (grandson of D. Fitzgerald, 1895), D. A. White (grandson of A. J. Miller, 1881), S. P. Clennett (great-grandson of R. Harris, 1850), N. B.—R. James and L. D. Rex, great-grand-grandsons.



"Ruddigore": Entry of Sir Despard Murgatroyd