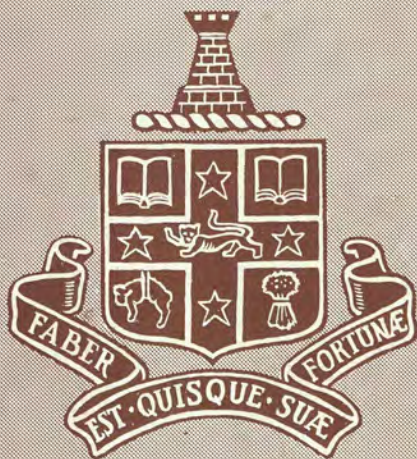


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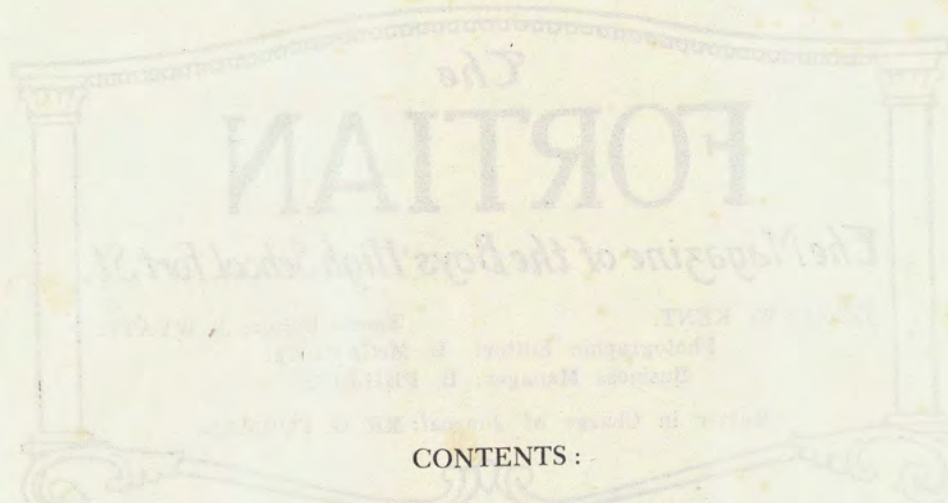
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## School Officers, 1951

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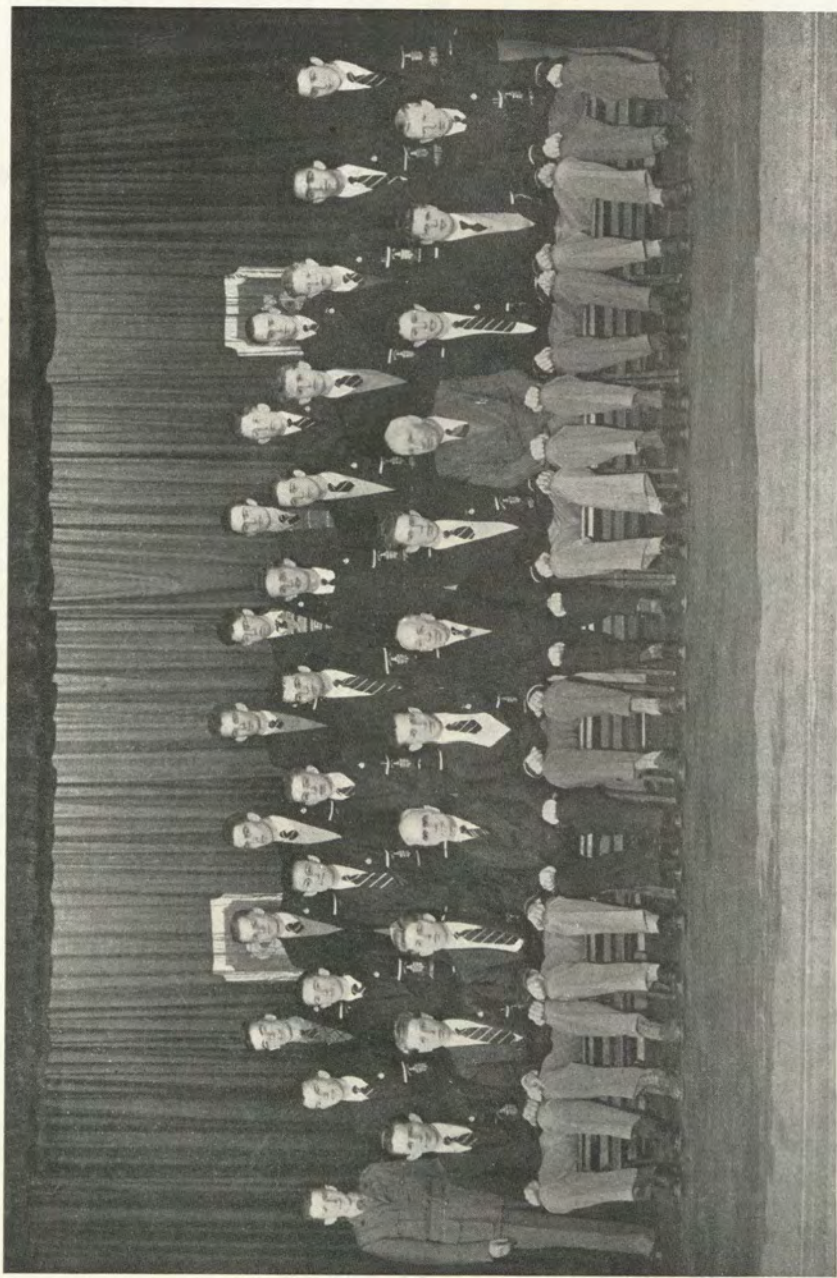
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Kilgour: Messrs. Hearse, Fitzpatrick.

Mearns: Mr. Bohman.

Williams: Mr. Kester.



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 P. Dawson, N. Gibbs.

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## Editorial

Life is a matter of "give and take." It is easier to take than to give and so most of us just take. Yet, unless someone gives, there must ultimately be nothing to take.

The Fifth Year boys, who are leaving us, have been, for five years, taking what the School has to offer. Some of them, unthinkingly, have contributed little worth while to the School. They have taken what they wanted of its learning, its sport, its amenities and its companionship. Some have made no return except what might add to their own glory or profit.

If they take the same attitude into their adult life, they will merely add to the deplorable self-seeking of our modern community life. And yet (as the prospective leaders of the people), in them, is the only hope of some amelioration. Unless they are prepared to consider service to the community at least as important as self-aggrandisement, their education for life has been a failure.

They must now learn that the moral health of a country depends on the subordination rather than the assertion of self. They must use the learning and training gained from their school for the service of their fellows and try to make the world a better place because they have lived in it.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CAPTAIN

As the year draws to a close so does the most memorable, the most thrilling, the happiest year of my life. My connection with Fort Street over the last five years has given me a pleasure I am sure I shall never forget.

In the near future we, I and this year's prefects, shall be handing over responsibilities to a group of fourth year students. As yet this group has not been appointed, but if the sincerity and enthusiasm which has been shown this year by the fourth years is an indication I feel sure that whoever are selected, the school will be in capable hands for next year.

However, I should like to advise everybody in the school that although it is very important to have leadership through your prefects it is impossible to maintain the standards and the prestige which have been built up over the last hundred and two years unless every Fortian is willing to shoulder his share of the burden in carrying the greatest school there is to yet greater heights.

I should like to thank the vice-captain, Peter Williams, and the wonderful group of prefects who never failed in their loyal support and co-operation throughout the year and I think I can safely say that they have set an example which has rarely been equalled. I have never seen twenty-eight men work so hard as these prefects. They worked hard because the school means something to them — it is more than a few thousand bricks cemented together. If every one of you could learn to follow this example, learn to love your school and learn to be proud that you are a pupil of a school which has no equal, then Fort Street shall continue to remain at the top in all spheres of activity.

I speak to the junior school in particular when I say that, although only a minority of you at present have had an opportunity to share in the running of the school, every one of you has a duty to the home you will have for the next few years. This duty is to carry the banner of Fort Street not only in scholastic achievements but also in conduct and bearing outside the school. In Napoleon's army "every soldier had a field-marshal's baton in his knapsack" — in Fort Street every one has the opportunity of training himself, under the guidance of a wonderful staff, for a successful future.

In my last three years at the school I have attempted to take an active interest, in every section of the activities connected with it. I found that the more I did for the school the more I realised that the debt I owed to the school was beyond repayment. My determination to try and carry on the famous saga of achievement which is connected with the name Fort Street grew accordingly.

Throughout my stay at the school I have noticed the helpful guidance given to the whole school by Mr. Mearns, our Headmaster, and Mr Austin, our Deputy-Headmaster. However, it was not until this year that I realised fully just how hard they work to ensure that the school and the prefects receive the best of everything.

I should also like to thank, on behalf of the prefects, the entire staff and especially those who have helped us in our duties and who have given us an occasional word of advice, in order to retain a smooth-running co-operation.

Thanks are due also to Mr. Shea for his help throughout.

Finally I thank you, Fortians, for the wonderful spirit you have shown. You have risen to great heights this year and it has been a pleasure to be associated with you, one and all. I ask one thing of you—work hard, be true to your school and its ideals.

Honour your God, serve your King, your country and your school, be proud to salute your flag and what it stands for. Then I am sure that the maroon and white of Fort Street shall always lead the way.

ALEC MERCER,  
School Captain.

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My earnest advice to all who sit in the class-rooms of Fort Street, is to remember that the true Fortian is the one who is loyal to his school and forever jealous of its good name.

—The message of P. Williams to  
the School.

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### THE RADIO CLUB.

Yes, it's on again! The Radio Club, which closed down last year, will start this term. It will be run by the boys, advised by Mr. Wells.

The club does theory and practical work on radio, morse code, and occasional visits to factories which manufacture radio parts.

An open invitation is extended to all prospective members, who will be quite welcome and find the meetings very interesting.

Watch the notice-board for further particulars.

