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Editorial

It has been the hope of past Editors that "The Burr" would appear regularly, filling the definite need in this School for an annual magazine. The Editor feels that, after a few difficult years, this hope is very near fulfilment. The response of students to the appeal for literary works for their own magazine has been most gratifying; indeed the task of selection has been extremely difficult because of both the quantity and the quality of the work submitted. If this student interest continues "The Burr" should thrive.

No matter how keen you, the students, are to see "The Burr" each year, little or nothing could be done without the very real assistance of the small group who make up "The Burr" Committee. To these pupils the Editor gives his thanks. They undertook their task willingly and were at all times most co-operative, and the only reward they have for the hours of time they gave up is the ultimate appearance of the magazine and the knowledge of a job well done.

As well, the Editor offers thanks to another group—the business men and other citizens who through their generous financial help have made it possible for us to produce "The Burr" in its present form. Without their support the production of a magazine such as this would have been beyond us.

You now have a copy of the 1955 "Burr", but remember—if the "Burr" is to flourish, it must have your wholehearted support.

THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Business Manager wishes to thank the Fourth Year Business Committee for its assistance in making the publication of "The Burr" possible. The twelve members of the Committee visited almost every business in town, and between them collected £101/4/-.
SPEECH DAY, 1954

In his report, the Headmaster said that the highest enrolment for any week of the year was 623. The highest enrolment previously had been 661 in 1952, though the number had dropped to 564 when the Migrant Camp closed. It was an encouraging sign that there was an enrolment of 40 in Fourth Year and 38 in Fifth Year.

Referring to accommodation, Mr. Thomas said that for the past nine months a prefabricated unit had been lying in cases on the ground; he hoped to have this erected in the near future. One room of the unit he would use as a needlework room and the other as a science laboratory; the foundations of the building would be enclosed and used as a storeroom.

Mr. Thomas congratulated Mr. Anderson on his recovery from illness and thanked Mr. Easton for his assistance as Acting Deputy Headmaster. Mr. Thomas also thanked the P. and C. Association, the Ladies' Auxiliary, the local Press, the proprietors of the school bus service, and the Examination Supervising Committee for their valuable assistance during the year.

STAFF CHANGES

At the end of 1954 there were many changes in the High School staff. Mr. M. Trotter was appointed English and History master at Inverell High School, and Mr. S. McKay was transferred to Crow's Nest Junior Technical School, Miss E. Sinclair to Tamworth H.S., Mr. E. Noonan to Glen Innes H.S., Mr. T. Quinn to Corimal Junior High School, Mr. D. Bastin to Forbes H.S., and Mr. J. Lowe to Paddington Junior Technical School. Miss M. Tegel resigned from the Department of Education in order to go to Darjeeling, India, as a Baptist teacher-missionary.

Their places were taken by Mr. A. Casimir (an old friend) from Blayney H.S., Mr. J. Howman from Penrith H.S., Mr. A. Worthington from Young H.S., Mr. N. Ironmonger from Camdenville Central School, Mr. R. Beattie from Bungonia Public School, Mr. M. Anis-Brown from the Armidale Teachers' College, Mr. A. Sloman from Western Australia, and Miss E. Mainford from the Sydney Teachers' College.

Miss E. Miller, who during the Christmas holidays had become Mrs. East, retired at the end of the first term, and was replaced by Mr. K. Zinteris from Richmond Rural School.

Soon after the beginning of the year we were unfortunate in losing Mr. A. C. Anderson, who became headmaster of Bega H.S. His place as deputy headmaster was taken by Mr. K. Easton, Mr. J. Starling becoming English master.

During second term Mr. M. Braham was transferred to Milton Central School as deputy headmaster. Mr. B. Bates of the relieving staff, was sent to replace him at first, and later he was replaced by Mr. A. Lewins, of Raglan Public School.

MR. G. R. THOMAS

Many who were members of the School in its very early days will have read with regret of the death of Mr. G. Ross Thomas at the age of 79. He was Headmaster of the School from 1914-18, and it was during this time (1915) that the first issue of “The Burr” appeared. From this position he became an Inspector of Schools in 1918, and was Director of Education from 1930-39. The School conveys its deep sympathy to his widow and family.
ANZAC DAY

The landing at Gallipoli was commemorated in the appropriate spirit. The Headmaster’s introductory statement was followed by the Occasional Address. This was delivered by Capt. Summers, of the Salvation Army. Jennifer Clark read ‘For the Fallen’.

Senior students prepared a wreath, which was placed by the School Captains on the Honour Roll. The singing of ‘The Recessional’ and the National Anthem concluded the ceremony at the School.

The School participated also in the Dawn Service conducted by the local branch of the R.S.L.

EMPIRE DAY

Empire Day was celebrated in the customary manner. Addresses and recitations suitable to the occasion were delivered. John Pulley, 2A, spoke on the beginnings of Empire, Elaine Howard, 3A, on the relationship of the Dominions to England, while Judith Bridekirk, 4th Year, dealt with the changing character of Empire. Jennifer Clark, 5th Year, recited ‘British Heritage’.

The annual message from Lord Gowrie was read by the Headmaster. It is noteworthy that this year’s message was prepared by Lord Gowrie only shortly before his death, and so will be the last of his many energetic and far sighted addresses.

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week was celebrated from 14th to 20th August. On the Sunday morning crowded special services were held in most of the churches of Bathurst, and on the following Tuesday evening Mr. Philp, M.A., Lecturer in Education at the University of Sydney, addressed a large public meeting in the Demonstration School hall on the subject of ‘Education at the Crossroads’.

As in previous years, the High School put on an exhibition of work in a window kindly loaned by Camberg’s. The Tuesday was an open day, and many parents took the opportunity of visiting the School. In the Thursday broadcast, a number of pupils of the High School described the small country schools from which they had come.

SCHOOL FETE

The Annual Fete, run in connection with the Ladies’ Auxiliary, was held on 17th August. The takings were £242, slightly less than last year’s. The usual sideshows were held by the School, Mr. Richardson’s mini-golf course holding pride of place, as usual.

A fete was also held by the School alone at the end of first term. From this £108 was realised.

MARKET DAYS

Two Market Days were held during the year, organised along the same lines as in previous years. A total of £113 was raised, which demonstrates the keenness with which students and teachers entered the competition.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL’S FINANCIAL POSITION

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VISITING CLERGY

As in the past, the clergy of Bathurst have visited the High School weekly for the purpose of giving religious instruction. For this service we wish to thank the Rev. Father Sullivan, Ven. Archdeacon Ellis, Rev. Canon Copp, Rev. Father Sherlock, Rev. Father Gardiner, Rev. Mr. Roberts, Rev. Mr. Dougan and Rev. Mr. Armstrong, as well as all their assistants.

2BS

On most Thursday afternoons of the year, the High School made a half-hour broadcast over Station 2BS. We wish to thank the management for granting us this valuable time, and also for giving us continual publicity. It is by co-operation such as this that the High School’s work is brought before the notice of the townspeople, so that goodwill is created.

This Page donated by McFarland and Sons, Butchers, and T. Willman, Optometrist.
DEBATING NOTES

Debating formed an important part of the School’s life again this year. Throughout all the year keen interest was displayed. The main debates were arranged on a House basis. After a series of evenly contested struggles Evans House emerged winner of the House competition. A pleasing feature about these debates was that the members were drawn from Second to Fifth Year.

School debating climaxed in the Mulvey Cup rounds. Prior to these contests the Mulvey team had a dress rehearsal debate before the Rotary Club, the subject being “That the evils of Talkies outweigh their virtues”. This debating experience was appreciated. Our thanks go to the Bathurst Rotary Club for giving the teams an opportunity to debate in public, and to Mr. J. Gunn, of Bathurst Teachers’ College, for his adjudication.

The Mulvey team was comprised of Brian Holbeche (Capt.), Jennifer Clark and Ruth Harris. Colin Bass was also a member of the team. By defeating Dubbo and Orange, Bathurst won back the cup. Good team work and solid preparation brought the victory.

Congratulations to the Mulvey Cup team! We also place on record our appreciation of the services Mr. A. W. McKibben, District Inspector from Orange, gave us in his capacity as adjudicator. Teams were given valuable help.

Nor must we fail to thank those who remained behind after school to give the Cup team practice. By forming themselves into opposing teams they gave the Mulvey team great help. Their co-operation was invaluable.

With interest growing in debating, we look forward to 1956.

MULVEY CUP
Front Row: R. Harris, Mr. Starling, J. Clark.

STAFF
Front Row: Mr. R. Learmonth, Mr. E. Pulley, Mr. J. Howman, Mr. J. Starling, Mr. K. Easton, Mr. G. Thomas, Miss O. Williamson, Mr. E. Lavla, Mr. B. Wheeler.
Second Row: Mr. A. McCulln, Mr. H. van Wierst, Mr. B. Bates, Miss E. Maineld, Miss B. Smith, Miss M. Wallwork, Mrs. W. McNamara, Mrs. R. Darke, Mrs. A. Casimir, Mr. A. Worthington, Mr. K. Zivnitis.
Third Row: Mr. J. Cusick, Mr. A. Casimir, Mr. R. Darke, Mr. M. Annis-Brown, Mr. W. Manzan, Mr. C. Maish, Mr. R. Dodd, Mr. P. Dempsey.
Back Row: Mr. R. Richardson, Mr. K. Rae, Mr. A. Sloman, Mr. D. Gibbons, Mr. A. Knew, Mr. B. Cameron, Mr. N. Ironmonger, Mr. R. Beattie.

ORATORY PRIZE

The Bathurst Rotary Club has now established an annual competition in oratory. The Scots School, All Saints’ College, Marsden School and the Bathurst High School were represented this year. Ruth Harris spoke on the recognition of the Chinese People’s Republic, while Brian Holbeche argued whether Australia should become a member of U.S.A.

Brian’s vigorous and forceful presentation of a carefully prepared and well-balanced address won him the Oratory Prize for 1955.

CHOIR NOTES

The first interest for the Choir this year was the Choral Festival arranged by the B.S.M.A. in June, in which the Choir sang two items, “Linden Lee” and “Cherry Ripe”. The big event for the Choir, of course, is the Eisteddfod in October, and the Choir is practising hard to do well on this important occasion.

In addition to the Choir, the School has formed a Recorder Band, and so many children spend some of their lunch hour either singing in the Choir or in practising in a Recorder Group, and in some cases they participate in both activities.
LADIES' AUXILIARY

As in past years, the Ladies' Auxiliary continued its activities. Last year the sum of £600 was raised and paid into P. and C. funds to provide amenities for the School. The annual Fete, which was held in August, was our biggest effort for the year. An Eisteddfod week, during which morning and afternoon teas were served in the Masonic and Cathedral Halls, was also a busy time for the Auxiliary. Street stalls were held during the year and card parties were conducted on the first and third Wednesday in each month.

Our meetings are held at the old school residence in Howick Street on the second Wednesday of the month, and new members are certain of a cordial welcome.

—I. HOY, Hon. Secretary.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

The Association has continued to function during the year, and we feel that we have been of some assistance to the School. We have provided £120 for the purchase of library books, and £80 for prizes, £170 for a projector and daylight screen, £85 for a typewriter and £160 for other purposes, including sporting expenses and new ornaments for the School building.

However, our work could be better carried out if only a larger number of parents and citizens attended our meetings. We meet at the Council Chambers at 8 p.m. on the first Friday in each month, and we extend an appeal to all parents to make an effort to attend.

—K. M. FORRETT, Hon. Sec.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

Vocational guidance is help given to people to realise their own strong and weak points, so that they may arrive at some satisfactory decision about their future career.

At Bathurst High School, three officers are available to assist boys and girls in this most important decision: they are:

1. The School Counsellor, who has his District Headquarters at the School, and who is at the School at least one day per week.
2. The Careers Adviser for Boys.
3. The Careers Adviser for Girls.

All school records from the primary school onwards are available to these people so that they know about the progress and abilities of every boy and girl in the School. A special card is kept by the Careers Advisers, known as the Career Card, and on it all special information relating to each student is summarised.

When the age of 14 is reached, a group of Aptitude Tests is given by the School Counsellor. This added information is very helpful in giving advice regarding future employment. However, it is only one factor—others being the school record and the interests of the student.

Each boy or girl is interviewed at least once by the Counsellor or Careers Advisers before they leave school, and guidance is given concerning the type of occupation which might be considered. Information in the form of Careers Leaflets is also available.

Should it be necessary or desirable, the parents may discuss prospective careers with these officers.

For certain selected students, about whom additional information and advice is required, the Department of Labour and Industry through its Youth Welfare Section, sends two visiting psychologists, to carry out further testing and interviews. A written report is furnished in this case.

PREFECTS

Front Row: H. James, J. Clark, G. Booth, B. Bearden, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Easton, D. O'Malley, B. Farrell, J. Easton, R. Harris.


LIBRARY NEWS

The "face lifting" of the Library embarked upon in 1954 was concluded by painting the bookcases a bright cream colour. Curtains were put up and a carpet now covers the floor from door to door. Two beautiful pictures were acquired, which form a valuable addition to the number of pictures adorning the Library.

One of the four long tables was replaced by a number of desks, which greatly facilitates project work carried out in the Library. Up to the middle of 1955 a large number of books of special interest to junior students was added to the stock of books. These were displayed during Book Week. In processing these books valuable assistance was given by Janet Wheeldon and Valda Storey of 2A. Pupils of 2F again supplied a number of bright posters in connection with Book Week.

Thanks are due to the two girls mentioned above, and all those library assistants who cheerfully carry on their task of charging and discharging books during library periods.

This Page donated by Cole’s Stores, Bathurst Branch.
TEXT BOOKS

With the transfer of Mr. M. Trotter to Inverell, Mr. C. Maish has taken charge of text book distribution. During the year there has been some reorganisation of the book rooms, and now all the senior books are situated in the lower room and the junior books in the upper one.

At the beginning of 1955 nearly £500 worth of text books was added to the existing stock, but there is still a shortage of books in certain subjects. This shortage is being worsened by the fact that some students do not make every effort possible to preserve what books they have. Every year books are carelessly lost, and in addition many books have to be discarded because pages are missing or mutilated. Please, boys and girls, try to make sure that when you return your books at the end of the year, they are at least in no worse condition than they were when you got them!

SCHOLARSHIP

Word has been received that Janne Elton has been awarded a Cooking Teachers’ Association Scholarship as a result of her L.C. work last year. Our congratulations are extended to her.

