THE BURR

The School Directory

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This issue of "The Burr" has been published after great difficulties, mainly financial, which, at one stage, made it appear certain that it would not be published at all. The fact that it has appeared has been mainly due to the enthusiasm, energy and determination of the school captains with the assistance of some of their prefect colleagues.

By a personal canvass of business houses for the donation of blocks and the printing of pages, and of students with regard to sales, and by obtaining more practicable quotations from the printers, they were able to make out a financial statement that justified our going on with the publication. This may not seem much when set down in cold print, but it entailed considerable time, organisation and persuasive eloquence.

There is no doubt that a school magazine can play a very important part in the development of school spirit. Perhaps the seniors feel this spirit and appreciate its importance more than the juniors, because they are older and have been longer in the school. But even the youngsters will find interest and pride in recalling, both at the end of the year and even many years later, the triumphs, the outstanding events, the heroes of this particular year. If he has been fortunate, he may even find his own name or something in which he has had a part recorded. There may even be someone who will look back with interest on the names of the Staff. Whatever it is that makes you realise that you are one of a "goodly company" is helping to build up a spirit that will be good for you and good for the school.

If you have this feeling, you should be determined to follow the leadership that has been given to you. Your Captains have at all times in their many activities set you a fine example. In this matter they have shown you the importance of the twin virtues of self-reliance and service, of taking some responsibility on yourself and doing what you can to help your school and your fellows. You will not get the opportunity to do things that will win notice and praise, but you will find around you every day in school, in the playground, on the sporting field, chances to make your school better, if you look for them.

If, then, this paper and the circumstances of its publication make you realise that you attend a good school, one worthy of your pride and affection, and further that it is worthwhile doing something for it and your colleagues even at inconvenience to yourself, you will be well on the way to justifying the confidence that your Captains, in their farewell message on another page, have expressed in you.

**SCHOOL CAPTAINS 1949**

ARTHUR BAILLIE

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"Farewell!"—School Captains

With feelings of great regret we say "Farewell" to the Bathurst High School. Each year we have found added pleasure in being members of the School and now, as we have come to our final year, we realise just how much the School has meant to us. We have been proud to be captains of a school with such fine traditions and a record of such notable achievements.

We would like to express our grateful appreciation to all who have assisted us in any way during the year. Especially are our thanks due to the Headmaster, Mr. Thomas, and every member of the staff. In particular we would mention Mr. Easton, who, as Prefect Master, has been to us a source of practical assistance and helpful advice. We sincerely thank our fellow Prefects who have rallied round us during the year, giving willing assistance at all times. Thanks, too, must go to the students of the School for their co-operation and fine school spirit. We, and all of Fifth Year, feel that the future honour of the School is safe in the keeping of the fine staff and promising juniors which the School possesses.

And so, farewell to the Bathurst High School! May each boy and girl find the happiness and enjoyment of school life which our stay at the B.H.S. has brought to us.

—IVY HUTCHISON and REG LANG.
STAFF CHANGES

In the two years since our last publication many changes have occurred in the personnel of the staff.

Last year Miss Dyce left us for Dover Heights Home Science High School, Mr. Short went to Bowral, Miss Bouquet to Orange, and Miss Greig to Burwood Home Science H.S. This year Mr. Buggie was promoted to be Science Master at Wagga. Mrs. Kerr resigned to devote herself to the rigours of house-keeping, Miss Sampson was transferred to Katoomba, and, after a stay of only one year, Misses Glencorse and Pople went to Lithgow and Gunnedah respectively. Miss Keogh, the much-respected Supervisor of the girls, went on leave at the end of first term to take a trip to Europe. We wish her every happiness during her stay.

New members of the staff during 1949 were Mrs. Edmunds, Miss Turner, Mr. McCaffin and Mr. McDonald. This year we also welcomed Misses Mallick, Cowcher, Hall and Neilson, and Messrs. Rae, Johnson (an ex-student of the School), and Owens.

Somewhat belatedly, “The Burr” wishes to extend to those who have left us, its thanks for their efforts in the school and good wishes for the future; and to those who have joined us, a sincere welcome, together with the hope that our association will prove mutually pleasant and profitable.

FIFTH YEAR FAREWELL, 1949

The 4th November last year brought with it the annual farewell to Fifth Year, the preparations for which were placed in the capable hands of the Fourth Years, assisted by the ever-helpful members of the staff.

During the afternoon the School assembled on the quadrangle to witness the traditional ceremony of pinning on “goliwogs” for good luck. Farewell speeches to the Fifth Years were made by Ian Beardwood, James Hutchison, Margaret Learmonth and Ivy Hutchison on behalf of their respective years. After this came the actual “pinning” by the Fourth Year girls, and a reply by Anne Kershaw, in which she presented some books to Mr. Thomas for the School on behalf of the departing Fifth Years.

This done, the intended guests departed until the time arrived for the appetising repast in the Library, which was served for the staff and their wives, Fifth Year and Fourth Year.

The Library was beautifully adorned with streamers of the School colours and with flowers, while the beauty of the tables was augmented by the presence of place cards. The drawings, decided upon by Fourth Year, were marvellously done by Graham Ambrose. In some cases they proved quite embarrassing. For instance, one tall, dark and handsome young man, well known to all at school, was favoured, for some absurd reason, by a drawing of a climbing vine, which we later discovered was marked “Poison Ivy.” A certain young lady was amazed (?) to find at her place a realistic picture of a Scottie dog. A horse, a buggy and a strange looking bird were also featured in the amusing assortment of place cards.

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After the quantity of food had been diminished, Reg Lang rose to propose a toast to the King. Arthur Bailie and Shirl Richards replied to the toast to the departing Fifth Years, proposed by Brian Booth. Brian Johnson proposed the toast to the School, and Narelle Matthews to the Staff. Mr. Thomas and several members of the staff replied.

Much laughter ensued as the place cards were passed around the tables for inspection by all.

Time quickly passed, and everyone adjourned to the Assembly Hall to enjoy the dance about to commence.

—PAM GODDARD.

SCHOOL UNION — SUMMARY OF TREASURER’S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1949

The total expenditure, £68.12/6, exceeded the total receipts of £562.12/6 by £126. But against this deficit we carried forward a stock of metal badges and embroidered blazer pockets valued at £40, reducing the deficit to £86.

A summary of the Union Account is as follows:

Receipts: Membership fees, £213.8/9; annual prizes—donations, £9.6/; and P. and C. subsidy, £24.10/5; School socials, net receipts, £21.6/; bank interest, £1.14/1; December School plays, £24.3/3;; Astley Cup receipts, including P. and C. Subsidy, £64.8/9; sales to students, remissions and cash collected for teams transport, £203.15/1.

Payments: Purchases of sports materials, £207.12/8; printing and stationery, £15.12/2; teams transport, £44.3/6; repairs and renewals, £20.10/9; Astley Cup, £69.15/3; annual prizes, £37.4/4; cricket affiliation and batting fees, £9.15/3; portion of ‘phone calls and rent, £14.9/7; carriage, £18.13/5; printing “Burr,” 1948 edition, £121.1/8; purchases of School badges, embroidered blazer pockets, blazers and photos for re-sale to members at cost, £99.5/5; sundry small payments, per vouchers, £30.8/1.

It is pleasing to record that the loss through non-payment of membership subscriptions amounted to £45, the lowest for some years.

TEXT BOOKS

Since the publication of the last “Burr” text book stocks have improved considerably. Some departments have made advances which were overdue. In Mathematics senior students now have a serviceable variety from which to study. The introduction of several books prepared by Australian authors, who have been teachers and examiners, has resulted in sound preparation for public examinations.

To Science, also, considerable stocks have been added. Boden’s “Chemistry” is proving a useful adjunct to those texts already in use.

The History and English Department, while receiving new texts, is still insufficiently stocked. Readers have been added covering classes ranging from First to Fifth Year. Still, there is not the variety desired. In History such works as Schevill’s “A History of Europe” are being constantly used.

To the Technical and Domestic Science Departments books have been added. Every girl is equipped with the basic texts in Domestic Science.

Languages, in some respects, are quite well catered for, but there is a shortage of readers in French and German.

The cost and maintenance of stocks present a problem always demanding attention. Care is installed in a student’s mind that text books are money, and that unnecessary deterioration must result in increasing subs. To preserve present stocks and to help in the building of greater stocks students are encouraged to preserve the life of a text book in all manners possible.
While stocks in text books have improved, there is still room for large additions, in English and History particularly, which the School could carry easily.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

We offer our heartiest thanks to the P. and C. Association and the School Union for their continued financial support of the Library. Upon these two bodies the Library depends for the funds to purchase new books and to meet any small incidental expenses incurred in the day to day running of the Library.

The policy followed has been to build up a Reference Section to assist pupils in their studies and a Fiction Section for recreational reading. In the Reference Section the aim has been to provide a bibliography suitable to the various subjects of the School courses that will encourage follow up reading and individually directed study. The changing character and outlook of the syllabus in many subjects of the School course makes a fully up to date library essential, though it is difficult and expensive to obtain much of the material in book form.

The Magazine section containing current issues of such magazines as "National Geographic," "Walkabout," "Digest," "Pictorial Education," and "Hobbies Junior" serve a useful purpose in this regard.

In the Fiction Section the principle of selection is good, sound recreational reading with an enduring value in encouraging discrimination in reading.

The School response to these objectives has been good. At the lunch hour sessions our seating is more than comfortably filled, while many borrowers attend both these sessions and those after school for the exchange of books.

Since it has become established custom that all classes have Library periods in the Library with the Librarian in charge, borrowing has become increasingly heavy and organised reference work planned by the Librarian and specialised project work to fit in with the individual teacher’s class work has become a practical part of library routine.

The use being made of the Library by many of our “New Australians” has been very pleasing to record. While their reading allegiance is still largely to continental authors like Dumas and Victor Hugo, whom they know, their interest in the Australian scene in literature is very marked. Judged on their reading, many seem to be making a real effort to appreciate the English outlook in Literature, History and Inventions. The part the Library is playing in helping these new young citizens of ours to understand and appreciate the English way of life and thought is a small though not an unworthy one.

In addition to this class work individual students come for guidance and help in preparing debates, class lectures, essays, talks. In this work of individual preparation of subjects the Library offers every help by way of reading lists, subject index and the personal assistance of the Librarian.

In the success attending this part of our work the Library is fulfilling its highest purpose and becoming the Mecca of the student life of the School.

K. G. TEALE, Librarian.

THE SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

No doubt you have seen the small office at the eastern end of the lower corridor with the label on the door “Counsellor.” Perhaps most of you know in a general way what the functions of the School Counsellor are, but there are some who have little idea regarding his duties.

The Counsellor visits quite a number of schools in the Bathurst, Oberon, Blayney and Mandurama areas, but is usually present at the High School at least one day per week (generally Thursdays).

It might be pointed out that the word “Counsellor” means “Adviser,” and this summarises fairly accurately his work at the High School. Because the details concerning your Primary and Secondary School records are available to him, he already knows quite a good deal about you.

Before you have enrolled at the High School, the Counsellor has prepared lists suggesting suitable classes for you, and when you arrive at the School he tries to see that you are settled happily in such classes, and that you are able to give of your best. Any problem that you might have in the early stages of your career will receive a sympathetic hearing, and a line of action will be worked out for you. Such troubles might be weakness in a particular subject, difficulties regarding home study, examination troubles and incorrect courses.

Throughout your stay at the High School the Counsellor is always available when you seek advice regarding any of the problems mentioned above, and many others not mentioned there.

When you reach the age of 13½ to 14 years the Counsellor will administer to you a set of Vocational Guidance Tests. From the results of these tests, together with your school record and your interests, he is able to give you some guidance concerning your future career.

Should your parents desire to discuss these tests or any of your particular problems regarding your studies, the Counsellor would be only too happy to see them.

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

This year many improvements have been made in the High School building and grounds. A new building of two rooms has been constructed between the cottage and the main building because of the increase in the number of pupils who came from the primary schools this year. Two bicycle sheds have been built near the Keppel and Piper Street entrances.

The main building has been painted both inside and outside, and blackboards, lockers and chairs have been repaired. Because of their bad condition in wet weather, the quadrangle and paths have been asphalted. The lunch rooms in the basement have also been closed in.

Great improvements have been made to the grounds, which were in need of attention. The terracing and re-surfacing of the oval have been completed, a new turf wicket has been set, and it is rapidly becoming a first-class playing area, as well as a great boon to teams practising. Shrubs have been planted and seating provided on the terraces, which make a wonderful grandstand for watching matches. As a result of the Revue and Market Days money has been raised for the purchase of an oval mower, which is now on order. Through the generosity of the P. and C. a motor mower has been obtained, and the lawns in front of the School can be kept in good order. More care has been taken with the School gardens, and in the springtime the front of the School, particularly, is very colourful. When the shrubs planted in the grounds are bigger, they should add considerably to the effect. Terracing has also been carried out between the oval and the tennis courts, and two basketball courts have been set out there. The very wet weather has caused some erosion, but when the grass grows this should be overcome.

Altogether, the improvements in the grounds should be the subject of pride to every member of the School.

—PAT McMENAMIN, 4th Year.
OBITUARY

"The Burr" records with deep regret the sudden death at the end of April of Peter Dutfield, a student of 3C. He had not been at the School long but he had already won for himself many friends.

The death also occurred of Mr. James Braha, who was, for well over 20 years, a member of the staff of the Public School and, therefore, had taught many earlier B.H.S. students. We express our deepest sympathy to his son, Mr. M. Braha, a member of our staff, and the other members of his family.

Our sympathy is also extended to Mr. Thomas, whose mother died during the year.

MR. A. D. FRASER

This year marks the retirement of Mr. A. D. Fraser, of Manly High School, and formerly the very popular and respected Headmaster of Bathurst High School from 1933 to 1944.

His many ex-students will wish him many happy years of retirement, and "The Burr" joins them in sending every good wish on behalf of the School, which owes him so much.

