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Editorial

Have you ever thought about our School motto, "Altiora Peto" or "I seek higher things"? It's a fine sentiment, worth our consideration. The search may not be only for knowledge of facts and fiction, for higher learning, but for higher improvement of our minds and natures all through our lives. So remember the motto of our School, and its meaning.

This year the editors had a pleasant but hard task in selecting from the many well-written contributions. We thank you for your support and know you all join us in thanking the business houses and private citizens of our town for their generous donations towards our school magazine.

Let us hope you enjoy this 1959 "Burr" as much as you did those of other years.

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SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Bronwyn Ballam, Garry Toole

Captains’ Message

When you have been at a school for five years, you begin to realise just how important your school is to you. It has been a source of instruction and guidance to you, while at the same time, a good and kind friend.

Therefore, there are many people whom we have to thank, when we think of what has been done to help us. We must thank especially our Headmaster, Mr. Thomas, together with the other members of the staff. We feel that Mr. Lavis, our Prefect Master, deserves special mention, for without his guidance and energetic support, we could not have made 1959 as successful a year as it was. Thanks are due also to our fellow-prefects who have co-operated so willingly throughout the year.

We wish the School all the best for the future, and hope that you will always be "Seeking Higher Things".

BRONWYN BALLAM and
GARRY TOOLE.

THE HEADMASTER'S REPORT

The Headmaster’s Report for 1958 stressed the satisfactory progress of the School in every field. Bathurst High School is already a ‘multilateral’ High School such as is being established now in the Metropolitan area. Here all pupils seeking secondary education from the various primary schools in the area may enrol to follow any one of many courses, all of which are of equal value. It is the task of every pupil in the School to develop his or her talents, in whatever direction they may be, to the utmost.

An innovation during 1958 was the beginning of Demonstration work in English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Biology and Physical Education in connection with Junior Secondary courses at Bathurst Teachers’ College.

Enrolment figures for 1958 reached an all time record. Increased numbers were also noted in the Senior Years, which included ten overseas students. The Headmaster urged parents of children entering Senior Years to discuss ideas for future employment with himself, the School Counsellor or the Careers Advisers, so that suitable courses could be chosen.

Accommodation was further extended during 1958 with the completion of the two demonstration rooms and the new Manual Training Unit. However, still more rooms are required, particularly a school hall.

In conclusion, Mr. Thomas thanked all outside the School who had helped in any way, particularly the Parents and Citizens’ Association and the Ladies’ Auxiliary, for their continued and willing support.

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week this year began on Sunday, August 2nd. Special services to mark the occasion were held in all churches, and these were attended by pupils in school uniform.

During the week a public meeting was held at the Demonstration School. After a short programme, in which Pat Mayo and Victoria Clark represented the High School, the guest speaker, Mr. Roland Robinson, gave a talk on “Culture of the Aborigines”.

Wednesday morning was “Open Day” at School. Large numbers of parents visited classrooms and saw classes in normal operation.

On Thursday, our weekly broadcast was designed to give a resume of school life, with illustrations of special activities. Choral work was demonstrated by 1D, who sang “Megan’s Fair Daughter” and “It Was a Lover and His Lass”. Colleen Cowan, representing the Debating Club, gave a speech on the subject “That Men Are Superior”, whilst Vicki Clark recited “Jackdaw of Rheims”.

Part of 3A Language Classes sang four songs. These were “The Bird” and “The Happy Wanderer” in German, and “On the Bridge of Avignon” and “It Rains, O Shepherdess”, in French.

To illustrate the use of lectures in school, John Schatz, of 1A, delivered a short one on “My Hobby—Stamps”.

Finally we had a short play reading by a 3rd and 4th Year group. The play was “The Bathroom Door”, and those taking part were Lillian Zavorovich, Roslyn Meeth, Janet Brown, Michael English, Tony Bouffler and Ione Cusick.
STAFF CHANGES

In 1958, the following teachers left the School:

- Mr. E. J. McQ. Pulley, Master of the Economics and Geography Department, transferred to Bass Hill; Mr. J. Howman, Master of the Manual Arts Department, transferred to Manly; Miss J. Thompson, Mr. K. I. Rae and Mr. K. J. Abbey, all of the Science Department, transferred to Berowra, Balgowlah and Richmond River respectively; Miss Y. Ivery and Mr. B. Larkin, both of the Mathematics Department, transferred to Asquith and Broken Hill respectively; Miss M. Rose of the Languages Department, transferred to Fort Street; Mrs. J. Murphy (Music), and Mrs. R. Woodham (General Activity Class).

At the beginning of 1959, we welcomed the following teachers:

- Mr. F. W. Brown from Forbes, as Master of the Economics and Geography Department; Mr. R. Egan from Penrith, as Master of the Manual Arts Department; Mr. H. Mawby from Goulburn, who also joined the Manual Arts Department; Miss J. N. Friend from Sydney, Mr. B. J. Buchhorn, from Wauchope, and Mr. K. R. Hickson from Armidale, who all joined the Science Department; Miss M. M. Sheehan from Coff's Harbour, Mr. W. Hall from Newcastle, and Mr. E. Hurley from Armidale, who all joined the Mathematics Department; Mr. B. Kelly from Sydney, who joined the Languages Department; Mr. T. T. Short from the Relieving Staff, who joined the General Activity Group; Miss P. J. Slarks from Cessnock, who became our new Music Mistress; Miss S. Hocter from Sydney's National Art School, who took up the newly created position of Art Mistress.

We had our usual poster competition for Book Week. It was won was able to stay with us early in the year for a short time.

HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

During the year the Women's Auxiliary has continued its activities, and succeeded in raising more than £500 for the School. The Sherry Party during Education Week, the Annual Fete in August, and catering for Eisteddfod Week are our biggest efforts. The card parties which were held for several years, have now been discontinued, and have been replaced by a cake stall, which is held on the third Saturday each month on the old school verandah in Howick Street.

There has been a very satisfactory increase in membership this year, and our meetings are very well attended. We do welcome all new members at our meetings, which are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the old school building in Howick Street.

-(Mrs.) J. HOY, Hon. Sec.

VISITING CLERGY

Our sincere thanks are extended to all those members of the Clergy who have visited the School throughout the year for the purpose of giving religious instruction.

ANZAC AND EMPIRE DAYS

This year Anzac Day was celebrated in traditional spirit on Thursday, 23rd April, at our regular weekly school assembly.

The visiting speaker was Mr. R. Crawford, representing the Bathurst branch of the R.S.S. and A.I.L.A., who gave an impressive address on the history and significance of A.N.Z.A.C.

Geertje Bekkenam, Norma Willard and Janet Blackwell led the School in the singing of the traditional songs, "Land of Mine", "Land of Hope and Glory", and "The Recessional".

Our Captains, Bronwyn Ballam and Garry Toole, then placed a wreath on the Honour Roll, while the School observed a period of silence in memory of those who did so much for their country in the two World Wars and also the Korean War. Laurence Binyon's words, 'They grow not old as we that are left grow old ...', were recited by Mr. P. W. Beekenham, M.A., B.Ed., Director of Education, Western Area; and Bill Deveson, 3D, sounded the Last Post.

The ceremony ended with the Recessional and the National Anthem.

On the morning of 25th April, the Dawn Service at the Carillon was attended by the Headmaster, Captains, Prefects, and a large gathering of other students and members of the staff. Bronwyn and Garry again laid our wreath in memory of those who gave their lives.

Empire Day—or Commonwealth Day, as it is now known—was celebrated at an assembly in the quadrangle. Mr. Thomas gave us an address, and Mr. Easton read a message from Lord Rowallan, President of the Royal Commonwealth Society.

THANKS TO DONORS

The Editors and Business Manager wish to thank all those who have responded to the appeal for financial assistance in the publication of the "Burr"—those who have been mentioned on individual pages, and the following:—Mr. E. Leigh Cooper, Mr. J. D. Grouny, C. Weal and Son, Knights Corner, Mr. C. Metchell, Gardiner Craft P'ty. Ltd., Carolyn Beauty Salon, Basha's, Shehadie's Dry Cleaning, Mr. K. Harvey, Jos' Small-goods, Larkey's Pie Shop, Dickens and Carey, Sherman's Fruit Shop, Park Salon, Messrs. Waddell and Hammer, Dental Surgeons, Park Dry Cleaners, Sheridan's, Mr. J. Hay, Mr. L. Yeoman, Modern Beauty Salon, Mr. H. Dillon, Mr. Tom Marsh, Bootmaker, Herrman Haes Ltd., G. A. Stirling and Co., Mrs. S. Fitzgerald, Mr. R. J. Talbot, Mr. T. Fox, Mrs. Rainey, Messrs. R. H. and G. L. O'Rourke, Mr. L. Daley, Mr. R. M. Wells, Butcher, Mrs. Howard, Debs Frock Shop, Beaurepaire Tyre Service, Bob's Dry Cleaners, Mr. D. Miller, Mr. J. Parker, Mr. C. J. English, Mr. C. Burke, Modern Junior Beauty Salon, Dorina Frock Shop, Goodyear Motor Tyre Service, Star Hotel, Tattersall's Hotel, Mr. C. Harvey, Park Service Station, Hayes' Shoe Store, Carlton Cafe, Mr. S. Cundle, Robins Shoe Factory.
TEACHERS' COLLEGE SHAKESPEARE LECTURE

Again this year, we visited the Teachers' College to hear a lecture on "Julius Caesar", for Bathurst Fifth Year students. The lecture was given by Mr. J. S. Gunn, M.A., and was most beneficial to the students.

We, the Fifth Year students, would like to thank everyone at the Teachers' College, who helped to arrange the lecture. Also, we would like to express our special thanks to Mr. J. S. Gunn, M.A., for his fine address.

2BS

We wish to thank the management and staff of Station 2BS for placing half an hour's broadcasting time at our disposal each week. It gives parents and citizens an opportunity to keep in touch with the latest developments at the High School. These broadcasts take place each Thursday at 4.30 p.m.

PUBLICITY

We are grateful to the local newspapers and to Station 2BS for giving publicity to the various functions that have been held at the School from time to time, thus enabling the people of Bathurst to give their full support to these activities.

CONSERVATION WEEK 1959

On Wednesday 29th of July, classes 2A and 3B Geography, and 4th Year Agriculture, were invited to view soil conservation work near Perthsulli.

This excursion was arranged by Mr. Brown. Under the guidance of Mr. A. Plummer and Mr. P. Stuart, of the Soil Conservation Service, pupils were shown over an extensive scheme which involves a number of properties in the vicinity of Perthsulli.

These people explained the need for, and the vital importance of soil conservation.

From the top of Bald Hill, the rainfall catchment areas of Evans' Plains and Perthsulli could be seen to great advantage. Contour ploughing, and absorption banks, along with the planting of improved pastures as a necessary follow-up, form the main methods used in soil conservation in this area. Other techniques used are top dressing, gully filling, pest destruction and judicious stocking. The help given by Mr. Plummer and Mr. Stuart is greatly appreciated.

During Conservation Week Mr. Brown also arranged for a talk by Mr. George Althofer, a well-known expert on Australian flora, from Nindethana Nursery, near Dripstone.

Mr. Althofer dealt with the vital need for a greater and closer appreciation and understanding of our flora, as a means of combating the evils of soil erosion.

We are very grateful to Mr. Althofer for his informative talk, and particularly for the interest shown by him in Bathurst High School.

—GEOFF HOLT, 4th Year.

SCHOOL FUND 1958-59

The Union Account is the main account of the Bathurst High School. At the beginning of 1958 the Union Account showed a balance of £369. Receipts for the year totalled £1488 and payments amounted to £1510. There was a balance of £137 at the end of 1958. School fees paid by the pupils are the main source of the money received by the School. In 1958 such fees amounted to £1028. Donations to school sport and other sport receipts amounted to £116. The main payments for the year were £711 on text books and £507 on sport.

The total money received for the publication of the 1958 'Bathurst Burr' was £207. A large proportion of this money was generously donated by Bathurst business people. The cost of publishing the 'Burr' was £227.

STUDENT-OPERATED BANK 1959

The main aim of the Student-Operated Bank is to allow pupils to bank their savings at school. By operating the bank we obtain a better understanding of part of our Business Principles course and become accustomed to the responsibility of handling money.

This year the Bathurst High School Branch of the Bank is being operated by Diane Davies, Judith McKay, Judith Nelson, Leonie Gallagher, Noreen Emanuel, Kim Miller and Barbara Howard, of Class 3D. The branch is open for business during one lunchtime each week, and any pupils desiring to transact business are advised to make inquiries then. To the incoming tellers, clerks, examiners and auditors of next year, we give our best wishes, and hope that business continues to improve.

—THE SCHOOL BANK STAFF.

LIBRARY NOTES

A library course was held in Bathurst during the last August vacation. A party of teacher-librarians used our library for practical experience, and during that time we catalogued a large number of new books which proved very popular with borrowers.

This year, for the first time, a Library Demonstration Lesson was given for the benefit of students in the Teachers' College. The class concerned, 1D, responded very well.

We had our usual poster competition for Book Week. It was won by Graham Lupp, 1B, and Mary Medcalf, 1A.

I should like to thank all student librarians in all classes for their assistance and willing co-operation throughout the year. Brian Sherman, Alan Leaver and Robert Southwell merit special mention for their excellent work in binding the "Geographic Magazines" and their "Popular Sciences". These now last much longer and look more attractive on our new magazine rack.

C. A. MASON, Librarian.
THE DRAMA CLUB

This year the Bathurst High School started a Drama Club. Mr. Brown and Miss Hocler, who joined the School’s staff this year, have given us great encouragement with their experience. At the beginning of the year the following committee was elected: Bronwyn Ballam (President), Ann Hearne and Victor Bailey (Vice-Presidents), Geirje Bekkema (Secretary), and Neil Harris (Treasurer). Each year has a boy and girl representative who help with the general running.

The Club is divided into several groups, under the direction of a teacher.

First Year is being directed by Miss Hocler and Mr. Kelly. Mr. Kelly’s group is doing “Robin Hood”. Miss Hocler’s group has performed “Something to Talk About” at a P. and C. meeting. At the moment this group is preparing “Fat King Mellon” for the Eisteddfod. Miss Hocler also conducts a Modern Movement and Mime group, which is doing “Peter and the Wolf”.

One Second Year group is under the direction of Mrs. Mason. This group is doing “Queer Street”, and intends to perform it for the P. and C. Miss Slarks’ Second Year group is preparing “Goblin Market” for the Eisteddfod.

Fourth Year is busy with three plays. Mr. Brown’s group is doing “The Importance of Being Earnest”, as well as learning the general methods of play acting. “The Bathroom Door” is being dramatised by Mr. Couwill’s group. Parts of these two plays were read over the High School broadcast.

Mr. Learmonth’s group is doing “Elizabeth Refuses”, from the novel “Pride and Prejudice”.

Fifth Year have been unable to participate as they do not have enough time for play acting.

The Drama Club thanks the Parents and Citizens very kindly for their generous offer to pay for the stage sets which are greatly needed. It is hoped that the P. and C. enjoys the play presentations which are performed for them.

Earlier this year, Bathurst High School was asked to perform in the Schools’ Drama Festival at the Elizabethan Theatre in Sydney. Owing to the short time there was to prepare a play thoroughly, it was decided to postpone this venture until next year.

The Drama Club has been able to function very well without disturbance of school work. We hope that this club will continue to run, and give other pupils the enjoyment that it has given us this year.

—GERRITJE BEKKEMA, Secretary.

THE S.C.M.

The Student Christian Movement, under the supervision of Miss Friend, to whom members would like to express their appreciation, has been functioning well this year. We held study groups every second week, and Miss Friend told us of her travels in Europe, and showed us slides of a Work Camp in France.

The S.C.M. has been functioning for two and a half years now. We hope to welcome many more new members to our meetings, which are held every Thursday at 1 p.m.

—E. WINCHESTER, 3A.

DEBATING NOTES

This year has brought a number of changes to debating in the School. For the first time the Seniors and Juniors have been separated, the Seniors under the guidance of Mr. Casimir, and the Juniors under Mr. Kelly. A programme of social debates has been started.

The usual degree of rivalry marked the House Competition both in the Junior and Senior ranks. The Junior Competition produced some very good debating, and all these young speakers are to be congratulated. The final was won by Lawson, who defeated Evans in the final, debating the topic, “Courtesy is Dead”.

The Senior Competition was much closer than one would expect, knowing that Lawson had the entire Mulvey team. In the final, Lawson defeated Blaxland on the topic, “The World Has Grown Dishonest”.

Lawson House, with wins in both the Senior and Junior groups, would appear to have a firm grip on debating for next year; but this is not really so because of the high quality of their rivals. In preparation for the Mulvey Cup, we were given the usual generous assistance of the Rotary Club. This practice debate each year gives our Senior speakers valuable experience in working with an adult audience. We should like to thank the Rotary Club for this opportunity, and Mr. Webster for his adjudication and advice.

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—This Page donated by Mr. G. Moodie, Chemist.
Our Mulvey team comprised four Fourth Years: Colleen Cowan, Rosalind Forrest, Sylvia Blomfield and Warwick Moloney. This team acquitted itself very well, and we are quietly confident of next year's results. These speakers have matured and developed well, and our Juniors could learn much by studying them. In particular, Ros. has developed very well as a Whip and handled this difficult job with a competence beyond her years.