P. TAYLOR (2D)  
Secretary.



# Examination Results, 1950

## 1.—LEAVING CERTIFICATE.

### Key to Subjects:

- |                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. English.      | 9. Modern History   |
| 2. Latin.        | 13 Physics.         |
| 3. French.       | 14. Chemistry.      |
| 4. German.       | 18. Geography.      |
| 5. Maths. I.     | 19. Economics.      |
| 6. Maths. II.    | 20. Music (Theory). |
| 7. General Maths | 34. Japanese.       |

- ALLAN, G. J. M.: 1B 7B 9B 14B 19A.  
 BALDERSON, J.: 1B 3B (o) 5B 6B 18A.  
 BARTHOLOMEUS, B. P.: 1B 5B 6B 19B.  
 BARNES, C.J.: 1B 5B 6B 13A.  
 BAXTER, V. J.: 1A 3B 5H (1) 6H (2) 13A 14A.  
 BISARO, R.: 1A 3B 9A 18A 19A.  
 BROWN, J. M.: 1A 3A (o) 5B 6H (2) 13A 14B.  
 BRYANT, G. J.: 1B 2A 3H (1) (o) 4B (o) 7B 18A.  
 CABRERA, A. K. 1A 3A (o) 5H (2) 6A 20A.  
 CAMERON, T. J.: 5B 6B 13B 14B.  
 CAPARE, J. A.: 1B 3H (2) (o) 5A 6A 34B.  
 CHAPMAN, W. W.: 1B 5B 6B 14B 18A.  
 CHEESEMAN, J. G.: 1B 5B 6B 19B.  
 COLEMAN, B. J.: 1A 3A (o) 5A 6A 14H (2) 34B.  
 COWGILL, M. W.: 1B 5B 6B 18H (2) 19A.  
 COWL, J. A.: 1A 3A (o) 7B 9H (2) 14A 19B.  
 ELGOOD, E. J.: 5B 6B 13B 14A.  
 EWAN, J. A.: 1B 5B 6B 18A 19A.  
 FICHTMANN, M.: 1A 3B (o) 4B (o) 9B 19B.  
 FREEMAN, K. D.: 1A 3B (o) 5A 6A 13A 14A.  
 GLOVER, D. R.: 1B 3B (o) 5B 6B 19B.  
 GLOVER, R. A.: 1B 5B 6B 19B.  
 HALBERT, T. J.: 1B 3B (o) 5B 9A 19A.  
 HARLAND, G. J.: 1B 3B(o) 7B 19B.  
 HESPE, F. S.: 1A 3A (o) 5B 6B 13A 14A.  
 HIATT, G. J.: 1B 3A (o) 5B 6B 13A 14H(2).  
 HORNE, L. F.: 1A 9B 14B 19B.  
 HUGHES, R. G. 1B 7B 9A 18A 34B.  
 INGRAM, L. G.: 1A 5B 18A 19B.  
 JOHNSTONE, B.: 1A 3A (o) 5B 6B 18A.  
 JOSEPH, R. H.: 1B 3A (o) 5B 6B 9B 19B.  
 KENCH, C. T.: 1B 2B 7B 9A.  
 KEOUGH, M. J. P.: 1A 3H (1) (o) 4B (o) 7B 18B 19B.  
 LAMB, B. S.: 1B 7A 18B 19B.  
 LESLIE, W. R.: 1A 3B 9B 18B 19B.  
 LEVI, R. S.: 1A 3B 18B 19B.  
 LOGAN, J. G. S.: 1A 3A (o) 5H (2) 6H (2) 13A 14A.  
 LOWTHER, G. T.: 1B 3B 5B 18B.  
 LUKINS, H. B.: 1B 3B 5B 6B 13A 18H(1).  
 MALOUF, S. A.: 1B 2A 3A 5A 6B 14B.  
 MANEFIELD, B. L.: 1B 5B 6A 13A 14A.  
 MASON, A. J.: 1H (1) 3A 5B 6B 9H(2) 19A.  
 MEE LING, A.: 1A 3B 5B 6B 14A 19B.  
 MOSS, R. F.: 1B 5B 6B 13B.  
 MOURNEY, D. J.: 1B 5B 6B 14B.  
 NEWLING, J. E.: 1B 7B 9B 19B.  
 ORR, M. W.: 1B 5B 6B 14A 19B.  
 PHILLIPS, B.: 1B 7B 9B 18H (1) 19B.  
 RAMM, J. T.: 1B 5B 13B 18A.  
 REID, R. W. S.: 1B 2B 3B 9B.  
 ROCHESTER, J. A.: 1B 3B 7B 18B.  
 RUNCIE, D. G.: 1A 5B 6B 13A 14A.  
 SCOTT, D. B.: 1B 7B 9B 18A 19B.  
 SHARPE, F. G.: 1B 5B 9B 18H(1).  
 SHELDRIK, G. K.: 1B 3B 9B 18B 19B.  
 SMALL, R. B.: 1A 3A 7B 9B 14A 19A.  
 SNELSON, N. F.: 1B 3B 7A 13B 29B.  
 SPARGO, A. G.: 1B 3B (o) 5B 6B 14B.  
 SPARTALIS, P.: 1A 3A (o) 5B 6B 19B.  
 STANFORD, G. D.: 1B 5B 6B 19B.  
 STEAD, F. R.: 1A 3B (o) 6B 13B 19B.  
 STRONG, B. A.: 1B 5B 6B 14B 19B.  
 STOCKMAN, J.: 1B 6B 14B 18H (2).  
 SWEET, N. A.: 1A 5B 6B 13B 14A.  
 TAYLOR, B. W.: 1B 7B 18B 19B.  
 THOMAS, R.: 1B 3A (o) 7B 9A 34B.  
 THOMAS, O. W.: 1B 3B 5B 6B 9A 19B.  
 TRAHAIR, N. S.: 1A 3B 5H (2) 6H (1) 13A 14A.  
 TUCKWELL, L. A.: 1B 2A 3B(o) 5B 6B 14B.  
 WALTERS, A. G.: 1B 3B 5B 6B 13A 14A.  
 WELLINGS, J.: 5B 6B 13B 18B.  
 WHITEBROOK, B. R.: 1B 5B 6B 9B 19B.  
 WILLIAMS, A. L.: 1B 5B 6B 13B 14B.  
 WILLIAMS, E. J.: 1A 3A (o) 5B 6B 18A 34H(2).  
 WILSON, G. J.: 1A 3A(o) 4B 7B 18H(1).  
 WRIGHT, P. R.: 1A 3A 7B 9B 18A 19B.

### Leaving Certificate.

#### UNIVERSITY BURSARIES:

J. Logan, A. Mason.

#### UNIVERSITY EXHIBITIONS:

Arts: A. Mason, G. Bryant.

Medicine: J. Brown, D. Runcie.

Engineering: F. Hespe, L. Logan, N. Trahair.

Veterinary Science: V. Baxter.

Dentistry: G. Hiatt.

#### COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP:

V. Baxter, J. Brown, G. Bryant, A. Cabrera, F. Hespe, G. Hiatt, J. Logan, H. Lukins, A. Mason, A. Mee Ling, D. Runcie, R. Small, P. Spartalis, R. Thomas, N. Trahair, E. Williams, G. Wilson.

## HONOURS:

**English:** A. Mason.  
**Modern History:** A. Mason, J. Cowl.  
**French:** G. Bryant, M. Keough, J. Capore.  
**Mathematics I:** V. Baxter, J. Logan, A. Cabrera, N. Trahair.  
**Mathematics II:** N. Trahair, J. Brown, V. Baxter, J. Logan.  
**Chemistry:** B. Coleman, G. Hiatt.  
**Geography:** F. Sharpe, H. Lukins, B. Phillips, G. Wilson, R. Toms, J. Stockman, M. Cowgill, D. Dunshea.  
**Japanese:** E. Williams.

## BEST AGGREGATE PASSES AT LEAVING CERTIFICATE:

J. Logan, N. Trehair, A. Mason, V. Baxter, A. Cabrera, B. Coleman.

## BEST PASSES AT LEAVING CERTIFICATE:

**English:** A. Mason, J. Cowl, J. Logan.  
**Latin:** L. Tuckwell, G. Bryant, S. Malouf.  
**French:** G. Bryant, M. Keough, J. Capare.  
**German:** M. Keough, G. Bryant, M. Fichtman.  
**Japanese:** E. Williams, R. Thomas, J. Capare.  
**Mathematics I:** V. Baxter, J. Logan, A. Logan, A. Cabrera.  
**Mathematics II:** N. Trehair, J. Brown, V. Baxter and J. Logan equal.  
**General Mathematics:** W. Thorncroft, N. Snelson, B. Lamb.  
**Modern History:** A. Mason, J. Cowl, R. Hughes and O. Thomas aeq.  
**Physics:** F. Hesper and N. Trehair, aeq., V. Baxter, J. Brown.  
**Chemistry:** B. Coleman, G. Hiatt, N. Trahair.  
**Geography:** F. Sharpe, H. Lukins and B. Phillips (aeq.), G. Wilson.  
**Economics:** P. Spartalis, A. Mason, R. Small.

## INTERMEDIATE BURSARIES:

121 Passes.

D. Christopher, J. Gray, A. Gray, W. Howard, K. Lindsay, B. Mewes, F. Peisah, P. Rennie, J. Sharp, D. Steen, J. Wild, J. Levi.

## Winners of Special Prizes

**Killeen Memorial Prize for Dux of School:** John G. Logan.  
**Lodge Fortian Prize for Proficiency:** (Senior): Nicholas S. Trehair; (Junior): John Yu.  
**Sender Memorial Prize for Scholar displaying finest spirit in Sport, Studies and General School Activities:** John Butt.  
**The Headmaster's Prize for School Service:** Colin Kench.  
**John Hunter Prize for best student entering Faculty of Medicine:** John Brown.  
**Verco Prize for Mathematics:** Victor Baxter.

**Frederick Bridges' Memorial Prize for French:** Geoffrey Bryant.  
**Charles N. Harrison Memorial Prize for English:** Arthur Mason.  
**John Hills Memorial Prize for Fourth Year Scholar displaying outstanding qualities:** Alec. Mercer.  
**Taylor Memorial Prize for Geography:** Fenton Sharpe.  
**Bertram Stevens Prize for Economics:** Peter Spartalis, D. Gum, 4th year.  
**Herbert Percival Williams Shakespearean Prize:** John Cowl.  
**Baxendale Memorial Prizes for English:** 5th, Arthur Mason; 4th, Leslie Seiffert; 3rd, John Yu; 2nd, Maurice White; 1st, Warwick Easton.  
**Johnson Memorial Prize for Sportsmanship:** (Senior) Max Cowgill; (Junior) Young Lee.  
**Raymond Sly Memorial Prize for Music:** Ian McLeod.  
**Lt.-Col. Irvine Memorial Prize for Leadership and example in Cadets:** Colin Kench.  
**Evatt Memorial Prize:** Arthur Mason.

## First Year.

**Dux:** Warwick Easton.  
**2nd:** David Tow.  
**English:** Warwick Easton.  
**Mathematics I:** Warwick Easton.  
**Mathematics II:** Warwick Easton, Raymond Binns.  
**Social Studies:** Noel Harrison.  
**Latin:** David Tow.  
**French:** Ian McLeod.  
**El. Science:** Philip Lindsay.

## Second Year.

**Dux:** William Westwood.  
**2nd:** Timothy Trahair.  
**English:** Maurice White.  
**Latin:** Philip Bennett.  
**French:** Philip Southwell.  
**German:** William Westwood.  
**Japanese:** John Geldard.  
**Mathematics I:** Timothy Trahair.  
**Mathematics II:** William Westwood.  
**El. Science:** Timothy Trehair.  
**History:** Kevin Bennett  
**Geography:** Graham Hurd.  
**Bus. Principles:** Brian Norris.  
**2B:** Arthur Grattan.  
**2C:** Kevin Bennett.  
**2D:** Brian Norris.