NEW AUSTRALIA

During the last two years a number of migrants from the Bathurst Immigration Centre have been enrolled at the High School. These boys and girls have come to Australia from many different countries of Europe: Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Bulgaria and Hungary. Now we have also a Dutch boy and some English boys, who were enrolled after the spring holidays.

It is quite obvious that most of the migrants, except those few who had been learning English for some years before they came to Australia, have to overcome great difficulties with the language. Recently a special first year migrant class was formed to help those boys and girls whose knowledge of English is not yet sufficient to enable them to take part in the regular lessons in other classes.

On the whole, however, the migrants are making good progress in English, and some have done very well in the examinations. The most successful were: Imants Terauds (1B), Edite Luks and Svetlana Litvino (2B), Romana Katausas (2D), Walkiri Lebedew and John Zeps (3A). In sport, the migrants have not yet shown great activity. This can be explained by the fact that many of the sports which are very popular in Australia, such as cricket, football, hockey, or softball, are almost unknown in Europe. Besides, during the war most children in Europe had very little, or even no opportunity to play sport.

However, some migrant boys should be mentioned who have done very well in various sports. These are John Zeps and Indulis Kepars, both members of the men's basketball team; Walkiri Lebedew, who is a member of the football team, and Orest Dworjany, who distinguished himself in athletics.

Unfortunately, many migrants who had come to the Bathurst High School in the course of the last two years, had to leave after a few months, because their parents moved from the camp to some other place. Consequently they had not enough time to become accustomed to the school. However, many of the boys and girls who have been here for a longer time, have settled in to the school life very well. The kindly attitude of the teachers who are always willing to help the migrants, and the companionship of their fellow students, help these migrant boys and girls to feel at home in their new surroundings.

TAMARA TARAN, 5th Year.

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SPEECH DAY, 1949

In his report to parents in December 1949, the Headmaster reported on the increases in the staff as a result of the increased enrolment, pointing out that the appointment of special physical education instructors was a forward step, as also was the selection of Bathurst for the headquarters of the District School Counsellor.

The report revealed that the greatest enrolment for any week had been 522, as compared with 456 in 1948 and 475 in 1947. It further disclosed that the 4th Year enrolment had dropped to 16, which meant that the School must remain in the second class list for some time. It was encouraging to have promises of a much larger 4th Year class in 1950.

The Headmaster reported that 150 pupils had left during the year 1949—many on gaining the age of 15 years. He advised parents to consider seriously the matter of employment and not to let their children rush into the first positions offering.

Under the heading of examination results the Headmaster commented on the placing of a number of new settlers in the prize lists for 1949. The P. and C. Association continued to work for the benefit of the School, and was ably supported by the Ladies' Auxiliary, which raised £240. Two new sewing machines had been purchased, an Anco motor mowers, an electric gramophone, and a supply of Library books were also provided.

£200 was set aside for the purchase of gymnastic equipment. The thanks of the School was extended to the P. and C. Association for these benefits, and also the many other improvements that had come as a result of their efforts.

A number of matters dealt with in the report, such as school improvements, have been reported in other places of "The Burr".

THANKS

The School wishes to record its sincere thanks to many people who have helped us either in the production of "The Burr" or in other ways. These include:

- The many business firms who have made donations for the preparation of photographic blocks and the printing of the magazine, and those who have purchased advertising space. Without their support "The Burr" could not have been published;
- The P. and C. and Ladies' Auxiliary, who have worked so hard for the good of the School;
- The parents who have helped with billeting etc. during our sporting contests;
- The donors of prizes and sports trophies, especially Messrs. Willman for the cup for the annual contests with Lithgow;
- The management and staff of Station 2BS who have given us the greatest co-operation at all times;
- The "Western Times" and "National Advocate" which have given generous space to reports of School activities;
- Mr. George Perrottet and Rev. Alan Doughan for their adjudication of Mulvey Cup debates in the last two years, and the Bathurst Rotary Club for their hospitality and their help in our Mulvey Cup preparation;
- Mrs. H. Frape and Mr. Eric Sargeant for help in connection with the Play Nights;
- Mr. H. Frape and Lasky's for help and generosity in connection with the R.A.O.C.
- Mr. R. T. Hole who has given us interesting addresses on Bathurst history.
PLAY DAY.

This year, for the first time, Play Day was transferred from its customary position at the end of the year to the end of first term. By this it was hoped to avoid some of the difficulties associated with final examinations and the holding together of casts, which have caused many grey hairs in the past. Though some probably still prefer the old system, the quality of these productions and the enthusiasm of the casts seem to justify the change.

All classes produced one each of the fifteen plays which were first presented on Wednesday morning and Thursday April 26th and 27th, in the Assembly Hall to the school audience. Because all could not be fitted into the evening performances, though they were of a sufficiently high standard to merit inclusion, twelve of these were chosen and presented, six on each night, to public audiences on Monday and Tuesday, May 1st and 2nd. The programmes were well-balanced and received much favourable comment from the many parents, ex-students and friends who attended.

The full list of plays was: “Decision,” a tragedy of the Civil War, presented by Fifth Year; “Duty or Romance,” a drama of the sea (Fourth Year); “A Chinese Lottery,” a comedy melodrama (3A); “Grandfather Comes Back,” a Domestic comedy (3B); “The Duke’s Jewels,” a melodrama (3C); “An Irish Bargain,” a typically Irish comedy (2A); “The Astrologer’s Success,” a comedy (2B); “Uncle Ben—Detective,” a comedy (2C); “Lee Mee,” a comedy in the Chinese manner (2D); “The Escapee,” a comedy (2F); “A Harmless Ruse,” a romantic fairy tale (1A); “Cats and Burglars,” a comedy (1B); “The Producer’s Dilemma,” a comedy (1C); “The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe,” a fantasy of Nursery Rhyme characters (1D); “The Musical Box,” a comedy (1E).

These represented a very pleasing blending of types and were well adapted to the different ages of the players. Commandable improvisation in stage effects and costuming was seen in many plays, more especially, perhaps, in those of Fifth Year, 3A, 2B, 2D, 1A, 1D, all of which were very colourful.

It is difficult to assess the relative quality of individual performances when the characters portrayed and the ages of the players are so different, but Mrs. H. Fraye, producer of the Bathurst Players, undertook this unenviable task. We are greatly indebted to her for the interest she showed, especially in visiting the School later, speaking to the assembly of her impressions and offering much helpful advice. She decided that the outstanding performances were given by: Ivy Hutchison (5th Year), Frank Bordley and Pat White (4th Year), with Laurie Upfold (4th Year) highly commended, in the Senior section; Barbara Coutts (2A), Kay Thew (2B), Thelma Berwick and Jim Deimond (2C), Jill Forrest (1A), with Janet Stevens (1E) highly commended, in the Junior section. Many others followed these very closely.

Although no adjudication of the plays was made, Mrs. Fraye recommended the following for entry in the forthcoming Bathurst Eisteddfod: First Year plays, 1A, 1C, 1E; Second to Fifth Year plays, 2A, 4th Year.

The Play Days were a community effort, in which the producers and players shared their success with the efficient stage and make-up staffs and prompters (though the latter were little needed). Our thanks are again due to Mr. Eric Sargeant, who provided recorded sound effects and incidental music.

CAPTAINS’ CHARITY FUND.

I am very pleased to be able to report that the Bathurst High School has done something really great towards helping various charitable organisations this year.

It was the custom in previous years to give the proceeds of one dance to Stewart House, but this year a new plan was put forward and adopted.

The plan was that each boy, girl and teacher should give one penny a week to aid charity. The school prefects collected this money and later decided what charities to give it to.

As a result the Red Cross, the Flood Relief Appeal, Stewart House, the Far West Scheme, the Ambulance Appeal, the U.N. Children’s Appeal and various other charities have benefited to the extent of £35 by the end of the second term.

This is an extremely good record, and I hope that you will all continue to support your Prefects in the appeal next year. There is no need for me to mention its importance.

On behalf of the Prefects I thank every member of the staff and every boy and girl for their support.

—REG LANG.

SCHOOL CHOIR.

This year 1950, a new music teacher, Mr. Johnson, came to Bathurst High School.

In the past years the choir has consisted of girls only, but since Mr. Johnson has arrived and introduced popular music as well as the classical, there has been a great increase in members, including our famous baritones and “Bing Crosbys” of the School’s football teams.

We took part in the School Revue, putting on two acts, one a bracket of negro spirituals and the other of gypsy songs. Some of the songs were: “Dixie,” “Old Man River,” “Summertime,” “Gipsy Chorus” and many others that were appreciated by everyone.

There is some great talent in the School which is being brought out by Mr. Johnson.

Several months ago the choir attended the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, hearing some wonderful music, such as the “Hungarian March,” “Sylvia Ballet Music” and several other such compositions.

The choir has entered the Bathurst Eisteddfod, and we have very high hopes of being victorious.

—MAUREEN NORRIS, 2B.

OUR REVUE.

“Like the Tivoli, but not so brazen”—Mr. R. Johnson.

The Revue showed just how much talent was in the School. It was the result of much hard work by our staff and pupils, and was a great success. With the help of several guest artists, we staged our presentation on June 22nd and 23rd.

The opening choruses were performed by the senior students, and in spite of the fact that someone’s shirt was hanging out, they went off very well. The girls were dressed in short (very) skirts and bonnets, and the boys in cream trousers, blazers and boaters.

Under the supervision of Mr. McDonnell the boys put on a gymnastic display. A feature of this was the clown, Max Brown. Two folk dancing items were produced by Miss Turner, who also directed the 3B girls’ sword dance.

An Hawaiian ballet almost brought the house, and several paper skirts,
down. An Indian ballet, "Pass that Peace Pipe," was also well received. Second Year dramatised "Frankie and Johnny," with Ian Beardwood and Hazel Hill in the name roles.

Two soloists, Dorothy Hill and Frank Bordley, were heard to advantage. The audience took Dot to its heart for her fine singing, and Frank kept them laughing with his two recitations.

A masterpiece of crazy drama and production was presented by Mr. Learmonth. It was a burlesque and was made even more comical by the "mistakes" of an improvised sound effects man.

The item with the most "build-up" was the mannequin parade by the House of Learmonth. The latest in financial fads were displayed by beautiful models from all over the football team.

The School choir, each time with the help of two guests, presented an extract from "Carmen" and a Negro sequence. The finale, "Good Night Ladies," was sung by the entire cast.

The Revue was wonderful fun. Most people found it was a perfectly legitimate way to collect make-up and, though it took some getting off, it was worth it.

—"LOCK." 4th Year.

DEBATING NOTES.

During 1949 much enthusiasm was shown for debating, and numerous debates were broadcast from the School. The contest for the House Debating Cup was keenly fought, with Lawson House meeting Wentworth House in the final. This was won by Lawson, who became the holders of the cup for 1949.

A debating class was commenced some time before the Mulvey Cup debates to help budding debaters to improve. In July, two teams and some of our senior students visited the Rotary Club. The debate was conducted on Mulvey Cup lines, and proved to be a real test of debating ability.

Soon after this the Mulvey Cup team was chosen. In Dubbo, our team defeated the home team by 280 points to 195. We were also successful against Orange, and Bathurst became the holders of the coveted Mulvey Cup for another year.

This year, 1950, the House debating contest was carried on with great enthusiasm. Once more Lawson met Wentworth in the final. Lawson was represented by Ivy Hutchison, Anne Hill and Pam Goddard, and Wentworth by Max Druitt, Ken Rose and Les Bonham. After an exceedingly close contest, Lawson were declared the winners, and now hold the cup for the third successive year.

The Rotary Club Dinner was a great success, after which two of our teams took part in a pre-Mulvey Cup debate. The Government consisted of Ivy Hutchison, Anne Hill and Max Druitt, and the Opposition of Laurie Uptold, Pam Goddard and Reg Lang. The result was a draw. We thank the members of the Rotary Club for their hospitality, and for the opportunity they have given us of gaining valuable debating experience. Mr. Williams, of 2BS, recorded this debate, allowing us to hear our own voices played back to us. This was an interesting experience, although in some cases the shock was too great for our speakers!

The Mulvey Cup contest was awaited with "much fear and trepidation" by the members of the team. Four students were chosen to represent the School—Ivy Hutchison, Max Druitt, Reg Lang and Anne Hill. Max spoke in the debate against Dubbo, while Anne took her place in the debate at Orange.

We defeated Dubbo by 260 points to 246 here in Bathurst. In Orange, after an exceedingly close debate, the home team were declared the winners by 260 points to 259. Orange later defeated Dubbo by four points, thus
winning the Mulvey Cup for 1950. We heartily congratulate the members of the Orange team on their success.

Finally, mention must be made of Mr. Easton, who for two years has been in charge of debating activities. All the debaters, but especially the Mulvey Cup teams of 1949 and 1950, wish to thank Mr. Easton for his ready assistance and valuable advice.

—IVY HUTCHISON, 5th Year.

MULVEY CUP TEAM 1950
Back Row: Reg Lang, Max Druitt.
Front Row: Ann Hill, Mr. K. Easton, Ivy Hutchinson.

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MARKET DAYS.

This is the first year the School has held anything in the form of a Market Day. Mr. Thomas had previously seen these Market Days held at other schools in which he had been teaching, and saw no reason why they should not be successful, if the school co-operated by bringing in articles for sale.

The Market Days are held on a House basis—Blaxland, Lawson, Evans and Wentworth having their own stalls. The first Market Day which we held £21/7/6 was made, and on the second we made £15/2/6. Lawson and Evans winning one day each. This money was placed in the fund for a mower for our oval, and with the help of these Market Days we now have the sum of £258/13/3, and the mower is on order.

—PAT WHITE, 4th Year.

HIGH SCHOOL CADETS 1950.

The cadets received enrolments early in the year. Although still not very large, the detachment was depleted considerably by the fact that several cadets left after attending only one or two parades.

However, the remaining members have attended parades regularly. Some parades did not stir much enthusiasm at the mention of "footslogging".