In the Mulvey debates we were defeated in a brilliant debate against Orange on the topic, "That there should be more emphasis on cultural subjects in the School curriculum." As the losing margin was only one point, the tenacity of this night will be long remembered.

We defeated Dubbo by nine points on the topic, "That money spent on nuclear and space research could be better spent on projects aimed at raising living standards'.

Our congratulations to Orange on their Cup win, and our thanks to Mr. Morton for his adjudication.

Those who have given us assistance are too numerous to mention by name, but we should like to assure them that we appreciate the part they have played in giving us an enjoyable debating year.

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**PRIZE LIST 1958**

**Fifth Year:**
- Holman Prize for Dux of the School: Janet Wheeldon
- Winston Sutton Prize for English: Janet Wheeldon
- C.W.A. Prize for Modern History: Graham Harvey
- Second in Fifth Year: John Pulley
- Third in Fifth Year: William North
- Ralph Sutton Prize for Chemistry: Janet Wheeldon
- Mervyn Tobin Prize for Economics: Graham Reynolds
- Ashford Prize for Mathematics I and II: Judith Paul
- Ashford Prize for General Mathematics: Judy Allsopp
- Mrs. Chifley Prize for French: Judy Allsopp
- Windsor Prize for Geography: John Tilgals
- Ralph Sutton Prize for Biology: Elizabeth Roughley
- Ex-Students' Prize for Agriculture: Malcolm Newman
- Prizes for School Captains: Janet Wheeldon
- Margaret Stirling and Len Nixon Prizes for Leadership, Scholarship and Sport: Albert Yeoh
- R. O. Elliott Prize for Most Improved: Anne-Mari de Carle

**Fourth Year:**
- Harry Winslett Prize for Dux of Fourth Year: Kevin Connolly and John Garrett, equal
- Ralph Sutton Prize for Chemistry: Kevin Connolly
- Ralph Sutton Prize for Biology: John Garrett
- C.W.A. Prize for Modern History: Keven Gorman
- Third in Fourth Year: Clive Young
- Mervyn Tobin Prize for Economics: Bronwyn Ballam
- Mrs. Chifley Prize for English: Kevin Connolly and John Garrett, equal

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**Third Year:**
- Holman Prize for Dux of Third Year: Rosalind Forrest
- Winston Sutton Prize for English: Rosalind Forrest
- Second in Third Year: Warwick Moloney
- Third in Third Year: Robin Sheppard
- Mervyn Tobin Prize for Business Principles: Janet Steley
- General Proficiency in 3D: Janet Steley
- Bathurst Timber Industries Prize for Practical Mathematics: Yvonne Hudson
- City Council Prizes for Science Essays: Bruce Haddon, Ian Shearing
- Bathurst District Agricultural Education Society's Prize for Agriculture: Brian Sherman
- General Proficiency in 3B: Rhonda Catterall
- General Proficiency in 3AC: Trevor Mutton

**Second Year:**
- Dux of Second Year: Keren Bisset
- Second in Second Year: Anthony Bouffier
- Third in Second Year: Peter Erdmanis
- Mervyn Tobin Prize for Business Principles: Noreen Emanuel
- General Proficiency in 3D: Noreen Emanuel
- General Proficiency in 3B: Graham Burke
- General Proficiency in 2AC: Colleen Adamson
- General Proficiency in 2E: Donald Robins
- General Proficiency in 2F - 3E: Derek Hepworth
- Most Improved in 2F - 3E: Harold Scott

**First Year:**
- Dux of First Year: Andrew Wallace
- Second in First Year: Katie Juliff
- Third in First Year: Wendy Proctor
- General Proficiency in 1B: John Steley
- General Proficiency in 1AC: Beryl Champion
- General Proficiency in 1D: Phillip Hartin
- General Proficiency in 1E: Pamela Reid
- General Proficiency in 1F: Brian Katts
- General Proficiency in 1G: Ronald Murphy
- Don Ross Cup for All-round Effort and Service by a First Year Boy: James Pratley
- Social Service Prizes: Ivan Bale, Noelene Meadley
- Fourth Year: Anne Hearne, Margaret Moore, Mary Wallace, Val Liddon
- Jan Robb, Judy Long, Anne Cundle, Malcolm Cant, Gordon Sweetnam, Les Beckenham
- Third Year: Ione Cusick, Pam Nixon, Dianne Murphy, William Weal
- First Year: George Madsen, Victor Harris
- House Debating Cup: Lawson House
- Sutton House Banner for the Champion House over all activities: Lawson House

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**


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Allsopp, Judy, 1B 3B (o) 7B 9B 12B 13B.
Bedwell, Robert J., 1B 9B 16B 17B.
Bonham, Yvonne D., 1B 9B 16B 17B.
Browne, Heather T., 9B 10B 15B 16B 17B.
Campbell, Jacqueline A., 1H (1) 3B 7B 12B 13B 16B.
Cole, William M., 7B 15B 16B 16B 36B.
Connolly, Garry F., 5B 6B 12B 13B.
Coutts, Helen F., 7B 9B 15B 16B 17B.
Freeman, Ian P., 5B 6B 12B 16B.
Garrett, Lorraine, 1A 9B 10B 15B 21B 22B.
Goddren, Donald M., 1B 7A 9B 12B 15B 36A.
Goodfellow, Elizabeth A., 1B 7B 9B 15B 16B 17B.
Grigg, Morrin W., 5B 6B 12B 13B.
Harvey, Graeme G., 1B 5B (2) 6A 12A 13H (2).
Hockings, Barry D., 1B 2B 5B 6B 12B 13B.
Hodge, Deanna M., 1B 9B 15B 16B 17B.
Hughes, Helen L., 1B 4B 7B 9B 15B 17A.
Kobliho, Elizabeth A., 1A 3B (o) 7B 15B 16B 17B.
Lee, Ting Kiam, 1B 7B 12B 13A 15B 31B.
Lovell, Leslie M., 5B 6B 9B 12B 15B.
Newman, Malcolm T., 9B 16B 17B 24B.
Ng, Chin Seng, 1B 9B 15B 16A 17B.
Ng, Siow Hoik, 1B 5B 6B 12A 13A 31B.
North, William G., 1B 5B 6A 12A 13H (2) 16B.
Oh, Richard R., 1B 5B 6B 9A 12A 13B.
Parnham, Diana G., 1H (2) 9B 16B 17B.
Paul, Judith E., 1A 5B 6B 13B 16B 17B.
Pulley, Anthony J., 1B 5A 6B 12H (2) 13H (1) 16B.
Rich, Neville G., 1B 5A 6B 13B 16B 17B.
Roughley, Elizabeth A., 1A 7B 9B 15B 16B 17A.
Spicer, Ruth, 1B 4B 15B 17B.
Storey, Valda J., 1A 3B (o) 7B 9B.
Stubbs, Elaine, 1B 7B 9B 15B.
Sutton, Ian Wilson, 1B 9A 16B 17B.
Swansborough, Kevin F., 1B 7B 12B 13B 16B 36B.
Tilgals, John, 1B 7B 9H (2) 16H (2) 17H (2).
Tong, Loh Kah, 1B 7B 12B 13B 15B.
Wallace, Ruth M., 1H (1) 5B 6B 9H (2) 12B 15A.
Warburton, Warren R., 1A 5A 6A 9B 12B 13B.
Wheelon, Janet A., 1A 4H (1) 9H (1) 10B 13A.
Wilson, Marie Noelene, 1B 2B 3B 9A 10B.
Windsor, Roger S., 5B 6B 12B 13B 16B.
Yeoh, Eng Keong, 5B 6B 12B 13A.

Key: 1 English, 2 Latin, 3 French, 4 German, 5 Maths, I, 6 Maths. II, 7 General Maths., 9 Modern History, 10 Ancient History, 12 Physics, 13 Chemistry, 15 Biology, 16 Geography, 17 Economics, 21 Needlecraft and Garment Construction, 22 Home Economics, 24 Agriculture, 36 Descriptive Geometry and Drawing.

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INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE

The following students gained their Intermediate Certificate at the High School last year:—

**Course A**

Aldred, D. C.; Allwright, N. R.; Austin, K. J.; Bailey, V. A.; Barnes, Lynette; Bekkema, Gertie; Bestwick, R. C.; Blomfield, Sylvia E. M.; Bourke, G. I.; Boyle, R.; Brown, Janet A.; Bryant, Frances; Bulloch, H. J.; Burke, O. P.; Carter, J. N.; Catterall, Rhonda; Clark, Victoria; Cohen, R. C.; Connolly, Yvonne R.; Cooper, B. W.; Cooper, G.; Cowan, Colleen; Cox, Shirley; Crowe, L. K.; Cuptit, Pamela; Cuptit, P. J. J.; Cusick, Ione; Day, P. H.; De Carle, D. J.; De Graaf, Marianne; Dickman, Margaret; Easton, P. H.; Edwards, Patricia F.; Erdmanis, V. U.; Farrell, P. G.; Forrest, Rosalind J.; Fuller, J. A.; Garlick, Descie; Goodfellow, J. W.; Graham, Janice T.; Graham, K. D.; Greaser, A. J.; Haddon, B. K.; Hale, S. E.; Harris, N. G.; Hawker, Maribarb D.; Hennings, R. H. J.; Holdorf, Margaret G.; Holt, G. M.; Howard, A. R.; Howard, J. C.; Hunt, R. W.; Johnston, Joy; Keft, R. M.; Kelahan, R. G.; King, Margaret A.; Latham, T. G.; Leaver, N.; Lewis, R. G.; Lindsay, G. M.; Logue, Helen D.; McCarthy, J. H.; McKay, Carole; McKay, D. J.; McKay, Robin; Martin, P. B.; Meeth, Roslyn; Moloney, G. W.; Morris, S. R.; Mort, C. J.; Moxon, Barbara; Murphy, D.; Nairne, P. H. C.; Nesbitt, Trevor; Newling, Sonia L.; Niscol, J. C.; O'Hara, Beverley I.; Paix, Barbara; Rae, J. S.; Roberts, Jennifer J.; Schofield, Adrienne L.; Sharp, Denis; Shearing, I. L. D.; Sheppard, Robin; Sherman, B. W.; Shirlaw, Betty P.; Smith, K. R.; Solanovs, A. G.; Southwell, R. G.; Stley, Janet; Talberg, Janet D.; Thompson, N. E.; Unwin, Coralie J.; Watson, Anne; Watson, Wendy; Weal, W. J.; Weaver, C. R.; Willard, Norma; Windus, K. J.; Wirz, I. J.; Wotton, W. W.; Young, W. R.; Yow, Leonie; Zavorovich, Lillian.

**Course B**

Aldren, K. F.; Bagot, B. R.; Burcher, D. C.; Bush, W. C.; Clarke, Patricia; Deveson, Carol; Fowler, John F.; Gale, G. C.; Gillespie, Dawn; Graham, Janet; Harris, Beverley A.; Hudson, Yvonne; Hurst, Nancy; Larnach, Graeme R.; McManus, Judith; Mutton, T. J.; Pollard, M. M.; Randall, G. G.; Ross, J. W.; Shute, Barbara A.; Toole, Valerie A.; Williams, Beverley J.

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**Ex-Students**

**BATHURST TEACHERS' COLLEGE**

A number of ex-Bathurst High School students swelled the ranks of the First Year students of Bathurst Teachers' College this year, the girls outnumbering the boys by about two to one. The girls include Marie Wilson and Valda Storey, both doing well at women's hockey. Beryl Goodfellow, as cheerful as ever; Diana Parham, who often is seen driving a grey Austin while her class mates toil up hills on push bikes; and Elizabeth Kohlhoff, who is another 'push biker'. These girls are all day students of the college. Helen Hughes and Elizabeth Roughley 'live in' at the college, and seem to enjoy it.

The First Year boys are Neil Cant, who is doing a good job in the second grade football ranks; David Bass, who must be congratulated for his leadership of the men's hockey team and his play in the men's tennis team in

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the recent Bathurst-Balmain Intercollegiate, and David Cutts, who attended Bathurst High in 1947.

The Second Year girls are Marion Mould, who won a well-deserved place in the Intercollegiate women's hockey team, and Barbara Logue, who was captain of the women's second hockey team. Elaine Howard is doing great work with women's basketball, Mary Kitto is working as well as ever, delighting and shaming her contemporaries by her skilled and artistic craft work, and Kay Duffy was a member of the Intercollegiate debating team.

Of the Second Year 'men' students, Alan Smith and Don Sturve again starred in the college second football team, while Peter Duffy did stirring service as reporter for all football matches. His 'Press' notice was a looked-for addition to each game. All these boys are also inveterate 500 fans.

Last year's Second Year students from Bathurst High included Elaine Emmanuel, John Dickman, Vivien Freeman and Colin Bass. These are now teaching in Primary and Infants' Schools scattered over the State.

Finally, we should like to wish the Intermediate and Leaving Certificate classes luck in their coming examinations, and to extend a cordial welcome to any aspiring Teachers' College students of 1960.

—KAY DUFFY.

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**PREFECTS**

Sitting: J. Pollard, J. Long (V. Capt.), B. Ballam (Capt.), Mr. Lavis, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. McNamara, G. Toole (Capt.), E. MacLean (V. Capt.), G. Young


Standing, 2nd row: A. Knight, K. Connolly, R. Boyle, W. Maloney, L. Beckenham, L. Gregory

Standing, 3rd row: B. Rutter, P. Williot.

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NOTES ON EX-STUDENTS

Jean Kitto, formerly of 3AB, 1957, has nearly completed two years' teaching in a subsidised school and intends to start nursing at Leeton next year. Lorraine Thompson recently joined the staff of the Administration section of the Bathurst Teachers' College. Dayle Falconer is on the staff in the Education Office. Don O'Malley, a former Captain of the School, is also working in the Education Office. We hear that he has appeared well up in the golf results lately. After having been employed in Bathurst during the early part of the year, Elaine Stubbins, one of last year's Leaving Certificate students, began her training in September for the teaching profession.

Following a successful "Sales" programme in Bathurst and a Sydney suburb, Yvonne Bonham joined the Public Service in Sydney. One of her duties has been working in the Valuer General's Department. She was one of our ex-students who remembered the "Old School" at Astley Cup time.

We were pleased to have a visit from Betty Symonds, who is now in her second year at Wagga Teachers' College. Other visitors included Ruth Wallace, Arts I, Janet Wheeling, Med. I and Anne Mari de Carle, Arts II, who took time off during their University vacation to come to the School for a debate against our School team.

At a recent presentation of 265 awards and diplomas to students of the University of N.S.W. and the Sydney Technical College, Astra Lucis received a medallion for Art. Astra was a student at the Bathurst High School when the migrant camp was functioning here. Her illustrations in her class books often reflected her high artistic ability. Congratulations, Astra!

Ex-students who have gone farther afield include Alan Callaghan and John Pulley. Alan, so far, the School's only Rhodes Scholar, has had an important position in the Department of Agriculture in South Australia. He is now in Washington, U.S.A., acting as a representative of the Australian Government. Our Headmaster recently met Alan's brother, "Dolph" Callaghan, who was a member of the first Astley Cup team to visit Dubbo. "Dolph" told of some interesting times when he played football with Frank Blomfield. Our congratulations are extended to John Pulley who won a scholarship to study for twelve months in America. John, now in America, is the guest of a Los Angeles engineer, who is an authority on guided missiles. Another winner of one of these scholarships to study in America is Jacqueline Campbell. Unfortunately, Jacqueline, owing to University commitments, has been unable to make use of her award.

News is always welcome about ex-students who have married or who have announced their engagements. The wedding of Marie Spicer (ex-student) and William James White (Science teacher at Dubbo High) was celebrated on 22nd August. Both are now teaching at Dubbo High School. Ken Forrest and Elaine Scott, both ex-students, were married recently at Bathurst. Ruth Harris, who graduated early this year, celebrated her wedding in May.

Ken Rose's engagement was announced recently. Ken was one of our outstanding tennis players. Since leaving school, he has been very prominent in tennis circles in the Western Area and in Sydney Competitions. Another recent engagement announced is that of Barbara Coutts. Our congratulations and best wishes to these ex-students.

Congratulations also to Hugh Ross on the birth of a son; also to brother Cam and Jill (nee Pollard), who were not going to be left out of things and acquired a daughter. Warren Blomfield recently became the proud possessor of a daughter. Congratulations, Warren. See "Stop Press" on last page.

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SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

To be faced with a demand for ‘an article for ‘The Burr’ about the University’ is no joke, for there is so much involved in that one word ‘University’ that it is extremely difficult to know where to begin.

Perhaps the best thing to do is to ask you to imagine that you are accompanying me on a walk along the tortuous paths of ‘the seat of learning’. We have just come up the Union Steps, and that building on your right is the Union itself—the luxurious lair of the males about the place. Disappearing into it, with fast, unflurried steps, is Brian Holbeche—a most unusual sight really, because for quite a long time it was believed that he had taken root in the library. His only supporter from B.H.S. in the Faculty of Law is Grahame Reynolds, who is achieving what is almost an impossibility down here—passing his exams, with flying colours and enjoying himself at the same time.