## Third Year.

**Dux:** John Yu.  
**2nd:** Allan Potter.  
**English:** John Yu.  
**Latin:** John Yu, Robert Easton.  
**French:** Warwick Kent.  
**Japanese:** David Johnstone.  
**Soc. Studies:** Warwick Kent.  
**Mathematics I:** Allan Potter, Paul Wassall.  
**Mathematics II:** John Yu.  
**El. Science:** John Yu.  
**Bus. Principles:** Paul Wassall.  
**Geography:** William Pender, Alan Aitken.

**Fourth Year.**

**Dux:** Leslie Seiffert.  
**2nd:** Brian Field.  
**English:** Leslie Seiffert.  
**Latin:** Leslie Seiffert.  
**French:** Leslie Seiffert.  
**German:** Leslie Seiffert.  
**Mathematics I:** Michael Newman.

**Mathematics II:** Michael Newman.  
**General Mathematics:** Leslie Seiffert.  
**Chemistry:** Brian Field.  
**Physics:** Kenneth Sayers.  
**History:** Robert Young.  
**Economics:** Dennis Gum.  
**Geography:** Max Jones.  
**Japanese:** Max Jones, Ron Harper (aeq.).

**OUR SCHOOL CAPTAIN OF 1951**

In 1947 Alec Mercer entered first year at Fort Street as a tall small student, small in comparison with the boys in higher years but tall in comparison with his fellow new arrivals. He quickly made his mark in 1A

as class captain and in sport and scholarship showed himself among the best. He gained the Baxendale Memorial Prize for English.

In 2A he continued his progress and also won the 10st. 7lbs. boxing championship.

In his third year he played fourth grade football for his school and revealed that talent which was to promote him to the first grade in his next year. In that year too he began to show his outstanding prowess as a golfer and capped numerous successes by winning the under 15 schoolboys' golf championship and being runner-up in the open. As a scholar he won the Japanese prize and an Intermediate Bursary.

In 1950 he won the golfing crown by winning the under 16 championship and the open championship. He shared in the foursomes of the Roselands Club which invited him to join it after his open success. There was little doubt that he would be the choice of boys and staff as Captain for 1951. The John Hall Memorial Prize was given him.

In 1951 he has been a member of the Premiership winning first grade football team and was chosen to play for Combined High Schools against Duntroon.

This has not been a full record of our Captain's sporting deeds. He has been a trier in all sports. As Captain, his popularity, firmness and leadership have contributed greatly to the smooth running of the school life. We wish him well-deserved success in the Leaving Certificate and in the future career in the world.

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.**

- (1) The Head is thine only Boss. Thou shalt have none other heads but him.
- (2) Thou shalt not enter the classroom during Recess.
- (3) Thou shalt not take thy master's name in vain, even if he doth not hold thee guiltless and giveth thee an imposition.
- (4) Six days shalt thou rest and enjoy thyself; on the Sabbath shalt thou do thy homework. Likewise, remember to keep holy the Wednesday afternoon.
- (5) Honour the prefect in the tuckshop. Neither attempt to tread on his corns
- nor to injure his person, for he stands between thee and the results of hasty eating.
- (6) Thou shalt not steal—from class to the tuckshop.
- (7) Thou shalt not murder—foreign languages.
- (8) Thou shalt not adulterate the midnight oil.
- (9) Thou shalt not proffer false excuses for thy lateness or thy absence.
- (10) Thou shalt not covet thy master's car, nor get a ride therein.

—Adapted by W. H.

## SPEECH DAY.

1st MAY, 1951.

The function commenced with a rendition of the school song, followed by an address by the chairman, Mr. J. H. Fisher. Mr. Fisher is President of the Parents and Citizens' Association. He announced that several of the personalities invited, including the Minister for Education, Mr. Heffron, were unable to attend, and he expressed the hope that they would be able to appear in the near future. Mr. Fisher congratulated those boys who won prizes and said that this should be a spur for unsuccessful pupils to better their previous results. He added, however, that individual brilliance does little to make a school famous and it is team functioning, in which every boy participates that leads to continued success.

Following a rendition of the "Riff Song" by Hines, accompanied by McCloud, the Headmaster tendered the annual school report. In this Mr. Mearns remarked upon the change from speech night to speech day, and explained that this was due to power failures. He drew attention to the facts that the new Internal Intermediate Certificate was considerably harder than the former External Examination and that there is not yet an Economics Honours paper at the Leaving Certificate. He concluded by thanking the Ladies' Committee and all other bodies connected with the school and expressing the view that the only way for the school to progress is by regular, serious study.

In the sports report, Mr. D. O'Sullivan, briefly outlined the sporting activities of the year, emphasising the triumphs of Hendricks, Taylor and others who brought credit to both themselves and the school.

Mr. A. D. Bridges, M.L.C., grandson of the late Frederick Bridges, gave an inspiring speech on the history and progress of the school. He said that many changes have occurred and that success was due in no small measure to a loyal and proved staff. He also stated that "the younger people should be wondering whether something cannot be done by the present generation to remedy the disastrous state of world affairs." Before a hushed audience he recounted the pathetic story of a disabled man's fight and victory for independence. He urged perseverance and ended by saying: "The future is in the hands of the boys and girls of to-day."

With his frank and human speeches Mr. Bridges has established himself as a popular speaker and his addresses are always well received.

During intervals the choir sang "The Song of the Shipbuilders," "Jerusalem" and "The Changing of the Guard."

After "The Changing of the Guard" the prizes were awarded by Mrs. Mearns and Mrs. Selle, and a vote of thanks was tendered to the chairman, Mr. Fisher.

The ceremony was concluded by the playing of the national anthem.

## CHESS CLUB, 1951.

This year Fort Street entered four teams in the inter-school competitions. Although official results are not yet to hand, the A grade team, which consisted of M. F. Newman (5), D. Fraser (5A), T. Trahair (3A), B. Field (5A) and P. Watkins (3B), finished 3rd or 4th in its division.

The B grade team suffered only one defeat and probably finished second in its section. This team consisted of I. Cooke (5), S. Bohman (5A), B. Welland (4A), W. Thompson (2A) and J. Davis (4A) but received the valuable assistance of K. Forrester (5A) in several home matches.

The C team also seems likely to gain second place in its section. This team was G. Berry (2B), W. Peck (2B), W. Harrison (2A), D. Tow (2A) and D. Podger (4D). The C2 team consisted of several promising 1st year players who

gained valuable experience although their team failed to gain a high placing.

In the Australian Junior Championship, Sydney, January, 1951, Fort Street was one of the two schools allowed two entrants. They were H. Pang and M. Newman, who finished 7th and 8th (aeq.) respectively.

In the 1951 N.S.W. Junior Championship, Fort Street had four entries. The placings gained were M. Newman, 2nd (aeq.) in the Under 18 Section; D. Fraser and B. Welland, 3rd (tied) and P. Watkins 5th (aeq.) in the Under 16 Section.

This report would not seem complete without an expression of thanks to Mr. Treharne for the valuable work he has done on behalf of the club during the year, and to Mr. Shea and the cleaners for their patience and assistance in the many matches played at Fort Street.

—R. ADAIR.

## FATHER AND SON EVENING.

10th MARCH, 1951.

In the opening address of this annual function the President of the Ladies' Committee, Mrs. W. A. Selle, extended a warm welcome to visitors and introduced, as chairman for the evening the Headmaster, Mr. Mearns.

Mr. Mearns in his speech called for co-operation in school work as well as in sport, and requested junior boys especially to set the foundations for leaving certificate successes in the future.

Following the headmaster, the school captain, Alec Mercer, stressed the debt all Fortians, present and past, owe to the school and deplored the attack in the correspondence columns of the "Sydney Morning Herald," by a former Fortian on recent Fort Street Leaving Certificate passes. To conclude his inspiring oration, he seconded Mr. Mearns in the drive to unite the school into a working team and appealed for all to strive to raise the school's position even higher in Australian and world education.

The Deputy-Headmaster, Mr. D. J. Austin, replied.

Mr. Mearns proposed an address upon the subject of "Fathers." This was replied

to by Mr. A. D. Bridges, M.L.C., who attended the Fort Street of 35 years ago. Both the headmaster and Mr. Bridges stressed the importance of serious, constant home studies in which the boy is aided, to a sensible degree, by the father.

The school was fortunate in engaging the services of Dexter, the Magician, for the evening. Dexter delivered three very polished performances, ably aided by June, the "girl with the marvellous memory." Together they entertained the audience, in periods between speeches.

To end an enjoyable evening the audience adjourned to supper tables prepared by the Ladies' Committee. The committee, which is the body which provides food and entertainment for most important school functions, deserves great praise for their untiring efforts in preparing for such a large number of visitors. Mr. F. Treharne, who conducted the choir, is also to be congratulated for the manner in which the choir sang during the evening. Their success was primarily due to his patient training.

The company stood for the King.

—R. ADAIR.

## LADIES' COMMITTEE REPORT.

In presenting my second report as secretary of this committee, it is with intense gratification that I recount the activities of the past year.

At the close of last year, the Father and Son Banquet, at which the 5th year boys said their farewells to the school and to their comrades, was catered for by the ladies of the committee.

The Term Dances were held, as usual, through the year and proved to be very happy social gatherings with which to round off the ending of the term.

We felt that the masters' luncheon, which we were pleased to present as a gesture of appreciation for the assistance which is given to our sons, was the most successful yet held.

The Father and Son evening, held in March was a function of which we were very proud. We were fortunate to obtain the services of Mr. Colin Palmer as entertainer and the evening went with a swing that has not been attained on previous occasions. The ladies also provided a splendid supper and I would personally like to thank those boys who entered so well into the spirit of the occasion, to help with the entertainment.

It gave us pleasure to serve refreshments to the visitors and the masters, following the ceremonies of speech day.

The annual debate was also enhanced by the provision of afternoon tea for the boys and their visitors.

A set of encyclopaedia was presented to the school library by the committee, and we were happy to present a flag to the School Cadet Corps.

Before I bring this report to a close I would like to congratulate the masters who are responsible for the arrangement of the programmes of the athletic and swimming carnivals. The clockwork precision with which the events are run, reflects great credit on their organising ability.

The boys, under the able leadership of Alec Mercer have always been at hand when we needed them, and for their help we thank them.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend to Mr. Mearns and his staff our gratitude for their co-operation throughout the year, and to offer to them and to the boys, our best wishes for the year to come.

—J. ROTHWELL, Hon. Sec.

## EMPIRE DAY, 1951.

Empire Day was celebrated by an assembly called together in the Memorial Hall to listen to addresses by three representatives of the senior years. Leslie Seiffert representing 5th year, Warwick Kent 4th year, and Maurice White, 3rd year.

Owing to the shortage of space we are able to print only one of these speeches. Below is a copy of the address given by the 5th year representative, Leslie Seiffert.