LEAVING CERTIFICATES, 1954


Ambrose, Andy, 1A 7B 9B 16B 17A 18B.
Barron, Betty, 1B 7B 16A 17B 21B 22B.
Bowmaker, Ian, 1B 5A 6A 12H2 13A 18B.
Boyd, Terry, 1B 9B 13B 17B 36B.
Bridekirk, Valda, 1B 9B 16B 17B.
Cobby, John, 6B 12B 13B 18B.
Elton, Janne, 1H2 9B 16B 21B 22A.
Flanagan, Kevin, 1A 7B 9B 13B 17B 18B.
Flynn, Joy, 1B 16B 21A 22B.
Forrest, Jill, 1H 4A (o) 5A 6A 12A 13H1.
Godden, Norma, 1B 9B 16B 17B 18A.
Greaves, Anne, 1B 5B 6B 12A 13A 18B.
Hampton, Don, 1B 5B 6B 12B 13A 18B.
Hanson, Pat, 1B 9B 13B 21B 22B.
Hennings, Margaret, 1B 7B 9B 16B 17B.
Hollis, Shirley, 1B 5B 6B 16A 17B.
Howard, Ken, 1B 7B 9B 13B 18B.
Ingersole, Laurie, 1B 7B 9A 13B 17B.
Kalnis, John, 1B 4B (o) 5B 12A 13B.
Leigh-Coope, Ian, 1B 7B 9B 16B 17B 18B.
McKellar, Michael, 1B 5A 6A 12A 13H2 18B.
Mutton, Dawn, 1B 7B 16A 17B 21A 22B.
Nevzorova, Olga, 1B 3B 3A (o) 5B 6B.
Newman, Ian, 1B 2B 3H2 (o) 9H2 13A.
Owens, Graham, 1B 5B 6A 11B 13B 18A.
Parham, John, 1B 5B 6B 12B 13A.
Payne, Ivor, 1B 7B 9A 16A 35B.
Riddiford, Dale, 1B 7B 16B 35B 36A.
Schofield, Stan, 1A 5B 6B 13B 17B 18B.
Shute, Terry, 1B 7B 9A 17B 18A.
Windsor, Eleanor, 1B 5B 6B 13B 17B.
Wyatt, Elaine, 1B 3B 5B 6B 16B 17B.

SCHOLARSHIPS, 1954

Commonwealth Scholarships.—Andrew Ambrose, Ian Bowmaker, Jill Forrest, Michael McKellar, Ian Newman.

Teachers’ College Scholarships.—Terry Boyd, John Cobly, Janne Elton, Joy * Flynn, Norma Godden, Pat Hanson, Margaret Hennings, Ken Howard, Laurie Ingersole, Ian Leigh-Coope, Dawn Mutton, Graham Owens, Ivor Payne, Stan Schofield, Terry Shute, Eleanor Windsor, Elaine Wyatt.

This Page donated by F. Blomfield, Chemist.
INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATES, 1954

R. Bowmaker, J. Bridekirk, M. Bromfield, D. Brown, L. Bulloch.
D. Burge.
Gordon Evans, Graham Evans, R. Everingham, A. Evers, D. Flanagan.
N. Ford, V. Freeman.
A. Gallagher, J. Graham, M. Green, D. Gunning, H. Harris, J. Hawker.
V. Herring, A. Hodge, B. Holbeche, V. Hollingsworth, F. Hounsell.
H. Houtson.
R. Ingersole, L. Lamont, H. Larnach, J. Liddon, N. Lloyd, P.
McFadden, M. McKellar, T. McPhilamy, G. Maddox, K. Mansell.
P. Muller, H. Musgrove, I. Mutton.
T. Stanford, N. Stuve.
S. Talberg, F. Tobin, G. Whalan, C. Whiteman, L. Wilkinson, J.
Willard, G. Windsor, W. Young, N. Yow.

PRIZE LIST, 1954

Fifth Year——
Holman Prize for Dux of the School .......................... Jill Forrest
Winston Sutton Prize for English ....................... Jill Forrest
Ashelford Prize for Mathematics I and II ............... Jill Forrest
Ralph Sutton Prize for Chemistry ....................... Jill Forrest
Second Place in Fifth Year ............................ Ian Bowmaker
Third Place in Fifth Year ............................ Ian Newman
C.W.A. Prize for History ................................. Ian Newman
Ashelford Prize for General Mathematics ............ Betty Barton
Ralph Sutton Prize for Biology ........................ Betty Barton
Windsor Prize for Geography ............................ Eleanor Windsor
Tillock and Co. Prize for Practical Cookery .......... Janne Elton
Mrs. Chiffey Prize for Economics ..................... Stan Schofield
Prizes for School Captains ............................. Eleanor Windsor and Laurie Ingersole
Margaret Stirling Prize for Leadership, Scholarship and Sport .................... Eleanor Windsor
Len Nixon Prize for Leadership, Scholarship and Sport .................... Laurie Ingersole

Fourth Year——
R. G. L. Baillie Prize for Dux of Fourth Year ............ Ruth Harris
Mrs. Chiffey Prize for English .......................... Ruth Harris
Second Place in Fourth Year ............................ Helene James
Third Place in Fourth Year ............................. David Lewis
Ralph Sutton Prize for Chemistry ....................... David Lewis
Ralph Sutton Prize for Biology ........................ Marie Spicer

Third Year——
Holman Prize for Dux of Third Year ..................... Harry Harris
Second Place in Third Year .............................. Brian Holbeche
Winston Sutton Prize for English ..................... Brian Holbeche
City Council Prize for a Science Essay ............... Edmund Spicer
Third Place in Third Year .............................. Edmund Spicer
City Council Prize for a Science Essay ............... Edmund Spicer
Class Prizes for Proficiency——
3C ...................................................... Brian Cupitt
3D ...................................................... Alice Sharp

Second Year——
Dux of Second Year ............................... Elaine Howard
Second in Second Year ............................... Kaye Gallagher
Third in Second Year ................................. Marion Mould
Class Prizes for Proficiency——
2B ..................................................... Mary Kitto and Judith Howard (aeg.)
2C ...................................................... Betty Symonds
2D ...................................................... Beverley Prior
2E ...................................................... Peter Sedlacek
2F ...................................................... John Lynch

First Year——
Dux of First Year ....................................... John Pulley
Second Place in First Year .............................. Janet Wheelon
Third Place in First Year .............................. Valda Storey
Class Prizes for Proficiency——
1B ...................................................... Denis Mackay
1C ...................................................... Kevin Middleton
1D ...................................................... Brian Druitt
1E ...................................................... Janice Alloway
1F ...................................................... Joyce King
1G ...................................................... Don Tutton
Don Ross Cup for All-round Effort and Service by a First Year Boy ............ Tom Garland

Social Services Prizes——
4th Year ——— Jennifer Clarke, Inez Gray, Barbara Farrell, Marion Pickup
2F ——— Peter Davison, John Lynch, Ron Marsh, Brian Mitchell, Leslie Rapley

Inter-House Debating Cup ............................... Lawson House
The Sutton House Banner for the Champion House of the School ............. Lawson House

1954 REUNION

During the last week of second term a very pleasant reunion of 1954 seniors was held. It took the form of a tea at the Chelsea Cafe, attended by almost all of last year’s fifth year, as well as the Headmaster and the Deputy Headmaster and Mr. Learmonth, their class patron. Members of the class came from Sydney and Armidale, as well as Bathurst. One even made a special plane trip to be in time. After the tea, the party adjourned to the School, where the Annual Fete Dance was held.
It is good to see members of the year keeping up their schooldays friendship.

This Page donated by K. Jackson, Electrician.
Ex-Students

LAST YEAR'S FIFTH YEAR

The greater part of last year's Fifth Year elected the teaching service as its career. Of these teacher trainees, Graham Owens is studying at Sydney University, Norma Godden, Laurie Ingersote, Stan Schofield and Terry Shute are studying at the New England University, Terry Boyd is doing a Manual Arts course, Eleanor Windsor a Physical Education course, and Janne Elton, Joy Flynn and Dawn Mutton Home Science courses, all at the Sydney Teachers’ College. John Cobby is doing an Agricultural course at the Armidale Teachers’ College, and Pat Hanson, Margaret Hennings, Ken Howard, Ian Leigh-Cooper, Ivor Payne and Elaine Wyatt are at the Bathurst Teachers’ College.

Jill Forrest, who was seventh in the State in English and eleventh in Chemistry in the last J.C. examination, is studying Medicine at Sydney University, while Ian Bowmaker, while Mike McKellar is doing Veterinary Science and Ian Newman Arts. Don Hampden is studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Technology; Don is attached to the Department of Transport. Andy Ambrose won a cadetship with the Department of Soil Conservation, and is at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Richmond. Betty Barton is studying at the Bathurst Technical College, Kevin Flanagan works in the Public Service, Dale Riddiford is with Mr. Morse, accountant, Shirley Hollis is with the Bank of New South Wales, and Olga Nevzorova with the Commonwealth Bank, and Bob Gardiner is in business in town. Keith Sutton works on the railways, Helen Hawker is a doctor’s receptionist, and Valda Bridekirk is a trainee nurse at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown.

BATHURST TEACHERS’ COLLEGE

Seventeen ex-students of Bathurst High School are at present in training at Bathurst Teachers’ College. Second year students include Barbara Coutts, Dawn Chisholm, Lois Dyer, Enid Fletcher, Margaret Howard, Pat McCann, Pam Matthews, Neil Adamson, Don Bridge, Arthur Sykes. First year students are Pat Hanson, Margaret Hennings, Elaine Wyatt, Ian Leigh-Cooper, Ken Howard, Ivor Payne, Brian Warwick. Also at this college are three other people who spent a few years each at Bathurst High School. They are Margaret Flack, Kathryn Wylie and Stan Nightingale.

Two ex-students of Bathurst High School who graduated from this college at the end of last year were Malcolm Leaver and Les Bonham. Malcolm received his appointment to Ladysmith and Les went to Tungabung, a few miles out of Casino.

Second year students are now in the final year of their training and all are looking forward to receiving their appointments next year. Many of us, no doubt, will be sent out to face the terrors of the wilderness, both in the classroom and out of it.

At the annual college opera held last May, Barbara Coutts was chosen to sing the title role of “Patience”. Barbara delighted audiences with her fine soprano voice and pleasant stage manner. She is also an energetic member of the choir and a popular soloist at college functions. Barbara is regarded as one of the best singers the college has had.

In the recent intercollegiate matches between Bathurst and Armidale, held at Bathurst, several ex-students represented the college. Lois Dyer gained selection in the tennis and hockey teams, and was also captain of the latter; Barbara Coutts represented in basketball, Don Bridge in football, and Margaret Howard was reserve for the hockey.

Barbara Coutts is a member of the Sports Union Council and also of the Basketball Committee, while Lois Dyer is a member of the Hockey Committee.

In the recent half-yearly examinations which only first year students sat for, Ivor Payne was placed seventh in the year. This was a commendable effort, especially when it is realized that there are approximately 140 students in first year.

One of the main problems facing students is the lack of finance. However, two of them, namely Ian Cooper and Arthur Sykes, have managed to acquire a “car” ( ) for themselves. Both these young gentlemen may be distinguished by the fact that there is usually a number of grinning males and giggling females adorning their Rolls-Royces.

From the social aspect, news is rather sparse. Don Bridge announced his engagement earlier this year, and to him and the lucky girl we extend our best wishes for the future. Lois Dyer and her better half, Brian Warwick, may be seen regularly strolling on the college campus. Of the others, a number are carrying on quiet friendships, but as they are shy, quiet, retiring types they give me no opportunity to write about them.

To Fifth Year of 1955, we wish every success in the Leaving Certificate and hope that they, as the ex-students in this College, will go on seeking higher things.

—PAM MATTHEWS.

SYDNEY

The School is represented in Sydney in many and diverse fields of higher education among our ex-student number we find undergrads in Medicine, Arts, Science, students at Teachers’ College, student teachers, and a select quantity of graduates. I am sure we are all trying to carry out our old motto of the quest after “higher things”.

Our former girl-captain, Eleanor Windsor, is engaging in the elusive study of Physical Education, though it may seem she prefers a correspondence course with New England. She has a welcome smile for all (as ever)!

With Eleanor at T.C. are to be found Dawn Mutton, former basketball personality, and now diligent student of Needlework and Phys. Ed.; Janne Elton, gay girl of Domestic Science, willing devotee of the oven, and the anxiety of some wretched man whose name has not yet been divulged ( ) ; and Joy Flynn, who is following the same Domestic Science course as Janne, and who has again taken up hockey, this time to play with the Tech. team. Our only male T.C. student is Terry Boyd, who is so wrapped up in his work that he finds little leisure for his usual pastime of tennis—it is thought, however, that he contrives to keep in trim by more surreptitious pursuits!

At the University, we find our former girl vice-captain and scholar, Jill Forrest, who has given herself up to the dissection of sting-rays and sheeps’ hearts, and who is to be seen in a violent haste between lectures at which (we are assured), she takes notes if not notice. With Jill in Medicine, is Ian Bowmaker, who is equally keen, but whose main complaint is that he doesn’t start on his “corps-work” till next year! Graham Ambrose is in Med. II, and is to be seen often in the Union (of course, not in the company of the fair sex—he still maintains “splendid isolation”)

 Also at Uni. are Bob North, who has been following a Science course, and Graham Owens who finds time, while also proceeding to a Science Degree, to make good use of the lawn courts. "Lock" Upfold, having saluted forth from a successful period of studies at New England, is doing an honours year in Psychology. Arthur Baillie, at school in the daytime, attending lectures at Uni. in the evening, is proving that it is possible to bring logic into teaching. Mike McKellar is a resident student at St. Andrew's College, and manages to devote a little time to Vet. Science, though the call of more vital activities in College is somewhat overpowering. Around the cloisters is to be found last year's vice-captain, Ian Newman, listening befuddled to the various dittantes who frequent that hallowed portion of the Uni. He is doing an Arts course, he thinks.

 Two of our ex-student girls have taken up nursing at R.P.A. Hospital—the elder having graduated very successfully, the younger having successfully settled into her new surroundings. I speak firstly of Tamara Taran, well-remembered student of the School, who graduated recently from R.P.A., to gain two of the most coveted nursing prizes. Secondly, I speak of Valda Bridekirk, who has taken on nursing, and who, having suffered a mishap in injuring her knee, looks forward to a more harmless period of training. The careers of these two girls might well serve as shining examples of service before self.

 Among our select number of graduates are Lee Dworjanyn B.Sc., and Zigmas Budrikis, B.Sc. Lee graduated with an imposing number of credits, and is now doing Chemical Engineering. His brother, Orest, is doing a diploma course at the Technical College, Ultimo. Zigmas has gone into Electrical Engineering after topping the Distinction class in Physics. Zigmas has also undergone a contract with the P.M.G. Department for five years; he is married now, and is blessed with a baby daughter. John Scott, who passed the L.C. brilliantly in 1950, has graduated in Engineering, and, we believe, has left for England.

 Don Hampton has accepted a cadetship in connection with the State railways.

 After this news, I should think it would be quite in line to extend our condolences to those with exams. ahead, especially L.C. and Inter., and to wish the School many a prosperous year.

—IAN NEWMAN.

ARMIDALE

This year at the New England University there are seven ex-students of the Bathurst High School; this is the largest number ever to attend this institution at the one time. From the fifth year of 1954 we have Norma Godden, Stan Schofield, Terry Shute and Laurie Ingersoll. All are studying for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and are having a fairly good time while doing so. Norma is a prominent member of the University women's hockey team, and has settled in quite well at Bellevue, where she is under the tender care of another ex-Bathurstian, Anne Hill, who is sub-warden. Anne is now in her final year and will next year enter that very select group of graduates from New England. Under her management Bellevue is a haven for weary travellers, especially on Sunday afternoons. Laurie and Terry are rooming together at a charming little establishment that goes under the title of "St. Cuthbert's." Both are by now thoroughly well adjusted, though I fear that Terry's heart still belongs to Bathurst. Laurie has forsaken football for men's hockey, and has proved himself a definite acquisition to the University Firsts. Laurie will be a very good publicity agent for Armidale, and with Terry he can tell you a great deal about the Classics Society and French Society. Stan Schofield has settled in very well at the "Huts" at the University. Every now and then he emerges to play some first-class table tennis, and has advanced to the semi-finals of the men's open singles in this sport, which probably has more players than any other. Now should be the time for my most hideous revenge: the composer of last year's notes for "The Burr" may well quake in his shoes. It's all right, Peter, I shall tell nothing but—'the truth'. Peter Hoy is now safely in Arts II; he is working well, playing a little football, and his constant darts practice is really showing results—so my spies tell me. Peter is also assistant treasurer of the Students' Union. Well, that's about all there is to tell, now. I would like to make a suggestion: if you would like to take a University course after the Leaving Certificate, consider doing it at the University of New England at Armidale. If you are even slightly interested don't hesitate to go along and ask Mr. and Mrs. Casimir to tell you about the place, and I am sure when you do come you won't be disappointed.