We walk past the fluttering myriads of notices into the Arts quadrangle—green lawns and flagstone paths surrounded by ancient stone walls. Strolling through the sunlight in the general direction of the Philosophy Room are two more Bathurstians, both in Arts—I—Jacqueline Campbell, black-stockinged and with the atmosphere of espresso bars lingering round her, and Ruth Wallace, with the solemn mien of the devoted student—fast acquiring the “college look”. I have heard a whisper that Jacqueline has actually been relinquishing espresso bars of late in favour of being rowed around the harbour . . . .

That rather Bohemian figure supporting and ornamenting the wall there is Georgina Hindy, also of Arts, and the frustrated look peering out of the cloud of smoke is that of John Tilgals, who, together with Eddie Ng (Eddie sends his love to all the girls), is gracing the Faculty of Economics with his presence.

“Where is that great stream of people off to?” you ask. That’s Medicine I on its morning trek from Zoology to Chemistry—you should be able to pick out quite a few familiar faces among them. From 1957’s Fifth Year there are Jimmie Oh and David Chong, and from 1958’s Fifth Year there are Lee Ting Kiang, Elvan Tong, Stephen Ng, and Janet Wheeldon. Yes, they do all seem to have the keen, black coffee look, don’t they?—all except Elvan perhaps. I haven’t yet seen him apart from that rather pretty little Chinese girl—he really exemplifies the “fascinated male”.

Jill Forrest is in Med. also, but a bit further advanced, and at present in residence for an obstetric course. Even if she were here, that diamond is a very reliable indication of how Jill spends her non-study hours these days.

This building covered up with hedge and eucalyptus, is Manning House—the home of the Women’s Union. If you go into the cafeteria you’ll see a set of bright blue fingernails dangling over some ghastly coffee, that is Anne De Carle. Lectures—they don’t worry her—ask her French lecturer!

That streamlined building behind the ‘old’ Med. School is the new Chemistry School—laboratories, lecture theatres, research wing—all resplendent in glass tiles, pillars and light. Alby Hodge and Don Forrest, both in Science II, are frequent visitors to this part of the world. Don was rather vague when asked whether there was anything he wished to record for posterity in the “Burr”—the mumbled reply came down from the heights above—“Just tell them I’m still alive.”

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Down there is the Physics building, conveniently placed so that the loungers on the steps can get a good view of the girls’ sport going on over opposite. The situation here seems to be that the loungers on the Physics steps are having a “stay-put” competition with the loungers on the Engineering steps. Frequent loungers on the former are the three Physicists from last year—Bill North, Mickey Harvey and John Pulley, who is soon to go to America. Doug North is probably somewhere around, too; he is always fairly close to Bill is.

Those ancient, rattling, jet-propelled bombs streaking along the road are Med. II socialites off to a lecture. Their aim?—to eliminate all living things within range.

There’s Harry Harris, a Wesley-ite. I haven’t actually discovered what he does yet except hold hands with Dawn Atkinson. The lord-of-all-creation look also headed for Wesley is that of Peter Pulley. Why the look?—well, it’s a sort of hangover from Ag. Science’s trip to Wagga; and what a trip!

There are piles of things about Uni. life you haven’t even caught a glimpse of yet—work, societies, the library, Commem. Day, general meetings, music, Uni. drama, etc., etc., etc.—but the only real way you can learn about them is to come down here as an “inmate” yourself. There are 23 students from B.H.S. here now, with plenty of room for more. No place is quite like good old Bathurst High, but for a good second, why not try Sydney Uni.?

JANET WHELDON.

A LETTER FROM UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND, ARMIDALE

Six students from Bathurst High School now doing University courses here are Peter Cavanough (1st Year Science), Helen Grigg (Botany and Zoology III), Anne Greaves (Physical and Organic Chemistry III), Helen James, Peter Nancarrow and Ruth Lunney (nee Harris). The last three obtained their B.A. degree at an impressive graduation ceremony last April, and are now doing a course for Diploma of Education. Ruth is also studying for her M.A. qualifying exam. in November.

Two women’s colleges accommodate all women students, and it is hoped that with the completion of a second men’s college in 1960 all students will be resident within Uni. grounds.

Living conditions in these colleges could almost be classed as luxurious, each student having a well furnished study bedroom 12ft. x 12ft., containing built-in cupboards, laminex-topped desk and chest, bookshelves, easy chair and drop-downing divan bed. All linen is provided, also radiators or central heating, washing machines, irons and drying rooms. Playing areas are ample, and floodlit.

Religious, dramatic, musical and sports clubs operate, and a branch of the P.O., N.S.W. and Commonwealth Banks are on the premises. Visitors of opposite sexes are allowed in students’ rooms and common rooms.

At present there are the following faculties: Arts, Science, Agricultural Economics and Rural Science, the latter being the only one in Australia. About 50 per cent. of the students are ‘Teachers’ College Scholarship holders, and quite a lot are Commonwealth Scholars.

The facilities and living conditions all combine to make a happy community in a beautiful bushland setting.

A. R. GREAVES, Science III.

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NEWS FROM SYDNEY TEACHERS' COLLEGE

During my three years at S.T.C. there has been a considerable change in the numbers and faces of "old school comrades" to be seen here. All those who were in their final year when I was a "freshman", have left, and are now teaching in different parts of N.S.W.

Joy Graham is a prominent figure around College this year. She is just completing her second year in Physical Education. For the second time she represented in the first College Hockey team, and has certainly lived up to her reputation as a fast, hard player! However, she does find time for a few other things besides hockey. Joy would do very well in a jumper knitting factory for exclusive men's wear.

Don McManus and Bruce Graham are both in their final year. Bruce was chosen in the College team to play hockey against Wagga this year. Congratulations, Bruce. Don travels home most weekend to play football with Railway.

We quite often see the faces of Brian Holbeche, Harry Harris, Doug, and Bill North, although they don't actually attend S.T.C.

Next year there will be only one B.H.S. ex-student left down here. So how about a few recruits?

We wish you all the best in your Leaving, 5th Years, and we hope some of you will give S.T.C. the pleasure of seeing some beaming Bathurst faces again.

—JUDY BRIDEKIRK.

House Notes

BLAXLAND

House Masters: Mr. Casimir, Mr. Hickson, Mr. Morrow
House Missresses: Mrs. Mason, Miss Slarks, Mrs. de Carle
House Captains: Bronwyn Ballam, Garry Toole
House Vice-Captains: Judy Ballam, Austen Knight

The first event of the season, the Swimming Carnival, was just missed by Blaxland, and we must congratulate Evans on a good win. It seems that Evans were giving their swimmers vitamin pills; however, we managed to clinch the girls' senior and junior championships. We were well represented by Janet Talberg, Winsome Parnham, Judy Ballam, Margaret Blanche, Bob Boyle, Roger Windsor, Neil Harris and last, but not least, Garry Evans.

We really showed the other Houses how to win a market day by setting an all-time record and raising over £32.

The least said about the Athletic Carnival the better. We gained third place, and were well represented by Judy Hughes, Barbara Carkeet, Winsome Parnham, Lance Gregory, Austen Knight, Gordon Sweetnam and Michael McIntosh. These four boys all represented at the All Schools' Carnival. Lance Gregory recorded a new height for the high jump.

We were also well represented at the Boys and Girls' Combined High Schools Swimming Carnival, and Willman Cup, but there are far too many names to be mentioned.

We had many members in the Astley Cup, namely:—


Basketball: Pat Baker.
Tennis: Rod Weaver, Garry Toole, Winsome Parnham.
Athletics: Lance Gregory, Austen Knight, Gordon Sweetnam.
Debating: Sylvia Blomfield.

Blaxland's debaters were narrowly defeated by Lawson's "Mulvey Cup" team in the Debating Competition.

The 1959 Blaxland Prefects were Bronwyn Ballam and Garry Toole (Captains), Georgie Beckema, Bob Boyle, Austen Knight, Lance Gregory.

We must thank our House Masters and Mistresses for their support and encouragement throughout the year.

EVANS

House Mistresses and Masters: Mrs. Lindsell, Miss Hocott, Miss Ferguson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Cave, Mr. Brown
Captains: Barbara Brown, Ernie MacLean
Vice-Captains: Roslyn Meyer, Clive Young

At the annual swimming carnival this year, Evans was successful in gaining first place. The House was well represented by C. Young (Senior Champion), A. Payne, E. MacLean, D. Smith, J. Rendall, R. Davies, J. Meyer, J. Mohrwinke, M. King, C. Fry, B. Brown, S. Mohrwalke, C. Robinson, J. Smith, H. Wheeldon and M. Fry (Sub-Junior Champion).

In the All Schools' Swimming Carnival, good performances were recorded by C. Young, A. Payne, E. MacLean and J. Rendall. C. Young was amongst the members who represented the School at the Combined High Schools' Swimming Carnival in Sydney.

Although we have a considerable amount of talent in athletics, we were placed fourth in the Annual Carnival. Our congratulations go to Wentworth on a very fine win. Robert Cohen won the title of Junior Champion, while other creditable performances were given by J. Phillips, E. MacLean, W. Lord and R. Wheatley in the boys' events, and by J. Smith, C. Kennerson, B. Brown, L. Wheeldon, and C. Wheeler in the girls' events.

A number of our boys also competed in the Burlington-Pace Carnival. Evans was well represented in the House Debates by R. Meyer, B. Brown, L. Wheeldon, C. Wheeler and K. Kane in the Senior group, and by C. Brettell, B. Leaver and C. Robinson in the Junior group.

We had many members in the Astley Cup teams. The representatives were:—

Basketball: R. Meyer.
Hockey: B. Brown.

Many of our members were in the Wilman Cup team. There are too many names to record here.

This year four of the School Prefects came from Evans. They are: J. Cohen, R. Meyer, C. Young, E. MacLean (Vice-Captain).

We would like to thank the House Masters and Mistresses for their able assistance which was much appreciated by the Evansites during the year.

In conclusion, we should like to encourage the younger members to build up Evans to her former glory.

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(1) GIRLS' EVENTS:
In the Swimming Carnival several records were set by Lawson House members. These were: R. Forrest 100 metres championship, 50 metres championship and 200 metres championship; W. Watson, 50 metres breaststroke and 50 metres butterfly.
Both these girls represented the School at the combined High School swimming carnival in Sydney.
In the Willman Cup competition, we were well represented.
The Athletics Carnival, although not won by us, was well contested, resulting in good performances by L. Hollingsworth, R. Casilles, J. McFadden, R. Rudge, W. Watson, and our ball games teams.
Astley Cup Representatives: Tennis, F. Whitton, V. Liddon; Athletics, R. Casiles; Hockey, V. Liddon, R. Forrest; Basketball, F. Whitton, A. Watson, W. Watson, J. Long.
Mulleve Cup: C. Cowan, R. Forrest.

(2) BOYS' EVENTS:
In the Swimming Carnival the boys showed their ability, and good performances were recorded. Records broken by Lawson House members were: I. Pollard, 100 metres freestyle, 50 metres freestyle, and 50 metres butterfly. These were all in the sub-junior division, and we congratulate Ian on winning the sub-junior championship.
The sub-junior 4 x 50 metres relay record was also broken.
In the Bathurst Combined High Schools Carnival we were represented by I. Pollard, S. McFadden, P. Rainey, P. Watson, J. Forrest and J. Redding.
We were represented by I. Pollard, P. Rainey and P. Watson in the Combined High Schools Carnival in Sydney. In athletics we were well to the fore.
In the Secondary Schools Carnival at Bathurst we were represented by G. Skinner, and at the C.H.S. Carnival in Sydney by P. Jackson.
We were well represented in both the Willman Cup summer and winter series.
Astley Cup representatives were: Athletics, D. De Carle, G. Skinner; Football, K. Connolly, J. Burrows, L. Beckenham and B. Rutter.
Mulleve Cup: Warwick Moloney.
Congratulations to our Debating team, which won the House Debating Competition for the year. The team is C. Cowan, R. Forrest, W. Maloney.
On behalf of Lawson House we extend our thanks to our House Patrons and to all members of the House who helped us throughout the year. Without them the year would not have been the success it was.
THE CHOIR

Row I: F. Reitman, M. Rowlings, J. Greaser, P. Mayo (Accompanist), Miss P. Slarks, R. Meeth, H. Woolard, M. Blanch, L. Heath
Row III: S. Woolard, K. Moxon, E. Haines, C. Holt, A. Elith
Row IV: D. Bright, S. Bell, K. Coomber, A. Johnston, S. Mullumby, M. Weal, R. Murphy
Row V: L. Scott, A. Smith, L. Hayes, M. Venardos, C. Shirlaw, G. Sams
Row VI: T. Osipov, D. McEntee, C. Clark, R. Rostron, P. Aitkin
Row VII: E. Auty, M. Woolbank, L. Graig, C. Thomas
Row VIII: J. Hampton, V. Blair, J. Kilby
Row IX: H. Thurgood, M. Curver, P. Price

THE CHOIR

The school choir has had a highly satisfactory year. It performed successfully at the Combined Schools' Concert in March, when it sang "Linden Lea", "Brother James' Ait" and "The Keeper". At the end of the term the choir travelled to Orange to compete in the Eisteddfod. The set piece was "Saphic Ode", and the well-known "Five Eyes" was the choir's own choice. Our choir won by a large margin from Orange High School, and took home the shield.

On two occasions the choir has sung in the High School broadcast over the radio.

Our school accompaniste, Pat Mayo, has done a sterling job. Her assistance at choir practices is invaluable, and her worth in performances is immeasurable. The choir is very much indebted to her.

We would like to thank Miss Slarks for her interest and untiring work, which have raised the choir to such a high standard.

—ALEXANDRA GOROCHOVNIKOV, 3A.
ALICE THROUGH THE REFLECTION OF THE LOOKING GLASS
IN THE LOOKING GLASS

"We have been keepers of the secrets of kings," said the cat. "Why! I can remember—" she lapsed into reminiscence.

"Retrospoct" thought Alice, "always makes conversation dull."

"Excuse me for interrupting," said Alice to the ginger cat, "but how is it that you were once keepers of the secrets of kings? Why should kings tell cats their secrets?"

The ginger cat drew herself up. "In Egypt we were goddesses," she informed Alice.

"How sensible," commented Alice. "But—no gods?"

"The Egyptians had more sense," said the cat. "And you haven't much sense for not realising that they had more sense. Gods indeed." She got up and stalked off.

"Oh dear," thought Alice, "now I've upset her."

She wandered off down the path, thinking how easy it was to upset cats, and wishing that she had remembered to ask the ginger cat the way out of the wood.

"I wonder what I shall meet next?" she said out loudly.

"Not what — whom," a voice corrected her.

"I'm very sorry," said Alice, and looked down to see a large frog sitting in the middle of the pathway.

"Could you please show me the way out of the wood?" she asked politely. "I seem to have lost myself."

"Don't tell lies," said the frog sternly. "Why, I can see you quite plainly. You could see yourself, too, if you only bothered to look. You haven't lost yourself at all."

"I mean, I am lost," said Alice hastily. "I didn't mean to tell lies."

"I should hope not," said the frog. He hopped off the pathway.

"The trouble with you is that you have been following the path, hoping to get somewhere. Paths never lead anywhere. If you want to get out of the wood you must leave the path and walk towards the thickest part. You'll soon be out of it that way."

Alice was past being surprised. "Thank you," she said, and turned off the path towards the thickest part of the forest.

In five minutes she was out of the wood.

—ROSALIND FORREST, 4th Year.

DARKIE

With mane and tail ruffled by the gusty wind, the jet black stallion stood tossing his noble head and snuffing the air apprehensively. His sleek, glossy coat shone in the last rays of the winter sun. Silhouetted against the golden sky the curve of his back and the arch of his proud neck could be clearly defined.

Then from the depths of the trees a voice came, "Darkie, Darkie!"

At the sound of the boy's voice, the horse pricked up his ears and set off at a gallop, his long legs moving quickly towards the ranch where food and rest awaited him.

—PAMELA WELLINGTON, 1A.

THE CRAYON TOP TWENTY-SEVEN

Wearing 'Pink Shoe Laces' in my 'Blue Suede Shoes', we left for the 'Pub With No Beer'. 'Poor Jenny' said, 'Don't Take Your Guns To Town'. So "Tall Paul" and his "Two Brothers" took "Alvin's Harmonica". We sat at "Separate Tables" and "For a Penny" saw "Jojo the Dog-faced Boy" do a "Wang Dang Doozie Apple Tango". I said, "It's Just a Matter of Time" till "The Happy Organ" plays "Bonaparte's Retreat", for "It's Late".

Then "The Saints Came Marching In" and "Peggy Sue" cried, "There's No Fool Like a Young Fool" as "Tom Dooley" has escaped from "Tijuana Jail" and disturbed the "Quiet Village", but "I'm Just a Lonely Boy" with "Fever" and no "Personality", so "Take a Message to Mary" because "I Think I'm Gonna Kill Myself".

"Bye Bye Baby".

—NORMAN CLARKE, 1E.
THE CAT AND THE CANARY

When Puss saw Birdie in his cage,
His eyes glared out unwholesome rage.
"What’s this?" he fumed. "Another pet?
This I’ll fix—that bird I’ll get!"

So ‘neath the cage in mood perverse,
He sat and thought his silent curse.
"I’ve fed on milk, and meat and mice,
But that there bird looks really nice."

With muscles flexed he made a jump;
Too late he saw his head would bump
Against the cage, which had no shelf,
And all he did was hurt himself.