Empire Day is a time to look both backwards and forwards. We look back on the record of the past — a record that is not without its highlights and great moments. But Empire Day, with all its patriotic flag-waving and song singing, is not a day on which to practise self-deception. Every idol has its feet of clay, and the British Empire is no exception. The activities of Clive and others in India, for instance, present cases of well-nigh unparalleled criminal actions and rapacious plundering, of high-handed robbery and underhand extortion. Such activities, however, are common to all "Imperialist" adventures, and this much can be said for Britain, that she knew better than most where to draw the line. Moreover, with the decay of the Mercantile (or Old Colonial) System, Britain led the world in the granting of self-government to colonies; and she did this in such a way as would enable these colonies to reap the full benefit of their new-found autonomy. Australia, for instance, was granted full independence only when she had developed a certain amount of national and intellectual life of her own.

Far more important, however, than looking back over the past, is looking forward to the future, and surveying the role that the British Empire (or the British Commonwealth of Nations, to give it the correct title) must play in the modern world.

Britain is unique among empires. The Empire of Rome consisted of the Roman elite on one hand, and of slaves on the other. The colonial empires of Spain and Portugal existed solely for the benefit of the aristocracy of Spain and Portugal. The Empire of France existed for the glory of Napoleon Bonaparte, the grandson of an Italian peasant, who had intrigued his way up from the lowest rung of the social ladder to the throne of France, and whose practical vocabulary did not include the words "mercy" or "selflessness." The German Empire was an institution where the citizen was regarded as just another private in the army — a spare part in a machine which functioned for the greater glory of the Vaterland and the Kaiser. And the Austrian Empire, though Austria and Hungary were nominally independent with identity of sovereigns, really existed for the glory and benefit of the House of Habsburg, whose head, the King-Emperor,

played the various conflicting elements of his empire against each other to maintain his own supremacy.

The British Empire, however, is made up of a number of self-governing dominions that recognize the same head: the King of Great Britain and Ireland and the King of the British Dominions beyond the seas. Apart from this recognition of one King, and the bonds of friendship—almost of family relationship—with the Mother Country, the Dominions are completely independent. Each one, moreover, is a democracy: and that is where the Empire must play a major part in the world of to-day.

We are living in a world where the very foundations of democracy are threatened by another vastly different form of so-called civilization: the form of government where the virtues of the citizen—a person who does as he is told and makes no question of Ayes and Noes—are exalted above the virtues of the individual—a person who stands up and says what he thinks, and whose government will respect him for so doing and will protect him against hotheads who disagree with him. This government of the citizen by the State for the State is known by different names in different parts of the world, but basically it remains the same: the despotism of the king or the emperor has been succeeded by that of the dictator or the oligarchy. Mussolini in Italy, Hitler in Germany, Franco in Spain, Peron in Argentina, are all examples that occur readily to the mind. The classic example, of course, is that of Russia, where in 1917 the "Great Russian People" overthrew the despotic Tsar and Autocrat of all the Russians and woke up one year later to the fact that the iron rule of the Little White Father had been replaced with that of the Big Brother. It is from Russia that the greatest threat is coming today, and it is against Russia that we must direct for the moment our full energies.

Our fathers and grandfathers fought for our individual liberty and freedom; it is our duty to cherish these ideals, and safeguard them against those who would take them from us. The British Empire, as one of the world's leading democratic institutions, must play a major part in the forthcoming ideological struggle between freedom and oppression. And whenever in the future despotisms and dictatorships arise — as they must arise, for the world is not yet fully prepared for the New Order of democracy—Britain will be in the forefront of the nations against them.

For it is for the glorious ideals of freedom and democracy that Britain has always stood; and while these ideals are still cherished and respected by men, Britain and her Empire will be a force, if only spiritually, for the good of the world.

## PLAY DAY, 1951.

The Thirtieth Annual Play Day was held on 15th and 16th August, and proved to be a great success. All plays were well handled and presented and they were duly acclaimed by a very well behaved and receptive audience.

Mr. Dempsey, whose work in the field of dramatics is well known, made the selection of plays to be performed over the two play nights. Those chosen were:—

"Ned Kelly" (4th year), "The Reunion" (4A), "Tom Thumb the Great" (4B), "Tom Sawyer" (2C), "The Quack Doctor" (1A) and "Pirates of Penzance."

\* The school is indebted to Mr. Dempsey for his valuable assistance in the various productions, and to the members of the staff who sacrificed their time to make the Play Days and Nights, the success they were.

Recognition must be given to the fine work of the scene-shifters, and also to those boys who provided the musical items, which were of very high standard.

Below is a brief comment on each play:—

### 1A—"The Quack Doctor."

This play was very well done by its first year cast, and fully deserved its selection for Play Night. Acting honours go to Fell and Lawson, who played "Gregory" and "Sir Jasper" respectively, and who gave very good interpretations of their parts. Good support was provided by Irvine and Bligh.

### 1B—"Gipsy Gay":

Although well presented and produced it failed to capture the interest of its critical audience. Some of the diction was rather poor, but nevertheless it was obvious that the actors were doing their best. Bellamy, Wright, Rothwell and Reeson gave the best performances.

### 1C—"King John and the Abbot of Canterbury":

This play was quite well done, the actors were endeavouring to give their best performances. Morphew was quite good as the shepherd and all the others gave good support.

### 2A—"The House with Twisty Windows":

This play proved a little too difficult for a second year cast, and consequently was not as good as it could have been. Sampson as Lady Ponting was very good.

### 2B—"The King Melon":

A very good play, this deserves special mention, as, during the more important period of its production, it was without a

producer. Nevertheless, the cast combined to give a very good display. Sinclair gave the best female impersonation of the day.

### 2C—"Tom Sawyer":

Succeeding in capturing the authentic Mark Twain feeling, this play was quite well done. Some scenes proved to be too drawn out and it did not seem to be of "Play Night" quality.

### 4A—"The Reunion":

This was undoubtedly the best performance of Play Day. Excellently produced and presented, it succeeded in winning the attention and praise of all who saw it. The cast combined well to give a fine, polished performance. No one was outstanding, but the whole cast, consisting of Selle, Rennie, Howard, Brodie, Podger and Alcock deserves mention.

### 4B—"Tom Thumb the Great":

Though this was not outstanding as a comedy, the whole cast proved themselves enthusiastic and combined well to produce a well received effect. Langtry as the King, gave excellent melodramatic acting and good support was provided by all other actors.

### 4D—"The Londonderry Air":

Though well acted and carefully produced this play was not well received by the audience and this seriously affected what was otherwise a good production. B. Olds as Hiram gave an excellent performance.

### 4E—"A Distant Relative":

This play was very well done, being excellently produced and performed, and it was surprising that it was not selected for a night performance. Lemon as "Gus" gave a fine performance and showed natural ability as a comedian.

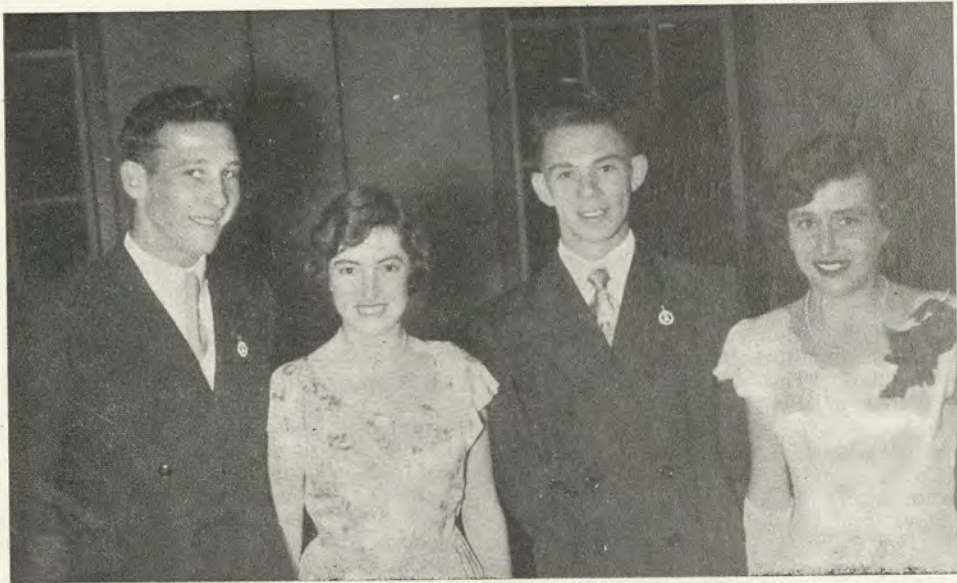
### "Pirates of Penzance":

This was quite a good performance and the boys were obviously trying to do their best. Special mention must be made of Hill who played Ruth—he had only one day's notice before the Play Day. Mention must also be made of Hunter, Saxby, Truda and the boys who gave fine female impersonations. Ian McCleod provided the musical accompaniment.

### 4th Year—"Ned Kelly":

Although not as well done as in the Conservatorium performance (see elsewhere in this magazine) this was well presented. Acting laurels went to G. McIntyre, T. Rippingale and N. Delaney.

—WARWICK KENT.



Seen at the Annual Ball in the School Hall were Alec Mercer (School Captain), Rosemary Randell (Captain of Fort Street Girls), Peter Williams (Vice-Captain) and Molly Firth (Vice-Captain of Fort Street Girls).

## THE ANNUAL BALL.

The 1951 Annual Ball was held on June 29th in the School Hall, proving to be a great success — both socially and financially.

An excellent orchestra provided music for the large crowd of present and past Fortians, and by way of a change, an exhibition of ballroom and square dancing was arranged. Everything was in full swing soon afterwards, for the whole hall joined in the square dancing, which further added to the enjoyment of the evening.

The pleasantly tired couples were then escorted to the staff-room, where they were revived by an excellent buffet supper provided by the Ladies' Committee.

A special word of commendation must be added for the organisers, Messrs. McLellan and O'Sullivan, and the prefects who helped assiduously in regard to the decorations.

Such occasions will be eagerly awaited in the future.

The attendance at the dances held throughout the term has considerably increased this year, and we hope that those interested will come along in even greater numbers at such future functions. Good orchestras are provided and a really good time is assured for everyone.

—ROSS JONES.

## PLAY NIGHT, 1950.

Unfortunately no Play Day or Night was held in August and the Play Night presented on 8th December was confined to plays from First and Second Year classes. No rehearsals were held on the stage before 2nd December owing to the using of the Assembly Hall for public examinations. Nor could a dress rehearsal be held before Play Day on 7th December.

Despite the short time for preparation and the unpleasant weather of Play Night, the plays were well received by the public audience. Plays selected for Play Night were:—

- 1A: Great Aunt Jemina.
- 1B: A Cure for Colds.
- 2A: Humorous Scenes from "Twelfth Night."
- 2C: The Man with the Money.
- 2D: Smugglers' Ruse.

The outstanding acting performance was given by Westlake of 2A as Malvolio. His interpretation of a man "sick with self-love" was especially fine for a boy of thirteen. The most charming girl was presented by Hemmings of 2C.