—PETER ALLMOND.

House Notes

BLAXLAND

House Masters and Mistresses: Mr. Learmonth, Mr. Mangan, Mr. Casimir Mrs. McNamara, Miss Smith

House Captains: Barbara Beardwood and Don O'Malley
Vice-Captains: Jennifer Clark and Blair Bloomfield

Again Blaxland has had a successful year, winning the first sporting fixture of the year—the Swimming Carnival.

Worthy of special mention were B. Beardwood, F. Barnes, J. Clark, J. Allister, J. Grug and N. Bliss, and among the boys, D. O'Malley, B. Bloomfield (our Senior Breaststroke Champion), J. Parnham and D. North. Fay Barnes succeeded in gaining the Girls' Senior and Junior Championship, and Doug. North gained the Boys' Junior Championship.

We are pleased to say that our success was due to an all-round effort from the House, and not to a few swimmers. Our congratulations are extended to the Blaxlanders, B. Beardwood, P. Caldecoat, L. Gorringe and D. North for gaining the Bronze Medallion this year, and P. Pulley the Intermediate Star.

The Athletic Carnival was not successful as far as we were concerned, and our congratulations go to Wentworth on their fine win. Our Ball Games team showed their superiority, however, and have again won the Ball Games Pennant.

Our representation among the Astley Cup teams was very good. J. Shearing and D. O'Malley were our tennis representatives, while in the Athletics team, D. O'Malley, B. Bloomfield, J. Parnham, W. Gregory and A. Brown featured. The basketball team again this year was mostly composed of Blaxlanders, namely, B. Beardwood, H. Gaha, M. Mutton and J. Clark. Our first grade hockey team players were J. Shearing, F. Barnes and W. Howells, and our first grade football players were D. O'Malley, H. Harris, J. Parnham, B. Bloomfield, D. North, W. Gregory and I. Baillie. J. Clark was our only Blaxlander in the Mulvey Cup team.
Blaxland was well represented in the teams that went to Lithgow to compete for the Willman Cup.

Of the two market days held, Blaxland was successful in one, but our congratulations go to Wentworth for their record-breaking win in the other.

We would like to thank the parents of the students for their co-operation.

So much for the sporting side of Blaxland's record. In the government of our School, Blaxland has six of the nineteen prefects, including the two captains—B. Beardwood, J. Clark, D. O'Malley, B. Blomfield, W. Gregory (4th) and G. Windsor (4th). Here we would like to mention that, for two years running, Blaxland's house captains have been the school captains.

Last, but not least by any means, we would like to extend our thanks to the driving force behind the scenes, our patrons, Mrs. McNamara, Miss Smith, Mr. Learmonth, Mr. Mangan and Mr. Casimir. They have given us wonderful assistance throughout the year, encouraging us always. To the juniors of our house—keep up the good work—Blaxland depends on you.

EVANS

House Masters and Mistresses: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Pulley, Mrs. Oldham, Miss Mainierd
Captains: Helene James, Paul Kelly
Vice-Captains: Barbara Farrell, Ray Minogue

Evans House this year succeeded in gaining third place in the annual swimming carnival. The swimmers for Evans did well, Anthea Baillie gaining the sub-junior girls' championship, with Ernie McLean swimming well in the sub-junior boys. In the seniors, Paul Kelly and Helene James won the diving championships.

Paul Kelly succeeded in winning the inter-schools championship, and also a swimming blue.

A bronze medallion for lifesaving was won by Helene James.

We congratulate Blaxland on a fine win.

In the Athletics Carnival, Evans was again vanquished by Wentworth and Blaxland. Lorraine Bulloch won the senior girls' championship with Fay Flynn second, and Bob Gorman won the junior boys' championship. Paul Kelly, Bobbie Marks and Marion Mould also performed creditably.

The senior girls' relay team, consisting of Lorraine Bulloch, Fay Flynn, Marion Mould and Ruth Harris, won their event.

We would like to thank all the members of Evans House who brought in articles of foodstuffs for our market days. Our congratulations go to Wentworth and Blaxland for making the most money.

Evans was well represented in the Astley Cup competition, having two basketballers (Helene James V.C., and Ruth Harris), four in the hockey (Fay Flynn, Barbara Farrell, Vivien Freeman, Lorraine Bulloch), two in the football (Paul Kelly, Ray Minogue), two in the tennis (Bob Gorman and Albie Hodge), one in the debating (Ruth Harris), and four in the athletics (Bob Gorman, Paul Kelly, Fay Flynn, Marion Mould).

Our debating team, consisting of Ruth Harris, Meg Campbell and Helene James, were successful in winning the debating cup. Meg, Helene and Ruth also debated at the Rotary Club dinner given for this purpose every year.

When Lithgow travelled to Bathurst for the summer series of the Willman Cup, many representatives of Evans competed. These included Fay Flynn, Barbara Farrell, Wendy Daymond, Lorraine Bulloch, Vivien Freeman, Helene James, and in the boys Bob Gorman and Albie Hodge.

In the winter series Evans was again well represented. Congratulations go to those, too numerous to mention, who competed in this series.

Bob Gorman won a tennis blue and is expected to win the boys' tennis championship.

Evans has six girl prefects, including Barbara Farrell, vice-captain, Helene James, Fay Flynn, Judith Easton, Lorraine Bulloch, and Ruth Harris.

We would like to thank the house masters and mistresses and vice-captains for their able assistance during the year, and we would like to encourage the younger members to build Evans up to her former glory.

LAWSON

House Masters and Mistresses: Mr. Knaele, Mr. Darke, Mrs. Darke, Mrs. Casimir
House Captains: Judy Bridkeirk, Grant Booth
Vice-Captains: Dawn Burge, Tom McPhillamy

The first event of the year was the swimming carnival, which was won by Blaxland, with Lawson in fourth place. Good performances were recorded by Ralph Pollard, John Green and "Spud" Edmonds. We congratulate Blaxland on their win.

During the swimming season certain boys gained swimming awards. Ralph Pollard and "Spud" Edmonds gained the Bronze Medallion. In this coming season we are looking forward to many Lawsonites gaining life saving awards.

The next sporting event of the year was the annual athletic carnival. Wentworth narrowly won the cup from Blaxland. Lawson's star performer at the carnival was Graham Maddox, who has since left to enrol at North Sydney High School.

This year the Market Days were extremely successful. Lawson raised a total sum of approximately £25 for the two Market Days, which is quite a good effort. This year the money raised exceeded that of any other year, and we sincerely thank those boys and girls who contributed.

Lawson House was well represented in the Astley and Willman Cup series. Five played in the football, these being Ross Everingham, Tom McPhillamy, Ralph Pollard and John Dickman. In tennis, Dawn Burge represented and played well. In hockey, Lawson was represented by House Captain Judy Bridkeirk. Tom McPhillamy deserves special mention for a thrilling finish at Dubbo and Bathurst.

Grant Booth, as well as being House Captain, was Vice-Captain of the School. Judy Bridkeirk, Captain of Lawson girls, is also a prefect.

The following Blues were awarded during the year: Cricket, Grant Booth: tennis, Dawn Burge.

The congratulations of all Lawsonites are extended to these members. Blues are awarded to those people who have been outstanding in their various teams during the year.

The debating team that represented Lawson this year is as follows: Graham Maddox, Judith Bridkeirk and Don Forrest, with Betty Simmons as a reserve.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to all members of teams who have striven to gain points for Lawson, and last, but not least, to our House Masters and Mistresses for their encouragement during the year.
WENTWORTH

House Masters and Mistresses: Mr. Dempsey, Mr. Rae, Miss Wallwork, Mrs. East
House Captains: Ann Pollard, Graham Evans
Vice-Captains: Maureen Massey, Colin Bass

In the 1955 Swimming Carnival, Wentworth House were narrowly defeated by Blaxland House. We extend our congratulations to Blaxland on their good swimming. Our outstanding swimmers among the boys were Graham Evans, who won the senior championship, Neil Cant, who was junior champion, and Malcolm Cant, the sub-junior champion. These boys were also helped by Bruce Grahame, Colin Bass, Lilja Reedig, Gai Kilby, Jacqueline Murison, Kay Duffy and Robyn Simpson. Joy Grahame, with Barbara Pollard, get special mention for their diving.

Seven medals were awarded to Wentworth House this year for Life Saving. Congratulations!

This year Wentworth was well represented in most sporting teams in both local and away matches. In the Burlington-Pacey our representatives were Graham Evans, Colin Bass, Ross Evans and Bruce Grahame. In the Astley Cup, the representatives for the individual teams were:-

Tennis: Jeanette Hodge, David Bass and Gwen Cupitt.
Basketball: Yvonne Bonham and Kathleen Morgan.
Football: Bruce Grahame, Neil Cant, Alan Smith.
Hockey: Jeanette Hodge, Barbara Pollard, Joy Grahame, M. Massey, Ann Pollard.

We also have to congratulate our performers in the many football teams and cricket teams that visited Lithgow.

We only have two debaters in the Mulvey Cup. These were Colin Bass and Brian Holbeche. We congratulate Brian on the grand performance he put up at the Rotary Dinner.

Sporting Blues were awarded to many of our outstanding sportsmen and women this year. These were Jeanette Hodge, Kathleen Morgan, Barbara Pollard, Ann Pollard, and Graham Evans.

We were also very successful in our market days this year. We were lucky enough to break the School market day record. The sum for the first was £21/4/6, and we would like to thank our supporters very much. We were not so successful in the second one, but were able to raise £14 and a few odd shillings.

The Prefects from Wentworth are Graham Evans, Ann Pollard, Godfrey Bliss and Brian Holbeche.

In the Athletic Carnival we were able to occupy first position, and we have been able to hold this for four years in succession.

Our boy captain, Graham Evans, needs special mention for the wonderful performances he has put up in the mile runs he has done this year. He is the State cross-country junior champion, running the mile in 5 mins. 16 secs. He also set a new time for the Dubbo oval in the Astley Cup, and broke the record in the Burlington-Pacey. Congratulations go to Graham from all his House mates.

We would also like to thank the pupils of Wentworth House for the co-operation they have given us, and also thanks go to our House masters and mistresses and vice-captains for their keen support throughout the year.

LEBANON

Lebanon is a small country in Asia. To the west of Lebanon is the Mediterranean Sea, to the south is Palestine, to the east Syria, and to the north Turkey and part of Syria. Its capital city is Beirut, which is one of the biggest ports on that sea, and is often referred to as the "second Paris" owing to the similarity in buildings, busy streets and night life. Beirut has electric trams, although buses and taxis are used more often.

Lebanon's second largest city is Tripoli, which is also on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. The most ancient city is Balabek, to where many schools travel by bus and spend a day or two inspecting the ruins and studying their history. These ruins are left purposely, in spite of the modern nature of the rest of Balabek.

Lebanon has a beautiful and healthy climate: Winter, summer, spring and autumn all occupy three months each of the year, and at Christmas time there is snow practically everywhere. Lebanon's tourist resorts are always filled with visitors from neighbouring countries. These people spend their summer in the mountains, where the famous Cedars of Lebanon, which are mentioned in the Bible as "Holy Cedars," grow.

Lebanon, like France, is a Republic with a President, but the main power lies in the hands of a Parliament. On the whole, the different towns and villages have the same way of government as in France, since the French people occupied Lebanon during the World War and a little after it. The Lebanese flag has three colours. The top and bottom parts of it are red, the middle is white with a green cedar in the centre.

Teaching is mostly done by the Government. French was compulsory in every school until recently, when English was made compulsory. The standard is perhaps higher in high schools than we have here, but the universities are run on American lines. Education is considered very important in Lebanon, and many people carry a title such as B.A., although they may never use it.

The Lebanese people attach much importance to their appearance, and love beautiful clothes. Most of them have black hair, but many have brown hair and a few are blondes (that is real blondes). There are hardly any redheads. Most of the people are Orthodox, but some are Catholics and others Protestants, while about ten per cent. are Moslems, who believe in God, but not in Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

An article, written in the "Daily Mirror" last year and having the following headlines, "River Power for Lebanon," begins thus:

"Already known as the Switzerland of the Middle East for its sombre mountains and tourist resorts, this ancient Phoenician country has been plagued for centuries by electrical and irrigation deficiencies.

"In 1951, the Lebanese Government asked the U.S. Operations Missions to Lebanon (Point Four) to launch a three-year study of the Litani River basin, to be followed by a development plan."

This went on to tell of the compilation of the survey and the progress of the plan. Lebanon is a member of the United Nations, and had a part in the Second World War, during which many Australian soldiers were in Lebanon. Recently an aerodrome was built in Khalidi (near Beirut), and is now ranked among the busiest, biggest and most modern in the world.

—HELENE GAHA, 5th Year.
EXTRACTS FROM SHAKESPEARE'S "JULIUS CAESAR"

"You block, you stone, you worse than senseless things."—M. S. addressing 5th Year.

"I would it were my fault to sleep so soundly."—Night after the Astley dance.

"He hath the falling sickness."—Staff's reaction to homework in on time.

"I here discard my sickness."—After having successfully dodged a History test.

"Is it physical to walk unbraced?"—Pleas against P.T. uniform in winter.

"Some sick offence within your mind."—The L.C.

"Let us be sacrificers, but not butchers."—Instructions to football team before the match against Sydney.

"By no means I may discover them."—Solutions to our Maths. problems.

"He went sickly forth."—The teachers, after a period with 5th Year.

"O insupportable and touching loss."—The Astley Cup.

"That, methinks, is strange."—Results of our Chemistry experiments.

"O piteous spectacle."—Our exam. papers.

"That mak'st my blood cold and my hair to stare."—Cutting up a rabbit in Biology.

"That parting was well made."—Leaving Dubbo after the Astley Cup.

"Fellow, thou, awake!"—3.30. Friday afternoon.

"Peace, freedom and liberty."—End of a French period.

"Saw you anything more wonderful."—5th Year.

"For mine own part it was Greek to me."—German unseen.

"Ye gods, ye gods, must I endure all this?"—Geography period.

"Like a phantasma or a hideous dream."—A Physics lesson.

—MARY WHITE, 5th Year

THE GENTLE ART OF DOING NOTHING

With a few exceptions, all the most popular essays to-day have titles which suggest vigour—"On Getting Up on Cold Mornings", "On Running After One's Hat", and "Walking Tours", to mention a few. Much more to my taste would be such subjects as "On Staying in Bed on Cold Mornings", "On Watching One's Hat Blow Away", and "On Sitting Still". There is a great deal to be said for inactivity.