"That bird will dearly pay for that,"
Exclaimed that wild and scheming cat.
"I’ll get his blood, he knows I will;
My empty tum that bird will fill."

Then crouching for another spring,
He went and did a silly thing:
He didn’t duck or dodge or turn,
When a boot swung at his feline stern.

And now he sulks in mood dejected,
Reflecting how he was detected,
And tells himself, "I’ve learned today,
I must admit—Crime just don’t pay!"

—KAREN BISSET, 3A.

A MIDNIGHT ADVENTURE

Two tawny owlets perched in a tree,
Hooting and hooting as noisy as could be.
Moaning and wailing a sorrowful tune—
They called it a song by the light of the moon.

Two little people tucked snugly in bed;
"Can’t get to sleep for the noise," so they said.
Out in the moonlight they naughtily creep,
To frighten the creatures disturbing their sleep.

Bang! goes the pop-gun. Away flies the bird.
But somebody else the commotion has heard:
The mischievous urchins are speedily caught—
And that was the end of their owl-shooting sport.

—MARY MEDCALF, 1A.

A DREAM

A dream is like a rosy bubble, its gleaming sides reflecting the beauty of the surrounding scenes. But, like a bubble, it may wilt away, to be found no more, to float down the lanes of forgetfulness, fading, fading, till it finally disappears.

No red tape of reason ties a dream. You may be climbing the highest mountain in the world, yet you don’t need oxygen. You can be a hero coming through many adventures, practically unscathed. In a dream the world is your oyster and no one can stop you from doing what you want to.

All life’s emotions can be found in a dream. Love, hate, fear, joy, sorrow run through it, mingle and part.

When fear comes it cannot be controlled. It rushes on like a mighty river, taking with it everything in its path. It holds you. You cannot escape. A scream! Awakening comes and you are free!

—ELIZABETH AUTY, 3A.

COMPOSITION PERIOD

We’d been told to write a letter and I had for want of better things to do, decided that I’d hand it in on time.

"Sir" knew me, and I knew him: when I gave the letter to him
He staggered back and clutched his head in wild, astonished mime.

The letter was corrected. Came comment as expected:
"Better writing has been written with a thumbnail dipped in tar. Assuming that you wrote it, I am loath indeed to note it,
But it’s usual to say ‘where he is’ instead of ‘where he are’.”

—PAT BANJERSON, 4th Year.

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THE MOUSE HUNT

One evening, while reading in the lounge room, I heard frantic screams coming from the kitchen. Thinking that the house must be on fire or something of that nature, I ran into the kitchen.

To my surprise, on entering, I wasn’t greeted by billowing smoke, but in one corner of the kitchen my mother was busy barricading the corner with anything within reach. On peeping behind the ridiculous pile of boxes, tins and books, I saw, to my great surprise, a poor little mouse, quivering and quaking in the corner.

By this time my brother and sister had arrived. Then, accompanied by screams and excited yells from my sister Shirley, the mouse escaped and scurried into the lounge room with everyone in hot pursuit. The lounge room, after that wretched mouse had been through it, was a sight that I will never forget.

Along the hall it went, and into my bedroom, where I had to wriggle under the bed and grope around in the dark for the mouse. After vainly attempting to grab it, I, the brave one of the four hunters, wriggled out, bumping my head in the process, and ran into the bathroom. Of course the mouse had to accompany me, while the others barricaded the bottom of the door. Then after all our laborious efforts, I grabbed the mouse, but before I could do anything, it turned around and bit me on the finger.

After that I wasn’t so brave. I ran out of the bathroom with terrifying visions of the morning paper reading, “Girl in hospital suffering from mouse bite; doctors fighting for her life.” Anyway, that didn’t happen, I’m afraid.

I suppose you’re wondering how the hero of this story fared. Well, next morning the unfortunate little animal was found inside the bath—dead, with the effort of scurrying into the bath, and keeping out of reach of its pursuers.

—HELEN WOOLARD, 2B.

THE RESCUE

In the west the huge black clouds were beginning to mount, and though it was going to rain any minute, scores of people flocked to the safety fence to watch daring police officers go half way down a 500ft. cliff to rescue a lunatic trapped on a ledge.

Down below, a police launch bobbed up and down like a cork, while four policemen tried desperately to rig a safety net in case the lunatic should jump. Meanwhile the tide began to rise, and a huge crack in the ground began to start along the safety fence above, and if they didn’t reach him soon, the tide or the avalanche which was expected, would claim him.

Everyone was silent as an experienced mountain climber who was in the force, began to make his way cautiously down the cliff face to rescue the victim. The tide was creeping higher and the loose stones from above fell and splashed into the icy cold sea water.

There were a few muffled words from the rescuer and victim, and after a brief pause, and realising that it was hopeless, the victim agreed to come up and take his punishment.

When the two had reached the top, there were three cheers for the gallant rescuer, and as the third cheer went up, the whole of the rock face gave way with a mighty rumbling and fell into the blue water below.

—ARTHUR LLOYD, 2F.

YE SLAVE DAYS

Ye banks and terraces o’ dull schooldays,
How can ye grow so green?

How can ye bloom, ye little flowers,
When I am feeling mean?

Thou’l break my heart, thou cruel man,
With all that homework set;
I sit and pine and bemoan my fate,
And wish we’d never met.

Oft hae I roved by the office door,
To see the man in charge;
Friends sang a mournful dirge for me,
A criminal at large!

Thou’l break my heart, thou bonnie bird,
That sings a song for me;
Thou ’minds me o’ the happy days
When I was young and free.

—JANET STELEY, 4A.
RIME OF THE ANCIENT MARINER

"And now the storm-blast came"—No homework done.
"Day after day, day after day"—The three R's.
"O sleep"—Wot...period again!
"A sadder and a wiser man"—The day after being kept in.
"And listens like a three years child"—A lecture.
"We hail'd it in God's name"—A free period.
"Water, water, everywhere"—The oval after it had rained.
"Alone, alone, all, all, alone"—Kept back after school.
"I fell down in a swoond"—Passed an examination.
"That agony returns"—More exam. results.
"The man hath penance done.
And penance more will do"—100 lines and then to the office.
"To him my tale I teach"—Passing on an excuse.
"He cannot choose but hear"—A good excuse.
"As idle as a painted ship—
Upon a painted ocean"—P.T. on a cold morning.

—JUDY MARKEY, 3A.

WASHING UP

For some reason which I have never been able to fathom, most people seem to dislike washing up. Provided I can have the kitchen to myself, and all afternoon to complete the chore, there are few things I like better.

With arms immersed to the wrists in warm water with a floating cloud of froth on top, one is able to dream undisturbed. As one lifts the spoons and forks one by one and deposits them on the draining board, the mind can be miles away, wandering where it likes.

For a quiet time, which you know will not be interrupted, nothing compares with washing up. But it has other benefits, too. The sacrificing smile and the concerned, "You look tired, Mom; let me wash up," are calculated to bring joy and gratitude (which can be turned to good account) to the heart of any mother. The scheming, "You needn't wipe up, Jimmy, provided you clean my shoes to-day and to-morrow," also seldom fails.

Left alone in my realm, sitting on the kitchen stool in front of the sink, I am really laziness incarnate if the family would but realise it. What labour is involved in swirling hot water over plates and dishes, what arduous work is it to wipe a cloth over slippery bowls and shining glassware!

Ah, but there is one drawback. You must know what I mean. Surely everyone has experienced the dreadful sinking feeling induced by the sight of burnt or greasy pots and pans. Saucepans, despoilers of innocent pleasure! I can well believe that a pot called the kettle black. It is just the unkind sort of thing a pot would do.

My firm belief is that they take a fiendish delight in coaxing every molecule of gravy in sight to stick like glue. I really believe they are diabolically inspired to boil dry and allow the peas to "catch".

Then I have to wash them up.

But then, nothing, not even washing up, is perfect. Even dishwashing machines reject saucepans, so if ever I get a machine, I shall obviously still have to wash up pots and pans.

They are my Nemesis.

—ROSALIND FORREST, 4th Year.

THE BALLAD OF JULIUS CAESAR

With apologies to Shakespeare and the Kingston Trio
TUNE:—Would you think mat'ry?
CHORUS: Hang down your head poor Caesar,
Hang down your head and cry.
Hang down your head poor Caesar,
Poor boy you're bound to die.

1. They're waiting in the Capitol,
There to take your life.
They're waiting in the Capitol,
To stab you with their knife.

2. This time tomorrow
Reckon what you'd be,
Hadn't a bin for Brutus
You'd be King of Italy.

3. This time tomorrow
Reckon where you'll be:
In your coffin, wet from
The tears of Antony.

—MARY WALLACE, 5th Year.

THE JOUSTE

Hand on his sword, his beard bristling gay,
He looked at the foe whom he had to slay.
He pulled down his visor, he lifted his lance,
He reared his horse and started the advance.
Then he broke into a gallop, his foe did the same:
They charged each other, their souls untame.
They met each other with a clash of steel,
The foe went down, his doom was sealed.
Then the victor trotted up to the King,
Cheers of praise in his ears did ring.

—R. AITKIN, 3B.

BUT!

It is easy to say a quick sharp word
That will hurt her through and through.
The friend you have always held so dear—
But I wouldn't if I were you.

It is easy to speed an idle tale
That perhaps may not be true,
And give it wings like a butterfly—
But I wouldn't if I were you.

—MARY DUDLEY, 1D.
A MODEL PUPIL

The pupil is a model child,
Never rough and never wild:
His sums and French are very brainy,
And his hand is never caney.
Never talks, and pays attention,
And he's never on detention.
A lot of work and not much play,
Stays in and studies every day.
He never watches television—
Instead, he'd rather do revision.
Always learning Greek and French,
Sitting straight upon his bench.
Never game or never dares,
Always worried by his cares—
Mostly that he'll pass the test:
He's always got to be the best.

—ROBERT BRUCE, 1A.

FOURTEEN DAYS IN NEW ZEALAND

During the last Xmas holidays my parents sent me to the Boy Scout Jamboree held at Auckland, on the north island of New Zealand. This Jamboree was held from the 3rd of January, 1959, to the 10th. Five Bathurst boys, our Scoutmaster and I left Mascot aerodrome in a Constellation airliner on the 28th December, 1958, at 11 o'clock at night, Sydney time.

We arrived at the aerodrome which serves Auckland at 6 a.m., New Zealand time, which incidentally is two hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time, after a 1,300 miles trip at about 15,000 feet.

After landing we were taken by bus 128 miles south to the Waitomo Caves, and passed through Hamilton, a prominent town in the north island. The Waitomo Caves are well known as they contain the famous Glow-worm Grotto, which the Queen visited during her stay in New Zealand. To see this grotto one must go in a boat and be completely silent, as noise will cause the glow-worms to retract their lights. The guide told us that these lights were only a lure to insects. The Grotto is a huge cavern in which there are millions of glow-worms, and having seen it, I realise why it is a major tourist attraction.

From here we travelled to Rotorua, the famous New Zealand Thermal Centre, where we stayed three days.

On the first day we were shown over Whaka, the centre of the thermal district. We saw the biggest geyser in action playing to some 60 feet. These geysers have a set pattern: first one will play, and then say five minutes later another will, for perhaps 10 minutes; these two will then play again in perhaps two hours. This pattern they will follow and never alter. Again, some geysers are more punctual: one we saw played every two minutes exactly, while another played approximately every 21 hours. Again geysers play to different heights. The biggest, as I said, played to about 60 feet: the smallest we saw, called the Ridiculous Geyser, played to about six inches.

We also saw in Whaka, boiling mud, clay which is used for cleaning metalware, and a pit of boiling water, of which no one has found the depth. We also saw the famous Model Maori Village, which is the miniature of a Maori village. All the carvings were done by hand.

During our stay we went swimming in the famous Blue Pool, a pool of warm water, which comes out of the ground and is piped to the baths.

In Rotorua many things were different from Bathurst. There were no two storey buildings, as earthquakes occur in this region; there were no bare metal signs, as the fumes of sulphur and the like would quickly eat them away. This sulphur smell was a feature of Rotorua; one would walk around a corner and a terrific acid smell would meet one. Also all the policemen in New Zealand wear the type of hats for which the English policemen are famous.

While at Rotorua we were also shown Geyser Valley, near Wa, where one side of the river was hot, the other cold; where pools lay side by side, one of salt water, the other soda water ready to bottle; the next contained water with an alum content, and the last was lime water.

We went on to Lake Taupo, the largest fresh water lake in New Zealand, across which I saw my first active volcano, Mt. Ruapehu, which was snow-capped. I took my father's colour camera with me, and of the 78 photos I took, the ones of Ruapehu and Lake Taupo are my favourites.

On the way back we saw the Wairakei Power Station, the second of its type in the world, which relies on natural steam for the generation of electricity.

On another tour from Rotorua we saw Mt. Tarawera, an extinct volcano which last erupted in 1886, killing hundreds. This district was the most beautiful and interesting I saw. The water in these thermal regions contains vast amounts of silica, which forms over the years into a hard white or pink coloured substance. Before the eruption of 1886 the famous White and Pink Terraces covered 12 acres, and in those days were earning millions of pounds for New Zealand in tourist fees. However, during the eruption these terraces, which took 2,000 years to form, were totally destroyed. We also saw Lake Frying Pan, the largest expanse of boiling water in the world. This lake is at least 200 feet deep and hundreds of yards long and wide.

We left Rotorua on the 2nd January, after the most interesting part of our stay, and journeyed to Auckland to the Jamboree and the most enjoyable period of our trip.

Periodically throughout the world Jamborees are held, which are international meetings of Scouts to foster goodwill.

In 1957 the big English Jubilee Jamboree had about 45,000 Scouts, so Auckland's Jamboree with 8,000 seems small in comparison. Still it must be remembered that New Zealand has a population of a little over 2,500,000, that is, little more than Sydney's population, so that the collecting, organising and providing for some 8,000 boys is not a bad effort. In addition, it was New Zealand's first Jamboree.

Auckland was probably chosen for a number of reasons. Firstly, it is New Zealand's largest city with a population of about 500,000: also it has an excellent area for the accommodation of the Jamboree, in Cornwall Park, One Tree Hill.

Many different nationalities were represented at the Jamboree. We were camped near some Filipino Scouts, while there were Fijians, Americans, boys from Great Britain, a Dutch boy, 350 Australians, and, of course, New Zealanders. Every contingent or nationality was expected to put on an item in the main arena, and the Australians, among other things, gave a boomerang display which was quite successful.

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One Tree Hill was so named because many years before, a monument had been erected there, and one tree planted; however, Nature reproduces, so that to-day two trees stand on One Tree Hill. From this hill, which is an extinct volcano, one could see most of Auckland and the narrow seven-mile strip of land which divides the Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean.

We were fortunate to be taken in a private car on a tour of Auckland. We first went to Mt. Eden, 644 feet high, which is the highest hill in Auckland, and is also an extinct volcano. Next we visited the Auckland Museum where some of the finest collections of Maori art are to be found. The Maori carvings are amazing, particularly those carved with a sharp piece of green-stone, a valuable stone to the Maoris, who used it for weapons, and the famous Tiki. Those carvings, done by hand, using this stone only, are rare, and have now come to be looked on as the true art.

Our stay in New Zealand was drawing to a close, and in the last three days we visited Rangitoto Island in Auckland harbour. It was completely volcanic in origin. Enormous piles of pumice lined the roads everywhere. This pumice was exactly like coke in appearance, but much heavier.

We left New Zealand about 8 a.m. on the 13th January in the Constellation the Southern Sun, and arrived at Mascot Aerodrome about 1 p.m.

—W. MOLONEY, 4A.

THE TEN SCHOOL COMMANDMENTS

1. Thou shalt obey school rules at all times.
2. Thou shalt wear school uniform at all times.
   N.B.: Sports tunics must be a maximum of six inches above ankles.
3. Thou shalt keep in step—best foot forward.
4. Thou shalt salaam (a) three times for a master,
   (b) twice for a teacher;
   (c) once for a prefect.
5. Thou shalt not be caught breaking furniture.
6. Thy hair shall conform to regulations:
   Girls.—Hair 22 22/33in. above collar.
   Beards forbidden.
   Boys.—Ears must be visible, and side levers must not merge with moustache. Beards are optional.
7. Thou shalt wear regulation uniform at all school assemblies.
8. Thou shalt not acknowledge opposite sex during science periods.
10. Thou shalt not masticate with mouth open.

—3132, 3074, 2957, 4th Year.

THE SONG OF THE "PLUME"

With spirit resentful and grim,
With eyeballs bloodshot as red,
A student sprawls, in unusual mood,
Plying his biro and lead.
Write — Write — Write —
In oppression, terror and gloom.
And still with a moan of horrible plight,
He sings the "Song of the Plume".

Slave ! Slave ! Slave !
Till the brain begins to burst.
Slave ! Slave ! Slave !
Till the tongue is swollen with thirst.
Sine and secant and tan,
Tan and secant and sine,
Till over the pages he slumps in despair.
Was A B C really a line ?

Work — Work — Work —
From weary chime to chime.
Work — Work — Work —
In chalk dust, ink and grime.
Rhyme and sentence and clause,
Clause and sentence and rhyme,
Till the mind is sick and the senses numb;
Forced labour (I thought) was a crime !

—2957, 4th Year.

A WINTRY DAY

The trees are bare and lifeless,
The ground is white with snow,
The sun shines down so brightly,
But keen the cold winds blow.