## I. S. C. F. REPORT.

The cry in the opening stages of the French Revolution was "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity!" The greatness of their claim to these principles can be found by the reading of History — but the greatness of the cry "I.S.C.F." in the Music Room at lunch-time on Mondays and Fridays", can be found from conversation with a Fort Street boy.

You might ask, "For what does I.S.C.F. stand?" Well, it stands for (other than "The National Anthem"), Inter-school Christian Fellowship. Our meeting is opened with bright singing, followed by a talk by one of the boys (or once per month, by a visiting speaker). The talks are not theoretical or idealistic, but are practical and deal with the greatest difficulty in life — finding joy and happiness. We

try to make our talks pleasant and friendly and above all things try to make them humble.

For both lunch-time meetings depend upon the Prayer Meeting, held on Tuesday afternoon after school.

For those who like bush life, camps are held during the vacations. From time to time, house parties are held.

Our largest meeting was held in the Assembly Hall on Monday, 13th August, when D. Guinness spoke to us. There were over two hundred and twenty present, including a good number of the staff. I.S.C.F. claims: "If a person will make himself Christ's captive, he shall be free."

We invite all and everyone to come to all and any of our meetings.

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## LIBRARY REPORT.

The year 1950 was a vast improvement on the previous year, as the number of books added was 232. Up to August this year 52 books had been added, of which 17 had been donated. To the mathematically-minded the number of books in the library is 3,762, or an average of 5.3 books per capita of school population.

The library is extremely indebted to the Ladies' Committee for their generous donation of £55, which made possible the purchase of the new "Chamber's Encyclopaedia." This purchase has greatly benefited the school, as these books are in constant use, and are extremely useful to boys doing projects since they contain the most "up-to-date" information. Thanks are also due to the "Company of the Forgetful", which has contributed the sum of approximately £6.

However, we would like to encourage private donations, especially fiction books, as this means that the library can allocate more money to other spheres.

The library possesses a shelf of "Hansard" and also some very interesting booklets and pamphlets on industries and vocations, which contain a large amount of good information. The "National Geographic" is always in constant use, and has proved of great value and interest to the school.

Another very important section of the library is the "Reference" Section, where the student can find material such as dictionaries, encyclopaediae. These volumes may not be borrowed; however, the smaller

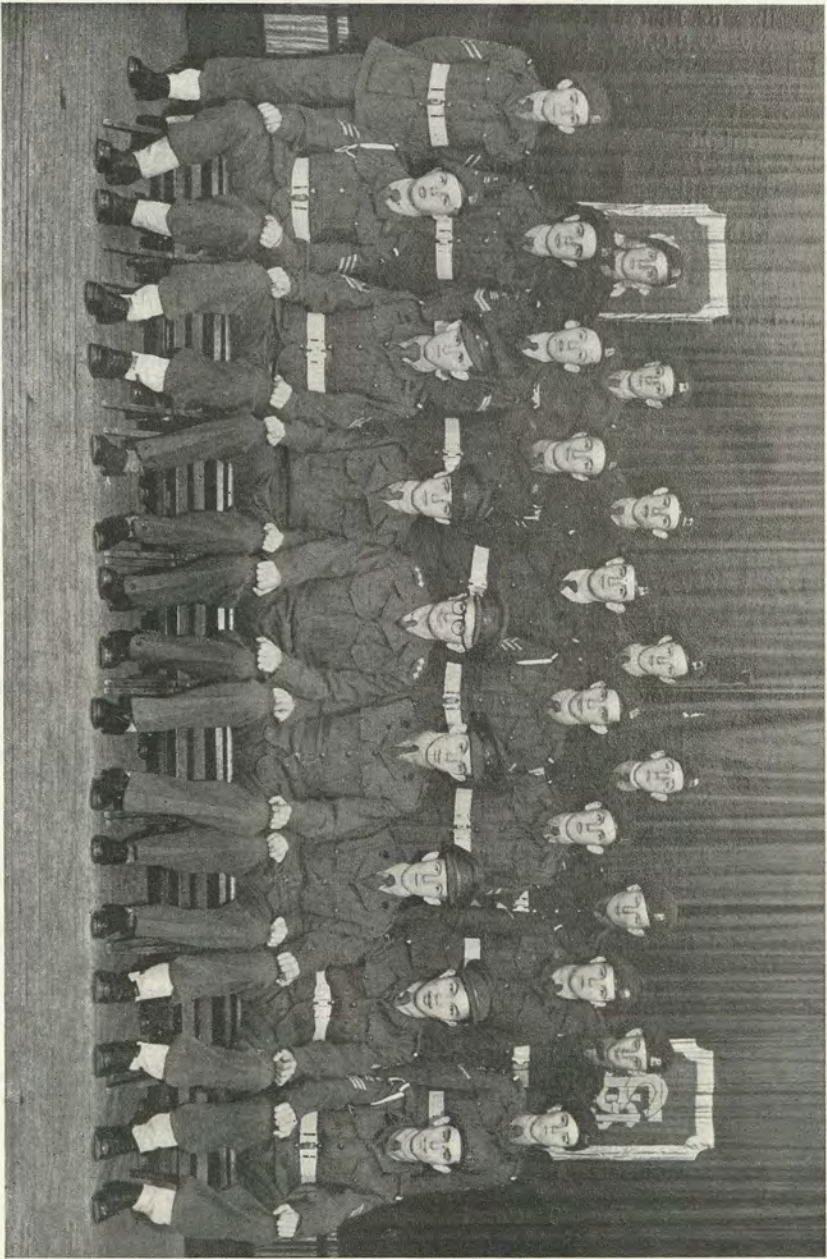
reference book is available for short borrowing periods, unless it is set aside for honours-students.

We will take this advantage to draw your attention to the growing number of newspaper cuttings taken from British American, and home papers. These cuttings are of great interest, and are invaluable for students doing project work.

In conjunction with the main library, Mr. Farlow is operating a mathematics library, which contains a great many interesting books. Not only does this section contain the usual maths. text-book, but also it has many books which deal with the lighter side of mathematics. Such subjects, as the history of Maths., and others dealing with mathematical tricks. Senior students, especially should use this important branch of the library.

The school is indebted to the Librarian, Mr. Barnard. As you know, Mr. Barnard gives up his lunch-hour for the library, and goes to great trouble to keep the institution running smoothly. It is expected of all boys to give him their utmost co-operation, by bringing in their books regularly.

In conclusion I would like to stress two main points. First, that you take great care of any book borrowed from the library and return it promptly, and secondly, that you cannot fail to benefit greatly from a continuous and proper use of the books at your disposal in the library.



CADET OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'s.

BACK ROW (L.-R.): L./Cpl. Hemmings, L./Cpl. Newsome, Cpl. Jarratt, L./Cpl. Fitzgerald, Cpl. Chinn, Cpl. Bow, L./Cpl. Precians. MIDDLE ROW (L.-R.): Cpl. White, Cpl. Westlake, Cpl. Jeffrey, L./Cpl. Alwood, Cpl. Martin, Sgt. Smith, Cpl. Sharpe, L./Cpl. Christopher, L./Cpl. Hill. FRONT ROW (L.-R.): Sgt. Arnold, Staff-Sgt. Ely, Cdt. Lieut. Howard, Capt. O'Sullivan, Cdt.-Lieut. Williams, Cdt.-Lieut. Precians, W.O. Young Lee, Sgt. Haliburton. ABSENT: Cdt.-Lieut. B. Phillips, Sgt. C. Melnyre, Lieut. K. McLellan.

## FORT STREET CADET UNIT.

Fort Street has maintained a high standard of training and discipline during the current year. Discipline in the unit does not mean merely obeying orders. It means doing your job to the best of your ability. It means "playing the game" in the Cadet Unit as fairly and as thoroughly as in any other school activity. Be as well behaved when travelling to and from school as you are on parade. Remember, every time you wear your uniform, you are conspicuous in the eyes of the public and your behaviour will reflect on your unit and the school you come from.

A number of Fort Street Cadets who have come under the National Service Scheme have benefited considerably by their training as members of the School Unit some have started off as N.C.O.'s and others were drafted to the Officers' Class which means a commission in a short time. A cadet must be efficient now-a-days to reap any benefit from his training and to be efficient for one training year he must (a) attend the Unit Parades for a total period of not less than 50 hours yearly; (b) complete the annual courses in small arms training; (c) attend an annual camp of not less than seven days' duration.

At present our unit strength is 130, not up to standard for a school like Fort Street. We should have at least 200 cadets and I would like to see an increase in numbers for H.M. The King's visit to Australia next year. We hope to have the Fort Street Unit issued with battle dress early next year. The unit colours will be presented early next year and a unit band is in formation. Fort Street Unit will, I hope, increase in numbers and efficiency and boys who intend joining the Unit next year should do so at the end of this year so as to have completed their initial training by next February.

We congratulate D. Chinn and K. Freeman in getting to Duntroon, that brings Fort Street Cadets at R.M.C. up to five.

The following cadets were successful at the potential Officers' School and qualified for their commissions in December, 1950: B. Phillips, G. Precians, W. Howard, G. Young Lee, J. Chapman. G. Young Lee acted as S.M. during the year. Cpls. Westlake, Rutherford and Chinn were successful at the N.C.O.'s School December, 1950, and at the N.C.O.'s class held at Fort Street the following cadets were the most successful; in order of merit, Cpl. Bow, Cpl. Martin, L./C. Precians, L./C. Allwood, L./C. Bryson.

A successful and enjoyable camp was held at Gan Gan during the May vacation. The weather was ideal, the food was good and the accommodation was comfortable. A very enjoyable day was spent on Twenty Mile Beach watching a display of precision firing by some of the larger weapons.

I wish to thank Lt. K. McLellan for his assistance during the year. The Cadet Lieutenants did a splendid job and I congratulate them on the N.C.O.'s class. Mr. Went is kept in touch with recent developments and is very interested in our activities. I wish to thank the O.C. No. 8 Battalion and his staff for their co-operation and our instructor, S.-M. Barr, for his keen interest in Fort Street Cadet Unit.

During the second term the school was honoured by a visit from Colonel Grant, an old Fortian, who is in charge of all Cadet Corps in Australia. He gave the school an interesting address about his travels around the world while in the army after he had passed through Duntroon, and then showed the school some interesting films on the life and the type of work carried on at the R.M.C. Duntroon, pointing out as he did so the excellent opportunities of advancement open to a Duntroon cadet.