It is true that pupils who work hard at their lessons are usually popular with their teachers, but they do miss those special little attentions—that personal touch—from the Headmaster which the lazy pupil regularly receives. By the same token, people who are always rushing about taking part in sport do not get nearly such a good view of the game as do the spectators idling on the side-line—or even players idling on the field—who see the game in true perspective.

Those who must rush through household chores, like washing up, in ten minutes or so, miss the serenity of mind which can be found by spending an hour and a half in quiet contemplation while doing it—and they incidentally risk having another job thrust on them. Admittedly, it is necessary to have some energetic people in the world, but it would be a much more peaceful place without too many of them.

It is not to be thought that doing nothing is always easy, for at times there is an overwhelming temptation to do some work (the night before an examination, for example). However, one must be strong-minded about it to achieve really artistic perfection.

The teaching profession seems to be one which understands least this gentle art. Even English teachers, who should regard with reverence the writings of our famous essayists, are forever urging pupils to work unceasingly, instead of following the precepts of some of those great minds. In his essay "An Apology for Idlers", R. L. Stevenson says, "It is surely beyond a doubt that people should be a good deal idle in youth," whilst in "The Superannuated Man", Lamb claims that "A man can never have too much time to himself, nor too little to do ... Man, I verily believe, is out of his element as long as he is operative, I am altogether for the life contemplative."

I feel that I have achieved a certain amount of personal success in this gentle art: in fact, some of my school reports give corroborative evidence in the form of teachers' comments—"Can do better," "More effort required." "Does not concentrate sufficiently." Once, I felt some misgiving when I read on one report, "Judith is trying," but was greatly relieved to read the added comment—"very trying."

These virtues of idling may sound quite attractive, especially to those who are already practitioners in the gentle art, but, for me, they have one grave drawback. If I don't soon abandon the Life Contemplative in favour of the Life Operative, I may find myself writing an article for next year's "Burr"—the thought appals me!

—JUDITH EASTON, 5th Year.

THE VOYAGE OF THE BOTTLE

This is the story as I heard it told:
Once upon a time an unknown hand flung a tightly corked bottle into New York Harbour. The bottle, which was drawn outside into the Atlantic Ocean, passed through fierce storms, raging waters and pounding rain. Finally, one day it was swept into an island far from any mainland. It was swept up onto the beach by a gigantic wave. The tide went out slowly and the bottle lay motionless on the sand. As the tide came in the lashing waves reached for the bottle but could not get it.

Two or three years passed before a man strolled along the sandy beach and happened to come across the bottle. He picked it up and was about to throw it into the turbulent sea when he saw a piece of paper inside. Hurriedly he opened the bottle and read the message. It was, "Eat at Sam's for quality food".

—TONY PAYNE, 2B.
A VISIT TO ABERDARE COAL MINE

Last August in the school holidays we went to Cessnock, a large coal-mining town in the Central Coast.

My uncle, with whom we were staying, is an ex-coal miner, and the next door neighbour is the chief engineer of Aberdare Colliery. He asked my brother and me if we would like to have a look at the mine. Of course, we took the chance.

Three days later Dad drove us out to the mine. Mr. Kirk met us, and started showing us about; the machinery was first on the list, and I'll admit it was rather frightening too.

The pit relies on its own electricity for power. In one of the sheds at the pit head are huge electric engines, all of which have an important job to do. All the engines are roped off to prevent accidents.

In a shed on its own is a large fan which pumps air down into the tunnels underground. Mr. Kirk once found a man who had been killed by the fan; he accidentally tripped and fell into it.

The next building contained the bathrooms where the miners have their baths and change their clothes before going home. After that we had a look at the workshops where many of the articles used at the pit are repaired or made.

Now we came to the actual pit head, where the coal comes to the surface. The coal comes to the surface in relays of trucks; these trucks are brought up in what is called a cage. These are large steel structures with rails laid on the floor of them. On each corner of the cage there are four cables which act as guides; there is also one in the middle of the roof which does the work.

The cages are taken from the pit head, and both are run on the same cable in the middle of the roof. When the cage goes down the other comes up to the surface loaded with two coal trucks containing fifteen tons of coal each.

Once the cage is in the top two doors on either side are opened and a hammer-like machine hits the end of each truck and sends it running onto the floor. Here it is stopped and weighed, then pushed onto a machine which turns it upside down and empties the coal through a chute onto a conveyor belt where teams of men pick out the impurities. The conveyor belt drops the coal into a box-like affair which has a chute in the bottom of it. Railway lines run underneath it so that when a coal train consisting of about thirty trucks comes underneath, the chutes open and the coal falls into each truck as it passes.

Now we are going underground; we get into a cage and go shooting down a five hundred and eighty foot shaft. At the bottom are tunnels with rails running along them. All the tunnels are lit with electric light and parts of the walls are painted white to reflect the light. As it was after work we did not see any excavation of coal. We walked along the tunnel until we came to an electric engine which pulls the underground train that takes the miners to work about two or three miles away.

Next we came to the stables where the pit horses are kept. They are all draught horses. They were being hosed and fed after the day's work. They have to be hosed because of the coal dust and sweat on them. They are brought to the surface every Friday night, and taken down every Monday morning. They are well looked after.

We have to go to the surface now so we get into a cage and go flying up the shaft.

It was one of the most interesting experiences I have ever had, and I am not likely to get such a chance again.

—JOHN HOWARTH. 1E.

SCHOOL

We publish this by popular request; it was first used in the 1954 Revue.

The school bell rings at five to nine; We're here again to waste our time.
The teacher raves at the crooked line, But that's just wasted effort.

We shuffle along in single file, To climb those stairs takes quite a while.
The master's there, and his temper's vile, Life gets teju, don't it?

Open the door, an' the bus kids swarm in. Close the door, an' it's on again.
He caught me chewin', an' it's in the bin. Life gets tasteless, don't it?

Teacher sets homework. I dunno what for— Ain't struck a blow for six months or more. But I've heard it said, an' it's true, I'm sure, That too much study'll weaken you.

Down on the oval, at rest at last, Watchin' someone mowin' the grass. This P.T. lesson sure is a farce— Makes you tired just watchin'.

Knocked for an hour on the staff room door. Been after him now for a month or more, But all I hear is an occasional snore— Must be someone in there.

Last week in the local rag I read That we've got a head and a deputy head. They must be sleepin' the sleep of the dead— Guess we could do without 'em.

We start in first year and keep on goin'. The longer we're here, the less we're knowin'. But now we're in Fifth Year an' got to be goin'— Got to start workin' sometime.

SUNRISE

A cold, still hush is hanging over all, The dying moon is fading in the sky, A pale pink flush is creeping through the east, And magic colours light the clouds on high.

A little chirp, and then a joyous trill, As noisy birds fly from their cozy nests. All hail the coming morn with greetings shrill, And breathe thanksgiving from each throbbing breast.

—YVONNE BONHAM. 3C.
SEASIDE CREATURES

Some of you may be going to the seaside for your holidays, so I am going to tell you what to look for on the beach and in the pools. You will find it great fun to hunt for these creatures and study them closely.

I am sure you will want to go shrimping or prawning. Look into the rock pools. Do you see those grey-green shadows darting here and there? They are shrimps. Some of you will be surprised that they are not pink like the shrimps in the shops—but those are boiled, and the boiling turns them a different colour. The prawns, in the deeper pools, look like very big shrimps. Catch some and look at them. If you want to examine them very carefully you can buy a few shrimps or prawns from the fishmonger.

They look as if they were wearing suits of old-fashioned armour, don't they? They have many enemies, so they must protect themselves. Sometimes their suits of armour get too small for their growing bodies, and then the shrimps and prawns split them and squeeze out, showing brand new suits underneath. These are rather soft, however, so, fearful of being eaten, the creatures hide away until their new armour is as hard as the old.

Look at their legs. They have two different sets, one for walking and one for swimming. The swimming legs are near the tail, and are fringed and flattened. The walking legs are near the head, and are long and thin. Look at the creatures' eyes. They are on a short stalk, so that both creatures can see as much as possible. Now feel the spike that juts out from the head. If it is saw-edged you know you are holding a prawn. If it is smooth you have a shrimp.

You all know crabs, I am sure. You have seen them scuttle sideways over the sand when frightened, or bury themselves swiftly in the bed of a rock-pool. Watch them when you can, and if you catch one, turn it upside down and have a look at the queer little creature. If you buy a crab from the fishmonger's you will easily be able to see its walking legs, its turned-back tail, its broad armour-like shell, its strong pincers and its queer eyes. Look at it carefully. Count its legs (five pairs). They are strong, well-developed legs, used for walking, for the crab walks far more than it swims. Has it any swimming legs? Look and see. It has—but they are tucked under the turned-back tail! They are almost useless, for the crab rarely swims.

The crab changes his suit of armour regularly, and immediately afterwards it hides away in safety, for its new shell is soft and needs to harden. Once it is hard the crab comes out boldly, ready to face its enemies once more.

There is one crab, the hermit-crab, whose tail-part is long and soft, so that he is always afraid of having it eaten by some hungry creature. He knows that he must find a way to tuck away his tail in safety, so he hunts about until he finds an empty whelk shell, and into this he tucks his soft tail, hiding firmly to the inside of the shell by means of pincers. He looks a queer sight when he is at home in his shell. His legs hang out the opening, but the rest of him is safely inside the shell! When he wants to move about he sticks out his head and walks with his front legs, dragging the whelk shell behind him.

Do you know the strange starfish, with its five fingers? You may have found it stranded on the beach, waiting for the tide to come back and cover it; or you may have seen it gliding along in a rock-pool. How does it walk? Turn it upside down and we shall see. Each of the five rays, or fingers, is grooved underneath and carries four rows of sucker-like feet. It clings to the rocks with some of its feet and draws the rest of its body up to them. Then it takes hold of another piece of the rock a little farther on and draws its body forward again.

Has it a head? No, it hasn’t. How strange! It has really only five fingers, a mouth and a stomach. Its mouth is underneath in the middle of the rays, and its stomach is just behind it. Run your fingers along the upper surface of the rays. How rough and spiny they are! That is to prevent enemies from making a meal of the starfish (they are so tiny). Among the spines are many tiny pairs of pincers, continually snapping to prevent anything from settling on the starfish. They are so tiny that you cannot see them easily with your eye alone.

If a starfish meets with an accident, and loses one or more of its rays, it does not mind. It simply grows new rays—and the ray that is cut off may even grow four more fingers and become a new starfish!

Another strange creature is the queer jellyfish. Have you ever seen them swimming in the sea, opening and shutting their big jelly-umbrellas as they go along? Perhaps you have found some lying on the sand. They are shapeless masses of jelly then, not the graceful things they appear in the sea. As they are made up of water and very little else, the hot sun soon bleeds them, and in a short time nothing is left of the curious creatures but a little round mark on the sand.

They get their food in a queer way. All round the edge of the jelly "umbrella" is a fringes of fine threads, the creature’s fishing lines. These threads are set with poisoned darts, and if any unwary shrimp or other creature swims against them, the darts shoot into the victim’s body and poison him swiftly. Then he becomes a fine feast for the jellyfish.

The bore is one jellyfish we must beware of when we bathe in the sea. It is a yellow-brown colour, and its name is the Stinging Jelly Fish. Its threads are so poisonous that they may make us ill if we brush against them. We feel as if we have been stung by a nettles.

In the rock-pools you must look for the sea anemones. They are given that name because they look rather like flowers when they put out their fringe or feelers—but really they are more like dahlias than anemones. When their feelers are not to be seen they just look like lumps of red currant jelly. They cling to the rocks, and when they are hungry they fling out a circle of petal-like feelers round the top of their body and wait for food.

These feelers sting any creature that comes too near, and then close over the feeler and pushing him into the mouth that is in the centre of the feelers. The anemone feeds on the soft parts of the creature’s body, and throws out the hard parts afterwards.

You do not need to be afraid of touching a sea anemone, for it can only hurt tiny creatures. Feel it. It is just like a solid knob of jelly. When it wants to close up it squirts the water out of its body and folds its circle of feelers neatly inside.

There are three curious egg-cases I hope you will look for on the beach. You will be likely to find them after a storm, somewhere at high-water mark, among all the rubbish flung up by the sea.

The first is the egg-case of the skate. It is a big black case, oblong in shape, bored at each of the four corners. This case contained the egg of the skate fish.

The second is the egg-case of the dog fish. It is very like the case of the skate, but has black tendrils at each corner, instead of horns. See if you can find the slit in the case, showing where the baby fish made its escape into the sea.

The third thing is the funny paper ball made up of many small cells in which were once the eggs of the whelk. It is quite a big ball, and you can squeeze it as you do your sponge. Tear the ball into pieces and see the little rooms where the baby fish made its escape into the sea.

I have no space to tell you of the shell-creatures you should look for—the cockles, the mussels, the limpets, the periwinkles and others. Hunt among the rocks and see how many you can find. You will discover many interesting things in your search.

—PAT MAYO, 1A
BENALLY COVE

Fog-smirched, the deep lay brooding,
With solemn swell and slow:
Foam-flecked, the breeze was sneering,
As it dreamt of those below;
For this was the sea-folk’s terror,
Which, for want of better, named
Benally Cove, a symbol of the untold power
Of nature, unmeasured, yet untamed.

Here the night brought awful dreading
Here the storm was full of sighing;
For memories brought back nights of horror,
Storms the cries of dead and dying.
What hapless soul had fled its darkness?
What other force could act but death,
When piteous came the cries of sailors
Drifting in the east wind’s breath?
And, at night, the sea breeze moans,
And spray around the carved crags flies;
Or else the fearful stars are hidden,
Or, gloomy, are reflected in the harbour’s eyes.
On such a night a ship was oft distressed,
And seem against the eerie darkness strove
To flee the all-feared, ghostly trap.
And foil for once the tomb, Benally Cove.

—BRIAN HOLBECHE, 4th Year.

LOCKSLEY

Locksley, a small village surrounded by mountains, is situated approximately seventeen miles from Bathurst. Only about twenty families live here, and the attendance at the small school is only about twelve. There are no shops at all at Locksley, the nearest one being ten miles away. However, there is a post office.

It is not really an out-of-the-way place, for it is situated on the Main Western railway line. The older children are conveyed to school in Bathurst by train.

The public tennis court is very popular, and a number of people gather there on Sunday. A large orchard, growing pears, peaches, apples and plums, is situated about two miles from the village.

Not very far from the village runs the Fish River, which later joins the Macquarie. Although it does not contain many fish, it has several good swimming holes, and the scenery in some spots is very beautiful.

Most of the men either work on the land or on the railway. The main crops grown are peas and potatoes.

Apart from dances every month, Locksley is relatively quiet. However, I have lived here for nearly nine years and I like it very much.

—DOREEN FLANAGAN, 4th Year.

THE MANUFACTURING OF A BOTTLE

When you pick up a bottle do you ever think how much time and planning goes into the making of this simple everyday object? I am going to tell you of the fascinating manufacture of a bottle.

According to scientists, glassmaking in ancient Egypt dates back as far as sixteen hundred years before Christ.

Silica in the form of sand with two or more bases, such as soda or potash and lime or red lead, is normally used in the manufacture of commercial glasses. Glass can be made from silica alone, but requires fusion extremely high temperatures, only obtainable in electric furnaces.