Three children in this brightness,
Playing bright and gay,
Make snowballs and three snowmen,
To pass the time away.

But look ! A dark cloud hides the sun,
The children run inside,
And from their window pane they watch,
As new snow 'gins to glide.

—JAN McLOUGHLIN, 1A.

HOLTERMAN'S NUGGET

Among the early nuggets found in this locality was Holterman's Nugget, a piece of quartz that produced a cake of gold valued at £12,000, taken from a shaft at Hill End at a depth of 275 feet. It was discovered in 1872, and weighed approximately 6 1/2 hundredweight. Holterman and Byers, who owned the claim, took £36,000 worth of gold out of this shaft, and afterwards sold the claim for £72,000.

—GARRY BROWNE, 2B.
ROCKLEY

Rockley is a small village situated twenty-two miles from Bathurst, on Pepper's Creek. This creek runs into the Campbells River about four miles downstream from Rockley, and then eventually into the Macquarie River. During the season a lot of trout fishing is carried on in both the creek and the river.

The main buildings of Rockley are two general stores, a small shop which sells fruit, ice creams and sweets, a baker's shop, a Bank of N.S.W., and, of course, a hotel. Also, there are three churches, a school, a hall in which dances are held occasionally, and pictures are shown every Saturday night, and a few scattered houses.

The district around Rockley is used mainly for grazing sheep, and the rich flats by the creek are used for market gardening. Mining for black marble and silica is carried on, and an occasional prospector still looks for gold. In the past, big copper mines were worked. These were some of the first copper mines in Australia. Pottery is made privately and sold to shops, and some is sent to distant places. Some of the local clays are quite suitable.

A very picturesque sports ground lies on the other side of the creek from the village. This is a natural ground enclosed by a semi-circle of hills and planted with the larger types of ornamental trees around the edges. Football is played here in the winter, and cricket in the summer. There are also two tennis courts for the use of the tennis club. A community club has been built on the sports ground.

The two main streets, Budden and Hill Street, are lined with elm trees. These trees look particularly attractive in the Summer and Autumn. The street in which we live is called Phantom Street—we wonder why!

—JUDY ROUGHLEY, 3A.

HERO OF THE WILD WEST

Instalment 2

A long time ago in the year of 1958, we left our hero Fussalong Cassidy, for dead. He had been shot down in the back by Herbert del Rosie de Pianola Arcordina (Jug), his mortal enemy. I thought he was dead: Herbert thought he was dead: everybody thought he was dead—but no (we must have another episode).

We return to the western township of Firstbath: to the pitiful scene in Liddy's cactus garden. Fussy lay with his head buried in a (Carter Brown) cactus, and his arms still wrapped around the neck of his fiery Shetland pony. His spouse-to-be, Giddy Liddy, worked herself into a frenzy. She tore off her toupee, grovelled in the dirt, and threw herself all over the place (easy to do with a split personality). Finally, she dragged herself over to Fussy, and sitting on his stomach, sobbed—

"Oh! Fussy, you're dead."

But had she looked closer she would have seen that his right ear was moving.

"Git off me," croaked Fussy. "You're squashing the paddle-pop in my hip pocket."

—MALCOLM CANT, 5th Year.
COAL TO DIAMONDS

Diamonds are chunks of coal
That stuck to their jobs, you see.
If they’d petered out, as most of us do,
Where would the diamonds be?

It isn’t the fact of making a start:
It’s sticking that counts, I’d say.
It’s the fellow that knows not the meaning of fail,
But hammers and hammers away.

Whenever you think you’ve come to an end,
And you’re beaten as bad as can be;
Remember that diamonds are chunks of coal
That stuck to their job, you see.

—MARGARET ROWLING, 4B.

HE LOVES ME?

He loves me. He loves me not,
Which is the one, Jim or Scott?
Apple core or milk straw,
It’s all the same—a losing game.

He loves me not. He loves me;
At last it’s turned out right you see.
Unlucky day, what is the way
To find which one. Oh, it’s all in fun,
But I wonder, which one?

—ELIZABETH AUTY, 3A.

SONNET

Look up, and look at heaven all around.
The cold ice-fire of heaven is burning light,
And heaven invests each star with luminous white,
All in the darkly stillness—not a sound;
Strong bars of silence hold the vastness bound.
Celestial spaces, empty with their height
Show forth in points, the amendment of the night.
I gaze, and muse, in their pure symbol drowned.

One star in such profusion shows no gleam
To put the gleam of other stars to shame.
Though on forever still endures their dream,
Stars rise and fall, but always are the same.
One glow may for a moment brighter seem,
But soon you wonder whence and why he came.

—ROSALIND FORREST, 4th Year.

STUDYIN’ SAM

Now this Sam character was a very steady “guy”. At every examination he managed to gain that pass mark. He would achieve an average of fifty per cent with no mark above or below it.

One year Sam decided he would try to improve—maybe even score fifty-one per cent.

So, that afternoon he took home all his books, and, feeling studious, he settled down to an interesting study period. But, as it happened, Sam didn’t enjoy it. His mind wandered. He patted the family dog. He helped himself to a biscuit and all those things that happen during those interesting study periods. So, Sam decided he would have the night off and wake up early in the morning to study. Setting the alarm, Sam slept peacefully.

The alarm cut Sam’s head open like a splitting headache. He awoke with a start, and then realisation dawned on him. Slowly he rubbed his half closed eyes. He heaved himself out of bed and trotted to the bathroom. Here he had a wash and walked back to his room.

Picking up his History book he started to study. Although the water had awakened him, a drowsiness crept over him and . . .

Opening his eyes, he found the History book on the floor, his foot through one arm of his chair, his head through the other. He pulled himself together and surprisingly found himself in a sitting position. After rubbing his eyes for a minute he realised in what a crazy position he had been sitting, nay sleeping. In so completely forgetting the Combination Act, he wholeheartedly engaged himself in the act of replacing himself.

At length, Sam decided he liked fifty per cent much better.

—D. SMITH, 3A (A Studyin’ Sam).

THREE PIGS

Rub a tub tub, two pigs in a tub,
The other one stayed ashore.
They set out to find the back of behind,
But found the front of before.

—RODNEY CASTLE, 1E.

LOUTH

Louth is in the Far West on the Darling River. It is a lonely place, sixty miles from Bourke and eighty miles from Cobar. There is a punt on the river which takes ten minutes to cross. Only about twenty people live in the village, and several farmers in the surrounding district. Nearly everyone used to go to the hotels for meals, but last year the hotel was burnt down, so a tin shed was used. About April a new luxury hotel was completed. Instead of numbering rooms they call each room by a colour, for example, the blue room, the red room, or the green room.

Louth is a great fishing resort. Sometimes you go out and catch a couple of fish, but other times you may catch sixty or seventy. However, if you ever do go there, I advise you to take plenty of books to read or something else to do, unless you like to spend all your time fishing.

—KEITH HADDON, 1A.
WORTH

Oh emptiness, intolerable emptiness,
Can we retain nothing?
Are we but shells, pale hollow casings
Filled only with echoes?
Are we but mirrors
Reflecting and distorting
But nothing ourselves?
We remember but reflections—
Fleeting shadows of eternity.
In ourselves are we therefore nothing?

Beauty seen and clamouring for expression,
Wordless, aching, mute and inarticulate we stand.
We feel the pure and perfect agony
Of inexpressible delight. We can share with no one
Such excesses of perfection. Dumb we stand,
Confronted by our own inadequacies.

Are we therefore nothing?

Unworthy, yet who more worthy?
Human: we forget. The reflection
Disappears, and the rippled water
Stills again to deep tranquility.

Moon shadows vanish, swift darts of flame
Become mere earthly embers.
Then quiet forgetfulness extinguishes all
Save vague, disturbing memories.
Are we then, nothing,
Because we forget?

—ROSALIND FORREST, 4th Year.

REINCARNATION

The ghosts hissed like snakes in the bamboo groves,
They sighed in the pine branches,
They nourished the dwarf shrubs in their pollution.

Beneath the waters of the lake
The corpses—women's corpses—were laid in rows,
Their hands shook the reeds,
And their pale faces rose to the surface
At night, and stared at the moon.

—Anonymous.

A WEDDING REPORT WITH A DIFFERENCE

Two sweet young things took the "big step" about a week ago.
The groom wore an impeccably cut suit in a new charcoal
offset on either side with the latest narrow matching lapels. Symmetrical
pockets gave a focus of interest to the coat.

His shoes were black, very fashionable, and his tie was a delicate shade
of grey. His hair was neatly set in a casual-looking, off one eye style. His
trousers demonstrated the new Italian influence with "2-inch" cuffs,
whilst his white shirt set off the rest of his outfit to the best advantage.
White gloves and a cute white buttonhole completed the picture of sartorial
elegance.

The bride wore a white dress.

—ASPHODEL", 4A.

ROOM 14

Made of exquisitely textured masonite, our classroom is reasonably
sturdy except for the back wall, which sways gently when a little pressure
is placed upon it. Three expansive walls are painted a delicate pink, which
unfortunately boasts a few spots of dirt from sticky fingers. The feature
wall, which accommodates the dark, forest green blackboard, is tinted an
eye-catching grey.

Upon the hinder partition two picturesque studies of artistry bearing
the romantic titles "The Harbour of St. Tropez" and "Port of Croisiè"
(the glass of the latter one being traversed by a striking crack that adds to
the originality of the brushwork and that I have a vague feeling was brought
about by a rocketing, badly-aimed basketball), repose on the ends of
gossamer-like wires. Between these pictures a deep Tudor grey loudspeaker
reclines gracefully on a powerful chocolate and blossom-coloured switch.

On two sides of the room are clear (?), glassy (?) windows within
frames of shadow grey, giving light and air to the abode. The ceiling above
is smooth except for a picturesque scattering of little spinals. This sheer
expanses of shadow grey ceiling reflects the unequalled beauty of the fine
wooden floor, which has an attractive grain running lengthwise down the
room and is patterned with variegated dots and dashes of inky perfection.

The gateway between this schoolroom paradise and that architectural
work of art, the verandah outside, is a door painted a deep rose pink on the
inside and a bright turquoise on the outside. The furnishings inside are of
carved (and how !) wood; beautifully constructed chairs and tables with a
fine finish of neat (?) little (?) signatures scratched all over them. These
tables and chairs are usually placed in neat rows up and down the room,
although on some occasions they may be arranged in an interesting mosaic
pattern. The heater and the garbage tin give the room a final touch of
beauty.

I'm sure that when I am old and decrepit and far from this site, I
will always long to inhabit once again this perfect schoolroom.

On second thoughts . . . .

—BY A SHORT-SIGHTED FIFTH YEAR.
THE DOG MARTYR

Away up high on the edge of space,
There was a little ball trying to keep up the pace.
Launched from Russia, launched way up,
And in its nose it carried a pup.

The dog was in a pressurised cabin,
With instruments around to record what happened.
That little pup didn’t make a fuss—
He bravely went up and died for us.

—PETER OWENS, 2A.

THE ANCIENT SORCOURGE

It is a tiresome prefect
Who stoppeth one of three:
"By thy gruesome face and prying eyes
Now therefore stopp'st thou me?"

Room 16's doors are opened wide,
And it is cold outside.
The draught it is a fearsome thing.
But he would not be denied.

He holds me by his bear-like paw,
And fishy, bloodshot eye
And opens wide his silly maw,
"Talk, would you? Now don't lie!"

"Let go of me you harebrained loon."
"Now listen 'ere," quo'th he;
"Don't speak like that, it isn't nice,
I'll get you caned, you'll see."

—2957, 3074, 4th Year.

LIMERICKS

There was once a young lady called Mary,
Who wanted to steal a canary.
She went to a shop,
But got caught by a cop,
Whose legs were exceptionally hairy.

There once was a lady whose chin
Was just like the point of a pin.
She sold sardines,
To the Yankee marines,
Who paid her with bottles of gin.

—JOY JOHNSTON and VICKI CLARK, 4A.

MY BEST HOBBY

A most exciting hobby that I have been interested in is breeding finches.
I have a good collection of them—Zebra Finches, Red Heads, Double Bars
and Plum Heads. All these are good birds to keep in your aviary. The
Red Heads are really pretty with a red head and a red tail. However, I
prefer the White Zebra Finches, which are white and have a red beak.

Most finches build their nests out of straw and cotton wool. They
all eat millet and small seeds. Their eggs are small and white, the hen
usually laying about six eggs at a time. It takes about eleven days to hatch
the eggs.

I think that it is a good hobby to have. You can have fun with them.

—LINDSLEY MEAD, 1AC.

EATING IN CLASS

Have you ever tried to appear to be enthralled in the solving of a
Maths problem on the blackboard, and at the same time eat a lolly
somewhat spherical in shape, having diameter roughly equal to that of a shilling?
It is no easy task. In fact, it is virtually impossible, and in a Maths lesson
there are other "outside forces" which considerably hinder the achievement of
your aim. You, as the pupil, will appreciate this.

However, after many years of practice, this becomes an everyday manipulation. Some become quite expert at the art. Let me outline the various steps in the operation.

1. Take lolly from the bag (one must try to overcome the inevitable noise)
2. Place lolly in mouth (best achieved when teacher's dorsal view only is discernible).
3. Chew lolly into small pieces to facilitate swallowing (student must learn to chew soundlessly) To gain maximum satisfaction, this last process is required to last some time.
4. The swallowing of the morsel is quite easy—its digestion is beyond one's control.

It is to be hoped the imparting of this knowledge will help some
beginner.

There is the added spice to the natural and innocent occupation of
eating in school, that one can always be caught in the act by the teacher.
If you are one of these unfortunate (and I must say, unskilled) individuals,
various modes of punishment may be practised upon you.

Your lollies may be confiscated: you may be stood at the back of
the room; or you may be "asked" to put your nutriment in the garbage
bin or behind your ear (very unpleasant).

I, for one, cannot understand the teachers' point of view. Why?
Eating is one of the most natural and necessary occupations in the world.

—W. PARNHAM, 5th Year.

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ROCK 'N' ROLL SCHOOL

Imagine if we had a Rock 'n' Roll School,
Where no one was a square.
We could wear our old black jeans,
And the boys could have long hair.

Teachers Rebb, O'Keefe and Devlin,
Would be real "hippy", man.
We would study then like crazy,
And pass every one of our exams.

Instead of the Inspector,
Col Joye would come around.
And all the "cats" would demonstrate
When they heard that "geetar" sound.

But if I was years older,
And I was a parent, too,
I'd disapprove of such a school,
And I know that you would too.

—ROBYN CROWE, 2D.

GOING STEADY

After exhaustive research into this field, which has hitherto been virtually unexplored by any official source, the following series of advice and exhortation has been drawn up. This research, conducted by a selection of eminent women with specialised knowledge in this field, is purely for the edification and instruction of inexperienced young women, and will shortly be enlarged upon and published under the title "Ten Ways to Get Your Man and Keep Him".

Remember: One must always suit one's method to one's subject.
There are more ways of catching a man than dragging him off by the hair. For instance, one would never be the intellectual type with a "brain" for, although he may respect and admire the girl who is his intellectual equal, he will never contract any emotional attachment for her. But never, never ask what did Marconi star in, or if you eat it with a fork or a spoon. Other subjects to be avoided are the Kinsey Report, French Postcards, and Elvis. And above all, don't giggle!

Be Kind! If he wants to kiss you good night, let him, but on the cheek. Something for nothing is rarely valued! Never go to the other extreme, however, and be frigid!
Be Careful! Especially with those shy types who look as if butter wouldn't melt in their mouths. Never get yourself into a compromising situation. If there are no people handy, place your great grandfather's photo directly in front of him. It never fails.
Be Tolerant! If he flirts with other girls, don't sulk or upbraid him. Act your sweetest - - - with another boy.

—C. J. COWAN, 4th Year.

MY BUDGIE

I have a budgie that is merry and gay,
It whistles and whistles all through the day,
But at night my budgie snuggles up tight,
And whistles a tune as if to say goodnight.

In the morning my budgie awakes,
Eats his breakfast and has a few shakes.
Then he whistles a loud and merry tune,
That wakes us up to a day that's new.

—LANORA MOXON, 1E.

QUOTATIONS FROM "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

"Swifter than arrow from the Tartar's bow."—Latest in paper planes.
"The object and the pleasure of mine eye."—New sort at school.
"Now I do wish it, love it, long for it."—3.30.
"It is not possible..."—Cancellation of a test.
"So musical a discord, such sweet thunder."—Mr. Brown's voice on lines.
"And rock the ground..."—What you can't do at school dances.
"I fear it, I promise you."—Call to the office.
"A trim exploit, a manly enterprise."—Answering prefect back.
"And never did desire to see thee more."—End of school week.
"O monstrous! O strange! We are haunted."—Another exam. failure.

—DAVID HAMMER, 3A.
The Malayan Coat-of-Arms

The coat-of-arms of Malaya has special significance attached to it, since it symbolizes all the States of Malaya which are at present known as the Federation of Malaya.

Holding the main shield are two full-grown tigers. Tigers, being the kings of all the animals in Malaya, have been chosen instead of other animals. On the top of the shield is the eleven-pointed star representing the eleven States. These eleven States are Johore, Negri Sembilan, Patang, Selangor, Perak, Kedah, Perlis, Trengganu, Kelantan, Penang and Malacca. Immediately below the star is the crescent, the new moon of Malaya.