### THE PRESENTATION OF NED KELLY AT THE CONSERVATORIUM.

As this is Australia's Jubilee Year, certain schools were asked to produce plays with Australian backgrounds. Fort Street was called upon to enact the concluding scenes of "Ned Kelly" by Douglas Stewart and with the help of Messrs. Barnard and Cunningham of the Fort Street staff, and of Mr. Dempsey, of the Education Department, the fourth year boys gave a very fine performance. Laurels went to G. McIntyre, who as Joe Byrne, stole the show and to Ripplingale, MacIndoe, Alcock and Delaney who as Ned Kelly, Mrs. Jones, the

hotel keeper, the policeman and Curnow the schoolmaster respectively, discharged their parts admirably. A test of the play's quality was the attendance on the 23rd and 25th of May of their fellow fourth year students, who are usually very critical of their school-mates' efforts, but this time they all declared that it was an "extremely good show."

These following boys also acted well: Dan Kelly, P. Jarratt; Steve Hart, K. Hocking; Jacky (son of Mrs. Jones the hotelkeeper), D. Podger; O'Riordan (railway employee), H. McNamara; Others—A. Aitken, A. Hill, P. Kenny, V. Levi, V. Smart and D. Steen.

—A. POTTER.

## DEBATING REPORT.

Debating this year was not as good as it might have been mainly because of the lack of enthusiasm among the senior school, especially fourth year. During this year there was a slight decline in the standard of the senior team, but this is no fault of the coach, Mr. Dasey, for he worked untiringly and spent a great deal of his time improving the debating of the teams.

Those participating in the Hume-Barbour competition this year were Leslie Seiffert, Brian Field, Michael Newman, Lance Johnson, Ross Reid. The Hume-Barbour team scored a narrow win over Hurlstone Agricultural College but was defeated by Homebush.

As well as the senior team there was also a junior team consisting of Winwood Howard, John Brodie, David Podger and Robert Easton as reserve. This team scored a win over Hurlstone but was narrowly defeated by Homebush.

During the year the Debating Society met weekly in the library to hold practice debates and to discuss debating matters in general. It was from these practice debates under the guidance of Mr. Dasey, that the teams gained much of their practical experience. At the beginning of the second term a team from Fort Street Girls' visited the school and the debate resulted in a draw. Later, during the same term, the Hume-Barbour team visited Fort Street Girls resulting in a defeat for the boys. Thus the girls have preserved their record that the "weaker sex" is invincible in an argument because for the past three years they have remained victorious. We should like to thank the girls for their hospitality when we visited them and we hope that they enjoyed their visit here as much, and that there will be many more of these debates in the future.

—WINWOOD HOWARD.

### LESLIE NEVILLE ROSE, M.A.

On 16th April, 1951, Les Rose retired from the permanent service of the Department of Education and simultaneously from the staff of Fort Street Boys' High where he had served continuously after January, 1919.



LESLIE NEVILLE ROSE, M.A.

Born on 16th April, 1887. After an education at Leichhardt Superior Public School and Sydney High School he became a shop assistant for a short time before entering the Teaching Service in 1904 as a pupil teacher on the princely salary of £40 per year. At the end of a further period of education at the Teachers' College and Hawkesbury Agricultural College he was appointed teacher of Agriculture at Bathurst District School in 1909.

A period of migration from school to school followed until in January, 1919, he came to Fort Street. In the same year he commenced a brilliant course at the University which ended in his securing him M.A. with First Class Honours in History, his thesis on Governor Darling being published by the Royal Australian Historical Society.

At Fort Street there was scarcely an activity in which he was not actively associated. His phenomenal memory made him a natural Historian and so well was he able to infuse a love of the subject into his students that year after year the Fort Street History results were remarkable for their excellence. On three separate occasions one of his students secured 1st place in the L.C. and in 1926 Fort Street secured the first three places in the State.

Outside the class-room he became interested in swimming and debating. From 1919 to '49 he organised the school swimming carnivals and not once did he miss a C.H.S. Carnival where he was always prominent among the officials.

Three years in succession Fort Street Hume-Barbour Debating team coached by L. N. Rose won the competition.

Later he turned his attention to water polo and here again his efforts were crowned with success. In 1937-38 and again most fittingly in his year of retirement, 1951, his team won the inter-schools' competition.

Not only did he never forget his history but he never forgot his boys. Mention almost any boy he taught and he will give his description and an account of his achievements and the number of successful men such as the Waddingtons, the Phillips, A. Burge and G. Barnes in the swimming world and H. Snelling, K. Ellis, N. Jenkyn, K. C., G. Barwick, K. C., N. H. McIntyre, G.

Amsberg, R. McGrath, Professor Ward, H. D. Black, G. Howarth, and S. Howard in the Professions and H. Hopman in tennis, who passed through his hands is remarkable.

If L. N. Rose never forgot his boys they in turn always remembered him. If ever an old boy was required at the school for any purpose the certain method of securing him was to ask Les. When Les was asked the old boy or boys were invariably forthcoming.

A man of such mental and physical fitness as L. N. Rose could not rest in retirement. He immediately re-entered the service as a casual teacher at North Sydney Technical High School. Indeed you can't beat an old "dog" for a hard road and may he live long to serve well in that noble profession for which it seems he was made.

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## MR. E. W. H. PARKER.

In the December 1948 issue of this magazine we said farewell to one of Fort Street's grand old man, Mr. Edwin Parker. Now three years later we deeply regret that we have to record his sudden death on 24th July, 1951.

His many and varied public activities were very fully dealt with in the issue already mentioned, so these remarks will be confined to the man as we knew him.

Ted as he was affectionately known, left his mark on the character of all who passed through his hands. Mr. A. J. Kilgour said on many occasions that he liked all the 1st year students to come under the influence of Mr. Parker for "I know how well he

moulds the character of the lads, and leads them to appreciate the discipline of the school.

But under Ted's austere exterior, all students soon found there was a sympathetic heart, and many were the expressions of regret, that Old Boys were unable to attend the funeral, and show by their presence, the esteem and affection which they hold for their old master and guide.

However it was the desire of his family, that Edwin Parker should be cremated privately, and as Ted went to his long rest his many friends could only reflect on the dignity, rectitude, and understanding of a great teacher.

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## F. T. BRODIE.

Frank Brodie, familiarly and affectionately known to the boys as "Cocker" retired from duty at the end of last year. Mr. Brodie had been a member of Fort Street staff for over twenty years, and had distinguished himself as a teacher and a football coach.

His geography results in the Leaving Certificate were usually the best in the State; he made his subject easy for even the dullest boy. He was probably the most successful Rugby Union coach the school has had, first with the lower grades, and of recent years with the first grade, which under his instruction won the Inter-High Schools' competition.

His departure was sincerely regretted

by the school particularly by the 4th year geography classes, which felt, at the time, that their chances of passing the Leaving Certificate were considerably reduced by Mr. Brodie's resignation.

His popularity with the staff was shown by the large number of teachers and ex-pupils who attended a farewell dinner. On their behalf a presentation of fishing gear was made to Mr. Brodie.

Unfortunately he retired only to fall victim for some time to a severe illness, from which, all will be glad to hear, he has now recovered.

A very colourful personality has been lost to Fort Street.

### SCHOOL NOTES.

Mr. Shea our caretaker, has for another year, earned the thanks of the school for his keen regard for its welfare and the many extra jobs he finds time to do for us.

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Mr. Frank Albert, one of our oldest Fortians, again donated five cups for the successful Arthur Parker Cup Team. We thank him.

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Frank Stead of 5th year thoroughly deserves the thanks of the school for his con-

stant care of the lights of the school over the past two years. He also did valuable service in relining the projection box and mending the curtains. Such service was cheerfully given in a school spirit all might try to emulate.

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Congratulations to the members and trainers of the gymnastics team which gave such a fine display at the Cricket Ground.

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Once again we must declare ourselves indebted to Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Niness for their untiring service in the tuck shop.



## NOTES.

Able and generous assistance was rendered to Mr Bohman at the end of last year by the Editor of the "Fortian", David Fraser and the Business Manager, Alec Mercer. These boys remained behind to assist at Play Night, to clear up "Fortian"



"Genuine Camelhair."

business at a time when all other members of the Committee had left. Their devotion to duty was most commendable and much appreciated.

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We miss Dan Klesman, our genial New Australian, and one of Australia's outstand-

ing table tennis champions. He had to retire to the country because of ill-health.

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Congratulations to the Jones brothers (Max and Ross) on winning the Schoolboy Doubles Tennis Championship.

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Mr. Burtenshaw is to be commended on the usual first-class quality of the photos in the 1950 "Fortian." We regret his inability to take the photos this year.

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Congratulations to Alec Mercer on his business ability in securing the support of advertisers for the 1950 "Fortian."

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On the 12th December, 1950, the Ladies' Committee gave its annual dinner to the Fort Street staff. This was much appreciated by the staff which wishes to thank Mrs. Selle and her ladies for their generous action. The Ladies' Committee is always ready to give service. Two of their smaller and less known services were in providing afternoon tea on the occasion of the debate against Fort Street Girls and in giving hot refreshments to the actors on Play Night.

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Thanks to Arthur Mason for his editing of cuttings from John O' London's for the library.

## CHRISMAS HOUSE REPORT.

With the conclusion of this year's activities Christmas House once more has no reason to be ashamed of its results.

Unfortunately we are unable to say we have any really brilliant sportsmen, but, with the co-operation of our members, we have had comparatively high success. This has been achieved with the spirit of team work, — and it's team work that eventually shines out.

For this, we must thank our House Masters Messrs Mitchell and Dasey, who, with the organization at the various meetings throughout the year, have imbued us with this spirit.

At the swimming carnival this year, our House was placed second, — a remarkable achievement, since we had no champions. However, with the assistance of John Butt and Don Amos, we were able to pile up a considerable number of points.

Again, at the Athletics meeting, we were without champions, but, with the capable organization of our Committee member, John

Charker were narrowly beaten into second place by Williams House. — Congratulations Williams.

Main point scorers in this carnival were, Alan Day, L. Coleman, P. Cansick and J. Dorsett.

Christmas House also distinguished itself in being well represented in the Premiership Winning 1st XV. Rugby Union team,—players being, Peter Adney, John Aney, John Butt and Peter Casimir.

Our cricket, however, is well below our usually high standard. It will be the task of our junior members to see that there is a marked improvement next year.

Results, on the whole, are very creditable, but House members of next year must strive to reach the top of all the sporting fields and stay there.

So bear in mind that, "There's always a new horizon for onward looking men."

—Peter Casimir - House Captain

## KILGOUR HOUSE REPORT.

Although, at the time of writing, the complete details of house sports are not known, Kilgour is doing well in inter-house activities. With the exception of football, however, team results are not gratifying and a marked improvement in this is needed next year to carry off the majority of house pennants and trophies. It cannot be stressed too much that in most sports, team-work is the major element in success and Kilgour representatives must all pull together.

Our footballers in the competition, were very successful, mainly through combination, and won the 1st and 6th grades outright, shared the 3rd grade honours and were runners-up in the other grades. We finished unfortunately only 2nd in the aggregate point score. Our athletic and swimming results were a reversal and last position was occupied by Kilgour although second place in both Junior and Juvenile sections were obtained.