Silica is commonly used with soda ash (carbonate of soda), together with smaller quantities of sulphate of soda and nitrate of soda. Lime can be derived from calcium carbonate in the form of limestone or shell, or from calcium oxide in the form of burnt lime. The above constituents form the basis of most bottle and window glasses.

To colour glasses some of the following materials are used: Cobalt oxide or copper oxide is used to develop blue tints or full blue colours such as "castor oil" blue. Chromium oxide develops a green colour and metallic gold, copper, cadmium oxide and selenium are used for pinks, reds and rubies.

The carefully weighed raw materials are thoroughly mixed mechanically in a revolving drum. This mixture is known as "batch". The batch is conveyed to hoppers situated immediately behind the glass melting furnaces. The melting of the batch takes place in a rectangular shaped furnace or "tank", which may have a capacity of anything from two or three tons up to twelve thousand tons. A tank of normal size measuring 20 by 20 by twenty-two by four feet deep would contain approximately two hundred tons of molten glass. The tank is constructed of refractory blocks of fireclay and the roof or crown is of silica bricks. The tank is divided into two compartments by a wall of fireclay blocks. The glass is melted in the larger compartment or melting end, which forms approximately two-thirds of the length of the tank. The smaller compartment or working end, forms a chamber from which the finished glass is fed to the forming machines. In the centre of the division wall between the chambers and close to the bottom is a small square hole through which the melted glass flows from the melting end into the working end. In this way, the division wall confines the flowing unmelted batch to the melting end until it is thoroughly fused. Fuel for heating the furnaces to melt the batch into glass is provided by hot producer gas obtained from coal.

Bottles are now made almost exclusively by mechanical means. An ingenious device known as a feeder built into the front wall of the tank constantly supplies to the machine below, "gobs" of a predetermined weight and shape.

The bottle making machine consists of a number of moulds with cavities of the outside shape of the bottle, mounted on a revolving table. Each mould in turn passes under the feeder and receives a "gob" of molten glass of the desired shape and weight and then passes on to the several stations of the machine, at each of which some particular pressing, blowing or cooling operation is performed. After the final forming operation the mould opens and the complete bottle, now sufficiently cool to solidify, is removed mechanically.

The bottle making machine is air driven and controlled in all its movements. All individual operations are timed by air valves supplying

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air and controlling each movement. On completion, the bottles are transferred mechanically from the machine to a "lehr" or annealing chamber in the form of a long tunnel through which they are slowly carried by an endless chain belt. The tunnel is maintained at the required annealing temperature by the heat of the bottles entering, plus some additional heat supplied by oil fuel. The temperature of the tunnel is so regulated that the bottles rapidly reach a uniform temperature (a dull red heat) then, as they travel, the heat gradually diminishes at a controlled rate, until at reaching the end of the tunnel, they are sufficiently cool to allow handling and careful inspection before packing.

Now the next time you pick up a bottle you might remember that this common article of everyday use is not so simple after all, as its manufacture is a highly technical and scientific process calling for great skill and accuracy.

—WARREN WARBURTON, 2B.

WHAT IS A PREFECT?

(With apologies to Alan Beck in "What Is a Boy?")

Between the innocence of the Intermediate and the dignity of the Leaving, we find a delightful (?) creature called a Prefect. Prefects come in assorted sizes, weights, and colours (some fat with red hair, others with shrill voices), but all Prefects have the same creed: to pop up and report you every second of every minute of every hour of every day and to protest about noise (their only pet aversion) till their last period is finished and the teachers pack them off home.

Prefects are found everywhere—on top of, underneath, or inside the steps you go up two at a time; running around or jumping to the place where you talk "safely" while marching (?) into school. Their Masters love them, little girls swoon over them, first year hates them, class mates tolerate them, the rest of the school ignores them, and the "Institution" protects them. A Prefect is Patriotism with a tape recorder in its pocket. Honesty with the answers on a piece of paper, Trust looking through a periscope, and the Hope for the Future with an "I.Q." of fifty.

A Prefect is a composite—he has the beauty of a toad, the kindness of a hangman, the honesty of a pickpocket, the lungs of a dictator, the imagination of a space-fiction writer, and the hide of Dr. Jekyll.

He likes detentions, climbing steps one at a time, silence, speeches, giving out punishment, and the Headmaster. He is not much for teachers (in their natural habitat), first year students, library periods, school uniforms, paying fees or studying.

Nobody else is so quick to discover, or so slow to forgive and forget. Nobody else gets so much fun out of school dances, playdays and revues. Nobody else can cram into one pocket a detention book, two yards of string, a confiscated water pistol, four elastic bands, a broken compass for jabbing on the sly, the top of a valuable pen, and a prefect's badge with a secret compartment.

A Prefect is a magical creature—you can lock him in the duplicating room, but he'll watch you through the keyhole. You can jump a couple of steps, but he'll catch you talking. Might as well give up—he is your captor, your boss, and your master—a freckled-faced, gallon-sized, truant-chasing bundle of nastiness. But when you come to a detention with only the shattered pieces of your hopes and dreams, he can mend them like new with the two magic words—"Detention's off!"

—RALPH BOWMAKER, 4th Year.

A REQUIEM, DEDICATED TO THE FOOTBALL TEAM

R. I. P.

(Rest in Pieces, or Return if Possible)

With Apologies

Not a cheer was heard, not a lone war-cry,
As the corpses from the Sportsground we carried.
Not a student uttered a farewell sigh,
O'er the grave where our heroes (?) we buried.

We buried them darkly at dead of night,
The sods with our hockey sticks turning,
By the struggling moonbeam's misty light,
And the School lights faintly burning.

The "Blue and Gold" lay across their breasts,
With no other shroud we bound them.
Their epitaph this, "They did their best,"
And their sorrowing mates stood round them.

Loud and long were the prayers we said,
Our voices upraised in sorrow.
And we prayed to the gods of the football game,
For a better team for the morrow.

We thought as we hollowed their narrow bed,
With a football for their pillow.
"Would they have done better at croquet?" we said,"Or marbles, or wielding the willow?"

Sadly we'll talk of the team that is gone,
And o'er their cold ashes upbraid them.
But little they'll care as we let them sleep on,
In the grave where Tech. High laid them.

But half of our heavy task was done,
As we stood o'er the grave perspiring,
When "Oo-ta-ta" crossed the field did come,
From the Orange team retiring.

We prayed as we sadly laid them down,
From the field of their shame, bruised and gory,
That future matches with other towns,
Would tell a happier story.

And the spirit of Don, may it struggle on,
Though it captained a team so ghastly,
And we hope that in all the years to come,
The boys may win just one Astley.

—YVONNE LUPP, 3C.
BROKEN FANTASY

Behind them the range of high mountains was a black silhouette against the western stars. Ahead and to the east the country dropped sharply into the mysterious, nebulous darkness which they knew held the level expanse of desert.

It would be daylight within an hour or two. The big moon hung low in the west, suspended over the reflecting surface of the calm ocean—a moon that was just past the full, making a golden path to Fairyland, flooding the earth with a light that radiated tranquillity.

Not a breath of air was stirring—just the calm, limpid moonlight, the glassy surface of the ocean far below, and the dark splashes of shadows.

Directly in front of them, the little circle of glowing coals gradually faded into a mere pool of pastel colour, which the night winds no longer had any power to fan into brilliance. A vagrant breeze descended joyfully from the higher ridges and murmured vaguely in the grasses.

In the east, a faint band of ghostly illuminations as vague and indistinct as the first flickers of a candle, paled the brilliance of the stars. Then after a few minutes the eastern range of mountains far out on the other side of the desert showed as a thread-like, saw-toothed strip, outlined against a yellow light. This light grew in intensity until the slightly lopsided sun rose majestically to pour light over the surface far beneath, bringing out ridges which were tinged with gold above pools of black shadow—pools that kept shrinking and shrinking.

The friendly beams lighted on two figures, wrapped in blankets, and the peacefulness was rudely disturbed when one of these jumped up and said: “C’mon, Bill, it’s time we was up and about, and humpin’ our packs out inter the desert for the prospectin’.”

—INEZ GRAY, 5th Year.

WINTER

Bathurst is a cold, cold place.
The winds do blow and chafe my face.
My ears are of the brightest red—
At least that’s what is often said.

The rain leaks through the roof sometimes.
But the teachers never seem to mind:
They move their chairs without a care.
Do we complain? We wouldn’t dare!

In P.T. we all strip down
(We do this without a frown).
The teacher says, “Now touch your toes.”
How we do it, no-one knows.

All home to lunch. We fight the breeze.
We feel so cold we ought to freeze.
But we keep gay and wait for ‘the day
When it’s “Off to the river!” we all will say.

—DOUG. CLARK, 3A.

THE AIR TRAINING CORPS

The Air Training Corps was founded in 1941, with the object of training young men for service in the R.A.A.F. By 1943 the A.T.C. had expanded to some 13,000 members. During the war years 14,000 cadets graduated from the Corps, and of these 12,000 enlisted in the R.A.A.F.

There is a squadron of A.T.C. in every State except Queensland, which has two squadrons. The squadrons are divided up into flights, of which there are at the present time 29 in N.S.W. Bathurst is the 28th Flight.

Young boys between the ages of 14 and 18 years can join.

Within the field of activities, flying scholarships are available to selected cadets, while camps which familiarise the cadets with Service life, are held at R.A.A.F. units. All the A.T.C. members have the opportunity of flying in R.A.A.F. aircraft.

Hobbies are important in the training of an A.T.C. cadet, and productive interests, such as making and flying model aircraft, are encouraged.

These are some of the main subjects—aero engines, signals, armament, navigation, theory of flight, and administration.

It is usually expected that ex-A.T.C. cadets who are required to undergo National Service Training, will elect to undergo their training in the R.A.A.F. They are given preference in selection for such training. Trainees are transferred to the General Reserve for a period of 4½ years, or may volunteer for service in a C.A.F. Squadron or in the R.A.A.F. Active Reserve.

—VIVIEN FREEMAN, 4th Year.
LIFE'S DANCE

Play, you fiddle, play!
Send your merry echoes flying
Into the dimness of our hearts!
We cannot think of dying,
For the notes are ringing, singing, bringing
Joy to untamed souls,
For we shall live today!

Flow, you cup of Bacchus brimming!
Make our dull tongues merry;
Bringing forth our brightest art
With speech not deep but airy,
For our words are sighing, crying, flying
In the stagnant air,
For we shall live today!

Dance, you gypsy, dance!
Fill our hearts with sweet desiring;
Charm us, thrill us, never chill us,
Give us joy no wealth no requiring!
For your feet are dancing, prancing, romancing
Love with ardent love,
For we shall live today!

Then break, you bitter spell!
Free our minds from dreaded lying;
Our piece is done, our life's flown by,
All pleasure's had, and now we're dying!
For the funeral bells are rolling, knocking, tolling
Threats to all unwary,
For we must die today!

—BRIAN HOLBECHE, 4th Year.

OUR SCHOOL

In recent years the educational facilities available in the Bathurst district have increased considerably. We have a number of private and church schools and colleges. Bathurst can now boast of a South Bathurst Primary, a West Bathurst Primary, a Bathurst Demonstration School and, of course, the Bathurst High School. The Bathurst Teachers' College was opened in 1950. The Technical College has been functioning for many years. Each year additional courses have been added, and old courses revised.

The first Bathurst school was opened over one hundred years ago in February 1853. However, it was not until 1905 that super-primary education was developed. The High School was opened in the Technical College in 1914.

The site now occupied by the High School was formerly that of All Saints' College. The Department was fortunate in securing such a suitable site. The foundation stone was laid in 1926, and in August 1927 the building was ready for occupation.

The Rural School, created in 1923, was absorbed into the High School in 1930; the school now supplies all courses.

THE LIFE OF A SAUSAGE

I'm just a humble sausage,
With a figure very thin.
My make-up is a mystery,
And soft as silk my skin.

My hideout is the ice box;
My mates all hang around.
And every time we get away,
It's 1/10 per pound.

I'm sure to end my humble life,
Like any other killer:
Spitting out my last words
Being roasted on the griller.

—PETER MARTIN, 1A
FLOODS OF NEW SOUTH WALES

The rivers of N.S.W. may be divided into two sections—the swiftly flowing, turbulent rivers of the coast, and the long, meandering rivers west of the Great Dividing Range.

To understand why the floods from these two sections are so vastly different, one needs to know the topography of the surrounding land.

First, consider the Eastern rivers. These rivers are often a quarter of a mile to half a mile wide and deep enough for ocean-going liners to negotiate. Their source is found in the sharply inclined eastern edge of the Great Dividing Range. Because the eastern scarps of the plateaux lie athwart the prevailing winds, they deposit great quantities of rain on the hills and coastal plains. The rivers twist and plunge through mountains and rocky hills, consequently their flood plains are not very wide. Thus, when a flood comes, the water has nowhere to escape, and it banks up and becomes very high, swirling at a terrifying speed into the sea and silting up their mouths and making them even more susceptible to future floods.

On the other hand, the western rivers start in more gently sloping mountains, and meander down to the sea, one thousand to two thousand miles away. These rivers are much older than the coastal rivers, and therefore they have often built themselves up above the level of the surrounding country. When sufficient rain comes, the river spills over its banks and spreads over miles and miles of flat land.

These contrasts are reflected in the different nature of the coastal floods and those of the interior. The following succession of events in the last Kempsey flood is characteristic of the pattern of all coastal floods:

Friday, Midday.—A.B.C. weather forecaster announces that it should be generally fine over N.S.W., with scattered showers.

Friday 1 p.m.—Steady soaking rain sets in.

Friday 6 p.m.—Raining furiously, no appreciable change in river height.

Friday 9 p.m.—Storm reaches climax. Theatre patrons advised to go home at once, as river is rising at an alarming rate.

Friday Midnight.—Streets echo to the sound of countless wheeled vehicles from inundated areas dumping people and their belongings in higher spots of West Kempsey.

Saturday Morning.—Dawn breaks to reveal the still teeming rain, surging waters covering almost the whole of the town, with animals, furniture, haystacks and houses in a mad aquatic carnival racing towards the sea.

Saturday Midday.—A.B.C. weather announcer issues urgent storm warnings, with forecast of local floodings. Rain ceases.

Saturday 6 p.m.—Flood reaches peak.

Sunday Midday.—A.B.C. weather announces worst flood on record. Likely to annihilate Kempsey. Floods have receded from town, revealing scenes of utter desolation.

Monday 9 a.m.—Trains enter and leave the town though some trans-shipment necessary. Inhabitants proceed to clean up the foul-smelling muck. Business recommences on a limited scale.

These events may be contrasted with those at Bourke, where the inhabitants hear with dismay of the devastating floods which have wiped out Gilgandra and have caused unprecedented havoc in other North-Western towns. They prepare to raise the levees protecting their town, and many backs are blistered under the scorching sun in the process. One week later there is no significant rise in the river. Two weeks later fishing is ruined and stock are being leisurely removed to higher ground. In about a month's time people are feverishly patching and plugging levees as the river reaches its zenith.

The feverish activity lasts for another couple of weeks, but the town is saved from inundation and the river spreads out over the surrounding country, doing various amounts of damage for many miles, there to remain for upwards of six months.

—PETER PULLEY, 3A.