The shield is very attractive. It is divided into a great many sections. In the top section are the five krises (Malay daggers), which represent the five unfederated Malay States in the eighteenth century. These unfederated States were Perlis, Trengganu, Kedah, Kelantan and Johore. On the right division of the shield is partly seen the coat-of-arms of the Penang Settlement. This is represented by three petals of a lily flower floating on the water. To the left is the picture of the gate of an old fort, an emblem of the Straits of Malacca. The middle portion of the shield is the division of four different colours. These four colours of blue, red, white and yellow, symbolize the federated Malay States of Patang, Selangor, Perak and Negri Sembilan.

Since Malaya is a land of many races, its motto is obviously "Unity is Strength". This is written in English on the scroll which is below the shield. It is at the same time translated into Jawi (the Arabic words).

Malaya, which has recently achieved its independence, wants the cooperation and loyalty of her people. By doing so she can show to the world that she can stand on an equal footing with other nations. It is for this reason that the coat-of-arms of my country is designed with specially significant historical backgrounds.

—C. C. LEE, 5th Year.

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Beverages and edible foodstuffs were on sale. The servers were busy gliding around, not caring to lose this opportunity.

Not only did the capital town celebrate, but all over Malaya people were joining in this festival. They had toiled so hard and were waiting so anxiously for the day that it was only fair for them to enjoy themselves. Large sums of money, great efforts and time were expended in this preparation.

—LIM YEE, 4th Year.

OFF I GO TO AUSTRALIA

Sitting among my parents, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends in the waiting room of the Singapore airport, I was so excited that I could neither speak nor hear. I saw my friends' lips open and close. From their looks, I knew they were talking to me, but I just could not hear them, nor was I able to answer them. I was nervous. Beside me, I saw my parents were chatting with one of my relatives. Occasionally I saw them smiling, but they were not natural smiles. I knew well enough that they could not smile, but they pretended to, in order to make the atmosphere happier. I sat on the sofa as still as a statue, with the thought that in a few minutes I would be leaving all these beloved people to go to another part of the world. I wept bitterly. I forgot that I was a man, that a man should not cry. After taking a few tablets of Aspro to calm my nerves, I felt a bit better.

At about 1.45 a.m. the plane from London via the capital of The Federation of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, landed at Singapore. The airplane made such a loud noise when it landed that the whole airport building seemed to collapse with the vibration. Half an hour later the airport loud speakers roared, "Attention please! Attention please! The B.O.A.C.'s air liner 728-A will be leaving for Australia in twenty minutes' time. Passengers are requested to . . . ." Before the announcement was over, I was once again a nervous man. I saw people starting to move and my friends coming around me. They held my hands warmly and said their greetings and their sincere wishes to me. I wished to say a few words of thanks to them and wish them good-bye. My lips opened and closed, but no words were spoken.

I saw the crowd moving towards the Customs room. I followed them, but when I stepped in the gate I came to my senses and realized what it was all about. I remembered why I entered the room. I looked back through the crowd and saw my mother bursting into tears . . .

With a heart as heavy as lead, I walked in to the cabin of the huge monster, the B.O.A.C.'s Bristol Britannia, one of the latest, fastest and most spacious jet-prop. air liners, leaving behind my very dear parents, brothers, sisters and friends.

The air hostess showed me my seat and helped me to fasten my seat belt. Though I was in the plane, my mind and perhaps my soul were still at the other side of the fence where my parents were standing, gazing at the immense machine which would unmercifully carry away their son. I was brought back to reality as an announcement was made through the loud speakers hidden somewhere in the cabin: "May I have your attention, please? We are now flying for Djakarta. Flying height 30,000 feet . . . ." I looked through the window for my last glimpse of the Malayan soil, when a pleasant voice near me said, "Have a sweet, sir?" It was the air hostess.

The plane had taken off at last. After a few minutes, it was already high above the clouds, I guessed. I felt a bit uncomfortable in breathing, and my ear drums felt the change of pressure. All was so sudden and so quick.

In the plane, all sorts of funny thoughts came to me. I imagined to myself what Australia would be like, and wondered whether the Australians there would be as friendly and kind as those whom I had met at the office of the Australian High Commissioner in Singapore. I pictured to myself the new surroundings which I would have to face, and I . . . . and . . . . At last, I thought of so many things that my brain refused to work any more, and I fell fast asleep, to join the fairies in The Mid-Summer Night's Dream.

When I woke up in the morning, we were already in the territories of Indonesia. At about 6 a.m. Malayan time, if I am not mistaken, we landed in the airport. There, in the airport's dining room, we were served with hot drinks. An hour later we were again in the air. Breakfast was served quite early in the morning. The dishes of food appeared to be very delicious and attractive. I held my fork and knife in my hands and was eager to start, because I was at that time, quite hungry, but I hesitated and stopped action, for I was not very accustomed to eating with fork and knife. I was very much embarrassed and did not know what to do. After a further consideration I started again. With great effort I finished my breakfast, a breakfast which I had never eaten so uncomfortably in my life.

About lunch time the plane was flying low in the sky above Darwin airport. We stopped in Darwin for more than an hour, during which we had a very tasty meal in the Qantas dining room. Darwin appeared to be quite an interesting place.

Melbourne came in sight at about 12 midnight. During our stop in Melbourne a passenger failed to get back to his plane and was left behind by us. Poor fellow! An old man who was to disembark at Melbourne could not find his friends to meet him. He waited with great patience until the late arrival of his friends. Apparently he was a stranger to Melbourne.

On the way to Sydney, the final stopping place, I became restless again. I began to get excited once more. I pictured to myself the things which I might see in Sydney, and the place where I was to stay. Suddenly a strange idea struck me. I thought of something unpleasant. I asked myself, "What would happen if the plane should crash or meet with an accident at the last moment?" Then I would be a dead man, I suppose, or . . . . No, maybe I would just get hurt a bit and may be . . . . may be . . .

At 2 a.m. the 24th of January, the plane was high above a sea of lights extending for miles and miles. Sydney was below us. The plane flew lower and lower. The blue lights surrounding the aerodrome were seen. A few minutes later the wheels of the monster encountered the runway. "Thank heaven! it was a successful landing.

The cabin door was opened and out came, among the many passengers, a student who was entirely strange to this place, this immense city where he would further his studies and would stay for years among the friendly Australians before he could once again smell the sweet air of his beloved country—his motherland.

—WANG SEOW PANG, 4th Year.

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MACAU

Hong Kong, as we all know, is well known the world over. Before it lies Macau, the most amazing spot in the Far East.

The city of Macau, which is situated on the south-east coast of China, is a little over two square miles.

According to Chinese history, Macau was leased to Portugal as a place for the Portuguese merchants to land on, during the Ching dynasty. Each year the Portuguese Government used to pay China a certain amount of gold or silver. Nowadays, Macau is completely controlled by Portugal as one of her colonies.

Macau is described by the Chinese as the “Eastern Monte Carlo” because the city provides all sorts of gambling attractions, including both the Western and Eastern methods. The tourist can enjoy Poker, Dice, Majhong, Tin Gu, Pie Gu, Chee Tab, Tai Sel, Yee Ha Hi, or even dog racing. The most popular game is Tai Sel, which makes money come and go easily. More than half of the fifty thousand inhabitants are professional gamblers or gangsters who may take part in cheating themselves, and are quick to catch those of the other gangs who try to cheat.

Nearly a hundred per cent. of Macau’s income comes from the tourists from Hong Kong who go there to spend their holidays, as well as to spend their money. If any unlucky visitor loses all his money, he will be given a ferry ticket back to Hong Kong by the manager of the gambling house.

The scenery in Macau is attractive, especially when we view the city from the top of the hill where St. Theresa’s Cathedral is situated. A panorama of the whole city is seen—the straight line of the streets, the Portuguese style houses and buildings, the swimming pool, a reservoir, the statues of famous Portuguese, and an ancient cemetery. Among all these the tallest building in Macau stands out. It is eight storeys high, with two big Chinese words, “Cheung Yon”, printed on the roof. “Cheung Yon” means the “Central Building”, which contains a luxury hotel, gambling houses, a fancy night club, a ballroom and a restaurant.

There is no such thing in Macau as night, because the shops and the gambling places are never closed, and the gamblers are busy day and night. The streets are always crowded right through the twenty-four hours. Darkness means little to this city where millions of colourful neon lights burn ceaselessly.

—LAWRENCE LAU, YAN-YIM, 4th Year.

NORTH BORNEO

Quite often one hears people say, “The Wild Man from Borneo!” In fact, many books describe Borneo as being a wild and uncultivated country, an uncivilized place. Many children still believe that Borneo is a place where monkeys jump in branches, where head hunters roam about in the jungle with their blowpipes ready for a sudden attack, where people walk in the streets with no clothes on, and where the sun’s heat penetrates the skins of all the people so that they are all black or tan.

Over in Borneo, the people’s ideas about Australia are different. They conjure up a scene of jumping kangaroo, sleeping koala, and perhaps to some, an aboriginal throwing a boomerang at a platypus. They learn about Australia being a land where people do nothing but swim, play golf, and practice tennis in order to win the Davis Cup.

People have these silly conceptions because they have never been to the country themselves. As a North Bornean, I shall try to write something about my native country and its people.

North Borneo is a British Crown Colony. It has a total area of 29,388 square miles, or is roughly, about the size of Ireland. The country is mountainous, the highest mountain being Kinabalu, 13,455 feet above sea level. This mountain is venerated by the natives as the resting place of the dead. The equator cuts through the island, and as a result, the climate is tropical. It is very humid with a day temperature of 74 degrees Fahrenheit to 88 deg. F., and on an exceptionally hot day it is about 93 to 94 deg. F. The annual rainfall is 60 inches to 160 inches, depending on the locality. This heavy rain makes North Borneo a country with evergreen forests and dense jungle. Rivers are numerous, and are of considerable importance, constituting the means of communication in some districts. The longest river is Kinabatangan, which follows a course of 350 miles.

In the jungle besides the native tribes, live birds, monkeys, deer, elephants, wild cats, wild pigs, and all kinds of snakes. Some snakes are as long as thirty or forty feet, others are deadly poisonous. Crocodiles are very common in the rivers.

Rubber, timber, copra, hemp, tobacco, and dried fish are the chief products of North Borneo, besides other tropical crops. Every year millions of dollars are circulated between our country and other countries all over the world for importation and exportation of goods.

Jesselton is the capital of North Borneo. Places of interest include beautiful beaches where people can spend the week-end, and numerous small islands near the coast, which are holiday resorts.

The population of North Borneo is roughly 400,000, those indigenous being about 250,000, Chinese 100,000, and the rest divided among the English, Dutch, French, German, American Indian and other nationalities.

These people have all sorts of customs, traditions, beliefs and interests. The natives believe that the eclipse of the moon is due to a heavenly dog who is trying to devour the moon. When an eclipse occurs they grab hold of anything near them and make as much noise as possible in order to frighten the dog away. The beautiful moon is thus preserved for their enjoyment at night.

The Chinese have many feast days, some in remembrance of great events or of historical heroes. August the 15th (Chinese Calendar), is one. Cakes of all kinds are made in the shape of the moon. It is celebrated with a family gathering and a big feast.

The natives for months prepare wine from a coconut tree in readiness for the New Year. On New Year’s Day they dress beautifully in costumes of many colours. Pigs, goats, ducks and fowls are killed, and for the whole New Year period drums are sounded in every village. Every New Year’s Day they have to add a year to their age, so everyone is a year older than last year. This particular day is the happiest for the children. They are given the liberty of doing what they like, provided they do nothing silly.

Religion in North Borneo includes Christianity, Buddhism, Mohammedanism, Hinduism and other denominations. The people of North Borneo are happy with their different races, customs, beliefs and religions. They live together seeking mutual happiness and satisfaction.

—HUMPHREY WONG, 5th Year.
A FUNERAL CEREMONY

To-morrow or the next hour may be the time for us to disappear from this wicked and worried world. As Caesar said,

"... death a necessary end,
Will come when it will come."

The death of a friend, the death of an important personality of a nation, and the death of a member of a family will bring nothing but sympathies and discomforts in the hearts of many a people.

Since the time of Confucius, the Chinese had learnt to be loyal to the family as the most important and essential step towards success in life, for the Chinese believed that harmony in the home is the seed of achievement in life.

The death of a member in a Chinese family is the greatest loss the rest of the family will ever experience. One important difference between Western and an Eastern family is that the Chinese will always try to live together as one big family, like a son getting married and still living with his parents, unlike the Western people, where the parents allow their sons and daughters to go to all parts of the world. It is because of this fact that the Chinese regards the celebration of a funeral as very important and sacred.

When one of the members of the family is dead, all the relations come to pay homage to the deceased. The first thing the rest of the family will do immediately after the death is to plant three joss sticks in front of the house. Then some relations will go to the coffin-dealer to select a good casket. Some of the relations will go from house to house to inform all the friends personally, and a few will go to make arrangements with the priest for the funeral ceremony, for the priest will be the Master of Ceremony. Before the engagement of the priest, the family will usually bargain with the priest about the price. If the family is rich, the ceremony can go on for days, or broadly speaking, the length of the ceremony varies with the prosperity of the family. I will discuss a funeral ceremony in a moderately rich family, for a poor family just cannot afford to engage a priest no matter how much the family likes to make it a grand one. In this case, Shakespeare's phrase is correct to a certain degree:

"When beggars die, there are no comets seen."

The price for a famous priest is about twenty pounds a day. The priest will be helped by about four assistants. Before he begins, he will hang a few pictures on the wall, like the pictures of the God of Death and the God of Mercy. Then he will kneel in front of the Gods and offer prayers. After the prayers, he will lead the relations of the dead round the corpse. If the dead person was the father of the family, then his eldest son will be holding a young bamboo shoot as he follows the priest. This bamboo shoot symbolizes the son's obedience to his parents and acceptance of the responsibilities of the family, in place of the father. In other words, it reminds the son to work harder for the benefit of the family as a whole. The priest will do this over and over again; in fact, continuously for twenty-one hours in a day. The interval is between four to seven in the morning. So you realize now that the priest does not earn his living as easily as you think. If the ceremony goes on for a week, the relations of the dead will be completely worn out by the end of the ceremony. Instantly, friends will be sending wreaths, shrouds and joss sticks to the family. Everyone who visits the house of the dead will receive a sweet before he or she leaves the house, to symbolize a revival of good luck, since the house of the dead is considered to be the victim of evil spirits.

Then comes the most important event—the burial day. The time and date for burial is not chosen at random, but is selected by the priest after he has consulted and calculated, with the help of the Chinese Almanac and the 'Fate Book'. The time and date of the funeral will be published in the newspapers, so that friends can attend the funeral at the correct time. Prosperity of the family comes into play again—the richer the family, the longer and more majestic will the funeral procession be, because there will be more cars and more people in the procession.

The procession will be headed by two big lanterns, one with the agon, and the other with the name of the deceased. Next to this will be a band of musicians, not playing the 'Cha-Cha-Cha' or the 'Rock-'n'-Roll', but tunes of a sorrowful nature to give the right atmosphere to the procession. Then comes the shroud, supported vertically by long sticks which are rooted to the shroud. Following this will be the funeral carriage, which is beautifully decorated with flowers and wreaths. This carriage is pulled by about twelve undertakers, six in a row, each row holding a robe tied to the carriage. Immediately behind this carriage are the sobbing and sorrowful relations of the dead, accompanied by friends who will be followed by a string of cars. As the friends of the family follow the procession by walking solemnly and slowly, they will think of Gray's Elegy,

"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that wealth e'er gave
Await alike the inevitable hour—
The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

And at the same time older friends will ask themselves, 'When is my turn?'

—YONG CHO THY.
The Burr

Sport

ASTLEY CUP, 1959

The 1959 draw saw the first round at Orange between that school and Dubbo High, the second round at Bathurst against Orange, and the third round between Dubbo and Bathurst, at Dubbo.

In the first round, Dubbo defeated Orange by 228 to 212 points. For the next round we had really wonderful weather and all grounds were good. Tennis was first up, and with all players right up to top form, we ran out the winners by 64½ points to 15½. Our boys won 8 sets 48 games to 0 sets 7 games. The girls won 5 sets 44 games to 3 sets 24 games. We won the mixed, 8 sets 48 games to 0 sets 16 games.

Athletics was competitive for next morning. Our team proved too strong for Orange, defeating them by 87 points to 13. Lance Gregory and Bob Cohen were 1st and 2nd in the sprints, while Lance also won the high jump with a record jump of 5ft. 11½in. He was 2nd in the broad jump, and with Bob Cohen, Paul Willott and Malcolm Cantion, won the boys' relay. Austen Knight and Gordon Sweetnam were 1st and 2nd in the mile, which were run in the record time of 4min. 23.5sec. The girls scored all their points with Lola Rivett and Helen Logue 1st and 2nd in the 100 (time 11.5), and with Margaret Moore and Ros. Gibson won the relay in the really excellent time of 51.2 sec.—a new record.

Girls' hockey was played that afternoon, and here again our team won. The score was 6 goals to 2. Our scorers were Winsome Parnham 3, Genny Edwards 2, and Margaret Moore 1. Our team showed that they had been training very hard. Their stick work was of a high standard, and their positional play and understanding between players was excellent.