We attended the annual camp held at Ingleburn. The cadets received lectures on weapons, also films, manoeuvres, range practice etc. Each morning at 6.30 Reveille was sounded, to the accompaniment of various phrases (ahem...).

Several times range practices were to be held, but on several occasions the weather prevented such activities. It is hoped that in November a contest for a shield will be held on the Bathurst open range.

Cadet N.C.O.s. have recently been given a "refresher course" which did no harm, except to the N.C.O.s.

— "SGT. MAJ. AND CPL."

SCHOOL CADET CORPS 1950

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EMPIRE DAY AND ANZAC DAY.

On Empire Day the School was honoured by Captain Ralph Sutton's presence. Captain Sutton, a former Bathurst High School captain, spoke on the British Empire today, the meaning of the Empire and the various ways of ensuring peace in a restive world. Captain Sutton was thanked by our Captains, Ivy Hutchison and Reg Lang, on behalf of the School. Jill Forrest of 1A, rendered a solo, "The Maple Leaf Forever," and then the whole School sang "Lang of Hope and Glory".
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The School was addressed by Mr. Elliot on Anzac Day. Mr. Elliot gave the School a very interesting talk on the work behind the Anzac landing and the men behind the scenes. Mr. Elliot, a former President of the R.S.L., was given a vote of thanks by our Captains, Ivy Hutchison and Reg Lang. Then the whole School joined in the singing of "The Reckless".
—ANN HILL, 4th Year.

CHESS CLUB.

Chess was introduced into the School in 1948, and since then the club has produced some good players. Both Norman Dowton and Keith Ovington have won the B Grade Championship of the Bathurst Club against strong opposition, and many other players have attained a high standard.

John Scott is the present holder of the High School Championship trophy donated by Mr. G. Bersten.

The 1950 tournament is to be conducted in third term, and the Swiss System will probably be adopted.

The recent acquisition of four new sets and boards has given impetus to the progress of the club, and the influx of a number of strong players from the Migrant Centre should make this tournament a very interesting one.

We gratefully acknowledge the donation of two interesting sets from the Bathurst Chess Club, and hope that the School will continue to supply a reviving flow of "new blood" to the local club.

A ladder competition is in operation and regular games are played at lunch time under the supervision and guidance of Mr. Richardson and Mr. Lavis. This coaching in the openings and the general principles of tactics and strategy of the game should be most helpful to the young players.

Solutions of the weekly problems, and study of the important games annotated by Koshnitisky are to be made weekly features of future club activities.

THE FETE.

Our annual Fete, which was held on the last Wednesday of second term, was a great success, from both an entertainment and a financial point of view. The usual signs of activity before the Fete were again present, and every class entered wholeheartedly into its own sideshow. Without the enthusiasm of the students and staff our Fete would not have been the great success it was.

Attractions such as the "Horror House," Fun Parlour, Waxworks, Fortune Telling, Boxing and Hoop-la added to the enjoyment of not only the students but also the parents.

The total profits—including the Social held at the School on Wednesday night—were £1.150. The stalls conducted by the ladies made £8.4. and the entertainment provided by the School £5.6. The best effort by the ladies was the fancywork stall, which again proved very popular, and made £28.2/6. The produce stall made £14.7/1. The hooping stall, conducted by Fifth Year, topped the list in regard to the students' efforts. It collected £8.12/4. Fourth Year's "Fun Parlour" was a great success and added another £6.17/11 to the profits. 2B and 3B made £6.13/- and £6.5/- in their respective sideshows.

The money was paid to the P. and C. Association, of which Mrs. Holman is the President and Mrs. Hoy the Secretary. We owe a great deal to our P. and C. Association, and on behalf of the School, we thank these ladies very heartily for helping to make our Fete the success it was.

—PAT WHITE, 4th Year.

THE BATHURST EISTEDDFOD.

Last year the School made several entries in the annual Eisteddfod competitions. Junior and senior plays, the choir, and verse speaking choir all competed with much credit to the School and themselves, although only the verse speaking choir won its section. Individual students also had some successes with their items.

This year we are entering five plays in the two school drama sections, a boys' and a girls' verse speaking choir, and the school choir. We are confident that they will enjoy the experience and do honour to the School.

THE ASSEMBLY PERIODS.

The Thursday morning Assembly periods, which are broadcast through the co-operation of Station 2BS, have continued to be very successful. It is surprising, and encouraging, to learn how many people, even those not connected with the School, listen to and enjoy these broadcasts. They form an excellent means of contact between the School and parents. Opportunity has been taken to make many announcements concerning the working of the School and its sporting activities, and to thank those who have given us their help.

Several sessions have been devoted to debating, including House debates and those in preparation for the Mulvey Cup. It is hoped to devote more time soon to some of the juniors on whom we will be relying later.

Musical programmes have been provided by the choir, individual artists, and community singing.

Special days have been celebrated in these sessions. On Shakespeare Day we presented some aspects of the great poet’s work through the dramatisation of scenes from "A Midsummer Night’s Dream" and "Macbeth" by 3A and 4th Year, two recitations by pupils from 2A and 2C, and two brackets of Shakespearean songs by pupils from 2C. Australian Authors’ Day was celebrated with five short talks on Australian literature by pupils of 4th Year and 1A. Children’s Book Week and Conservation Week shared one broadcast, talks being given by Mr. Teale and Ken Rose (the latter prepared by John Scott).

Talks have also been given by Mrs. H. Frapo on her Play Day impressions, Mr. L. Ovens on the International School at Geneva, where he formerly taught, several ex-students on the careers they are undertaking, and John Scott on Atomic Energy.

Other interesting items are planned for third term.

Our very sincere thanks are offered to Mr. Eddie Williams and his staff at 2BS for making these sessions possible.


Office Bearers 1950: Patrons, Dr. R. D. Mulvey, Mr. J. Pollock, Inspector of Schools; President, Mr. R. B. Bolsby; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Holman and Hoy, Messrs. Ross, Paine, Coleman, Rose; Secretary, Mr. K. M. Forrest; Treasurer, Mr. L. Kershaw; Finance Committee, the executive officers and Messrs. Bailey and Hanson.

After much representation, the exterior and interior painting of the School has been carried out, and has resulted in the greatly improved appearance of the building.

Tenders have been called for a Home Science block, consisting of a Needlework room, Cookery room and Kitchen, and it is hoped that work will soon be commenced.

A new fence around the School has been approved. Bicycle sheds and the flooring of the basement were completed.
Two sewing machines were purchased, and also a motor mower to help keep the surroundings in order. A gramophone was purchased for the Music Appreciation classes.

The Ladies' Auxiliary raised the magnificent sum of £276, and full credit must go to them as they raise the bulk of the revenue of the association.

In conclusion, we confidently look forward to continued support from parents and friends, and it is suggested to them that their presence at our meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month would be greatly appreciated.

—K. M. FORREST.

LADIES' AUXILIARY.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the P. and C. Association has continued to function as in past years. A total of more than £200 has been handed over to the P. and C. Association as a result of efforts held this year.

The year commenced with the catering for lunch and afternoon tea at the clearing out sale conducted at Mt. Tamar. This effort called forth much praise. Two street stalls held this year proved very successful, and the card parties run by the Auxiliary at the old school building in Howick Street on the first Wednesday in every month continue to be very popular.

Another of our activities was the lunch provided for the visiting Astley Cup team. The big effort for the year was the Fete, which took place on 23rd August. With the assistance of the teachers and pupils, the result proved most successful, the sum of £140 being paid into P. and C. funds after stalls closed in the afternoon.

Our final effort for the year will be during Eisteddfod week, when the Auxiliary will cater for morning and afternoon tea at both the Masonic and Walsh Hall Halls. Although we have some very staunch supporters, we feel that many more mothers and friends could attend our meetings and assist during the year.

—J. HOY. Secretary.

BATHURST-LAGOON JUNIOR FARMERS' CLUB.

During the past twelve months several field days were held. At Mr. A. K. Gardiner's, farm machinery, orchard work and fodder conservation were studied. Whilst vegetable growing was studied at Mr. F. Kelly's, and poultry raising at Messrs. Fry Bros. hatchery.

Fry Bros' Hatchery has donated a large number of day-old cockerels and is supervising and judging a cockerel raising competition for local Junior Farmers.

Major Jardine, late of Eglinton, has donated a cup for a quiz competition amongst clubs of the Central West.

A farm plot, made available by the Experiment Farm, was successfully worked last season by club members.

Gordon Moxon has recently returned from Hawkesbury College, where he attended a course on poultry raising.

Our Show Exhibit was judged second to Orange at Orange, and second to Eglinton at Bathurst, with third and fourth places being filled by Orange and Kelso.

Our thanks are hereby extended to Mr. M. Kable for supervising the erection of our Show Exhibit; to Mr. E. Ebans for his assistance with Show material, and to Mr. J. Holbeche for his address on fruit growing.

Mr. J. McGuigan is still our District Supervisor, but pressure of other duties forced Mr. N. Moxon to resign his position as Part-time Supervisor, and his place has been taken by Mr. K. Rae.

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Intermediate Bursaries: 1948 Pamela M. Goddard
1949 Irene C. Oakes.

PREFECTS 1949


Front Row: Anne Kershaw, Narelle Matthews, Shirley Richards (Captain), Mr. R. C. Anderson, Mr. C. O. G. Thomas, A. Baillie (Captain), B. Johnson, J. Scott.

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Back Row: M. Learmonth, K. Rose, M. Nancarrow, R. Evers, J. Grives.
Front Row: B. Booth, I. Hutchinson, Mr. K. Easton, Mr. C. O. G. Thomas, Mr. A. C. Anderson, R. Lang, P. Goddard.
Absent: L. Uphold.

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PRIZE LIST, 1949

P. & C. Prizes:
Best Leaving Certificate Pass 1948 .......... Donald Bliss
Best Intermediate Certificate Pass 1948 ..... Helen Gresser

Fifth Year:
Martin Lapin Prize for Dux of the School: Norman Downton
Second Prize: Peter Beardwood
Third Prize: John Scott
Captain Ralph Sutton Prize for Science: Norman Downton and John Scott
Country Women's Association Prize for History: Mark Bersten

Fourth Year:
Winston Sutton Prize for Dux of Fourth Year: Ivy Hutchinson
Second Prize: Tamara Taran
Third Prize: Pamela Goddard
Prize for Improvement: Graham Ambrose
Capt. Ralph Sutton Prize for Science: Ivy Hutchinson

Third Year:
Martin Lapin Prize for Dux of Third Year: John Gillett
Second Prize: Dawn Anderson
Third Prize: Irene Oakes
Proficiency Prizes: Lee Dworjanyn, Frank Bordley, Clem Payne
Science Essay Prize: Laurie Uphold
Second Year:
Dux of Second Year ................. David Hollis
Second Prize .................... Walkiri Lebedew
Third Prize ..................... John Zeps
Proficiency Prizes .............. Anne Mutton, Peter Duffield

First Year:
Dux of First Year ................. Ian Beadwood
Second Prize .................... Edite Lukhs
Third Prize ...................... Indulis Kepars
Proficiency Prizes .............. Svetlana Litvinov, Margaret Howard, Jill Pollard, Elaine Judge, Kenneth Owens
Improvement Prizes ............ Annette Muller, Carlisle Johnson, John Brown
Special Prizes: 
Winston Sutton Prizes for School Captains ... Arthur Baillie
Len Nixon Cup ...................... Shirley Richards
Margaret Stirling Cup .......... Narelle Matthews
Mrs. Chifley's Prizes for Social Service ... Reginald Lang
Don Ross Cup for Social Service in the Junior School ... Robert North
Social Service Prizes .......... Brian Booth, Ivy Hutchison, Pamela Goddard
Drama Prizes: 
Senior: M. Hanratty, F. Bordley, M. Druiit, Heather Roberts, Anne Makepeace
Junior: D. Bestwick, R. Kilby, Barbara Johnson

PASSING REMARKS

We are disappointed to observe no great improvement in the personal beauty of the football XIII despite the number of mud-packs they took during the season.

We are reliably informed that the biggest success of the Revue was the compere.

Most intrepid act of the year—a pillion ride from the Sportsground during the Dubbo visit.

Most savage act of the year—the wrestling bout between “Sam” and “Aub” at the Fete.

Most puzzling act of the year—Mr. Johnston playing “hunt the tap” on the oval.

Best dancing feat of the year—the floor of the stage during the Revue finale.

Best contortionist feat of the year—Mr. Johnston standing, playing and conducting all at once.

Favourite song column (you guess whose)—“Auld Lang Syne,” “Going My Way,” “Softly Awakes My Heart,” “I Miss My Swiss,” “Woodman, Spare That Tree.”

With the end of the year (and examinations) approaching, it seems appropriate that the School should face Hope Street.

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RE-FORMATION OF EX-STUDENTS’ UNION

We are pleased to be able to report that the Ex-Students have this year re-formed their union, with Mr. Alec Bedwell as President and Mr. Kelso Gordon as Secretary. Several functions have already been held and it is hoped that it will have a long, active and successful career. The executive will be pleased to welcome all ex-students as members and to receive their active support.

A fuller report on its activities has not been possible in this issue of “The Burr,” but it is hoped to publish one next time.

The attention of present students soon to leave school is especially directed to the Union as a means by which they can continue both their student associations and their service to the School.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY NOTES

Many ex-servicemen having graduated, conditions have improved at the University in this—the centenary—year. We no longer need stand in the library or lecture rooms or wait in a queue for lunch. With the improvement in conditions we hope to see more B.H.S. students here in the future. We wish all examination candidates every possible success, and will be waiting to welcome them.

Three ex-students this year graduated in Arts. Clive Hamer, former B.H.S. captain, returned to his studies after war service to obtain second class honours in English in his B.A. degree. He is now completing his training at the Teachers’ College. Kevin Piper was awarded first class honours in English and, as well, represented the University in first grade Rugby Union. Ben Meek, whose name appears prominently on the School Honour Board, graduated with second class honours in History. He, too, has finally decided to become a teacher.