THE FIREFIEND

There is an old saying, "Fire is a good servant, but a bad master." When it becomes master, as it has frequently done, a great deal of damage to life and property is done. Our Government knows this, and in order to keep the demon under control, it has trained a fine band of firemen, called firemen, who, both day and night, are kept ready to carry forth on their work of preservation.

Fire spreads so rapidly that not a moment can be lost in getting the firemen to the scene of the outbreak. As soon as the alarm is given at the station, the whole building springs into life. Doors open as if by magic, men come from all quarters, some sliding down a pole from the upstair floors, while others are summoned from the homes by telephone. Helmets and breeches are quickly fixed on, and in a few seconds the fire engines are careering down the streets or roads, their sirens warning everyone to make the way clear for the oncoming brigade.

What a thrill we get as we see the fire engines pass, with rows of helmeted men standing on each side and hanging on like grim death!

Upon arriving at the scene of the fire, the work begins.

Without any fuss, and yet with incredible speed, every man sets about doing his own particular job. Hoses are quickly run out, the water turned on, for these firemen know exactly where each street hydrant is, ladders are lifted skywards, and in a few minutes stream after stream of water is being poured upon the flames. Doors are battered down in order that the firemen may get into the building, and if necessary gas masks are donned to guard against smoke or deadly fumes.

It is dangerous work, but there is no flinching on the part of the heroic firemen, who display the same courage as a soldier on the battlefield. Many a fireman has met his death in the conflict with the dreaded monster, but strives to overcome. Not only is there danger of being burnt, but of being crushed beneath a falling wall, or the upper part of the building.

We owe a debt of gratitude to these fire-fighters, heroes, who in our land alone have saved thousands of lives and millions of pounds worth of property. We can help them best by being careful when using matches, petrol and other inflammable articles, for it is far better to prevent a fire starting than to do even noble work in putting it out, so be careful, put out your butt and match.

—DAVID CARKEET, 3C.
IMPRISONMENT

He sat there after a futile attempt, scanning his surroundings which imprisoned him. Once again he pulled at the door, putting his foot under it in a vain attempt to lever it inward.

He patiently arose and circled the room, looking for any possible exit which might lead him to freedom. At the door, again he sat and rested, pondering upon the methods of imprisonment and escape.

He heard a movement outside, was quickly on his feet, but found it was a false alarm.

Reluctantly he sat down again. After several minutes he moved into a more comfortable position and waited, trying to adjust himself to the stuffiness of the room. Seemingly years, but in reality only a few minutes later, a noise was heard outside.

He tensed himself ready to hurdle through the door the moment it was opened.

The knob turned. The door was slowly pushed open. There was a flurry of legs and arms and a scuffle between the agile and the less agile, and suddenly the cat, after his having been locked in the stuffy old storeroom, leapt through his master's legs out the door to freedom.

—LEONIE BELL, 5th Year.

BOHEMIAN CARAVAN

When the gypsies passed through the tiny village, they were met by the stony silence and menacing scowls of the inhabitants who, although they would never admit it, were somewhat afraid of these Bohemians, with their proud, dark looks and flashing eyes.

The gypsies pitched their camp in a large clearing in the woods on the outskirts of the village. As it gradually grew darker, fires appeared one after another around the camp. The smell of cooking was wafted on the dancing breeze and, as if drawn by a magnet, a few urchins were slinkingfurtively towards the camp.

When the evening meal was finished a few less wary village people arrived at the camp. They had their fortunes told by an old woman, and bought herbs and drugs, attaching great faith to their healing properties.

Soon the whole caravan of gypsies was gathered around the fire and a dull, monotonous chanting arose which gradually changed into a gay dancing tune.

A dark-eyed gypsy girl sprang out from between two caravans and whirled madly in the middle of the fires. To the wild rattle of the tambourine she leapt, and soon she was joined by nearly all the young people in the camp.

As the dancers grew weary they drew out of the dance one by one, until no one was left.

The music died away, and when the village clock struck eleven the gypsies withdrew into the caravans for the night.

A peaceful quiet stole over the sleeping caravans and only the restless movement of a dog and the occasional cracklings of the fire were all that remained.

—INEZ GRAY, 5th Year.

BATHURST'S CARILLON

Recently I was shown through the Carillon. This building is the centre of King's Parade, which is planned in the shape of a Maltese Cross. It was erected as a memorial to the soldiers who fought in the First World War.

A carillon is a chromatic set of bells of three to four octaves, hung in a tower and played from a keyboard either by hand or feet, or by some automatic mechanism.

The idea of the carillon appears to have been anticipated by the Chinese in ancient times. The making of carillons flourished, particularly in Northern France, Belgium and Holland, during the 15th to 18th centuries. The name "carillon" was originally that of the music played. Carillon music is written in two or more parts: mostly arrangements are made by carillon players to suit their own instruments.

To return to our own carillon. There are a few steps up to the door, leading into the building, and from this spot the magnificent structure rises 100 feet into the air. Entering by the door, one comes into a room which has a spiral staircase leading upwards from it. Climbing these stairs, which twist and turn, one enters another room containing the keyboard, which, when played, rings the bells. At each side of this room there is a long window. The eastern one is directly in line with the Boer war Memorial, the western window in line with the Evans Memorial, and one has a lovely view of the city from here. The northern window faces the Cathedral, and the southern, the Court House.

Again we ascend the stairs and come out at the very top. Looking up, one sees the huge bells, some weighing up to three tons! There is a long line of wires, each connected to a bell, and when one is pulled the bell rings. I was allowed to do this, and a lovely sound was made.

—WINSOME PARNHAM, 1A.

WRITING AN ARTICLE FOR "THE BURR"

"How many of you have written an article for 'The Burr'?" asks the English Master. After everyone has given their answers and perhaps promised an article for Friday, the subject is forgotten for that lesson. When the lesson is over those who are interested start wondering what they can write about and how they can write it.

On the way home, probably as the bus is banging and rattling over the bumps, while the bike is finding its way down the hill, around the corner and then to the home of its owner, the words 'an article for 'The Burr'' appear in front of you. Then, a wonderful idea, a story revealed itself in front of you. If only there was a pencil and a piece of paper right there waiting to be used there would be no need to worry.

At the front gate, and the story is still there. Hurry inside, find a piece of paper and start writing. Well, that was the intention, but Mother is waiting at the door to greet you by delivering a message from one of your old pals and by asking a number of questions about the day at school. By the time you have found a pencil, a piece of paper, a chair on which to sit, a table on which to rest the paper on which you are going to write and - - Oh! Where has that story gone? What was it all about? Bother "The Burr"! The article will have to wait until another day.

—MARIE SPICER, 5th Year.
MADNESS

There's some method in his madness,
Even though you may not find it;
Though he gives you cause for sadness,
There's some method in his madness.
May it give you strength and gladness!
So open up your heart—don't blind it
To the method in his madness—
In a teacher may you find it!

—HARRY HARRIS, 4th Year.

THE GREAT ESCAPE

On the 25th March, 1944, eighty prisoners escaped from Stalag Luft III, a prisoner of war camp in Germany.

For fifteen months five hundred men had dug their way through the earth towards the goal—freedom. The tunnelling was carried out in a barren compound about 350 yards square, swarming with German security guards night and day, searching and snooping with probes and torches.

The man who organised the escape was Roger Bushel, known as Big X.

As well as the tunnels, the men had to organise factories for mass forgery, map and compass making, tailoring and iron rations—all part of the scheme for the big escape.

Three tunnels were started, known as Tom, Dick and Harry. Tom and Dick were discovered by the "ferrets", but Harry, the last chance, was the one that rang the bell. It was over 350 feet long and 30 feet deep to evade the sound detectors sunk by the Germans. The entrance was a cunning trapdoor underneath a stove in hut 104. The tunnel was wood lined to stop earth falls. The wood came from the men's beds. This made sleeping uncomfortable, but they did not mind.

The disposal of the sand was one of the biggest problems, but this was solved by putting it down Dick, the unfinished tunnel.

Foot by foot the tunnel progressed, but it was not till over a year after it was started that they finally escaped.

On March 24th it was decided to break that night. About 10 p.m. two experienced tunnellers dug out the last few inches, into the open. They had a nasty shock. Calculations were a few feet short, and instead of being just inside the wood they were in the open, and a bare fifteen yards from a sentry box.

After that the tension was rather terrific as the chaps quivering with excitement climbed out into freedom.

About four o'clock it started to get light. The last man was just climbing into freedom when a patrolling German sentry discovered him. The guard let out a howl, fired a shot that luckily missed, and the game was up.

Of the eighty who went out through the tunnel, four were caught immediately. One by one, most of the others were rounded up, frostbitten and completely exhausted. Three out of the eighty got back to England; some are still missing.

—HELEN OVERY, 3A.

AN ASSESSMENT OF ENGLISH LITERATURE

Captain Dobbin delighted in going on walking tours. One of these tours was Meditations in Westminster Abbey, during which he met Beau Tibbs, who gave him his impressions of On First Looking into Chapman's Homer. While Upon Westminster Bridge during another tour, Captain Dobbin was Look(ing) Upon the Rainbow. He dreamt about La Dame Sans Merci.

Kubla Khan, whom Captain Dobbin knew, was singing a Song for St. Cecilia's Day, while the Midnight Skaters were rehearsing their new act, Fire on the Snow. A Friendship was soon started between Kubla Khan and Captain Dobbin, and after Kubla Khan told the story of Christ's Hospital 35 Years Ago, Captain Dobbin told of Spanish Waters, and also his visit to Wuthering Heights.

The Indian Jugglers interested our two characters very much when they visited Bocastle, which is a city on The Little River, which always floods when it Rain(s). In Bocastle they met a little boy who wrote a Sonnet, which to him was a Song, about his brother (on) Lying in Bed and his (on) Going Back to School.

The little boy also told our friends that he felt like going To Sleep and Having a Nightmare about Running to Paradise, especially now that Spring was Turning to Autumn.

—MARIE SPICER, 5th Year.

CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE FIRE AND THE FOREST

"Hello, Mr. Forest," said the Fire as he burnt merrily away in a cleared spot in the heart of the Forest.

"How do you feel to-day?"

"Not too happy with you so close to me," said the Forest, as he looked thoughtfully at the leaping flames. "I wonder," he said, "why careless men have anything to do with you?"

"Why, I like that," said the Fire. "I am of more use than you are."

"In what way?" said the Forest, loftily. "You are only good at destroying things. Why, look at all the useless men put me to. They make their homes, their vehicles, their ships, their railways, their aeroplanes, and their furniture of me. Everywhere you look you can see me in use."

The Fire thought for a while before he answered. Then he said, "I have my uses, too. I keep people warm in winter. I drive ships and engines. Everywhere you look you can see me, too, and what's more, when you are too old to be of any further use, I can always burn you up."

At that moment a light breeze blew, and the Fire leaped up and burnt merrily.

"I love wind," said the Fire. "It carries me from place to place and makes me grow bigger and bigger. I wish it would blow hard to-day and I would burn you up."

"Be careful, Fire," said the Forest, "for the wind blows up clouds, and clouds bring rain, and I like rain better than you do."

Just then a man came to the Fire. "What careless person put you here," he said angrily. Fetching a bucket of water, he poured it onto the Fire, which went out with a loud hissing noise.

The Forest seemed to laugh as the leaves swayed in the breeze.

—BETTY SYMONDS, 3C.
**EVENING**

When over the hill peeps the silver moon
Bright are the stars, and silent the lagoon.
Only the fox howls,
Only the dingo prowls;
And all is quiet but the hoot of owls,
All is still but the whispering trees,
And the rippling of water when stirred by the breeze.

—MARY WALLACE, IA

**MY MOUNTAINS**

It strikes me, when I consider, that the one thing I can always stop and look at, wonder at and appreciate is the mountains. The mountains in all their moods, beautiful, terrible, sublime and livingly intense.

The mountains in the clear autumn days, outlined purely against the cloudless sky, ageless, immovable, suddenly become alive with the touches of the evening sun; alive, full of intensity.

Again when winter has crept on, with grey scudding skies, they gloom, resuming human habitation so near, forbidding and strangely magnetic in a mantle of grey.

But so different are they on the early summer mornings, just after the sun has risen, when peace and quietness reigns and there is a promise of a lovely day. The heat haze makes the bright blue paler as the morning lengthens, and the sky stretches over going from orange to blue by indiscernible degrees.

But spring is the time when my mountains really live. The plains before the hills are green, not brown or yellow, but a youthful vigorous green, contrasting with the blue. No artist could catch the glints of colour, the glimsees of light and shade, so it remains for the soul to catch and treasure these pictures as memories.

For many years I have lived with my mountains, seeing them at every glance, and from them have I derived a great joy which becomes the greater for every glimpse I have of them. They, to me, are a personal friend.

—HELENE JAMES, 5th Year.

**CINEMA NOTES**

Conquest of Everest
Strangers on a Train
Battle at Apache Pass
Dial M for Murder
Toughest Man in Arizona
The Charge of the Light Brigade
Kill the Umpire!
The Bronze Man
From Here to Eternity
A Place in the Sun
Casanova’s Big Night
Inferno

Ascent to Room 10
Return from Astley Cup
Astley Cup basketball
Astley Cup hockey
One well-known prefect
Astley Cup football
Good Heavans!
Schoolwork
The aim of all pupils
Trip back from Dubbo
Science lab.

—SCREENSCANNER.

**'TIS THE FIRST DAY OF WINTER**

'Tis the first day of winter
That faces us now;
All the bright blossoms
Are swept off the bough.
No sun has been left,
No gold moon is nigh
To spy on the young,
To live or to die.

So soon it has gone,
That summer so gay.
And from youth's happy circle
The years speed away!
When blossoms have gone,
And snow soon is shown,
Oh! now we do realise
How years have just flown!

—JUDITH BRIEDE KIRK, 4th Year.

**PAIN**

All is still. Only the low murmur of voices can be heard. When will it finish. oh ! when will it finish ? My mind reals at the thought of the consequences. "Is it worth it?" tumbles through my mind, again and again. The minutes drags, time is eternity in this small room.

But suddenly there is life everywhere. Hustle and bustle in every corner—doors slam, laughing voices echo down the corridor, running footsteps, followed by a slower tread spelling seniority—then silence as before.

My period of turmoil is over, my headache suddenly clears, as I realise that Maths. is over. I slip from my hide-out (the sick bay), and walk hurriedly to P.T.

—BARBARA BEARDWOOD, 5th Year.

**STOP PRESS**

As "The Burr" goes to press, Graham Evans has had further success. On September 29th he won the C.H.S. Mile (Div. 1) in 4min. 31.4secs. This is the second fastest time recorded in the C.H.S. in the last twenty years, the record being 4min. 30secs. On Saturday, 1st October, he won the All Schools Under 17 Mile in 4min. 43.4secs. Graham's C.H.S. run creates a new school record for the mile.
ASTLEY CUP

The 1955 Astley Cup series was indeed a competition to remember. Although beaten by both Dubbo and Orange, we had a chance of winning right up to the end of the contest.

The first round was played at Dubbo in wonderful weather. We left Bathurst full of high hopes of victory. Tennis was played first. The Dubbo boys and girls played very well and defeated us to score 48 points to 22.

Hockey was played next. Our team played good hockey, passing the ball around quite a lot, and scored three good goals. Lorraine Bulloch, Ann Pollard and Barbara Pollard were the scorers. Points allocated were Bathurst 87, Dubbo 19.