Football followed immediately, and our team had a good win, scoring 28 points to Orange's 5. Our scorers were Ernie McLean 2 tries, John Phillips, Bruce Rutter, Roger Windsor and Kevin Connolly each one, while Ernie McLean kicked 5 goals.

The basketball was played the following morning. Here Orange scored a win, the score being 33 to 23.

The final points for the round were Bathurst 340½ points and Orange 99½.

Against Dubbo we had wet fields and unpleasant conditions to contend with, as well as the Dubbo teams. Tennis was played on the cement courts at the R.A.A.F. Station, and on Dr. Howse's court, which was a quick drying en-tout-cas court. We lost the tennis by 48 points to 32. Our boys won 7 sets to 1. The girls lost 5 sets to 3, and we lost the mixed by a similar margin. Some very thrilling tennis was seen, and congratulations go to the eight players who represented us.

Basketball was played that afternoon, and on a wet court our team played very well. Dubbo scored the first goal, but after that, our girls scored again and again, to win the game 25 goals to 14. This game was followed by athletics, which we won by 89 points to 11. A performance of note was the run of Austen Knight in the mile. He recorded 4min. 19.2 sec.—the best by a schoolboy in N.S.W. Lance Gregory won the 100, 220, broad jump and high jump, and headed the winning relay team. Bob Cohen was second in the 100 and broad jump and in the relay team, which won. Lola Rivett again won, as did the girls' relay team.

Hockey was played the next morning on a not too firm field. Our girls once again turned on a stirring performance and defeated Dubbo five goals to three. Our scorers were Winsome Parnham, Genny Edwards and Margaret Moore one. Mention must be made of the really good game played by Judy Pollard, Helen Logue and Wendy Hamer against both Orange and Dubbo.

The football proved to be another victory to us. The score this time was 19-3. The ground was wet, and our back line did not get a chance to exploit its speed and play (but nevertheless proved much too good for Dubbo). Tries were scored by Lance Gregory two, Malcolm Newman two and Ernie McLean two, while Ernie kicked two goals. Malcolm Newman was injured in the later stages of the game and had to be taken off the field. The total points for this meeting were 327 to 113, and so Bathurst High School quite convincingly won the Astley Cup for 1959.

Outstanding performers in each sport were:

Athletics.—Austen Knight, two wins in the mile, 4min. 23.5sec., and 4min. 19.2 sec. Lance Gregory with seven wins in the two contests, and a best performance of 5ft. 11½in. in the high jump. Lola Rivett, wins in both girls' 100's. Bob Cohen, second to Lance in the sprint. Boys and girls' relay teams.

Tennis.—Rod Weaver and Ernie McLean in the boys; Norma Willard and Faye Whittington in the girls.

Hockey.—Judy Pollard and Helen Logue, with emphasis on team work by all members.

Football.—Ernie McLean, Garry Toole, Malcolm Newman, Lance Gregory and Roger Windsor.

Basketball.—Norma Willard, Pat Baker, Pat Muir and Faye Whittington.

WILLMAN CUP 1959

Again this year Bathurst High School came out the all over victors in our biennial fixture with Lithgow High School for the Willman Cup. In the summer series the score was Bathurst 4 games, Lithgow 2 games. Lithgow won the girls' cricket and girls' softball, while Bathurst won the boys' 1st and 2nd grade cricket and both boys and girls' tennis.

In the winter series, Lithgow won the girls' A hockey and boys' 6 stone, 7 stone and 8 stone football, and Bathurst won the girls' B hockey, girls' A and B basketball and boys' first grade football.

SUMMER SERIES — Lithgow 2, Bathurst 4

Girls' Tennis.—Bathurst 5 games defeated Lithgow 3 games.

Girls' Cricket.—Bathurst 44 lost to Lithgow 100.

Girls' Softball.—Bathurst 28 lost to Lithgow 33.

WINTER SERIES — Bathurst 4, Lithgow 4

Girls' 'A' Hockey.—Lithgow 3 defeated Bathurst 2.

Girls' 'B' Hockey.—Bathurst 4 defeated Lithgow 2.

Girls' 'A' Basketball.—Bathurst 28 defeated Lithgow 15.

Girls' 'B' Basketball.—Bathurst 25 defeated Lithgow 19.

Boys' 6st. 7lb. Football.—Lithgow 3 defeated Bathurst 0.

Boys' 7st. 7lb. Football.—Lithgow 3 defeated Bathurst 0.

Boys' 8st. 7lb. Football.—Lithgow 29 defeated Bathurst 0.

Boys' First Grade Football.—Bathurst 44 defeated Lithgow 2.
BOYS' RECORDS (ATHLETICS)

SENIOR

100 Yds.—T. W. Bratten, 1927 ........................................ 10.2 secc.
220 Yds.—V. J. Campbell, 1927 ....................................... 22.2 secc.
440 Yds.—B. Booth, 1950 ............................................... 50.8 secc.
880 Yds.—A. Knight, 1958 .............................................. 2 min. 28.8 secc.
1 Mile.—A. Knight, 1959 ............................................... 4 min. 19.2 secc.
High Jump.—L. Gregory, 1959 ......................................... 5ft. 11½ in.
Broad Jump.—W. Bratten, 1926 ......................................... 22 ft.
Shot Putt (12 lb.)—Lee Ting Kiam, 1958 ......................... 38 ft. 6 in.
Relay.—Ashley Cup Team ............................................ 46.7 secc.
Cross Country.—A. Knight, 1959 ..................................... 15 min. 54.5 secc.

JUNIOR

100 Yds.—R. Cohen, 1959 ............................................... 10.6 secc.
440 Yds.—H. Meadows, 1928 .......................................... 55.8 secc.
880 Yds.—A. Knight, 1957 .............................................. 2 min. 5.8 secc.
High Jump.—L. Gregory, 1956 ........................................ 5 ft. 6 in.
Broad Jump.—R. Cohen, 1959 .......................................... 19 ft. 4½ in.
Shot Putt (8 lb.)—G. Skinner, 1959 ................................. 41 ft. 6½ in.

SUB-SENIOR

100 Yds.—R. Cohen, 1958 ............................................... 11.1 secc.
220 Yds.—R. Cohen, 1958 ............................................... 24.8 secc.
High Jump.—Ron Meyer, 1935 ........................................ 4 ft. 9½ in.
Broad Jump.—R. Cohen, 1958 .......................................... 18 ft. 7 in.

UNDER 13

100 Yds.—J. Bowman, 1956 ........................................... 11.8 secc.

RECORDS — SWIMMING 1959

SENIOR

Medley.—M. Cant, 1959 ................................................ 2 min. 53.4 secc.
200 Metres Freestyle.—N. Cant, 1957 ............................... 2 min. 28.5 secc.
100 Metres Freestyle.—N. Cant, 1957 ............................... 1 min. 57.2 secc.
50 Metres Freestyle.—N. Cant, 1957 ................................. 28.6 secc.
50 Metres Backstroke.—D. North, 1957 ............................. 37.1 secc.
50 Metres Breaststroke.—C. Young, 1950 .......................... 41.4 secc.
50 Metres Butterfly.—C. Young, 1950 ............................... 44.5 secc.
Relay.—Lawson, 1958 .................................................. 2 min. 7.9 secc.

JUNIOR

100 Metres Freestyle.—M. Cant, 1959 ............................... 1 min. 7.6 secc.
50 Metres Freestyle.—M. Cant, 1959 ................................ 28.9 secc.
50 Metres Backstroke.—M. Cant, 1959 .............................. 34.4 secc.
50 Metres Breaststroke.—W. North, 1958 .......................... 40.4 secc.
50 Metres Butterfly.—M. Cant, 1959 ................................ 31.3 secc.

SUB-SENIOR

100 Metres Freestyle.—I. Pollard, 1959 ........................... 1 min. 8.5 secc.
50 Metres Freestyle.—I. Pollard, 1959 ............................. 30.0 secc.
50 Metres Backstroke.—M. Cant, 1959 .............................. 40.9 secc.
50 Metres Breaststroke.—W. North, 1956 .......................... 46.1 secc.
50 Metres Butterfly.—I. Pollard, 1959 ............................. 42.9 secc.
Relay.—Lawson, 1959 .................................................. 2 min. 24.2 secc.

UNDER 13

50 Metres Freestyle.—I. Pollard, 1958 ............................. 32.2 secc.
ATHLETICS

This year saw High School very strong in Athletics. However, we did not win any trophies at the Annual Secondary Schools Athletic Carnival. With two events to go, we could still have won three, but were not successful.

Our Annual Athletic Carnival was held during April. Good weather favoured us, and a really good carnival was enjoyed by all. Wentworth (259 points) won the point score, with Lawson second (251 points). Blaxland were third and Evans fourth. The boy champions were Lance Gregory (B) senior; Bob Cohen (E) junior, and Michael McIntosh (B) sub-junior. The girl champions were: Senior, Helen Logue (W); junior, Rosalind Gibson (W); sub-junior, Julie Smith and Cheryl Kenneren equal.

In the Bathurst Secondary Schools Carnival we did not win any trophies, but several of our athletes performed very well. In the senior division Austen Knight recorded 4 min. 28.8 sec. to break Graham Evans’ mile record; Lance Gregory set a new senior high jump record of 5 ft. 10¼ in., and also won the 100 yds., 220 yds. div. 1 and div. II of the broad jump. Bob Cohen won three events in the junior division, while Graham Skinner set new shot put figures in that grade. He put the 8 lb. shot 41 ft. 6¾ in.

In the Astley Cup we won both meetings. Against Orange we won 87-13, and against Dubbo 89-11. Notable performances were Lance Gregory’s high jump, 5 ft. 11¾ in., Austen Knight’s two 1 mile runs (4:23.5 and 4:19.2), and the girls’ relay win in Bathurst, 51.2 sec. Bob Cohen performed very well, as did Lola Rivett.

Our girls did not go to Combined High this year, as it clashed with the Astley Cup. The boys, however, will send a team of 11 boys with hopes of doing well.

OUR FUTURE WORLD BEATER — AUSTEN KNIGHT

BATHURST High School has, over the past years, gained the name of being one of the strongest schools in the State with regard to middle distance running. Austen Knight is extending this name for us this year.

Austen is now 17 years of age, and is sitting for his “Leaving”. He first began training in the beginning of 1957, and since then has had success after success.

At Dubbo during this year’s Astley Cup series, Austen ran his best time ever for a mile. 4 min. 19.2 sec. This is an unofficial N.S.W. Schoolboy record.

At the beginning of 1958, his best mile time was 4 min. 48 sec. Three months later it was 4 min. 43 sec. Then in September he won the C.H.S. Mile at Sydney in 4 min. 28.5 sec. After this, Austen trained for four months without improving his time. Then it dropped gradually to his Astley Cup record run that I mentioned previously. Some of Austen’s other important wins this year are:

(a) The 440 Yds., 880 Yds. and 1 Mile events at our School Athletic Carnival.
(b) The Mile at the Burlington-Pacey Combined Bathurst Schools Carnival.
(c) The School 5000 Metres (3 1/8 miles approx.) cross-country in the time of 15 min. 54 sec.
(d) The C.H.S. 2 Mile cross-country in 10 min. 19.2 sec., and
(e) Both Astley Cup Miles, 4 min. 23.5 sec. and 4 min. 19.2 sec.

The next big event for Austen is the C.H.S. Mile at the Sydney Cricket Ground in September. Watch for the results of this, everyone.

Unfortunately the State Championships this year coincide with the “L.C.”, so Austen will not be able to compete.

Austen’s climb up the ladder of success has not been easy. He has trained like a tiger for two years, and it is only this tenacity that has won for him his great successes. “Good Luck, Austen”.

—GORDON SWEETNAM, 5th Year.
THIS TIME AND AGE

"For as concerning football playing, I protest unto you it may rather be called a friendly kind of fight than a play or recreation, a bloodthirsty and murdering practice than a fellowly sport or pastime. For doth not every one lie in wait for his adversary, seeking to overthrow him on his nose, though it be upon hard stones, in ditch or dale, in valley or on hill? By this means, sometimes their necks are broken, sometimes their backs, sometimes their legs, sometimes their arms, sometimes one part thrust out of joint, sometimes another, sometimes their noses gush out with blood, sometimes their eyes start out, and sometimes they hurt in one place, sometimes in another."

—From "The Anatomic of Abuses", by Philip Stubbes.
(A sixteenth century publication)

FIRST GRADE FOOTBALL 1959

As forecast in last year's "Burr", the team this season proved to be one of the best combinations to represent the School. At the date of writing (7th September), the side has an unbeaten record which the School trusts it can maintain through the semi-finals and finals of the Group X Under Eighteen football.

Throughout the season, the team has gained a reputation for fast, open play, in which individual brilliance in the back line has been combined with concerted team work. This has resulted in many delightful movements and many tries. The team's brilliant record has been due to assiduous training by all members and to the time spent by the coaches, particularly Mr. Laird and Mr. ("Wal") McIlwain.

School Football: In contests with other schools, B.H.S. has fared particularly well. In our two Astley Cup encounters, we were successful against Orange (29-2) and Dubbo (19-3).

A most delightful visit to Sydney Tech. was as successful from the football angle as from the social and friendly side. Our hosts gave us a marvellous time during our week-end there, and the side was able to erase the memory of some of the beatings that Tech. has handed out to us in the past. Tech. was unfortunate in striking "Garry" and "Ernie" at their top, and we ran out winners 33 to nil. (Note: I am inclined to believe that the score indicates only Tech's generosity as hosts).

In other school matches we fared equally well. We enjoyed our game early in the season against Cowra High (18-0), whilst in the Willman Cup series we were able to gain the major honours against Lithgow (44-2). This year—the first for many years—Bathurst High were able to win the two Group X Unrestricted Division Carnivals, winning the Canobolas Carnival at Orange by defeating Orange High (13-0) and Orange De La Salle (7-0), whilst in the finals at Bathurst, the team struck really top form to beat Mudgee High (42-0).

As a result of the standard of football shown in this last match, the team was invited by the Country Rugby League Secretary, Mr. J. O'Toole, to participate in the State Finals in Sydney. Here the only jarring note of the season to date was struck. Our nomination was deemed out of order as it was given verbally. The boys were disappointed at missing out on a really good trip to Sydney, but desire to congratulate Wollongong High School on its success in the competition.

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Under 18 Football: In the Combined Orange and Bathurst Under 18 Competition, the High School team has emerged as Minor Premiers, and is so far unbeaten, but have two or three difficult matches to go to emulate the 1957 team which won the Group Championship in this grade. It is mainly due to the hard, tough football of this competition that the team has reached a high standard of physical fitness and combination. The scores to date are as follows:

v. Charletons, 51-0, 9-6; v. St. Patrick’s, 10-7, 17-5; v. Blayney, 46-0, 12-5; v. Railway, 24-2, 10-10; v. Oberon, 13-3, 29-5; v. Emmco, 16-5, 23-17; v. C.Y.M.S., 19-5. Incidentally, the High School side is the only school side in the competition, the other teams being composed of boys who have left school.

The School is grateful to the B.D.R.F.L. not only for the provision of good, hard football, but for its provision of jerseys and travelling expenses to the School: such help is greatly appreciated.

The personnel of the team varied little from that of last year. It has been captained by Garry Toole (also School Captain), whose brilliance both in attack and defence as half-back has been an inspiration to his team. His perfect understanding, built up over the previous two seasons, with his ‘cobber’, Ernie Maclcan (five-eighth), has given the School the most successful halves it has had. Ernie, himself, has given exceptional displays at five-eighth, his elusive running and ‘stepping’ bringing many tries. Lance Gregory has used his speed to score many tries as inside centre, and as well, his defence has been excellent. Kev. Connolly at outside centre proved a stalwart during the season, and with limited opportunities, made many openings; this unselfish player proved an ideal team man. Malcolm Cant, as winger, impressed often with his straight, hard running, whilst John Burrows improved greatly during the season and showed excellent team spirit. Tony Payne, at full-back, never gave a bad display, and often showed how adept he was in turning defence into attack. His defence throughout was always reliable, whilst some of his ‘flying’ tackles have been the season’s gems.

In the forwards, the veteran, M. Newman, was outstanding, and earned himself the title of the best Under 18 forward in the group. He was ably assisted by Roger Windsor (second row), who proved an absolutely tireless and unselfish worker during the season. His colleague, Clive Young, also was exceptionally dependable, especially in defence. Bob Doyle, as hooker, despite the loss of his two front teeth in a District game, proved the match for any of the “rakes” in the competition, by giving his backs a really good share of the ball, as well as being fast in attack. John Phillips’s play improved greatly during the season, and as well as scoring some good opportunist tries, he learned to ruck really well. Bruce Rutter, either at prop or lock, gave some great exhibitions of tackling. In all, the team had no real weakness.

We are indebted to the Under 16 team whose players did yeoman service when some of the regular “firsts” were absent through injury. These included Dennis McKay, a really aggressive tackling forward; Robert Cohen, who showed exceptional promise on the wing; Les Beckenham, who filled in capably as centre or wing and probably lost a regular position in the side owing to an injury early in the season; John Nicoll, an exceptionally courageous half-back; B. Barnes, D. Croucher and Ian Woolfe in the forwards; whilst B. Rochester, of 8.7 team, filled the post of hooker for the team at Blayney.