Are Bathurst boys more intelligent than Bathurst girls? Anne Fraser, daughter of our former Headmaster, remains the only B.H.S. old girl at the University since 1948. She has just completed successfully her third year Medicine examinations.

B.H.S. captain of 1944, John Glasson, has just completed fourth year Medicine. He is a member of St. Andrew’s College, where his achievements won him a scholarship.

The three Cass brothers—“Mossy,” Cecil and Alec—who left Bathurst before reaching fifth year when their parents moved to Sydney, are also Medical students. “Mossy” is in his final year; Cecil, after two distinctions in his September examinations, is in Med. V.; and Alec has just completed third year.

Eric Hibble, now in Economics IV, attends evening lectures after his day’s work in a bank, but finds time to play an important part in the Evening Students’ Association.

Congratulations to Noel Colley (Architecture IV), who was married last Easter. We wish both you and Barbara every happiness, Col.

Norman Ashford may be found at any time in the 4th year Science lab, behind a stack of empty Ashford’s cordial bottles. This year Norm has been demonstrating to first year students while studying hard for his forthcoming honours exam.
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AROUND THE TEACHERS' COLLEGES

Despite the harassed looks they observed for five years during their school-days and the trouble they gave their unfortunate teachers, many of our ex-students are following in their footsteps. Before very long they too will be saying, "That excuse was old when I was a boy" and "You have to pass this examination, not I". We hope their students will take some notice.

Wagga T.C. has the largest representation with Ruth Kerr (1948) and six of last Fifth Year—the two captains, Shirley Richards and Arthur Baillie, and Anne Kershaw, Narelle Matthews, Bill Heap and Malcolm Hanratty.

At Sydney there are Clive Hamer, Ben Meek and Kevin Tindall (all of whom have completed University degrees), Peter Bartsch, Frances Holman, Ruth Robinson, and Ken Sanders. Clive has received the great honour of being elected President of the College. Heartiest congratulations from B.H.S.

Arimdale also has its University graduates in Bill Kneale and Kevin Piper, as well as Phyllis Gilmore, Don Bliss, Geoff Phillips and Arnold Wolstenholme.

A couple of these are, at the time of writing, about to be appointed to schools. We wish them, and the others when their turn comes, good appointments and very successful teaching careers.

THE STORY OF THE SCHOOL

As time passes it becomes increasingly difficult to collect the facts of a school's history. It seems desirable, therefore, to set down a few outstanding facts that we have been able to gather in a short time and hope that ex-students or others interested will come forward with information that will help us to fill the gaps.

The first Bathurst school was opened nearly a hundred years ago in February 1853, but it was not till 1905 that the primary education was developed with the raising of the Public School to a District School. In 1914 the High School as such was created and housed in the Technical College.

As the High School expanded a new building was sought, and the Department fortunately secured the site of the former All Saints College in Hope Street. The foundation stone was laid in 1926 and in less than a year the building had been completed and was ready for occupation about August 1927.

In 1930 the Rural School, which had been created in 1923, was absorbed into the High School which now supplied all courses.

The Headmasters of the School in its new setting have been few. They are Messrs. W. L. Hammond 1926-31, T. R. Mallett (acting) 1932, A. D. Fraser 1933-44, F. H. Beard 1945-47, C. O. G. Thomas 1948. Earlier Heads had been Mr. G. R. Thomas and Mr. W. T. Cameron.

Ex-students of the School have achieved distinction in many walks of life, and a very long list of those who participated in the two World Wars may be seen on the School's Roll of Honour.

The first issue of "The Burr" was made in 1915 with Mr. Ross Thomas (later Director of Education) as Headmaster. A copy of this is held in the Library but we have lost track of later issues until 1933.

In 1947 the School celebrated its 21st birthday by a "Coming of Age Appeal" for £1000. The pupils participated to a great extent in raising funds for linoleum for the corridors. A queen competition, won by

FIFTH YEAR 1949

Last year’s Fifth Year students have chosen various interesting careers to follow and, on latest reports, seem to be settling down well to the business of earning a living.

Eight are at present students at two of the State Teachers’ Training Colleges. At Newcastle are Heather Roberts and Arthur MacCullagh. Strangely enough, Heather seems more interested in other things than drama. At Wagga, the "old faithfuls" Anne Kershaw, Narelle Matthews, Shirley Richards, Bill Heap, Malcolm Hanratty, and Arthur Baillie are to be found working industriously.

We hear that "the mouse" (Gordon Ewin) is doing well in an accountant's office— with a secretary. That should be interesting work. Gordon!

Brian Johnson gained a good position in the A.M.P. office in Bathurst. Best of luck, "Tarzan". We are hoping to see an Ex-Students' football team next season.

Norm. Dowton, who gained one of the best Leaving passes in Bathurst, is at present attending St. Joseph’s College, Eastwood, in his first step towards the priesthood. Also in Sydney are our old friend, Mark Bersten, in the Valuer-General’s Office; Beverley Tobin, the only girl who didn’t take teaching as a career, apprenticed to a pharmacist at Double Bay; and Ken (“Agony”) Payne, who is doing well in radio engineering at A.W.A. in Ashfield.

The Technical Drawing class has been divided. Barry Hough has chosen motor mechanics as his trade and will be found (with grease applied) at Bathurst Motors. We have to travel all the way to Newcastle to find Peter Beardwood, doing well with the B.H.P.

Although he had, on marks, the best Leaving pass, John Scott, being still only a youngster, has decided to return for another year to B.H.S. You have the best occupation of the lot, Scotty. I think the whole year would like to join me in wishing you all the best and even greater success this time.

That leaves only Bill Hunter. As soon as the Leaving finished he "shot through" with great rapidity for Coffs Harbour and hasn’t been sighted since. We hope that he has found some congenial place where he can look after his "Burr" and where there is someone who will really appreciate his jokes.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the old Fifth Year, to congratulate the School on the Astley Cup success, and to wish examination classes all the best.

—ARThUR BAillIE.
Miss Joan Aubin, the Commerce candidate, raised a considerable sum. The appeal was a great success, and we owe thanks to Mr. F. H. Beard, who originated the idea and worked so hard to carry it out. The School still benefits greatly through the books, pictures etc. the appeal provided.

This year great improvement has been made in the appearance of the building through the painting and repairs that have been carried out. The improvements in the grounds have been still greater, especially in the terracing and re-surfacing of the oval. The result of these is that both pupils and ex-students of B.H.S. can be proud of such a beautiful school.

May we again appeal for any information available about the history of the School, outstanding ex-students, members of the staff or anything that may be of value to record.

—ANN HILL, 4th Year.

House Review

BLAXLAND

House Masters and House Mistress: Mr. K. Rae, Mr. R. Johnson, Miss M. Mallick. Captains: Pat White, Warren Blomfield. Vice-Captains: Lola Hutchison, Barry Craig.

In the House activities this year Blaxland was off to a fine start by coming third standing first in the Swimming Carnival. Having the distinction of being the only House to win the carnival, we are recognised as the best Swimming House in the School. We defeated Wentworth, which was second, by nearly 40 points. Bob Dow was declared the senior champion after showing that he really deserved the title. Dale Davie was the junior champion and Laurie Ingersole came second. The mixed house relay was the most thrilling race of the afternoon with Blaxland coming first. In the senior and junior relays Blaxland was rather unlucky and came second in both.

I am sure if we held a tennis competition among the Houses, Blaxland would be well to the fore, as we have three Astley Cup tennis players in our midst—Lola, Pat and Warren—besides other promising players. We challenge the other Houses—Do they accept? Brian Johnson and John Cooper from Blaxland went to White City in January, where they played in the Country Week tennis championship and both reached the finals in their respective divisions.

This year in the athletics we have not been so lucky with our girl runners. However, we were well represented in the boys with Blomfield, Craig, Martin, and BAillie running, but even so we didn’t manage to come in the first three places at the carnival.

In the School hockey teams we had four representatives—Ann, Pat, Eleanor and Estelle. In the A and B basketball, Lola, Margaret, Pat and Beverley were selected to represent High.

Blomfield, Craig, BAillie and North upheld the honour of Blaxland by being members of the A grade football team. Warren is captain of the team and was also chosen in the District under 18 team.

This year our junior boys won the House cricket competition so, although we’ve lost two of our best cricketers—Johnson and Cooper—we seem to have many promising players in the junior school. Johnson was chosen to play in the District team last season, while Cooper and Blomfield played in the Under 21.

When the Market Days were introduced Blaxland was very enthusiastic, and on the first day made £4/12/2 and on the second £5/2/11. Congratulations Blaxland for adding £10 to the Oval Fund.

When reading our history, books, we always notice that out of the famous explorers, Blaxland has always been named first. This is so with the Houses too, so surely the first name mentioned is the most important. We think so anyway.

I would like to thank Miss Mallick, Mr. Rae and Mr. Johnson on behalf of Blaxland for the marvellous co-operation we have received from them in everything we have done.

—PAT WHITE, 4th Year.

EVANS

House Masters and House Mistress: Mr. K. Easton, Mr. R. Learmonth, Miss M. Levy. Captains: Margaret Nancarrow, Reg Lang. Vice-Captains: Marcia Hannaford, Laurie Upfold.

Evans has had a most successful 1950. At the athletics carnival the ‘greens’ were successful in winning the point score, while our girls also succeeded in the ball games pennant. The wins were chiefly due to good team work, and in this regard we congratulate every member who entered an event for his or her part. Laurie Upfold, Reg Lang, Frank Smithers, Dawn Riddiford and Marcia Hannaford were our outstanding competitors.

We were well represented in the Astley Cup teams, having five representatives (B. Callaghan, K. Thew, L. Culnane, R. Flynn, M. Learmonth) in the hockey, four in the footy (G. Payne, L. Upfold, W. Lebedew, T. Hart); four in the tennis (D. Riddiford, M. Learmonth, I. Cranston, L. Upfold); three in the basketball (D. Riddiford, M. Norris, N. U’Brian); five in athletics (D. Riddiford, L. Culnane, O. Dworjanyn, R. Lang, L. Upfold).

In other House sports, Evans had a convincing win in the hockey championship, with Betty Callaghan as our star player. We congratulate Wentworth on its good win in the basketball and Blaxland on its victory in the swimming carnival.

In sport outside the School, some of our representatives have performed well. Laurie Upfold gained selection in the Under 18 football team of B.D.R.L. Four girls (M. Thew, R. Flynn, B. Nightingale, M. Learmonth) represented in the B.D. Under 18 cricketers Xi at Goulburn and Parkes. In tennis D. Riddiford and M. Learmonth represented the Central West at White City, and together with I. Cranston and Dale Riddiford (both of Evans) they made a very successful visit to Parkes for the Central West Schools Championships.

L. Upfold, R. Lang, T. Hart and K. Chew played in the School 1st XI, and T. Hart and I. Kears in the men’s basketball against Lithgow.

It is not only in sport that the House has had a good year. We have been fortunate to have as our leader the School Captain, Reg Lang. Not only was he a leader in sport in ability and enthusiasm, but also represented the School as a Mulvey Cup debater. It was also mainly due to his enthusiasm that our Market Day stalls raised £11/4/-.

At the Play Nights, the adjudicator gave prizes or honourable mention to our talented performers Frank Bordley, Barbara Cotts, Kay Thew, Janet Stevens, Laurie Upfold.

In School government, besides the School Captain, we have five other Prefects—Dawn Riddiford, Marcia Hannaford, Margaret Nancarrow, Marcia Learmonth, Laurie Upfold.

In conclusion we wish to thank Miss Levy, Mr. Easton and Mr. Lear-
month for their enthusiasm, encouragement and coaching given to us so willingly at all times. To these factors, the House’s success and its happy school spirit have been due. Our thanks are also due to Reg Lang for inspiring our juniors with the same House spirit as is evident among the seniors.

—M. LEARMOUTH.

LAWSON

House Masters and Mistress: Mr. R. Richardson, Mr. J. Starling, Miss E. Wilson. Captains: Ivy Hutchison, Brian Booth. Vice-Captains: Pam Goddard, Quentin Murray.

To our House Mistress, Miss Wilson, and our House Master, Mr. Richardson, we offer our thanks for their fine support during the past year, and also to our captains Ivy Hutchison and Brian Booth for their splendid work for the House.

Lawson has six Prefects, including a School Captain and the two Vice-Captains.

In the House athletics contests this year “Sam” took the senior honours with 40 points. In the honours list we must also include Pam Goddard and Hazel Hill. Congratulations go to Evans for their fine win, but we hope to make it a tough battle next year.

Ivy Hutchison, Pam Goddard and Ann Hill were successful in winning the House debating cup for Lawson this year.

Lawson girls finished second in both the hockey and basketball, while Lawson boys are running level with Wentworth in the cricket competition so far.

We were represented in the Astley and Mulvey cups by eight people—Ivy, Pam, Ann, Joan, Hazel, Ralph, Graham and Brian.

Brian Booth represented Bathurst in the Country Week cricket.

In the Market Days, Lawson by raising £9/1/1 came second to Evans, and for this sum we give many thanks to the parents who helped by sending in such generous gifts.

I'm sure, from these wonderful results, we must declare that Lawson is the best House in the School, and all Lawsonites must do their bit, for it is a House to be proud of.

—QUENTIN MURRAY. 4th Year.

WENTWORTH

House Masters and House Mistress: Mr. Trotter, Mr. McCallin, Miss Leavers. Captains: Janet Grives, Ron Evers. Vice-Captains: Betty Wood, Bill Tremane.

Wentworth House has had a very successful year in the various sports and functions, and we wish to thank Miss Leavers and Mr. Trotter for the kind help they have given us throughout the year.