Individual efforts by our members have been outstanding. In the swimming, John Henricks proved himself to be one of Fort Street's best swimmers for many years, breaking 6 school records, two of which had stood for 20 years. He also broke a C.H.S. record very easily and was one of the mainstays of our successful water-polo team. John is only in 3rd year.

Max and Ross Jones excelled in High Schools' tennis, "bringing home the bacon" in the form of the coveted N.S.W. Schoolboys'

doubles championship and 1st grade premier-ship. With Ross continuing at school next year, Fort Street's prospects look bright.

Kevin James showed his versatility this year, playing 1st grade football and water-polo, Arthur Parker Cup representative, Senior Athletics Champion, besides playing for the C.H.S. 2nd XV. Here's hoping he will keep up the good work next year. Jim Giddey played for the 1st C.H.S. XV for the third successive year.

Representation in other grade teams was good, outstanding being that of water-polo, for which Kilgour gained more points than any other house.

In conclusion I would like to thank all Kilgour House members for their co-operation and hope that in the years to come Kilgour will be in its rightful position—well to the fore and produce a bumper crop of sportsmen whose names will go down in Fort Street's history with such men as Brian Gillette, Dave Glenn, Trevor Herbert, Neville Hinds, George Hannam, Max Glenn and Laurie Gosling, to name but a few.

—JIM GIDDEY, House Captain.

## MEARNS' HOUSE REPORT.

The year 1951 has once more proved a most successful and interesting year from the point of view of house competition.

As usual Mearns' House representatives showed a very fine spirit and carried the house to many victories in all spheres of sporting activities.

The School 1st XV was ably led to premiership honours by Des Mourney, from Mearns' House, who was also selected as vice-captain of C.H.S. 1st XV. Other Mearns' House players in the 1st XV to be selected were Bruce Morton, and Alec Mercer. In all eight of the 1st XV came from Mearns House.

Mearns House once more showed their supremacy by easily winning the School Annual Swimming Carnival. Senior Championship was won by B. Morton and D. Lindsay won both the under 13 and under 14 championships. Morton also captained the 1st grade water polo team to success in the C.H.S. premiership.

In the inter-house competitions Mearns house were a close second to Kilgour in the cricket; in football Mearns had a clear win. The tennis competition, which was won by Chrismas, lack of house spirit helped to place Mearns at the bottom of the list.

Mearns' representatives figured prominently in the Athletics Carnival winning the Senior House Championship and running a close third to Williams and Chrismas in the aggregate.



— Goodsir, 3 B.



Congratulations, Mearns House; it is to be hoped that you will be able to maintain this high standard and that your enthusiastic house spirit will not weaken.

—A. MERCER (in the absence of B. Morton).

### WILLIAMS' HOUSE REPORT.

The highlight of the year in sport was reached in August, when Williams House triumphantly carried off the honours of the Annual Athletic Carnival with house champions in four of a possible five divisions. G. Young-Lee, J. Thomson, R. Stacey and W. Hockey were the outstanding athletes of the

one sport, it maintained its usual reputation of being a fair all-rounder.

Evidence shows that the more junior members were generally the most prominent, particularly in team games and athletics. The house seems to lack a really prominent aquatic star, but here again results point to a very rosy future for Williams House when the present younger members of the House have become more mature and experienced.

I am exceedingly proud of the fact that Williams House shone in its team sports, and the genuine keenness displayed on in-



#### "FORTIAN" COMMITTEE.

Back Row (L.-R.): J. Aston, B. McCauley, R. Jones, W. Howard, J. Brodie.  
 Front Row (L.-R.): J. Yu, F. Peisah, W. Kent (Editor), Mr. G. Bohman  
 (Master-in-Charge), A. Wyatt (Sports Editor), K. Forbes, A. Potter. Absent:  
 B. Phillips (Business Manager), R. Adair.

day and each finished as champion of his respective age group.

In the inter-house competitions, Williams House was outstanding for the number of third positions it filled; aggregate points of football, cricket and swimming all falling into this category. It is interesting at this point to notice that at no time did the House occupy bottom position in the list of any sport! Tennis occupied a close second to Christmas House.

Although Williams House, taken as a whole, was not singularly outstanding at any

numerable occasions led the House to do great things.

Congratulations, Williams House; work always as a team, and remember too, that the spectator can be as much a member as the competitor. Play your game hard, but always play it clean, and your reward will be a trophy of satisfaction that no silver cup brings with it.

I finish with the hope that the future holds good fortune for the teams and members of Williams House.

—PETER WILLIAMS, House Captain.

## STAFF CHANGES.

Mr. H. Child was transferred at the end of 1950 to Canterbury Junior High as Special Secondary Assistant. He carries our best wishes with him for he was an able and enthusiastic member of the staff.

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Our District Counsellor, Mr. Kelleher, was transferred to Kempsey district. We welcome Mr. King in his place.

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The place of Mr. Rose (resigned) has been taken by Mr. W. Krippner from Armidale.

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Mr. Brodie's position as Geography expert has been filled by Mr. E. Ford, who was temporarily on the staff of the Sydney Training College.

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We welcome Mr. T. McLaren from Milson's Point as an additional member of the Mathematics staff and Mr. F. Woodhouse on his first appointment to the French staff.

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We congratulate the energetic Mr. Arnold on his appointment as Principal of the Eastwood Evening College (which he calls the University).

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We regret the resignation last year of Mrs. Sheila Eddy, who has the distinction of being the first woman teacher to join the Fort Street staff. During her stay she was most popular with staff and pupils and we wish her happiness in her career as wife and mother.



NEW ADDITIONS TO STAFF, 1951  
 BACK ROW (L.-R.): K. Cunningham, F. Woodhouse.  
 FRONT ROW (L.-R.): R. W. Krippner, E. Ford, T. E. McLaren.

Mr. K. Cunningham has come to us from Manly High School to join the Foreign Language staff. He comes with a reputation as a dramatic expert and this quality of his we will make full use of.

## THROWING IN CLASS.

When we look closely into this subject untold possibilities greet our eye, for, under the surface, this topic presents a wide range of interesting points to talk about.

Let us attack this subject first from the point of view of the thrower who throws entirely for pleasure. Usually he selects as his missile something soft and wet, something that will not seriously harm his victim, smash desks or break windows. The missile having been selected the unsuspecting victim is sought out. He must be innocent, not over liked, and particularly incapable of returning the compliment. Next the scene of the crime is surveyed, cover is sought out for a speedy "getaway" and the corridors are scrutinised to determine whether interruption in the form of a teacher is forthcoming. All being well, the

object, let us say a pear, is gripped in the thrower's master hand, swung back over the shoulder and, with a forward motion, is projected in the direction of the victim. Cover is hastily taken and the result of the shot is recorded.

Which brings us to another aspect, the throwing for revenge, or self-defence. One feels rather put out when an orange skin twines itself around one's neck, or a pear slides down the wall next to oneself. The first thought is, perhaps, to obtain ammunition for retaliation. Perhaps the same missile is chosen. Then comes his turn, a hasty look around, a backswing arm, then . . .

To leave the subject of pleasure throwing we pick on a new subject, throwing for a purpose. This situation usually presents it-

self to the inhabitants of the "Gods" of the classroom. The all powerful back row. Various types of rubbish present themselves to this group and, so to speak, just "ask to be thrown." Out on the floor, to the right of the imperial dais stands, of all things, an open-mouthed garbage tin! Here stands the back row, rubbish in their hands, there stands the tin, welcoming such refuse. What better plan is there than to propel the rubbish to the tin? None, they are sure. But by way of making it interesting, why not have a contest to see who can score the most hits? So the rubbish is evenly divided, the front row flees and the barrage commences. What a lot of bad shots we have in this class. Indeed, more than 50% of the paper fails to reach the bin and, whether by accident or purpose (who can tell?) a large number of unfortunates receive paper on the back of their heads, their shoulders, their backs. But . . . retribu-

tion steps in. That dark Nemesis, the teacher, invades the class's domain. Silence reigns. Teacher and pupils alike regard the scraps on the floor. The guilty snuggle deeper in their seats. Slowly the teacher looks up, gazes around him at the innocents. Then his eyes lift, the doomed back row!! Grins are wiped from faces as the question: "Who did this?" is asked. The miscreants gaze at each other. Will someone admit? A hand shoots to the sky and is followed by the whole of the back row. Courage at last!

With lowered heads and drooping bottom lips the row is marched out of the room, down the stairs to . . .

But tomorrow is another day and undoubtedly the air will once more hum to the flight of missiles in the classroom as students throw, perhaps to hit someone, perhaps to land rubbish in the bin, perhaps just to THROW.

—P. JARRATT, 4C.

## Sportsmaster's Report

Fort Street has created a record in sport by winning the First Grade Football, First Grade Tennis, First Grade Water Polo the Arthur Parker Cup (for the 4th year in succession) and First and Third Grade Cricket teams are leading in their division. Fort Street came second with Parramatta in Third Grade Football and second with North Sydney Technical High School in Fourth Grade. I would like to congratulate the coaches and the boys on such a splendid performance.

House sport was keenly contested and the results to date are:—

	C.	K.	M.	W.
Football	2218	3087	3472	2318
Tennis	419	315	178	334
Water Polo	50	60	64	50
Life-Saving	107	81	69	99
Cricket	796	1002	972	826

(incomplete)

School Representation in C.H.S.

Football.—1st Grade: D. Mourney, J. Giddey. 2nd Grade: K. James, B. Morton, A. Mercer (reserve).

Cricket: A. Wyatt, B. Teague.

Tennis: M. and R. Jones represented Metropolitan Schools against Northern Districts.

J. Barraclough represented N.S.W. against Queensland (under 14 years).

### BLUES, 1951.

Football: D. Mourney, J. Giddey, A. Mercer, K. James, B. Morton.

Cricket: A. Wyatt, P. Casimir, B. Teague.

Life-Saving: J. Butt, G. Stanford.

Water Polo: B. Morton.

Athletic: K. James.