Basketball was played the next morning. The girls handled the ball very well, and the goal throwers Helene Gaba and Kath Morgan played outstanding games. We won, 29 goals to 16. Points were 44 to 16.

The Athletics were held next. Here we had a very bad time. Dubbo proved much too strong, and our only winner was Grahame Evans in the mile event with a time of 4 mins 55 secs. The score was: Dubbo 81, Bathurst 19.

The progress score was: Dubbo 164, Bathurst 166.

Only the Football remained to be played. Here, however, Dubbo proved too good in all departments, and ran out the winners 26 points to nil. Points were: 97 to 3.

Outstanding players were H. Harris, J. Parnham and D. O'Malley.

And as Dubbo won that series by 271 points to 169.

The second round was played at Orange, with Dubbo the visitors, Orange the victors with a score of 267 to 173.

The third and final round was played at Bathurst, when Orange brought a strong team to win the cup.

Tennis was played first, once again in very fine weather, and this time we were the winners by 50 points to 30. Some very fine tennis was seen, particularly from the girls.

Next morning the Athletics were held at the Sportsground. A feature of the meeting was the very high standard of all events. Two records were broken, one of which was the mile, with a run of 4 mins 48.2 secs, by Grahame Evans. D. O'Malley and J. Parnham were placed first and second in the broad jump. Worthy of mention was Walter Gregory's high jump performance of 5ft 4½ins.

The points were 74-26 in Orange's favour.

Next came Hockey, with another win for the girls, three goals to nil. Every member of the team played well and they deserved the win. The points were 81 to 19 in Bathurst's favour. The Football was played after this. Orange showed that they were completely superior, and went on to win, from a half-time score of 8-0, to a full-time score of 24-0. The points on this occasion were 97-3.

Only the Basketball remained to be played. Once again Bathurst girls played well and ran out the winners by 23 goals to 12, 45 points to 15. This gave Orange the Astley Cup for 1955 by a score of 231 to 209. Congratulations to Orange on a magnificent effort!
SCHOOL RECORDS

The Editors are attempting to compile a complete set of Athletic Records, but many of these are compiled from memory. We would appreciate any assistance, ex-students could give in correcting any unavoidable errors.

BOYS' ATHLETICS—
100 Yards, W. Bratten, 1926 10 secs.
220 Yards, W. Bratten, 1926 23 secs.
440 Yards, B. Booth, 1950 50.8 secs.
880 Yards, G. Evans, 1955 2 min. 5.7 secs.
Mile, G. Evans, 1955 4 min. 48.3 secs.
High Jump, W. Gregory, 1955 5 ft. 5 in.
Broad Jump, W. Bulloch, 1939 20 ft. 11 in.
Relay, Astley Cup Team, 1951 46.7 secs.
Hurdles, 90 Yards, R. North, 1953 12 secs.

GIRLS' ATHLETICS—
50 Yards, A. Mutton, 1937 6.2 secs.
75 Yards, J. Duncan, 1946 8.8 secs.
100 Yards, J. Duncan, 1946 11.5 secs.
High Jump, E. Newton, 1937 4 ft. 6 in.

BOYS' SWIMMING—
50 Metres Freestyle, N. Cant, 1955 31 secs.
100 Metres Freestyle, G. Evans, 1955 1 min. 12 secs.
200 Metres Freestyle, G. Evans, 1955 2 min. 47 secs.
50 Metres Breaststroke, D. North, 1955 45.5 secs.
50 Metres Backstroke, G. Evans, 1955 40.4 secs.
150 Metres Medley, G. Evans, 1955 2 min. 25.8 secs.
4 x 50 Metres Relay, Senior Team, 1955 2 min. 10 secs.

GIRLS' SWIMMING—
50 Metres Freestyle, B. Hughes, 1954 41.5 secs.
50 Metres Breaststroke, B. Hughes, E. Windsor, 1954 59 secs.
50 Metres Backstroke, B. Hughes, 1954 50.5 secs.
100 Metres Freestyle, B. Hughes, 1954 1 min. 41 secs.
150 Metres Medley, B. Hughes, 1954 3 min. 4 secs.

The swimming records date only from 1954, when the Olympic Pool was first used and metric distances introduced.

AWARD OF BLUES, 1955

Girls' Basketball B. Beardwood, J. Clarke, H. Gaha, K. Morgan
Girls' Cricket J. Shearing
Softball A. Pollard, B. Pollard
Girls' Tennis D. Burge, J. Hodge
Girls' Athletics No award
Girls' Swimming No award
Football H. Harris, D. O'Malley, J. Parnham
Boys' Cricket D. O'Malley, G. Booth
Boys' Tennis R. Gorman
Boys' Athletics G. Evans
Boys' Swimming G. Evans, P. Kelly

FIRST GRADE FOOTBALL

The First XIII was the lightest and youngest we have fielded for many years, and contained a number of players new to football.

In results, it is the poorest season for many years, but it has established a solid foundation for future years.

Their performance could have been bettered if more attention had been devoted to attending training, and a more genuine effort to learn positional play.

In the Astley Cup we were well beaten by Dubbo (26-0), and Orange (24-0), and we congratulate those schools on their overwhelming victories. We narrowly defeated Lithgow to win the Willman Cup in a very hard game.

Our best football was played in the Bathurst District Under 18 competition, and we were beaten by 14 to 4 in the semi-finals by Oberon.

Our best player was Don O'Malley, and as Captain he played very well all the season and established a great reputation for hard running and heavy tackling. John Parnham was very consistent, and tackled very well in all games. Harry Harris our 9 stone hooker, was never equalled as hooker or a rumbling forward.

For their sterling performances these lads were awarded a Blue for football. They were well supported by Ross Everingham and Tom McPhillam.


Finally we wish to thank Messrs. Mangan and Learmonth for their time and energies devoted in conveying their wide experience of football to our team.

Unfortunately in our annual social game against Tech. High we met one of the best schoolboy teams in the State, and although we were thoroughly trounced, all had a merry time. Mr. Cook's team has created a record score 46-0 that should stand for many years (I hope).

UNDER 16 YEARS FOOTBALL

This team, as in previous years, acted as a reservoir for the first grade side, and it is pleasing to be able to record that at least seven of the team became full-time members of the senior combination, one of them, Harry Harris, gaining a Blue for outstanding play.

As a result of the frequent promotions, the personnel of the team changed frequently; thus a good number of players (over 20) of them, were given a chance to play Saturday football in the Bathurst District Rugby League Under 16 Competition.

In this competition, the team had a notable record, coming from last position early in the season to contest the final against St. Patrick's Club, which defeated our team two points to nil in that match. Another highlight in this team's progress this season was a sterling victory of five points to nil over S.S.C. Under 16.

In addition to those who also represented the School (H. Harris, R. Everingham, I. Baillie, B. Graham, D. North, A. Smith, M. Newman, B. Holbeche, R. Pollard, T. McPhillam), others such as T. Dickman, H. Payne, P. Pulley, P. Sedlacek and R. Croucher showed considerable improvement. The experience they have gained this year, should stand them in good stead next year.
WEIGHT FOOTBALL

The weight teams this year were unfortunate in not getting their usual amount of football. This was due to the abrupt decision of St. Stanislaus' in the middle of the season, to change their code of football. This decision, coming when it did, dislocated the Schools' Council Competition without allowing it sufficient time to make alternative plans.

The 9.7's were best served in respect to football as the more brilliant members of this team formed the nucleus of the Under 16 side. In the Willman Cup, the team won by three points to two, while in the Canobolas Carnival at Orange, they were defeated in the final (eight points to three) by Orange De La Salle. This latter team went on to win the Mid-Western Carnival very convincingly. The final at Orange was a magnificent tussle with the result in doubt right to the last whistle. The team was best served by D. McManus, H. Payne, D. North and P. Sedlacek, all of whom showed brilliant form on occasions.

The 8st. 7lb. team suffered the most from lack of competition, as St. Patrick's had no team of this weight. Also it was handicapped by lack of players, having to rely on the lighter members of the 9/7 team and the heavier lads of the 7.7 team. This was a pity, as Mr. Pulley devoted a lot of time, skill and enthusiasm to the coaching of this team. At Lithgow in the Willman Cup, the team lost six points to nil after a tough struggle. The lack of match practice proved the deciding factor in their three-nil defeat by Orange Rural School at the Annual Football Carnival. The stars of the side and the keenest footballers were D. McManus, H. Payne, R. Toole and G. Toole.

The 7st. 7lb. team, ably coached by Mr. Brown, also had little football. In the first half of the season when the competition was functioning fully, the side developed a good combination, but lack of football later in the season caused a falling-off in keenness and standard. In the Willman Cup, they lost to their Lithgow opponents (six points to two), and in the Schools' Carnival were eliminated by Orange Rural. The side was best served by R. Lidden, G. Toole and B. Ward.

Mr. Dempsey, probably the School's keenest coach, had charge of the "mighty midgets", the "Six-sevens". In this regard he was ably assisted by Mr. Kneale. After performing exceptionally well against S.S.C.C. and St. Patrick's in the local competition, they had a mighty tussle at Orange to reach the final of the Canobolas Carnival. The first match against Orange High they won by four penalties to two; the next against Orange De La Salle was won by one force to nil, whilst in the final they went down by two tries to one to the ultimate group winners, Orange Rurals.

Their Willman Cup encounter against Lithgow resulted in a thrilling scoreless draw. The best of a whole team of triers were P. Bezrouchko, R. Morcom, C. Rush and I. Sutton.

In conclusion, the School wishes to thank the Bathurst District Rugby League for the help and co-operation it has extended to schoolboy footballers in general and to the School in particular.

Not only has good football been provided for our First Grade and Under 16 sides, but the financial help, especially towards the fares of teams to the Orange School Carnival, has been greatly appreciated. We hope to repay this interest by providing the League with its senior players of the future.
In the Willman Cup the A team had a runaway win of 10-0. Scorers for Bathurst were: Ann Pollard 5, Jeanette Hodge and Barbara Pollard 1 each, and Barbara Farrell 3.

Also in the Willman Cup the second grade High School team had a similar win of 6-1. Scorers for Bathurst were: Marion Mould 5 and Judy Pollard 1.

The third school team playing in the Bathurst Women's District Competition, and coached by Mr. Darke, gives promise of producing some very keen players for future first grade teams. We have been pleased to note the increase in numbers of girls playing hockey this season, but would like to see still more taking their part in school teams.

Final results of competitions conducted by the local association are not yet to hand, but at the present they are as follows: A Grade, 1st team, third in competition; A Reserve, 2nd team, 5th in competition; C Grade, 3rd team, 5th in competition.

We extend our thanks to the Women's Association for their valuable support this year, and to the umpires, Messrs. L. Malcolm and S. King, who officiated for the Astley Cup matches.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL A
Front Row: H. Gaha, B. Beardwood, Miss O. Williamson, H. James, J. Clark.

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GIRLS' HOCKEY

Following on the excellent season in 1954 the first grade hockey team has once again proved itself to be an excellent combination, and this despite the fact that it recruited many new players this year.

In the Astley Cup series the School team had a double victory over Orange and Dubbo, with scores of 3-0 and 3-1 respectively.

The match against Dubbo was full of excitement and spectator interest. The Bathurst team was superior in both attack and defence, and their combination in the forwards outwitted the opponents continually. Within the last ten minutes Dubbo fought back well to break through Bathurst's hard-working defence and score their goal for the match.

The match against Orange was played at a fast rate throughout, and it was only midway through the second half that Bathurst took the lead. The first goal was scored by Jeanette Hodge, who slammed the ball home after the Bathurst team had been constantly attacking the Orange goal.

The second score came ten minutes later when Barbara Pollard dribbled the ball past the Orange goalie to carry the score to 2-0.

The third goal was the result of brilliant attacking moves by the Bathurst team. The ball was driven hard towards the goal time and time again, but attacking moves were constantly thwarted by the Orange goalie and backs, until Lorraine Bulloch scored the final goal when she shot the ball low and hard into the back of the goal.

This Block donated by the Bathurst Women's Hockey Association.
The Burr

GIRLS’ BASKETBALL

Once again basketball has enjoyed the greatest popularity as a winter sport.

The House Basketball competition attracted 16 teams, each House entering four teams. The point scores, with two matches still to play, were as follows:—Blaxland 55, Lawson 61, Wentworth 33, Evans 11.

In addition to these teams, the High School entered six teams in the Bathurst Women’s Basketball Association’s Saturday Competition. The School teams played in A, A reserve and C grade competitions. The second team, playing in A reserve grade, was equal fourth with N.C.G.M. II before the play-off to decide this position. However, the failed to reach the final four.

The most successful of the School’s teams was the first, which lost only three matches during the season, one of these when the team, through illness, was depleted to five players, the other two being against Blayney I. The team was defeated by Blayney I in a very close final game by 17 goals to 14. Our congratulations go to Blayney I for their fine sporting win, and our thanks to the Bathurst Women’s Basketball Association for their help and competition throughout the season. It is our hope that those girls who have been introduced to local competitive basketball while at school will continue with their sport on leaving school. It is also our hope that they may retain the School’s name, and form one or more ex-students’ teams in future years.

The Astley Cup team for 1955 proved to be one of the best basketball teams fielded by the School. This team defeated Marsden School, Lithgow High, Dubbo and Orange High Schools, the latter school suffering its first defeat in five years. The Astley Cup scores of 23 to 12 against Orange and 29 to 16 against Dubbo, and the Willman Cup scores of 14 to 10 against Lithgow High are a measure of the standard of play of the 1955 team.

The second team was defeated by Lithgow High by nine goals to eight, and we convey our congratulations to Lithgow on their win.

Social matches played between Marsden School and the High School’s first three teams were a pleasure which we hope will be repeated in future years. The scores in these matches were: High I v Marsden I, 12 to 9; High II v Marsden II, 15 to 17; High III v Marsden III, 13 to 8.

Miss Jessup and Miss Cameron are to be thanked for their umpiring in these matches, and Mrs. P. Barnes for her umpiring of the Astley Cup match.

STUDENTS IN OUTSIDE SPORT

Grahame Evans has been having a very good year in sport. Apart from winning the School senior swimming and athletics championship, he has been competing with some success with the Mid-West A.A.C. On July 30 he went to Sydney for the N.S.W. A.A.A.’s cross country championships and succeeded in taking out the sub-junior one mile State title. He also won the State country title, being the first country competitor to cross the line. This lad will go a long way in athletics. Congrats, Grahame, on a good performance.

Bob Gorman has been competing at tennis tournaments throughout the west, and doing quite well, too. Bob is anxious to improve his tennis, and takes every opportunity to compete against class players.

BOYS’ TENNIS

The inter-school tennis competition was played between four schools, St. Stanislaus’, College All Saints’ College, The Scots School and the High School. The competition was an outstanding success, with very strong teams from all schools.

St. Stanislaus’ were the victorious school, and we must congratulate them on their very convincing win. The High School was second and All Saints’ were third. The point score was as follows: St. Stanislaus’ 18 points, High School 11, All Saints’ 9, Scots 4.

The entries for the School championships were taken immediately after the Astley Cup. There has been a large number of entries in all the three divisions. Owing to rain and bad conditions, however, play has been delayed.