We were well represented in the Astley and Mulvey Cups, having Janet Grives (Captain), Valerie Slattery and Pam Matthews in the A grade hockey, Ron Coutts, Ron Evers (Vice-Captain), Bill Tremane, John Shelton, Les Bonham, John Scott and John Zeps in the 1st grade football, Ron Evers and Ken Rose in 1st grade tennis, Enid Fletcher and Les Bonham in athletics, and Janice White in basketball. Max Druitt represented us in the Mulvey Cup.

Wentworth won the House cricket with Coutts, Evers, Shelton and Rose in 1st grade. Evers was selected in the Bathurst District Under 21 team. We also beat Evans in the football House matches 19-0. In tennis Ken Rose won the Central West Open School Championship at Parkes. Evers attended the coaching classes held at Bathurst.

In athletics Wentworth came first last year but was not lucky enough to win again. Les Bonham ran extremely well against Dubbo and came second in the mile. Betty Wood was the find of the season and won the majority of her events at the school sports. She was the junior champion of the House. In the swimming carnival June McGuire put up a good performance to win four races. Wentworth came second in the swimming carnival and won the House basketball.

In the House debates, Wentworth also came second. Our team, Max Druitt, Ken Rose, and John Shelton was just beaten by Lawson. Our Market Days were very successful. The Prefects included in Wentworth are Janet Grives, Ron Evers, Ken Rose, John Scott. Wentworth has set a very high standard in sport this year, and we hope to carry on with the good work in future years.

—JANET GRIVES and RON EVER, 4th Year.

(VERY) PERSONAL COLUMN

Our 5th Year duet which first appeared last year, has become a widely known pair as our School Captains.

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A certain female tennis player of 5th Year had a fleeting but quite serious “Hart” attack around Astley time. Has she recovered yet?

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The football captain has proved the old saying “Absence makes the heart grow fonder” by being seen in the company of a certain Wagga Teachers’ College student.

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The quiet blonde 4th Year basketballer has surprised everyone by being seen often in the company of a certain in-centre of questionable character.

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A certain music teacher looks as if he will one day have a sister-in-law from 4th Year, namely “Freckles”.

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The new boy of 4th Year has provided quite an attraction for a certain 2A girl. She seems quite fascinated.

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The hockey centre half has a liking for a certain “bird” in the School. She also complains (quite happily) of having “dizzy” spells.

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Another of our hockey team, the centre forward, has proved herself quite versatile in regard to the male sex. We imagine the five footballers plus some extras will vouch for this entry.

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Our 5th Year “Sam” has become quite prominent in the School social life during his brief, but no doubt enjoyable, term as 4th Year “Freckles” escort.

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The blonde 5th Year chess enthusiast is quite a confirmed woman-hater after his fling with “Topsy” (hockey right-inner) at the beginning of the year.

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All libel writs concerning the above to be served on Ann Hill, Warren Blomfield, 4th Year.

PASSING REMARKS

It is good to see ex-students interested in school doings—like the conscientious young man who attended almost all rehearsals of the 4th Year play.

The Roseberry girls carried all before them at the Eisteddfod—even the 4th Year boys.
RETROSPECT
(Awarded prize for Senior Original Work.)

An old grey-haired woman sat on the shady verandah of her home-stead in the West, resting from the scorching heat of early afternoon. Her gaze travelled over the wide expanse of flat country. She saw the sun-baked stretches which were broken here and there by small dots which were the homes of her “neighbours,” the nearest being some miles away. Her eyes followed the road which passed her home and then wandered over the plains until it disappeared as a thin line behind a small rise.

Abruptly the woman sat forward as she heard Charlie, the farm hand, come into the yard, leading his horse. The sight evoked an almost forgotten memory. Somehow Charlie’s flushed cheeks reminded her of Robert’s excited face when he returned from his first long ride. But she must not think about Robert. With a sigh, she sank back into her chair. But her thoughts soon returned to the subject which she was forever trying to avoid. She thought of Robert returning home on school holidays, his boyish embrace, and his eager questions about the farm. She thought of the loneliness of the days when he returned to school, and of her delight at receiving his short, carelessly written letters. She remembered her husband telling her that she “spoilt the boy,” but he worshipped the lad too, for he was their only son.

A picture came into her mind of Robert as a young man, helping his father on the property. But here the memories grew painful. She turned her eyes towards the horizon, and noticed a cloud of dust travelling along the road. But the haunting memories would not leave her. She felt again the bitterness of the quarrel; her thoughtless chiding, Robert’s quick resentment, her sudden burst of anger. She saw Robert’s face flushed and angry.

The heated words echoed again in her ears: she saw Robert packing a case, and driving off in his little truck, not telling her where he was going.

The woman rose from her chair and idly watched the vehicle coming closer, although it was still in the distance. She told herself that she really was happy. When her husband had died, her daughter and son-in-law had come to live with her. She showered all her affection on her two small grandchildren, who were the pride of her life. She took a keen interest in all the social functions of the nearest town. She loved the quiet peace of her surroundings, her loved her home. But, oh, if only Robert would come back! If only we could forget the past and start again.

The vehicle was now clearly discernible as a truck. The woman watched it come around the familiar bend which was a mile from the house. Tears started in her eyes as she felt an intense longing to see her son again, to hear his cheery voice about the house. She wondered where he had lived all these years—perhaps he was married—perhaps she had grandchildren she knew nothing about. Oh, if only he would come back.

She leaned on the rails and watched the little truck approaching. It was almost at her gates. Now it turned into the drive and drew up in front of the verandah. Warily she walked down the steps to receive the day’s letters from the mail-truck.

—IVY HUTCHISON, 5th Year.

ESCAPE
(Awarded prize for Best Junior Original Work.)

He stumbled blindly on, struggling around the jagged rocks that barred his path. At frequent intervals he would cast furtive glances at the bush-covered sand behind him. Then he heard a sound that made him try to run, but all he could do was stagger along in none too steady steps. The sound was the war-cry of an Indian. They had been chasing him for hours on end after he had escaped from their clutches. Now, when he was in a state of exhaustion, the Indians were gaining on him.

With a last despairing effort he flopped down heavily behind a small rock and dragged his pearl-handled Colt .45 from its holster. The cries of the Indians drew nearer... nearer! He wiped the perspiration from his dirty face with the collar of his sweat-soaked shirt. As the first of the Indians topped the rise ahead of him, he took careful aim and pulled the trigger. The hammer fell with a sharp clack. That was all.

Then he remembered he had emptied the gun when he escaped that morning. The sound of a bell penetrated his despair. He thought he was going crazy.

Suddenly he remembered. He stood up and yelled to the advancing “Indians”: “Hey! Fellas! There goes the dinner bell. I’ll race you home.”

Billy Jones, aged six years, toy revolver in hand, sprinted towards a group of brick chimneys in the distance.

—JOHN MEDLEY, 1A.

JAZZ—MUSIC FROM THE HEART
(Awarded prize for Best General Article.)

While I realise that many people have intense feelings in favour of classical music, I cannot help feeling that, if these people who are sceptical concerning the true position jazz holds in the world of music, knew its history, and the sincerity with which this form of music is played, their appreciation, enjoyment, and understanding of it would be equal to that of any classic.

The Negroes of South Africa, who were so mercilessly shipped to America as slaves in the 18th century, were undoubtedly the originators of this modern music. These Negroes, like all negroid races, had an inimitable sense of rhythm. It is not surprising that these people, despised in every way, clinging fondly to the one memory of their homeland and loved ones, that no cruelty, or racial feeling could destroy, this being their love of music, undeveloped as it was.

Jazz in its earliest form was heard between the years 1871 and 1881. There were few instruments at this time, and the songs were sung, hummed, or, in the working gangs, shouted. However, from 1881 to the turn of the century many military brass bands from the Civil War were disbanded, and because of the abundance of instruments, many Negro bands sprang up in New Orleans and in the cotton areas of the southern States.

The Negro bands improvised on the old marches and played with much feeling and intense emotion.

One of the most important facts about this exciting new and informal music was that it gave ample opportunity for thought and emotion to be expressed. Hence this music gave the Negroes a temporary escape from their harsh and callous environment. On their return from the fields the Negroes would improvise, some singing, and others playing melancholy music which symbolised the sad memories of their race. This was the beginning of the music later known as the “Blues.” Bunk Johnson, one of the sincerest of all jazz musicians, said:
“Jazz is like talking from the heart; you don’t lie.” In this simple sentence, sincerity, the core of all jazz, is brought to the fore.

From this humble beginning in the cotton fields of the South, jazz spread to New Orleans. Here, when the Mardi Gras was celebrated to mark the end of the cotton season, seething, hilarious masses, led by the Negro bands, surged through the streets. From New Orleans, the music spread to the Negro area of Chicago, and from there to Harlem in New York.

Perhaps the reason jazz is called “low-brow” music is because it grew in the prohibition era in the United States, when to hear this music one had to visit the low “dives” of Harlem and Chicago. Likewise there was a very strong racial feeling between the whites and the Negroes.

“Dixieland,” another form of jazz which swept the Southern States, was undoubtedly named after the area from which it originated—Dixie. “Dixieland” was played by the Creoles, descendants of French, Spanish-American, and Negro. The excitement in this new form of music was soon sensed by white musicians, who quickly captured its fundamentals and formed their own bands.

From true jazz has come: “ragtime,” “swing,” “boogie,” “progressive jazz” as played by the Kenton band, and “bop.” These latter two could be compared to surrealist art, and each one has a smaller degree of sincerity.

However, true jazz is the sincerest of all music, and although the style and technique has not remained the same, there always persists that unquenchable feeling of “talking from the heart.”

—WARREN BLOMFIELD, 4th Year.

MANY PEOPLE’S THANKS

God’s gifts to many people bring Pleasure, for which we give thanksgiving—

For eyes whereby we clearly see The many lovely things there be:
For lungs to breathe the morning air;
For nose to smell the perfumes rare;
For tongue to taste the fruits that grow;
For birds that sing, and flowers that glow;
For sun and moon and stars of Heaven
Whose heat and light are freely given;
For creatures all that freely roam;
For warmth and comfort in our home;
For the old grey pony I sometimes ride.
And the spotted dog that runs beside.

With hearts that sing the livelong day We bless God’s gifts in every way.

—KEVIN SINCLAIR, 2C.

JUST LUCK

A little bird sat in a tree, Whistling, chirping merrily, A lazy grub, far down below, Looked up, as if his fate to know, When suddenly he turned his head, The bird swooped down and he was—DEAD.

—MARGARET HENNINGS, 1B.

SPORT IN EUROPE

It is quite interesting to notice that sport in Europe is very different from sport in Australia. In the present essay I would like to explain this difference.

The most popular team game in practically all European countries is soccer. It is a game which fills with enthusiasm millions of Europeans. Every Sunday, well over 30 per cent of the population wander to the nearest sports ground to see their favourite teams in action. Teams are graded into different groups according to talent and age, the ages of players ranging from six up to fifty years. Soccer is played all the year through, except for a month’s break in summer.

The sport next to soccer in popularity is boxing, but the class of European boxers at present is very poor, and countries like Italy, Spain, and France have begun to lose interest in this sport.

From this point the sport interest is divided between the different countries, or rather, zones. The southern countries—France, Italy, Belgium—develop cycling. The most famous cycle race in the world is the “Tour de France,” which goes over a mountain terrain of about 3,500 miles and is ridden during twenty-five days. Usually in this race, French and Italian riders fight for supremacy.

The northern countries—Sweden, Norway, and also Switzerland—naturally prefer winter sports, for which they have every opportunity.

Motor sport and light athletics are highly developed in Germany and Italy.

Now, you will have noticed that almost all the mentioned sports are very backward in Australia, but do Europeans play the Australian games? The answer to that is, to a great extent “no.” Rugby League and Union are quite popular in England and France, but they lack support in the other countries. Cricket is played only in England, and is completely unknown over the rest of Europe. Facilities for playing tennis are very limited in most countries. In big city centres with millions of people, there are usually three or four tennis courts. The reason for this is mostly lack of space.

The Australian sporting games like football and cricket are slow and quite unspectacular for the casual onlooker. On the other hand the European games, soccer and basketball, are fast and full of thrills. Spectators and players are brought to the highest pitch of excitement and feelings often go high when the referee or a player make an error.

Certainly in Australia there are possibilities to play almost any game one can think of, but there is one thing every European will miss—enthusiasm for soccer.

—WALIK LEBEDEW, 3A.

REVENGE REWARDED

Mr. Stronden stood gazing in amazement at a small light flickering on the mountain top about threequarters of a mile away. It was curious, this light. Never before had he noticed it, not until that night. With a slight quiver in his voice, he called his wife to come and see.

“Look, Anne, up there, that light! Strange, isn’t it? Have you noticed anyone resembling a trapper around here during the past few days?”

“I’m afraid I haven’t, George. It is strange though. You’d think that anyone wanting to trap on your land would ask permission first, wouldn’t you? Not that you would refuse to let them come, my dear, I don’t mean that. But just . . . well, it is jolly queer isn’t it?”
"Yes, dear, very strange. Anyway, I don’t mind a person staying up there chasing rabbits. I would stroll up to see him tomorrow if I had time, but I haven’t. Those peas have to be planted quickly, you know. I’ll have to start early tomorrow morning."

They began to walk inside again. Stronden continued, "Even with old Ben’s help for a day, there will still be a lot left to do, although Ben will hurry business a little, I think."

"As though poor old Ben would hurry," scoffed his wife. "How the poor old chap manages to keep his own farm going is a wonder to me. He always seems to be so crippled and slow and uncomfortable."

"Huh, he’s more agile than you think, my dear Anne. He’s a very good worker and crafty too. And that temper! That is what achieves his results in this world. He’s all right."

"Of course, George; you see him more than I do," said Mrs. Stronden.

"Well, I’m going to bed."

The next day, as the two men were working, the old weather-beaten figure suddenly straightened up and bellowed in his usual tone of voice. "Yer know, George, that feller up there on the mountain shouldn’t be there."

"Why ever not?" asked Mr. Stronden, good naturedly.