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UNDER 16

Sitting, 1st row: D. Croucher, P. Farrell, R. Cohen
Sitting, 2nd row: S. McFadden, V. Bailey, D. MacKay, Mr. R. Hickson, J. Nicoll, I. Woolfe, L. Beckenham, B. Barnes
The report would not be complete if mention were not made of the team spirit shown by Ron Cavanough, who as reserve forward, turned up to all practices and to every match, even when not required. His keenness warrants a special word of praise.

Blues were awarded to the following: G. Toole, E. MacLean and L. Gregory in the backs, M. Newman and R. Windsor in the forwards.

The School has reason to be proud of this side, not only for the fine football it displayed, but for the sportsmanship and school spirit it has shown.

UNDER SIXTEEN FOOTBALL

The Under Sixteen side performed with mixed success during the season. They participated in the district competition, finishing second to St. Patrick's. In this match their performance was far below usual standard, and St. Pat's won by the large margin of 21-0.

Several players acquitted themselves well throughout the year, and congratulations must be extended to Les Beckenhall, Dennis Croucher and John Nicoll, who gained representative honours in the district side which played Newcastle.

Other players worthy of mention are Barry Barnes, Dennis MacKay, Ian Wolfe and Robert Cohen.

In addition to the district competition, games were played against Orange High School. Results of these were: v. Orange High, 3-5; v. Orange High 16-0.

Many players have shown a marked improvement throughout the year, and others have benefited greatly from the experience. With a mass exodus of players from the first grade side likely at the end of the year, the Under Sixteen team should provide the necessary material to replace these departing stars.

HIGH SCHOOL WEIGHT TEAMS

This is the first year that High School has been in the fortunate position to enter teams in all weight divisions—5.7, 6.7, 7.7, 8.7 and 9.7.

5.7 Division.

The 5's have had a season of "ups and downs", recording wins over St. Patrick's 5-0, Orange High 11-6, and Lithgow 6-0. Against this they were defeated by Cowra High 8-0, Orange High 5-0 and De La Salle, Orange, 6-0. The defeat of La Salle Orange, was very creditable when we consider the boys played with only 11 "men".

6.7 Division.

The 6.7 team started badly but improved with the season, only to be defeated in the Canobolas Carnival 6-0 by De La Salle, Orange: v. Cowra High, lost 8-3; v. St. Patrick's, won 6-0; v. Orange High, lost 20-0 and 12-0.

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BOYS' HOCKEY

Standing: D. Price, G. Paterson, L. Williams, S. Osborne, K. Haddon
Sitting: A. Howard, R. Southwell, B. Haddon, T. Osborne (Capt.), P. Friend

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SOCCER

The 1959 Soccer season may be regarded as a very successful one. In the House competition Wentworth did extremely well, winning the Red Rose trophy by gaining 17 points out of 18. Splendid teamwork and enthusiasm brought this magnificent result. Our congratulations go to Wentworth House on a very fine display of sportsmanship and skill. Blaxland House came second in this House competition.

A Lithgow High School Junior team played our B Eleven at Bathurst. The B players showed their worth by defeating the Lithgow team 3 goals to 0. Outstanding players were W. Lord, E. Redford and U. Erdmanis.

A visiting team from Orange High School played the A team in a friendly match. Although Orange tried hard right from the start up to the end, they were defeated by seven goals to nil.

The inter-school competition in which Bathurst Teachers’ College, All Saints’ College and Bathurst High School participated, showed how greatly the standard of Soccer has improved at our School.

For the first time our First Eleven was able to defeat Teachers’ College in a very exciting match. Outstanding players were Ng Bok Swee, Leong Tai, Lawrence Law, Thoo Chee Koong, and the goalie, E. Redford. Timothy Ho (captain), and his A team, have done very well indeed. All Saints was also defeated by 3 goals to nil. One match was lost against Teachers’ College. At the close of the season High School was holding the lead with Teachers’ College.

The annual Staff versus Pupils match ended in a 2-all draw. It was a very pleasant match, with both sides giving an exhibition of first class Soccer.

Our thanks are due to the Bathurst Soccer Club for their interest and valuable assistance given to our teams.

GIRLS’ SOFTBALL

Front Row (seated): W. Watson, B. Howell, W. Hamer, Mrs. R. Jones, G. Bekema (Capt.), J. Colley, S. Mohrinkel


The only softball played competitively this year were the games played against Lithgow High School in Willman Cup and by two Junior teams, against Blayney Intermediate High School.

Lithgow defeated Bathurst 33 to 28 in a hard, close game. Best players for Bathurst were B. Howells and J. Colley.

An under 13 years of age team defeated Blayney 30-14 Best players for Bathurst were L. Hollingsworth and K. Trenva. In the over 13 years of age (third year limit) game, Blayney 42 defeated Bathurst 30. Best for Bathurst were R. Gibson and D. Hamer.
SWIMMING

Sitting: C. Robinson, N. Willard, A. Watson, J. Talberg, Mrs. A. Jones, Mr. A. Cusimire, R. Windsor, C. Young, P. Rainey, A. de Graaf, P. Watson


Standing, 2nd row: M. Fry, M. Cant, I. Pollard, D. Smith, R. Cooper

SWIMMING NOTES

Again this year we have seen a steady improvement in swimming standards. It is hard to single out any single, dominant reason for this, but much of the credit must go to the Bathurst Amateur Swimming Club for the competitive experience it has given our swimmers, and to Mr. Breeze, whose loss has been keenly felt, and to Mr. McGann, for their coaching. The improvement in standards showed at this carnival when twenty-one records were broken. The outstanding record breakers were Ros Forrest (3), Caroline Fry (3), Wendy Watson (2), Malcolm Cant (4), and Ian Pollard (3). However, despite the dominance of these swimmers, many others swimmers turned in good performances.

The House Competition was won by Evans with 186 points, from Blaxland 180, Lawson 164, and Wentworth 128.

The individual champions were: Senior, Jan Talberg and Clive Young; Junior, Judy Ballam and Malcolm Cant; Sub-Junior, Maureen Fry and Ian Pollard.

Secondary Schools Carnival.
In the fifth Bathurst Secondary Schools Annual Carnival, High won four of the five trophies.

In the Charlie Price Cup for senior competition, High on 28 was second to St. Stanislaus College with 34.
The Western Cinemas Cup for juniors was won by High with 54 points, from S.S.C. 40½.
A strong sub-junior team won the Dein and Readford Cup with 56 points from S.S.C, 38.
These results gave High the aggregate trophy with 138½ points from S.S.C. 102½.
We also won the trophy for diving.

Combined High Schools Carnivals.
This year we were represented by two strong teams at both the girls and boys’ carnivals.


The most successful swimmer was Malcolm Cant, who gained our first C.H.S. title by winning the under 16 butterfly in the record time of 31.3.

GIRLS’ CRICKET

Despite the advent of several promising new players, the standard of Girls’ Cricket has not been as high this year as in the previous two or three years. This is due to, firstly, the loss of most of the seasoned players who concluded the 1958 season so successfully with us, and secondly, to the lack of practice occasioned by a succession of wet Wednesdays.

At the commencement of 1958-59, the School was able to field two teams in the B.D.W.C.A.’s competition—one of beginners, and the other a first class School side. However, by the close of the season, owing to the number of players who left, and the falling off of enthusiasm in the B team due to heavy defeats, we had barely a team of keen cricketers, who showed great school spirit in their struggles against the more experienced sides.

For the first time for the contests, Lithgow defeated our team in the Willman Cup match, winning by 100 runs to our 44.
The team was capably led by Judy Pollard, who was our best bat, and easily the best fielder. “Genny” Edwardes showed improvement in all departments, whilst Heather Browne proved quite a capable wicketkeeper. Of the newer players, Pat Baker showed that she was an excellent slow bowler, whilst Colleen Howard, despite an impatience to score runs off every ball, performed well with the bat. Jean and Margaret Lamont also played well, whilst Barbara Cartwright, a latecomer to the team, gave promise of being a good left-arm bowler. La Donna Harrison must be mentioned as an excellent team worker. Dianne Hamer was probably the most improved player in the team, being very consistent with the bat, and proving a very useful “change” bowler. Others who gave good service to the team were “Alex”, Beverley Comerford, Pam Newman and Robin Murphy.

As most of the players will be with us at the end of the year, we have great hopes of a much better season for 1959-60.

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GIRLS’ CRICKET

Sitting: H. Browne, P. Newman, J. Pollard, Mr. R. Learmonth, C. Howard, J. Lumont, D. Hamer

GIRLS’ HOCKEY

There were three teams in the local competition this year. They played in A Grade, A Reserve Grade and B Grade.

The A team defeated Orange High 6-2 and Dubbo High 5-2 in the Astley Cup series. Against Lithgow High at Lithgow, the Bathurst team was defeated 3-2. At the beginning of the season the A team drew with Swifts in the local carnival. This is the third year in succession that the High School has had the trophy. In the competition the A team finished second, and defeated Teachers’ College in the semi-final; but lost to Ex-Students in the final. Congratulations to Ex-Students on winning the A Grade competition.

The B team played in A Reserve Grade, and although they did not finish in the first four, players improved through the season. This team took part in three inter-school games. The first was against Lithgow High, at Lithgow. This resulted in a win for Bathurst. At Orange, against Orange High, the result was a one-all draw; at Bathurst, against this team, Bathurst lost 2-1. The best player for the season was the captain, Beverley Shute, and the most improved player, Sally Moore.

The C team was divided into two groups as there were too many players for one team and not enough for two teams. These groups played on alternate Saturdays. As some girls were not reliable and did not turn up for matches, the keen players who came to watch, got games for both groups. For the final games, the most improved 11 players were chosen. The team played in B Grade and finished fourth in the local competition. We defeated Dominoes 2-1 in the semi-final, but lost to Blayney 0-5 in the final. Congratulations to Blayney on their fine win. Most improved players were S. Mullampy and J. Colley.

The School teams would like to thank the Women’s Hockey Association for arranging the desired competition; the umpires during Astley Cup matches, Misses N. Whiteman and B. Jarvis; Mrs. Alexander for her help each Wednesday; and the team coaches, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Whiteman and Mrs. Mason.

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GIRLS’ “A” HOCKEY

Sitting: M. de Graaf, P. Newman, B. Ballam
Standing: 1st row: Mr. F. Brown, M. Moore, H. Logue, J. Pollard, G. Edwardes, J. Ballam
Standing, 2nd row: R. Forrest, V. Lidden, W. Parnham, B. Brown, W. Hamer
CRICKET

This year the School has entered teams in 1st Grade, 3rd Grade, 4th Grade and the Under 13 division, and the final results will not be known until the concluding rounds are played at the end of this year.

The first grade team has met with mixed success, and although some good individual performances have been recorded, there has been an unfortunate lack of consistency. Paul Willott has led the team well, and must be congratulated on gaining a place in the team that represented Combined Western Districts. He is a regular member of the Bathurst District side.

Apart from the local competition, games were played against Dubbo and Orange High Schools. Bathurst narrowly defeated Dubbo at the end of last year. A triangular competition was introduced for the first time at Orange at the close of last season. Dubbo High School fielded the successful team, and their players are to be congratulated on their good wins over Bathurst and Orange. Members of the Bathurst team greatly appreciated the hospitality extended to them during their visit to Orange.

The School is looking forward to greater success in the coming matches and, with experience, some of our younger players, such as Herby Young and Jimmy Pratley, should make their presence felt in this sport.

BOYS' CRICKET

Sitting: K. Hamer, P. Willott, T. Payne, Mr. A. Kneale, D. Croucher, H. Young, I. Woolfe, P. Farrell

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

This year the girls' basketball has taken a new lease of life, and a lot of credit goes to the keen interest shown by Mrs. Jones, Miss Sheehan, Miss Friend, Mrs. Lindsell and Mr. Breen.

Seven teams were entered in the local competition and for the first time for many years, the First and Second teams reached the finals. The Fifth team reached the semi-finals, to be defeated by St. John's.

The First team played in the A Grade division and showed improvement throughout the season. Their winning run started with the defeat of Dubbo High in the Astley Cup, after being defeated by Orange High the previous week. In the Schoolgirls' Carnival at Lithgow this team ran out the winners of the unrestricted division, defeating old rivals Orange High, in an exciting and hard game. Their next great victory was their defeat of Blayney I in the semi-finals of the competition. This was Blayney's first defeat in two years. The girls now have to play Teachers' Black in the final, and if successful, Blayney I in the grand final.

High II has been very successful throughout the season and finished Minor Premiers of A Reserve Grade. Inter-school visits through the season included the Willman Cup visit to Lithgow and a game against Orange High.

FIRST GRADE BASKETBALL

Sitting: N. Emanuel, Miss M. Sheehan, R. Meyer (Capt.), P. Baker
Standing: J. Long (Vice-Capt.), W. Watson, P. Muir, A. Watson, N. Willard, P. Whitten

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School at Bathurst. They won both fixtures. At the School Girls' Carnival in Lithgow, this team was defeated in the semi-final of the unrestricted division by Orange High 1st team. In the local competition, the team meets Ex-Students in the semi-final. Best players were J. Robb and G. Bakkema, and most improved, H. Wheeldon.

High 3, by not turning up to practices, did not improve their play. This team repeatedly played short in their Saturday matches, and the girls responsible not only let their team down, but the School also. Girls deserving mention for their play are K. Coomer, H. Browne, F. Peters and L. Gallagher. This team had two games against Orange High School, losing the away game and winning the home game.

High 4, playing in B Grade, were unlucky to only finish 5th after being 3rd at the end of the first round. Trips away included Blayney, Orange and Lithgow. These resulted in a win at Blayney and a loss at Orange. In the Carnival at Lithgow, they were defeated in the semi-final of the unrestricted division by Bathurst High School's first team, the eventual winners of this division. The 4th team led 5-3 at half-time, but failed to score in the second half. The most improved player was B. O'Hara.

Teams 5, 6 and 7 did not hand in any notes on their activities. All these teams played in B Reserve Grade in the local competition, with team 5 reaching the semi-finals. They were defeated by St. John's, 29-20.

The teams would like to express their thanks to Mrs. Jones, Miss Sheehan, Miss Friend, Mr. Breen, and Mrs. Lindell for their help and guidance throughout the season. There are a number of enthusiastic young basketballers in the Junior Grade, and in the future we should see some very good basketball teams from the High School. (Team 1 were defeated by Blayney 1 in the Grand Final, and Team 2 won A Reserve Grade.—Ed.)

**TENNIS**

**SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS—**

**Boys**—Open Singles: Rod Weaver defeated Ernie MacLean 6-4, 6-4 in the final. This win gave Rod his second successive open singles win. Junior: Fred Funnell defeated Robert Cooper 6-1, 6-3. This is Fred's first win in School Championships, and he well deserved it. He also did well in the open singles.

Sub-Junior: Robert Bruce defeated Jim Pratley in three sets. This was a good win for Robert, who has been seen practising regularly with his father.

**Girls**—Open Singles: Norma Willard won the open singles for the second successive time in 1958. This year she will play Faye Whitton in the final.

Junior: This year was won by Carol Gorman, who defeated Helen Logue in the final. Carol has improved greatly this season.

Sub-Junior: This was won by Carol Robinson, who defeated Wendy Hamer in the final, 6-4.

**ASTLEY CUP—**

The boys, R. Weaver, F. Funnell, E. MacLean and J. Tyson, lost only one set of 16 in the Astley Cup matches against Orange and Dubbo. The girls won 8 sets out of 16. The girls were, N. Willard, F. Whitton, C. Gorman and J. Cohen. Against Orange, Bathurst won the mixed, 8 sets to 0, but lost to Dubbo, 5 sets to 3.
AWARDS

BLUES

Tennis: R. Weaver, E. McLean, F. Funnell, I. Tyson, Norma Willard
Athletics: Austen Knight, Lance Gregory, Lola Rivett
Football: Ernie McLean, Garry Toole, Lance Gregory, Malcolm Newman,
          Roger Windsor
Swimming: Malcolm Cant, Wendy Watson
Hockey:  Judy Pollard, Winsome Parnham and Val Lidden
Basketball: Faye Whitton

PENNANTS

Athletics—
   Senior: L. Gregory, Helen Logue
   Junior:  R. Cohen, Rosalind Gibson
   Sub-Junior: M. McIntosh, Cheryl Kennerson, Julie Smith
Swimming—
   Senior:  R. Boyle, Janet Talberg
   Junior:  M. Cant, Judy Ballam
   Sub-Junior: I. Pollard, Maureen Fry
Tennis—
   Senior:  Norma Willard
   Junior:  Carol Gorman
   Sub-Junior: Carol Robinson

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The following news items about ex-students have just been received.
Barry Pickup and Nancy Stuve have announced their engagement.
Congratulations and best wishes! Best wishes also to Marion Pickup who
has also announced her engagement and will marry shortly.
During the Astley Cup Series we encountered some of our ex-students in
"enemy" camps. Anne Hill is on the Orange High staff, and Eleanor
Windsor (Sportsmistress) and Peter Hay are on the Dubbo High staff.
Margaret Learmonth is Sportsmistress at Cowra High School.
Congratulations to Harry Harris on his success in 3rd Year Engineering
results published recently. His top pass in Mechanical Engineering won him
the Shell Prize and a share in the William and Jane Graham Award. Harry
secured his Leaving Certificate in 1956.