In the Astley Cup we were convincingly beaten by Dubbo. However, we must congratulate the team on the performance they put up. Bathurst had a narrow 50-30 points win over Orange High School. John Matthews must be congratulated on the brilliant tennis he played.

GIRLS’ TENNIS

This year’s tennis teams have shown great promise of developing into formidable opponents in the future.

Their displays during the Astley Cup series brought forth the comment that the team for 1955 was amongst the strongest team of girls yet fielded by the School.

In the series at Dubbo, Bathurst’s representatives, Dawn Burge, Jeanette Hodge, Gwen Cupitt and Jann Shearing played consistent, thoughtful tennis, to be even on sets but one game ahead in the girls’ doubles, and gave great support to their partners in the mixed doubles.

The matches against Orange resulted in further wins for the School team. Bathurst won 5 sets 41 games to Orange 3 sets 29 games, in the girls’ doubles.

J. Hodge and D. Burge won 6/2, 6/3 against Orange school’s first team, and 6/1, 6/3 against their second pair.

G. Cupitt and J. Shearing, playing as second pair, lost to Orange 4/6.

All 3/6, but playing the first pair from Orange, scored 6/2 and 4/6. All matches were keenly contested, and many games went continually to deuce.

Again in the mixed doubles, the girls played exceptionally good tennis. Two girls, Jeanette Hodge and Dawn Burge, were awarded Tennis Blues for 1955.

Some of the credit for the improvement in the girls’ tennis is due to the tennis coaching classes and competitions arranged by the Bathurst City Tennis Club. Thanks, too, are due to the team’s coaches, Mr. Lavis and Mr. Cameron.

Play has just commenced in the girls’ tennis championships and Burge Cup tennis competition. Matches of great interest should be witnessed in the fourth year division, as all members of the Astley Cup teams have entered.

Lack of courts limits the number of girls able to play tennis in the summer, and first year girls are therefore unable to take tennis as their sport. Until this position can be alleviated, our junior tennis players are at a distinct disadvantage.

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ANNUAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This event, held on the 1st April, was the main sporting event of first term.

The carnival was won by Wentworth (264 1-6) from Blaxland (256 1-3), Evans (1823) and Lawson (170).

In the senior championship, J. Parham (Blaxland) and G. Evans (Wentworth) were level on points until the last event, the mile. Evans had no trouble in winning this, and thus the Senior Championship.

The Junior Cup was won by R. Gorman (Evans), with G. Maddox (Lawson) a close second. J. Tilga (Lawson) won the Under 14 Championship.

In the girls' events we were pleased to note that all races had many more entrants than in previous years, making it necessary to have as many as 18 heats in some events, and separate tracks for girls on the first day.

Juniors and sub-juniors particularly took great interest in the carnival, and this attitude seemed to improve their performances.

In the sprint events, Maureen Tobin (W), competing in the 75 yards, ran a good race in the time of 10 secs. The Sub-Junior Championship, ran a good race in the time of 13 secs. The Senior Championship over 100 yards was won by Lorraine Bulcho, with Gaye Flynn and Ann Pollard filling the minor places.

The 220 yards races were introduced this year, and the Senior-Junior Division were won by Kathleen Morgan and the Sub-Junior by Maureen Tobin. The High Jump were placed by Geraldine Massey, Kathleen Morgan and Helene James respectively.

Blaxland won the ball games pennant for 1955.

The relay races resulted in wins for Blaxland House in the Sub-Junior division and Evans House in the Senior-Junior Division.

School Champions in the three divisions are as follows: Senior, Lorraine Bulcho; Junior, Kathleen Morgan; Sub-Junior, Maureen Tobin.

Wentworth House (157 points) gained the major number of points in the House point score, while Blaxland (128), Evans (114), and Lawson (73) placed the minor places.

It has been encouraging to notice the increased interest in Athletics by the girls in the School. The fine displays given by the Astley Cup girls teams from Dubbo and Orange this year in defeating our girls, have shown this School that consistent training and practice are essential. A large number of girls have entered in the Western Districts All Schools' Championships on 17th September in individual events, while eleven teams will represent the School in the relay races.

COMBINED ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The carnival was divided into three sections—the Pacey Shield (Senior), Burlington Cup (Junior), and Atkinson Shield (Sub-Junior). The schools competing were All Saints' College, The Scots, St. Stanislaus' College, St. Patrick's and High School.

We extend our congratulations to All Saints', Scots and St. Stanislaus' for winning the Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior divisions respectively. St. Stanislaus' was successful in winning the Western Stores Aggregate Cup.

We annexed the open mile with G. Evans and T. McPhallamy winning first and second divisions. Incidentally, Evans broke a long-standing record, running the distance in 4min. 44sec.

We also won both divisions of the sub-junior broad jump, L. Gregory and D. Forrest being successful.
BOYS' CRICKET

During the 1955 season the School separated from the B.D.C.A. and joined the Bathurst Schools and Colleges' Cricket Association. Although the first grade team is not a brilliant side, many players show great promise. The excellent coaching given by Mr. Dodd has improved this team a great deal.

Don O'Malley and Grant Booth did fairly well with the ball. Grant managed to dismiss nine of the Stannies' batsmen for 17 runs. Brian Druitt showed good promise as a wicketkeeper. Brian Holbeche should develop, with a little more concentration, into a solid opening batsman.

In addition to competition fixtures, the annual event against Lithgow, the Willman Cup, was held. This was contested in first and second grades. The first grade ran out the winners. Don O'Malley five for 23, John Parnham 30, and Brian Holbeche 21 were the best performers. The second grade was defeated in a closely contested game. Walter Gregory showed good form with the ball.

Competition games in third, fourth, fifth and seventh grades were also conducted. These lower grade teams provide excellent material for the basis of future first grade teams.

FIRST XI

Front Row: B. Druitt, G. Booth, Mr. Dodd, D. O'Malley, J. Howard.

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GIRLS' CRICKET

In the B.D.W.C.A.'s competition, conducted on Saturday afternoons, the team filled fourth position. They had some very creditable wins over Blayney and California, whilst the experience gained against the stronger sides such as 2BS, whom we congratulate on winning the competition, will stand us in good stead during the coming season.

At the Cricket Association, two of our players won trophies—Helene James for her bowling and Jann Shearing for batting. Both honours were sufficiently deserved, and we extend our congratulations to both girls. In addition, the School team won the Joan Jones Cup for the Consolation Premiership—a feat which indicated the improvement made.

The team was ably captained by Jann Shearing, who receives a well-earned Blue for her performances during the year. She was ably assisted by Helene James (vice-captain and chief wicket-taker), whilst Lorraine Bulloch (our versatile wicketkeeper) gave good support throughout the season.

All players showed considerable improvement, but such new players as Fay Barnes, Helen Pratley, Maureen Massey and Vivien Freeman should develop into real "stars" next year.

Helene James, Maureen Massey, Wendy Daymond and Jann Shearing represented the Bathurst Junior team in its annual trip to Sydney. All performed creditably, with Jann being selected for a very enjoyable trip to Deniliquin with the Metropolitan and Country side.

The team owes a great deal of its success to the helpful coaching of Mr. Kneale and Mr. Learmonth, a service it fully appreciates.

GIRLS' CRICKET A

Front Row: H. James, J. Shearing, Mr. Kneale, Mr. Learmonth, L. Bulloch, F. Barnes, M. Massey.
SPORING AWARDS, 1954

Boys' Swimming
- Senior Pennant: L. Ingersole
- Junior Pennant: D. Gunning and D. Cashen

Girls' Swimming
- Senior Pennant: B. Hughes
- Junior Pennant: B. Neville

Boys' Tennis
- Rayner Cup and Senior Pennant: D. Riddiford
- Junior Pennant: R. Gorman
- Sub-Junior Pennant: D. Bass

Girls' Tennis
- Burge Cup, Senior Pennant and Third Year Pennant: J. Hodge
- Fifth and Fourth Year Pennant: G. Cupitt
- Second Year Pennant: D. Byrne
- First Year Pennant: G. Massey

Boys' Athletics
- Payne Cup and Senior Pennant: L. Evans
- Junior Pennant: G. Evans
- Sub-Junior Pennant: B. Graham

Girls' Athletics
- Senior Pennant: J. Flynn
- Junior Pennant: D. Sykes
- Sub-Junior Pennant: K. Morgan

SWIMMING

Front Row: E. Maclean, I. Bourke, A. Payne.
Middle Row: N. Cant, J. Parnham, G. Evans, Mr. Casimir, P. Kelly, R. Pollard, L. Gorringe.

ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The School Carnival was conducted on Wednesday, 2nd and Thursday, 3rd March. It was originally set down for Wednesday, 16th February and Wednesday, 23rd February. On these two days it rained, and the carnival was postponed.

Congratulations go to Fay Barnes, of Blaxland, on her grand performances in the girls' division. Fay won the senior and junior divisions. In the boys' section the standard was very high, the Cant brothers taking out the junior and sub-junior divisions. Neil the junior and Malcolm the sub-junior. Graham Evans swam well to win the senior section. All of these boys were from Wentworth House.

Blaxland House must be congratulated on their convincing win from Wentworth, followed closely by Evans and Lawson.

COMBINED SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The combined Secondary schools held their second annual swimming carnival on Wednesday, 9th March. High School competitors dominated the carnival, winning 19 of the 32 events conducted, and filling second place in six more. In the senior division Paul Kelly was the senior champion. Records were established in the 50-metres freestyle by Paul Kelly, and in the 50-metres backstroke and 100-metres freestyle by Graham Evans. The 50-metres freestyle and 100-metres freestyle by Graham Evans. The 50-metres freestyle and 100-metres freestyle and 50-metres breaststroke. Neil Cant broke the record in the 50-metres freestyle and was junior champion. This relay team also set new figures.

In the sub-junior division records were broken also, and Malcolm Cant was the sub-junior champion. The team also won all the trophies—the Charlie Price Cup for Seniors, the Western Cinemas Cup for Juniors, the Dean and Readford Cup for Sub-juniors and the Yeo and Mansell Cup for the aggregate point score.

LIFE SAVING

This year with the new baths a greater number of students tried for swimming awards. They were very ably coached by Mr. Lavis, who had the thirteen students under his guidance. There were four who gained the Bronze Medallion girls to receive any such award. The boys who gained the Bronze Medallion girls to receive any such award. The boys who gained the Bronze Medallion.
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This sport is progressing well here, even though it was only begun as a Wednesday sport last year. The School has had teams for a long time before this.

In the Saturday afternoon competition we have entered two teams—one in the Under 16 A division and one in the B. The former is leading the competition with Waratas, each team having gained equal points so far. The second team seems to be holding its own in its competition. Although I do not know the exact point score, either our team or Perthville is leading.

On Sunday, August 7, the seconds defeated Perthville to gain the Niven Trophy, which is a challenge trophy. It is understood that Perthville is going to challenge us back.

On Saturday, 9th July, a junior hockey carnival was held at Bathurst, with two divisions, Under 16 and Under 13. This was run by goal averages. Before the final the points were: High School 1, 8; High School II, 4; Parke's, 6; Waratas 1, 8. This was a good effort by the seconds, as they had to play in the higher division.

Waratas II won the final by 1 goal to our nil, and we congratulate them on their performance.

However, High School teams are weakened every year, as all except one from Waratas A, half of Waratas B and about the same number from Perthville are members of the High School, so that they do not play for the School. This makes it difficult.

We, the players, are still hoping that next year boys' hockey will appear in either the Willman or Astley Cup competitions, or both!

We wish to thank the Bathurst District Men's Hockey Association for the assistance and encouragement they have given us during the year.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

Softball continued to be a popular summer sport, and the School again entered in the Saturday competitions conducted by the Bathurst Women's Association.

This regular match play assisted greatly to raise the standard of play throughout the School, and the experience so gained enabled the Bathurst team to defeat Lithgow by the very small margin of 11 to 10 home runs. The School was also grateful for the assistance of the Women's Association referees and scorers, Mesdames Bennet, Griffen and U'Brien.

SOCCER

This year soccer was introduced at the Bathurst High School. It appears that quite a number of junior students are interested in the game. Practice games were played at Morse Park. On August 10th the Staff played a combination of Senior students. The Staff won by four goals to two. That same afternoon we played a team from All Saints' College and lost by six goals to one.

Thanks are due to the Bathurst Olympic Soccer Club for their kind support. They were always ready to lend us soccer balls when needed. Next year we hope to enter one or more teams in the Inter-School Competition in Bathurst and District.
EX-STUDENTS IN SPORT

Quite a number of recent ex-students have distinguished themselves and proved a credit to the School in their endeavours in the sporting sphere.

Firstly, Brian Booth—vice-captain of '51—an outstanding sportsman in all senses of the word, has fulfilled the promise of his schooldays. Brian—or "Sam"—has completed his Physical Education course at Sydney Teachers' College, and is now Assistant Sportsmaster at Hurstville Agricultural High.

He has excelled in two sports—cricket and hockey.

In cricket, after scoring heavily for St. George in the Sydney competition, he was selected to represent N.S.W. against Queensland in the Sheffield Shield. "Nerves" was responsible for his "duck" in the first innings, whilst he made only 19 in the second. As a result, he was relegated to 12th man against Victoria in Melbourne. However, when he was called upon to represent N.S.W. against England, Sam performed at his best. Going in with the score at 4 for 25, with all the "big men" out, he carried the N.S.W. score on his capable shoulders, ending up with 74 n.o.—an innings praised by all the critics. It made possible the final victory of N.S.W. in this match and has ensured Brian of a permanent place in N.S.W. Sheffield Shield team. In the near future we have great hopes of this modest sportsman gaining fresh laurels for himself and B.H.S. by gaining Australian selection. Good luck to you, Brian. (Incidentally, his one wicket in International cricket is that of Colin Cowdrey—a really good "scalp"). This score was followed with great interest over the School loudspeakers (staff especially tense).

In hockey, Brian's career is also assured. Having starred first locally, then for St. George, he later represented N.S.W. Colts. This year at the Australian Hockey Carnival in Brisbane, he was the star of the N.S.W. senior team, and is freely tipped as a certainty for Australia's Olympic hockey team. Again the good wishes of the School accompany him. Double State representation is not very common—a real achievement.

Also of 1951 vintage, Margaret Learmonth (also School vice-captain), has done really well in sport. While doing her Physical Education Course at the College, she represented in tennis, hockey and cricket. At present, Margaret is at Inverell High School as "drill" and P.T. teacher.

In 1954-55 cricket season, Margaret represented N.S.W. against the touring N.Z. women's side, gaining second top score of 28 in a drawn game. Later in the year she represented N.S.W. at the Cricket Carnival at Adelaide, receiving favourable mention for her slow bowling, particularly against Victoria. Her State position in the future also is assured. Again we hope that Australian honours in cricket will come the way of a B.H.S. student.

In other fields we have gained International honours. Inga Freidenfelds, an ex-student of B.H.S., was a member of the Australian men's basketball team to play American Services team in Adelaide early this year. Our heartiest congratulations, Inga.

At the moment also (August), two of our recent ex-students, Max Brown and Barry Hurst, are representing N.S.W. Colts at hockey in Perth—an excellent achievement. At the conclusion of the carnival, Barry Hurst gained selection in Australian Colts hockey team to play Western Australia. Our congratulations go to Barry on his fine effort.

"The Burr" would like to congratulate all these State representatives, and if any have been omitted, would like to hear of their achievements for future publication.