"I ain’t asked you about it, ’s he? Must be a sneakin’ thief if ’e don’t ask yer permission. Yer never know what ’e’s up to. Might be pinchin’ yer sheep overnight, or doin’ anything like that."

"Well, I’ll take the risk, Ben. I don’t grudge anyone anything."

"O.K. It’s your doin’. None o’ my business. Wouldn’t ‘ave ‘im on my property."

Thot was all. At sunset Ben strode pensively home. The next morning Stronden’s shed was in disorder, and a bag of pea seed had disappeared. Thinking he may have made a mistake, Stronden did nothing about it, but determined to catch the thief, if there was one, in action that night. Before retiring after his day’s work, he locked his dog where it could not interrupt his plans.

Finding a bag missing at dawn next morning, he set out for the mountain. He noticed that no smoke was coming from Ben’s chimney in the distance, but then. Ben could not have been much help in any case.

After a brisk walk of a few minutes, he stopped short. For there, dimly outlined in the distance ahead was the figure of a man struggling up the mountain with a load on his shoulders. Suppressing his desire of pouncing on a man, Stronden crept stealthily behind him. The man went to a cave formed by two huge rocks, only a few yards from a tent. It was becoming lighter now, and a momentary glance down into the valley on the other side of the mountain revealed a man slowly walking, a dog trailing behind. Stronden jerked his head back again towards the thief who turned, saw him there, yelled and leapt away down the mountain. Overcome with panic, he tripped, striking his head against a huge rock. He groaned painfully and lay still.

Stronden hailed the man down in the valley who scrambled up quickly, his belt weighted with rabbits. His friendly smile vanished as he saw Stronden standing over the dead body of Ben.

"Help me home with him, friend," gasped Stronden.

"Ben Croyden! He always said he would get revenge on me. I reported him to the police for a theft forty-two years ago now. He didn’t learn his lesson in that time, and I’m afraid he never will now. It’s too late."

—PAMELA GODDARD, 5th Year.

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MY ASTLEY CUP

My port being packed without much pain,
An hour before I caught the train,
Not knowing that I would be disappointed
When to my measles the doctor pointed.

And there I lay upon my bed,
My school hat firmly on my head.
To the wireless I am listening.
For results of Bathurst winning.

And now I could imagine Pam
Glumly reading my telegram.
I knew she would be quite distracted
To hear of the measles I had contracted.

And now of tennis I inquire,
And think of sending them a wire;
But knowing Booth and mighty Rose,
I sink back in my grim repose.

On Thursday night while knitting socks,
I thought of the gay girls’ glamorous frocks.
On the side stood the boys just coyly glancing,
Amazed at the whirls of the couples dancing.

My mind then wanders to the football game,
On the muddy field to gain great fame;
The stalwarts of Bathurst must do their best
To win once again this annual test.

To my great disgust it wasn’t measles—
In thinking of doctors I thought of weasels.
So ends my story of this year’s game,
Which you must admit was rather tame.

—BEVERLEY JACKSON, 3B.

AN ABOINDIGAL BURIAL

During the school holidays I spent some time at Molong, a small town 60 miles west. One day, while out sightseeing through a property named "Gamboola," we came to an aboriginal grave. The grave was surrounded by four trees which were scored and marked with stone tomahawks in the manner which the blacks had, to indicate that the body buried there was a man.

Looking down on the face of the fretted stone one can read the following inscription, in some parts with difficulty, as time has worn away some of the lettering:

"To
Native Courage—
Yuranie
who accompanied the
Expedition of Discovery
in Tropical Australia
in 1846
Lies Buried Here."
THE BURLR

MY TRIP TO SCHOOL

My family waved a cheery good-bye as I ran quickly down the drive for as usual, I was late, and the bus was almost due. Yes, for as I reached the end of the drive the bus stopped with a shrill screeching of brakes at the foot of the hill. I jumped on board to the accompaniment of much shouting and laughter from other High School pupils. Soon we were on our way through heavily-timbered mountain country.

The bus halted abruptly at what was, in the days of Cobb and Co., a busy hotel, where travellers were put up for the night, and changed horses, but what was now a peaceful farm house. Our next halt was at a modern farm on the rich undulating plains, already beautiful with the varied greens of trees and crops and the glory of the blossoming wattle.

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Then in direct contrast we pass the modern airstrip with its large, luxurious passenger plane, resting on the tarmac, which reminded us vividly of the progress we have made in our brief history. Soon we were crossing the swiftly flowing Macquarie River, swollen with recent heavy rain, and entering the beautiful and historic town of Bathurst. Our final stop was at the High School, and yet another trip to school was over.

—ANNETTE MULLER, 2B.

THE MARCH OF TIME

Once not so long ago folk were amazed
To see the locomotive speed across the land,
And, moving not, they stood transfixed and dazed,
As the shining new machine came to a stand.

Today it is to us a common sight
To see an engine speed o'er the plains;
It carries freight and people every night,
To every town and village roll the trains.

It rattles quickly up and down the ridges;
There is a flash, a roar, and it is gone;
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—PETER HOY, 2A.

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Stamp collecting, or philately as it is called, can prove to be a very fascinating and interesting hobby. Some people specialise in different varieties of stamps, such as countries, animals or birds. In world-wide collections there are said to be more than 1200 different stamps with a lion printed on them, and about as many horses.

The Kingsford Smith stamp is also of interest as it is said authoritatively that at the time it was printed, he was practically the only living man, other than a king or head of a nation, who had a stamp printed in his honour.

Last year was the 75th anniversary of the United Postal Union. This Union meets every five years to discuss matters such as rates of postage and the colour of stamps to be used in different countries. Many countries designed special stamps to honour this event, and Australia won the prize for the best designed stamp. The design was a stockman of the outback mounted on a horse, watching an aeroplane pass overhead.

—M. LEARMOUTH, 4th Year.

A TROPICAL STORM

The dark black clouds grew threatening,
  The sky hung low to the sea,
And around the time worn cliffs tops
  The gale blew furiously.

Deep down in the native villages
Was the clamour of urgent cries
  As the native folk went scurrying
Into their huts like flies.

Then in the dying twilight,
As the jet black night crept in,
The rain burst forth from the cloudbank,
  To punish the islands for sin.

At last the storm abated,
  The sea was still once more;
The South Sea isles lay peaceful,
  A haven for rich and poor.

—PETER ALLMOND, 4A.

THE BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY CO. LTD. STEELWORKS,
  NEWCASTLE

The B.H.P. steelworks at Newcastle, New South Wales, is a huge collection of massive buildings on a base of a mile and a quarter square. There are 87 miles of railway line at the B.H.P., and the company also constructs its own engines for use in the works and between the works and its own and other coalmines.

The drive to the actual steelworks is a scenic one, for there are many large, well-kept lawns with numerous flower beds, together with trees and shrubs. In this area there is the imposing administrative building.

It is not possible to see iron being made, as this is done inside the towering blast furnaces. Then this is mixed with various chemical compounds in the open hearth furnaces to make different types of steel. This steel is poured into metal containers to cool, and when the containers are removed with huge, overhead machines, the dull, red ingots remain. Another furnace is waiting to heat the ingot to a higher temperature, after which

it is laid on rollers in the bloom mill to be beaten to required sizes by machinery.

One section of the B.H.P. steelworks makes rails; another, rolls of sheet steel and a third, coils of fine steel for later drawing into wire; the latter at the rate of 29,000 miles every 14 days.

Some workers in the latter section toss their bread over the red hot steel as it passes them on a conveyor belt.

Another interesting section of the steelworks is where industrial coke is made. In the coke ovens, 20 tons of coal are put in and 15 tons of coke come out; with about 105 other by-products. It is a grand sight when the two eight-inch wide doors are opened and the coke is pushed through into an open-topped railway truck.

—IAN BEARDWOOD, 2A.

YELLOW MAGIC

Blood runs fast in the veins of youth. What youth has not dreamed of high adventure? The youths of this district are singularly lucky because they live in the gold country, the very heart of the gold country.

It was not far from Bathurst, in Lewis Ponds Creek, that payable gold was first discovered by two men named Lister and Toms, whose discovery was later capitalised on by a man named Hargreaves. After this discovery, the young colony seethed with excitement, and droves of men swarmed over the country, seeking the yellow magic.

Gold was found on the Tyron, by the ounce, by the pound! by the hundredweight! and rich fields were opened up at widely scattered places around the Bathurst district. Such names as Wattle Flat, Tuena, Trunkley Creek, Hill End and Lucknow are now history.

With such a background as this, it is small wonder that from time to time we see the amateur prospector, fired with this spirit of adventure, searching the old diggings with all the diligence and enthusiasm of their counterparts of 100 years ago.

Their tools are still the same, the pick, shovel and dish being the main equipment necessary. The amateur prospector soon learns the knack of glancing along the dry beds of gullies and ancient watercourses, and finding with uncanny accuracy places where the gold will be deposited by the raging torrents which flow down these gullies during heavy storms.

Does prospecting pay? Yes, richly; not always in yellow metal, but in a closer understanding of nature and the dogged determination and great hearted courage of those prospectors who were our forefathers.

—M. HARGANS, 2A.

UNWELCOME RAIN

Today I'm lying on my bed
  With downcast heart and aching head,
Watching that unwelcome rain
  Trickling down my window pane.

With the rain come flakes of snow,
  And how I wish they both would go.
And let the sun come out and shine
  And say, "To-morrow will be fine."

—RODNEY KILBY, 2C.
THE FLOODS OUT WEST

The rain began, the floods soon came;
The rivers quickly rose.
The people looked with anxious eyes,
Foreseeing future woes.
The farmer thought of crops of wheat
Destroyed beyond a doubt;
The grazier's thought was for his sheep,
And even hoped for drought.
This futile battle then began,
'Twas nature versus man;
But every source of help was used
To aid the countryman.
The rain had ceased, the floods went down;
Destruction lay exposed.
The cost rose high in every town,
From damage floods imposed.

—JAMES HUTCHISON, 3A.

FANTASY

The sun sank slowly behind the trees,
And threw a purple haze
Which hovered on the evening breeze
As wond'ring I did gaze.

And through that haze of purple hue
A marvellous sight appeared,
For in the mighty depth of blue
A tow'ring castle reared.

Its walls were a mass of shining gold,
With colours far more fair.
It seemed a palace of wealth untold
As it floated in the air.

But things of beauty never last,
So, alas! My fairy tower,
It faded with the setting sun,
As night crept from her bower.

—F. BORDLEY, 4th Year.

SUNNY CORNER MINE

At a spot twenty-three miles east from Bathurst, in the year 1880, silver was discovered. Many of the citizens were in favour of the mine being named "New Eldorado," after a great silver mine which had just been exhausted in America. However, after much discussion, it was named "Sunny Corner" by a man named Scott, who claimed it was the first spot in the vicinity to catch the morning sun.

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The following year an English company bought the mine. Many people were employed in the mine, and on transport duties. When the mine was at its peak seven thousand people supported seven hotel and many shops.

The fortnightly output was one ton of pure silver. The silver was transported to Rydal, a distance of thirteen miles, accompanied by twelve heavily armed police. There was a racecourse, at which sports or races were held weekly. Many coaches ran from neighbouring towns.

At this time Sunny Corner silver was classed as the best in Australia. There are lead and zinc deposits below the silver, but because these metals were low in price and deeper down, it did not pay to mine them.

At Mitchell's Creek, near Sunny Corner, Morgan and Winter struck rich alluvial gold. Manganese was also found. However, the reef was only about twelve yards long and six yards wide.

A few scattered houses and a hotel are the remaining relics of Sunny Corner to-day, although there is considerable talk of re-opening this mine for zinc and lead.

—ARTHUR B. SYKES, 2A.

NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS

"The Burr" regrets its inability to publish so many of the original contributions received. Some of them even reached the stage of being set up in type, but at the last minute they had to be excluded through lack of space. It should be some consolation to all whose work has been omitted that they have done their best to make the magazine a success.

AWARDS OF BLUES

1949

Cricket.—Brian Booth, Brian Johnson.
Athletics.—Brian Booth, Reg Lang, Anne Makepeace.
Tennis.—Brian Booth, John Cooper, Brian Johnson, Ken Rose, Hugh Ross, Dawn Riddiford, Shirley Richards.
Hockey.—Narelle Matthews, Marie Thew.
Basketball.—Pamela Goddard, Marcia Hannonford, Dawn Riddiford.

1950

Rugby League.—W. Blomfield, R. Evers, J. Scott, W. Treneman, L. Upfold.
Cricket.—B. Booth, R. Evers.
Athletics.—B. Booth, L. Upfold.
Tennis.—B. Booth, I. Cranston, K. Rose, Margaret Learmonth, Dawn Riddiford.
Hockey.—Betty Callaghan, Janet Grives, Margaret Learmonth, Joan Toole.
Basketball.—Pamela Goddard, Dawn Riddiford.
"The Burr" regrets that in an endeavour to include an account of the sporting activities of last year as well as this, it has been necessary to write less fully than usual on the various events, and this has prevented our mentioning as many names of splendid individual performers as we would have wished. The majority will, however, find their faces included in the team photographs.

**ASTLEY CUP**

1949

Many of us will long remember that morning of 20th July 1949 when we packed into a bus (the coal strike made the train taboo) for the first of the 1949 Astley Cup series at Dubbo.

Experiments to the South Pole had little on this trip, for no sooner had the farewell cheering ceased than the usual green hills turned white with snow. The team's spirits, however, kept the bus warm during a long and exciting trip and the Dubbo welcome thawed out those who had felt the cold unduly.

The weather next day was fortunately fine, and the programme followed as arranged. We began with a good win in athletics, 75 points to 25, both boys and girls doing well. In the afternoon the Red and Blacks reversed this result by a good win in the hockey 4 goals to 2.

Many spectators arrived for the football and, being Dubbo residents, were cheered to see the home team win well, 22-0, despite valiant efforts by our defence.

The next day we had some revenge by a good tennis win 58 points to 22, and another in basketball, 46 points to 13. This made the final points Dubbo 233, Bathurst 207.

Dubbo entertained us so well that we half hoped the bus would break down. This didn't happen, however, till we were well on our way, and it was a very weary party that arrived home at about 3 a.m. after a ten hour trip.

The next contest was between Dubbo and Orange, with the latter winning, which made our task of holding the cup more difficult.

Then Orange visited Bathurst, and a most exciting contest followed. We began with a wonderful win in tennis, winning all sets and scoring 65 to 15. The next day started with athletics, which set the keynote for the contest by finishing in a tie, 50 points each. Betty Wood, Anne Makepeace, Brian Booth and our relay teams were our stalwarts. After a splendid game Orange evened the total scores by winning the hockey 2-0. Then the football kept up the good work, and after a deadly struggle both teams had to be satisfied with a 2-all draw. The final event was the basketball. Bathurst led early, but Orange did not despair, and in the last minute scored the equalising goal—another draw and the whole contest a draw, 220 points each, an unknown event in the Astley Cup. However, on total points our congratulations (and the Cup) went to Orange.

1950

The snow which ushered in last year’s Astley was a mere trifle compared with the rain and mud that stayed with us in both our series this year.

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Dubbo arrived for the first contest—the tennis—on Tuesday, 18th August, but it soon became inevitable that it must be postponed. As conditions did not improve abandonment followed, much to our disgust, for we had high hopes of our tennis team.

Wednesday morning was a little kinder, and we managed to find tracks dry enough for the athletics, though the jumps had to be abandoned. In a close contest we were successful by 54 to 46, mainly through the effort of our sprinter, “Sam,” in winning the last event, the mile.

The basketball was brought forward in case the tennis could still be played. In a graceful and (for the spectators) entertaining exhibition, in which our girls kept their feet (heads didn’t matter) the better, Bathurst scored 10 goals (41 points) to 7 (19 points), Dawn and Jenny covered themselves with glory as well as mud.

The hockey was played in the worst possible conditions in the afternoon. Dubbo scored once in the first half, but were kept out on many other occasions by the valiant defence of goalie, Margaret Learmonth, and the loss of their foothold at inconvenient moments. Visibility was close to zero in the second half. In a splendid attack close to the finish Bathurst skated up the field and Val Slattery shot the equalising goal. That ended the scoring, 50 points to each school.

The condition of the Sportsground, churned by weeks of wet weather football, made it appear certain that there would be nothing spectacular in the big football clash. From the outset, however, there were brilliant backline movements and almost miraculous handling on both sides. In one of these Warren Blomfield, our captain and lock, playing brilliantly as usual, charged with a try. As the ball became more slippery, the forwards, six men as one, came into their own, though our other three tries, all in the second half, were scored by the backs—two to Ron Evers, one to Bill Treeman. Bill could not convert any of them—no one could lift a greasy cannon ball over the cross bar. The 12-0 win gave us 89 points to Dubbo 15, and made the totals Bathurst 280, Dubbo 160.

After a dance, on which no report is issued, and a farewell lunch at the School, our guests, still as cheerful as they had been on the field, departed without once blaming us for the wetness of our welcome.

Next week we were off to Orange, where their usual warm welcome awaited us, though even they couldn’t stop it raining.

Athletics was again the first event and, with the broad jump abandoned, our athletes gained 59 ½ points to 40 ½. Brian Booth with wins in the 100, 220 and high jump was again our outstanding performer. Our boys’ relay added one more to its unbroken run of victories.

To the disgust of our players, who went through the Astley without hitting a ball, tennis was again abandoned. The hockey was to some extent a repetition of the Dubbo game. Conditions were bad. Orange scored first. Margaret defended with rare skill. Towards the end the equalising goal came, this time from Joan Toole. A draw was a fitting reward for the condition, spirit and determination our girls showed throughout.

On Friday morning the basketball team added to our total with a good 18-13 win. A very nervous Janice (taking the place of Beverley, whom we left at home with her German measles) and Maureen rose nobly to the occasion with their goal throwing.

The football at Wolaroi College oval was again a very good game in the conditions. Our superior forwards and the speed of “Sam” on the wing made up for the loss of Bill Treeman midway through the game. We won 11-2 (tries by Booth, Uphold, Craig; a goal by Blomfield), and this made the total points for the series with Orange 279 to 161.

The Astley had come home again, and in our joy we could almost forget that we had left the Mulvey behind in Orange’s safe keeping.
We had a wonderful time at Orange, and there were many longing, lingering looks behind as our train pulled out.

ASTLEY CUP ATHLETICS TEAM 1949
Back Row: A. Baillie, B. Booth, R. Lang, S. Richards, W. Head, B. Craig, W. Blomfield.
Front Row: L. Upfold, J. Cooper, R. Knight, R. Baillie.
Block donated by Howlett Studios.

THE WILLMAN CUP

The competition between Lithgow and Bathurst is now an outstanding feature of our sporting year. Our thanks are due to Messrs. Willman for their interest in donating the fine trophy that the winner holds.

The most interesting features of these contests are that they include both summer and winter sports and that they include matches for so many whose age or inferior skill prevents them from representing the School in the Astley Cup.

For the summer contests we visited Lithgow. In the tennis our boys had a good win in all four sets but the girls just survived by 19 games to 15, 2 sets all. This was repeated in the cricket. The boys had good wins in both first and second teams, the girls a fairly narrow one by 49 runs to 38. In softball, our girls had a clear cut win by 18 to 3.

We wish to thank Lithgow for their warm hospitality and fine sporting spirit.

The winter competitions were held in Bathurst. The girls played A and B grade hockey matches, in both of which Bathurst recorded good wins. The basketball was closer. The A grade game was drawn after a very even contest, while Lithgow had a fine win in B grade, 18 to 7. The tennis played was mixed doubles, and our strong team, favoured with good weather for once, won by 96 games to 22.

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Football for the boys was played in five grades, some at the School, the others at the Sportsground. Lithgow won the Under 8 stone division 8 points to 7. Bathurst won the others—6 stone 22-0, 7 stone 11-3, 9 stone 17-0, open 19-0. All games were interesting and some excellent play was seen.

Men's basketball was an innovation. Aided by the experience gained in the local competition, our boys won by 57 to 10. It is good to see some of our new Australians entering the school sport and playing skilfully, as John Zeps and Indulis Kepars did in this match.

Although the margin of points (262 to 38) over the whole contest was very great in our favour, it will not always be so. We look forward to many good contests in the coming years, and hope that we will take our feats as cheerfully and in as fine a sporting spirit as did Lithgow.

ASTLEY CUP ATHLETICS 1950
Back Row: R. Baillie, B. Booth, R. Craig, R. Lang, W. Blomfield, L. Bonham.
Front Row: E. Fletcher, H. Hill, Mr. R. McDonald, D. Riddiford, Miss E. Turner, L. Culhane, P. Goddard.
Absent: L. Upfold, O. Dworjanyn.
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RUGBY LEAGUE

Rugby League continues to be the major winter sport for boys, and although this year an over-abundance of rain and a heavy programme made it impossible to complete the House competition, the sport still provided much exercise and aroused enthusiasm among many boys in the School.

WEIGHT TEAMS

Competitions for several weight teams were held. It was pleasing to see a special Under 9st. 4lb. competition conducted by the B.D.R.L. The High School team, thanks to the energetic and enthusiastic coach, Mr. Mangan, showed great improvement during the season. In past years competition has been rather slack for these lads, but the abundance of matches
this year should result in our future first grade sides maintaining and perhaps improving their standard of achievement.

The Secondary Schools' Council again conducted competitions in the lighter grades—Under 8st., Under 7st., Under 6st. Thanks to the time and energy so unselfishly given by their respective coaches, Messrs. Braham, Johnston and Trotter, many of these boys show promise of developing into excellent players.

Unfortunately, the Group 10 Schools Carnival had to be abandoned through bad weather on the day arranged. A separate carnival was held, however, in each of the three main centres the following week and pennants will be awarded to the winners in each. Our Under 6 stone team, coached by Mr. Trotter, had a meritorious win in the final of its division.

**FOOTBALL — FIRST GRADE 1949**

With only three of the 1948 team left, and these three forwards (A. Baillie, W. Blomfield, M. Harrratty), this year was one of team-building, the XIII being one of the youngest and lightest to represent the School. The side's best performance was a 2-all draw with Orange High School in the Astley Cup series. This draw occurred at the end of the season and after Orange High had defeated Dubbo, who had previously beaten us by 20 points to nil. This is a good augury for 1950 when the experience gained this year should be invaluable.

In the Bathurst Rugby League Under 18 competition, the School side found the other sides too good and too big, so that we were not successful in winning a match, although the side gave several plucky displays. We congratulate St. Stanislaus' College on their excellent win in this competition.

An enjoyable visit to Sydney found Technical High to be as gracious as hosts as they were visitors in 1948. The football resulted in a win for their Second XIII by 3 points to 2 after a dour struggle.

The team was best served in the forwards who, although giving away weight were always "on the ball". Warren Blomfield showed that he was rapidly becoming a first-class lock while Arthur Baillie, the captain, was always prominent in the rucks. In the light back division, several showed promise, especially L. Upfold (at outside centre), W. Treneman (fifth-eighth) and Ron Evers (at half). These should be an excellent nucleus together with "Blommy" and Craig in the forwards for next year's team.

"Blues" are awarded to A. Baillie (capt.) and W. Blomfield, while congratulations are due to W. Blomfield and L. Upfold for their well-deserved selection in the Bathurst District Under 18 years team.

**FOOTBALL — FIRST GRADE 1950**

The first XIII is notable this year for the remarkable improvement it showed during the year. Commencing in a very mediocre fashion in the trials, it developed into one of the best combinations to represent the School in recent years. This was largely due to strict training and excellent co-ordination between backs and forwards rather than to any individual "star" players. As the season developed, the team revealed that it had no weakness in any position and became known for its magnificent defence.

The forwards, led by the lock and captain, W. Blomfield, were outstanding. By their rucking and concerted movements they were never
"shaded" during the season, and were responsible to a great extent for the team's success. Their deadly tackling and their fetish for gaining possession of the ball gave numerous opportunities to a fast back line. It would be unfair to single out any player for special mention as they all gave excellent service, and their success was due to working as a single unit. The pack included the following: W. Blomfield (Lock, captain and an inspiration to his side), Ray Bailie (Second Row—an exceptionally fine "rucker"), Barry Craig (Second Row—an excellent tackler), John Scott (Front Row Prop—fast, with a devastating run from rucks), Clem Payne (Hooker, and always in the thick of the play). The other position—Front Row "Prop"—was shared by W. Ambrose (slow but a real rucking forward) and W. Lebedew (a New Australian who improved rapidly and was becoming a first-rate open player).

The back line also revealed splendid possibilities and combined excellently. The half, Ron Evers, proved a tower of strength in defence and attack, combining excellently with his five-eighth, Bill Tremane. As our pivot and goal kicker, Bill showed that he had become a really first-class player. Laurie Upfold was our most penetrative back at inside centre, while John Shelton improved remarkably and at the Astley Cup time was one of our stars, particularly in defence. Tom Hart on the right wing proved a strong runner and an excellent "handler". The left wing position was capably filled at different times by R. Lang, R. North and B. Booth, all of whom played excellent football. R. Coutts, after a week start, developed into an excellent custodian, handling and kicking very well.

It was unfortunate that at the end of the season the team suffered so greatly with injuries, that in the final matches of the season it was only a shadow of its former self. The main injuries we sustained were: L. Upfold (broken ankle), J. Shelton (broken leg), W. Tremane (bead injury), R. Lang (broken wrist), R. North (sprained ankle), so that the back line almost disappeared.

As a great number of the Xlll will be with us next year, and as we have an excellent material coming on from the junior grades, next year's team should be a worthy successor to this one. Great things are expected from R. Snape, W. Gormall, D. Bridge, C. Fitzsimmons, D. Beach, L. Bonham, V. Everingham and others next year.

The team's record of 15 matches played (winning 9, drawing 1, losing 5 and scoring 101 points to 54 against) would have been even more imposing if injuries, mentioned above, had not weakened the team at the end of the season.


Against other High Schools, the team performed outstandingly. In the Astley Cup, we were successful against both our old rivals, defeating Dubbo by 12 points to nil and Orange by 11 to 2. Against Lithgow High, the Xlll helped to win the Willman Cup by emerging victors in the encounter by 19 points to nil. A highlight of the season was the visit of Sydney Technical High 1st Xlll. After a most exciting match the visitors proved superior, scoring in the last minute to win by 5 points to nil.

The even nature of the team is reflected in the award of no less than five "Blues"—to W. Blomfield, J. Scott, R. Evers, W. Tremane and L. Upfold—while R. Bailie, J. Shelton and C. Payne were also considered for that honour.

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During the past two years the standard and popularity of tennis in the School has exceeded even the high level set in 1948.

The three School courts have been renovated and are now in keeping with the rest of the School grounds.

The 1949 Astley Cup team was a particularly strong combination, and defeated Orange, Dubbo and Lithgow convincingly. The whole 24 sets were won against Orange, and 20 sets against Dubbo: the boys did not lose one set either in the boys' doubles or in the mixed doubles. Competent critics regarded these lads as the best school team in the State, and their performances in open competition bear out this opinion. Brian Johnson and John Cooper were only defeated in three sets in the finals of their age divisions in the Junior Championships staged in Sydney last year. This year they represented Bathurst in the Hansen Cup fixture against Orange and this selection ranged in the first four in Bathurst. Incidentally, John won the 1949 Bathurst "B" Grade Championship.

Ken Rose won this event in 1948, and should develop into a fine player. Probably Brian Booth will be the best player of this strong quartette, if he takes up the game seriously. Mr. Aub Willard has stated that he has the best forehand of any player in the country, but, of course, that doesn't compensate for a faulty backhand. Hugh Ross, our reserve for 1949, played very well against Dubbo.

The girls have been showing an improved standard and much better stroke production. Dawn Riddiford, Margaret Learmonth, Shirley Richards, Anne Whitton and Joan Chew did well to win 12 out of 16 sets in Astley Cup matches in 1949.

ASTLEY CUP TENNIS TEAM 1949

Front Row: M. Learmonth, S. Richards, Mr. R. McDonald, Miss E. Turner, Mr. E. Lavis, D. Riddiford, J. Chew.

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TENNIS TEAM 1950

Front Row: J. Chew, D. Riddiford, Mr. E. Lavis, P. White, M. Learmonth.
Absent: L. Uphold.

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The 1950 team consisted of K. Rose, B. Booth, I. Cranston, L. Uphold, D. Riddiford, M. Learmonth, P. White and L. Hutchinson, with W. Bloxfield and J. Chew as reserves. Unfortunately rain washed out both Astley Cup matches, but matches were played and won against Lithgow in the Willman Cup.

In the Western Districts School Boys and Girls' Championships held at Parkes during the September holidays, representatives from the Bathurst High School did particularly well. Results:
Open Singles (Boys): K. Rose defeated I. Cranston, 6-4, 11-9 in the final.
Open Doubles (Boys): Won by K. Rose and I. Cranston.
Margaret Learmonth was defeated in the final of the Under 16 Years Girls' Singles in 3 sets, and with Dawn Riddiford was eliminated in the finals of the Open Doubles. Dawn was defeated in the semi-finals of the Open Singles.

Many fine matches were played in the School Championships in 1949, and the winners thoroughly deserved their trophies. Results:
Open Singles: John Cooper. Under 15 Years: Bill Treneman.
Girls—4th and 5th Year: Dawn Riddiford. 3rd Year: Margaret Learmonth. 2nd Year: Betty Callaghan. 1st Year: Joan Chew.
Dawn defeated Margaret in the final of the Open Championship.

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The 1950 Championships are still in progress and are being very keenly contested. Betty Callaghan has won the 3rd Year Girls' Championship and Joan Chew is favoured for the 2nd Year event.
The Boys' Open Championships should develop into a contest between K. Rose, B. Booth and I. Cranston, and the Junior Championship will probably be fought out between I. Beardwood, T. Boyd, J. Bailey, P. Hoy and Dale Riddiford.

Many of our pupils attended the special coaching classes held in Orange in 1949 and Bathurst in 1950. The advice given by Mr. G. Biddle and Mr. Aub. Willard has proved a solid foundation for the tennis of our young players.
The Town Club has been very generous in making courts available on Wednesday afternoons and for inter-school matches. Our thanks are due especially to the Secretary, Mr. M. O'Connell, and the caretaker, Mr. J. Nixon. The Presbyterian and Methodist Clubs have also made their courts available for use on Wednesday afternoons, and this gesture is much appreciated.

The tennis report would not be complete without some mention of our enthusiastic school coach, Mr. E. Lavis, who has throughout the season given valuable assistance to many students, without which our School could never have reached its present high standard in tennis.

CRICKET

Cricket remains the established major summer sport and offers varied competition for many lads in the School. House matches are held each Wednesday afternoon, and although Evans House is leading in the point score at present, the competition remains very open.

FIRST XI 1949

Front Row: J. Cooper, W. Bloxfield, H. Johnson, Mr. R. Learmonth, Mr. R. Dodd, B. Booth, M. Hannatty.

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FIRST XI 1950

Front Row: M. Pearce, R. Evers, Mr. R. Learmonth, B. Booth, Mr. R. Dodd.

Absent: R. Lang, R. Knight.

Block donated by Danny White and Charlie Price.

As well as the three major grades, the B.D.C.A. arranges a Saturday competition in Under 14 and Under 13 grades. Although the School does not participate officially, some of our boys also take part in a Colts' competition on Sunday with district clubs. Thus there are ample opportunities for all to get plenty of good cricket. The experience gained has greatly improved the skill of many boys, especially those who play against more mature teams.

CRICKET — FIRST GRADE 1949

The season 1948-1949 again saw the first grade participating in the B.D.C.A. first grade competition. Mr. Dodd and Mr. Learmonth again assisted the team in these matches. The team proved a very competent one, having quite a successful season, although it finished well down the competition table.

In addition to competition games the 1st XI had its annual fixture against Lithgow.

In regard to the personnel of the team, Brian Booth was outstanding, both as batsman, slow bowler and fieldsman. This season he became a regular member of Bathurst District side, filling the position with great credit. Brian Johnson, batsman and 'keeper, was another member of the School team to become a District representative. It is no mean honour to have two of the School side recognised as among Bathurst's eleven best cricketers.

Others to show promise included John Cooper as opening bat and bowler, Ron Evers as opening bat and Laurie Ulfold (bat and relief slow-

spiner). In all it was a well-balanced, keen side without a "tail". Two blues, both fully deserved, were awarded to Brian Booth and Brian Johnson.

CRICKET — FIRST GRADE 1950

In the 1949-50 season under the zoning system, the School entered 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade teams. Once again the School 1st XI showed that its cricket was well up to the high standard of previous years, and the team as a whole displayed an excellent sporting spirit, both in victory and defeat. Bathurst was once more successful in its Willman Cup matches with Lithgow.

No account of this year's cricket would be complete without mentioning the achievements of Brian Booth. Brian at 16 years of age was given the signal honour of being selected in the Western District XI for Country Week. This followed a series of excellent performances with both bat and ball, both for the School XI in the local B.D.C.A. competition and with the Bathurst District XI in the Western Competition. In the Country Week series Brian excelled himself with the ball, taking in all 19 wickets. This, together with his brilliant fielding, accounted by many judges to be the best of the carnival, led to his selection in the Combined Country side to play City. The B.D.C.A. handbook pays Brian this compliment: "The selection of Brian Booth in the Combined Country v City team was a well-earned tribute to his splendid bowling performances. From these two teams, the N.S.W. Second XI is chosen, and for a young lad in his first Country Week carnival to be thought a possibility for representative cricket must be considered a signal honour."

We look forward to seeing "Sam" progress to even higher honours in the near future.

The other members of the High School team also developed well during the season, and we look forward to 1950-51 season with greater confidence than ever. In Ron Evers we have a good opening bat and a developing 'keeper: L. Ulfold should help himself to lots of runs in the coming season, while Tom Hart has developed into an extremely hostile opening bowler, thus filling a serious deficiency of past years. These, together with well tried "veterans" in R. Lang, J. Shelton and R. Knight, combined with such promising "Colts" as A. Levings, M. Pearce, W. Treneman and J. Lindsell, should make our 1950-51 side a particularly good one.

Two "Blues" were awarded in 1950 on the basis of 1949-50 performances, these going to B. Booth (Captain of XI), and R. Evers.

BASKETBALL

This valuable and enjoyable team game is quickly becoming one of the major winter sports, with many boys showing keen interest. Already two teams from the High School have taken part in the local competition and are proving strong opposition to many of the more mature sides. The matches, being held in evening sessions, do not interfere with the local football programme, and should offer great opportunity for the boys to condition their reflexes for football, athletics and tennis.

Although a non-contact game, it is proving popular, mainly through its need for speed, endurance, co-ordination and finesse. It is hoped this year to carry on the competition well into the summer months so that interest will be maintained and lads will become more familiar with the skills required and so be able to "hold their own" next season.

The first grade team has been doing particularly well, showing great improvement each game, and at present is running fifth in the local competition, while the Seconds, although lacking somewhat in experience, are quickly improving.
Congratulations are extended to Tom Hart who was chosen in the Possibles to represent Bathurst District Firsts at Lithgow, and to Indulis Kepars and John Zeps, who have been selected by the Migrant Centre to play at Lithgow and later in the N.S.W. Championships in Sydney.

SWIMMING

Swimming enthusiasm is increasing as both boys and girls are finding the enjoyment that can be had from this form of exercise. Although facilities are not altogether perfect, many are learning to swim and others are gradually improving their stroke technique.

Pupils have been urged to attend vacation swimming classes, and many non-swimmers are taking advantage of the opportunity.

Quite a successful full-scale carnival heralded the opening of this year's House competitions, and although rain deterred a few entrants, it was pleasing to see reasonable numbers participating in each event. Times were taken and recorded for the first time during these carnivals, and have been set down as School records.

Blaxland House and the various School champions are to be congratulated on their highly successful wins.

House point scores were: Blaxland 130, Wentworth 91½, Evans 74, Lawson 70½.

Winners of individual championships were: Girls, Marie Cooper (Senior), June McGuire (Junior), Boys: R. Dow (Senior), D. Davie (Junior).

MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM 1950

Back Row: I. Kepars, B. Craig, L. Butcher, L. Bonham.
Front Row: C. Fitzsimmons, Mr. R. McDonald, T. Hart.
Absent: J. Zeps, R. Coutts.

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BURLINGTON-PACEY ATHLETICS TEAM 1950

Back Row: Mr. L. Johnston, M. Flint, R. North, Mr. K. Easton, B. Craig, R. Baillie, Mr. R. Learmont.
Centre: W. Bridge, J. Grives, R. Booth, W. Blomfield, R. Lang, L. Bonham, R. Evers, Mr. R. McDonald.

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ATHLETICS (Boys and Girls)

The main athletics season during the last two years has been from April to July, the School Carnival being the first big attraction. Our best athletes are then chosen and trained for the Bathurst Secondary Schools meeting and the Astley Cup.

THE ANNUAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Wednesday 12th April was a day well chosen for this gala day. The sunshine, the green of the Sportsground, and the House colours of the runners combined to make a very colourful scene.

Evans House went to an early lead in the 100 yards events and was not headed for the House point score, but Wentworth was always close and competition was keen. The total points were: Evans 265, Wentworth 233, Lawson 165, Blaxland 150.

Evans girls were also successful in the Ball games peninsula, mainly owing to the efforts of the Senior-Junior team led by Dawn Riddiford.

In the individual championships the results were:

Girls—Senior: Dawn Riddiford (E) 1, Marcia Hannaford (E) 2. Junior: Betty Wood (W) 1, Pam Goddard (L) 2. Sub-Junior: Hazel Hill (L) 1, Carol Ellis (W) 2.

Boys—Senior: Brian Booth (L) 1, Laurie Uphold (E) 2. Junior: Ray Baille (B) 1, Frank Smithers (E) 2. Sub-Junior: Arthur Charlton (W) 1, Max Maris (W) 2.

Many good individual times were put up, but unfortunately school records have not been kept. It is pleasing to see so many entering in handicap and novelty events, for it is often by these that the House Championship is won. The ideal is for every person in the School to compete in at least one event.

The class luncheons in various parts of the outer ground were again a most attractive feature of the carnival.

BATHURST SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPORTS MEETING

In both 1949 and 1950 very successful meetings have been held among the Bathurst Secondary Schools. St. Stanislaus’ College has been easily the most successful, winning all three divisions in 1949 and the Senior and Sub-Junior in 1950. All Saints’ College had a well-earned victory in the Juniors this year. Our sincere congratulations go to both schools on their success. The High School has not been outclassed, however, and, as well as being close up in the point scores, has had some fine achievements in individual events. Notable among them this year were Brian Booth’s very fine 440 win in the new record time of 50.8 seconds, and the success of our senior relay team (Reg Lang, Warren Blomfield, Laurie Uphold, Brian Booth) by inches from St. Stanislaus’, also in the record time of 45.6 seconds.

It was very pleasing to see the young Scots School team make its first appearance at this meeting. Their courageous efforts against bigger boys were worthy of great praise. At the same time we regret the absence this year of St. Patrick’s. We hope to see them back next year.

The final points were:

Pacey Shield

Burlington Cup

ATKINSON SHIELD


HOCKEY TEAM 1949

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HOCKEY

It is pleasing to see a greater number of girls have taken hockey as their winter sport this year, with the result that a House Competition was held, and our congratulations go to Evans House for their success. Miss Cowcher has been training the younger girls, and a good standard of hockey was noticeable in these matches.

We are grateful to the Women’s Hockey Association for allowing the A and B teams to play in the competition organised by them. The experience gained in these matches proves invaluable in the inter-school competitions held during the year. We congratulate Ex-Students’ team for their success in this competition.

The Astley Cup matches proved very thrilling, resulting in a 1-all draw in both matches. In the match against Dubbo, played in continuous rain, Dubbo led 1 to nil at half-time, and although the forwards had the ball in the circle many times in the second half it was not until the closing stages of the game that the ball was finally netted by the right inner, Val Slattery. The performance was repeated in Orange, with Bathurst’s score coming in the last five minutes of the match when a combined effort of the team enabled our left winger, Joan Toole, to send the ball between the posts. Our goalie, Margaret Learmonth, deserves congratulations for some splendid saves in this match.
were successful. In the A team our congratulations go to Joan Toole for her five brilliant goals, and in the B team to Marie Cooper, who netted four out of the six winning goals.

**BASKETBALL**

As the Bathurst Women’s Basketball Association introduced a Reserve Grade Competition this year it was decided to enter two junior teams in this competition with the co-operation of Miss Levy, who consented to coach these teams. The A and B teams again played in the A grade competition, and these teams are very grateful to Miss Leavers for the enthusiasm and interest she showed as their coach. We appreciate the opportunity of playing in these competitions, and congratulate N.C.G.M.I for their success in the A Grade and Technical College III for winning the Reserve Grade competition.

For those girls not in any of the school teams a House competition was conducted in two grades, and Wentworth House is to be congratulated on gaining the most points.

The Astley Cup team was successful again this year. The match against Dubbo, which was played in the rain, showed a remarkable resemblance to football, and resulted in a win for Bathurst by 10 goals to 7. The girls are grateful to the football team for the excellent practice given during the lunch hour. At Orange the team was again successful, defeating Orange by 18 goals to 13. Excellent team work was responsible for these successes.

In the Willman Cup contest against Lithgow our B team was defeated after a hard match, with the A team match resulting in a draw.

**BASKETBALL TEAM 1949**

**HOCKEY TEAM 1950**

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