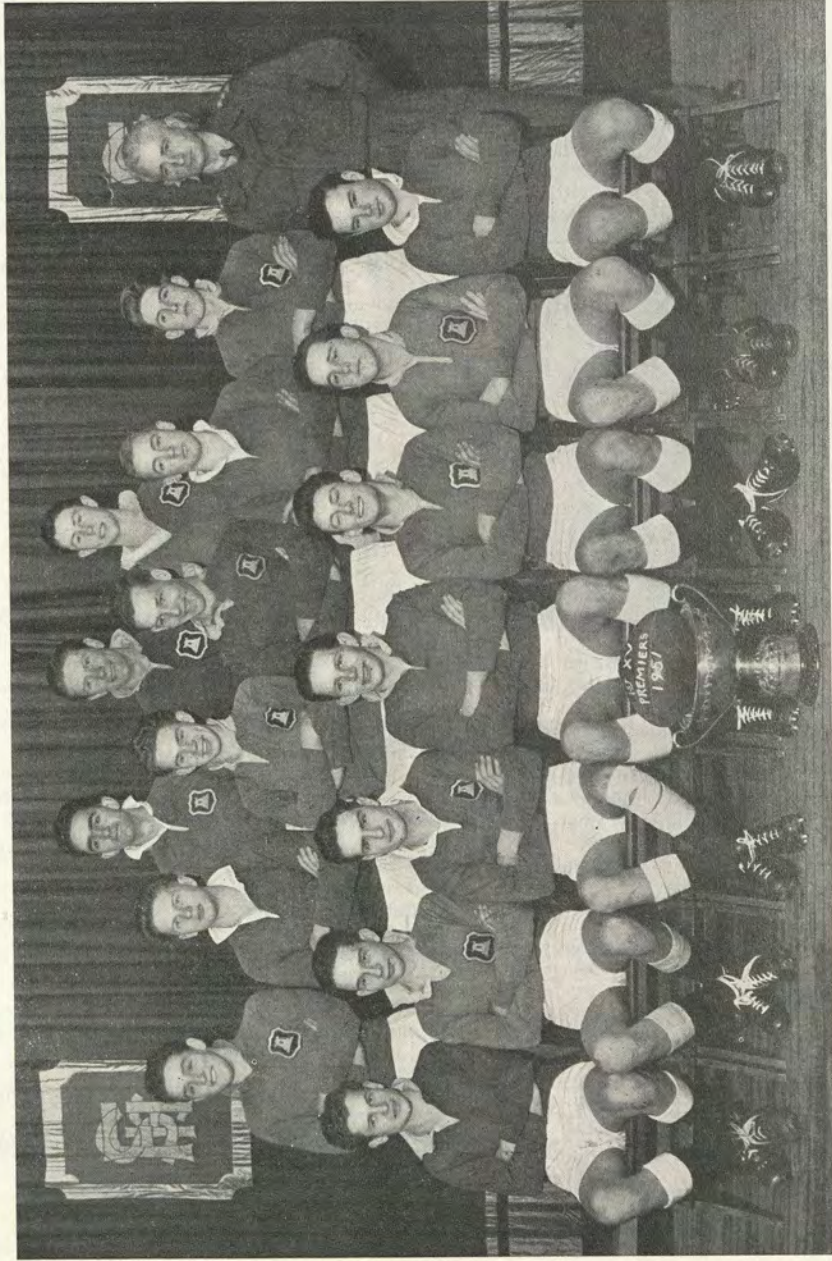
Tennis: M. and R. Jones, B. Teague, G. Stanford.

Basketball: N. Gibbs, J. Butt, R. Milne.

Chess: M. Newman.

Johnson Memorial Prize.—Senior: P. Casimir. Junior: R. Stacey.

I wish to thank the staff for their loyal co-operation during the year and Mr. K. McLellan, who acted as assistant sportsmaster.



1st GRADE FOOTBALL.

BACK ROW (L.-R.): J. Butt, K. Muller, P. Casimir.  
 MIDDLE ROW (L.-R.): B. Morton, B. Olds, P. Williams, A. Mercer, R. Moss, J. Ancy, Mr. D. O'Sullivan (Sports Master).  
 FRONT ROW (L.-R.): K. Morgan, B. Smith, J. Giddey (Vice-Captain), D. Mourney (Capt.), K. James, P. Adney, F. Peisah.  
 ABSENT: Mr. K. McLellan (Coach).

# FOOTBALL

## FIRST GRADE PREMIERS.

1951 marked a return to Rugby supremacy in the Combined High Schools' competition. The 1st XV were premiers with 7 wins, 1 draw, and 1 loss. We congratulate N.S.H. and N.S.T.H., the two schools to deprive us of undefeated honours.

The team was a well-balanced one: in no department was anyone exceptionally weak, and alternatively, nobody was exceptionally strong. Perhaps one reservation should be made—leadership. This was the factor which undoubtedly raised the team to premiership class. Time and time again our lads were confronted with opposition equally as formidable as their own; yet they rallied to the call of their leader, co-operated with uninhibited enthusiasm and were triumphant.

Two victories in particular are worthy of comment. The first, and greatest was over Sydney High. Fort Street fielded a reshuffled combination. Hooker went to half—an odd change, the centres were together for the first time—a risky experiment for such an important game. Still the lads were determined not to yield but to fight well. (It seemed likely that whichever team won would have a stranglehold on the premiership.)

Excitement ran high as the kick-off unleashed the two opposing factions; the irresistible force and the immovable object. In less than 10 minutes Fort Street led 6 to nil: a splendid dribbling try plus a long accurate penalty goal. Then, with this advantage our lads prepared to meet the onslaught. And it came. S.H.S. pushed, knocked and battered against the defence; but no loophole was to be found. The Fort Street held until full time. They had won 6-3. A glorious victory.

The other was over Homebush, a team which had toppled early leaders and was anticipating bigger and more important successes.

But again Fort Street was supreme. 11 to nil. A convincing margin over a team within reach of premiership honours.

Every boy is to be congratulated for his superb efforts throughout the season.

Training days meant just as much as playing days. The leader was there and the team with him. Respect for other team members was always evident—an important feature. Each boy relied on the other 14—on no occasion did the other 14 rely on one man. This was the binding force which strengthened each unit and enabled the team to meet with such outstanding success.

During the season the following boys were chosen for C.H.S. representation:

C.H.S. 1st XV: D. Mourney (vice-capt.) (front row); J. Giddey (full-back).

2nd XV: K. James (breakaway), B. Morton (breakaway), A. Mercer (lock).

### Match Results:

Versus	H.A.H.S.:	Won 8—3.
"	S.T.H.S.:	Won 17—6.
"	N.S.H.S.:	Lost 0—9.
"	C.H.S.:	Won 19—3.
"	S.H.S.:	Won 6—3.
"	P.H.S.:	Won 10—0.
"	R.H.S.:	Won 6—0.
"	H.H.S.:	Won 11—0.
"	N.S.T.H.S.:	Drew 6—6.
"	Points:	83 for; 30 against.

## SECOND GRADE FOOTBALL.

Although scoring more points than were scored against them in the aggregate, the second grade team did not do as well this year as in previous years. Team replacements during the season were a difficult factor owing to the unusually large number leaving after the half-yearly examination and subsequent events. This destroyed the inside backs' combination which did not move really well again until late in the season when Dawson and Theak combined as well as their counterparts in any previous second grade I have seen. G. Simons at centre showed great improvement in each successive match, and Hall, a recruit from House football, though light, was never a liability. B. Petrie and A. Day, the regular wingers, suffered from rarely having the same centres inside them and consequently did not have their share of opportunities, but their defence was generally good. A. Wyatt at full back was very good in attack, amalgamating smoothly into movements of the three-quarters and handling and kicking extremely well.

R. Wright was an outstanding forward for the vigour and sustained character of his bustling tactics, with added refinement of play whilst retaining his wholehearted determination, he could become a great player. The other breakaway, C. Saunders, was also effective in smothering opposition movements and Malouf and Etty were noteworthy among a pack, everyone of whom defended firmly. Rourke, Wallace and McInnes each merited his place in the team and Nash at lock position became a vigorous, and valuable member of the team as the season progressed.

Of the nine matches played in competition, five were lost, three of these by a margin of



3rd GRADE FOOTBALL (Runners-Up).  
 BACK ROW (L.-R.): J. Watson, A. Dash.  
 MIDDLE ROW (L.-R.): D. McTaggart, B. Jenkins, L. Coleman, R. Milne, P. Kidd, R. Jose.  
 FRONT ROW (L.-R.): B. McCauley, T. Rippingale, R. Daggett (Vice-Captain), J. Whiteside  
 (Captain), T. Watson, K. Bunting, O. Ludlow.  
 ABSENT: G. Morgan.

only three points. In no match did the team lose the hope or desire of winning and the team spirit on and off the field was of Fort Street standard. It was a pleasure to be associated with the boys both in the team and individually.

### THIRD GRADE — Runners-up.

Third Grade enjoyed a very successful season finishing runners-up to North Sydney in the competition. We extend our congratulations to this team.

At the beginning of the season, the side lacked combination between backs and forwards. However, this was soon remedied and in later games, there was a perfect understanding.

The forwards started as a loose pack but later in the season became a tower of strength and paved the way to many wins

Breakaways, Daggett and T. Watson always played soundly and their tackling was always a source of annoyance to the opposing halves. The remaining forwards were always on the ball rushing tigerishly, and were untiring in defence.

The side was fortunate in having a speedy set of backs, who, on numerous occasions, cut holes in their opponent's defence. Ludlow, in particular, showed an excellent sense of penetration and was frequently responsible for tries being scored. Their tackling on the whole was good, but at times they laxed and these times often proved costly.

#### Results of Matches:

- v. Hurlstone: Won 28-3.
- v. S.T.H.S.: Won 9-3.
- v. Canterbury: Drew 3-3.
- v. S.H.S.: Lost 0-3.
- v. Parramatta: Won 11-8.
- v. Homebush: Won 8-3.
- v. Randwick: Won 3-0.
- v. N.S.T.H.S.: Won 6-3.
- v. Manly: Won 44-5.

Points: 117 for; 40 against.

#### Players:

**J. Whiteside** (capt.): Elusive five-eighth and inspiring leader. Often rallied with brilliant individual runs. Best tackler in team and also a very capable goal-kicker.

**R. Daggett** (vice-capt.): Breakaway. A fine player. An inspiration to the team with his hard running and tackling. He also shone as a kicker.

**T. Watson:** A reliable and tough breakaway. An ideal partner for Daggett.

**J. Watson** (full-back): A good kick and safe handler. Was always a sound last line of defence.

**D. McTaggart** (hooker): Gave a good service to his team by giving us possession of the ball from the majority of scrums.

Finally the team wishes to express its sincere thanks to Mr. Cull, without whose enthusiastic coaching the season would not have been so successful.

## FOURTH GRADE FOOTBALL Runners-up.

A successful season was enjoyed by Fourth Grade, winning eight matches and suffering only two defeats. Up to the final match of the season Fort Street had reason-



4th GRADE FOOTBALL (Runners-Up).

BACK ROW (L.-R.): W. Kocass, B. Fitzgerald, J. Stevenson.

MIDDLE ROW (L.-R.): Mr. E. Ledlin (Coach), R. Baker, J. Thompson, R. Cowley, D. Clifton, B. Murphy.

FRONT ROW (L.-R.): J. Ludlow, K. Finch, J. Sharpe, H. Millar (Captain), B. Hynard, R. Curry, K. Forbes. ABSENT: T. Trahair.

**O. Ludlow** (inside centre): A strong runner but was lacking in experience.

**Jenkins and Dash** (props): Although light they played well throughout the season and gave able support to the hooker.

**Kidd and Coleman:** Strong running wingers who were seen at their best when the team was on the attack.

The remainder of the team was made up of Morgan, Jose, Rippingale, Bunting, McCauley, Milne, Hughes, R. Wright, Hart and Simons.

able hopes of becoming premiers but were defeated in that game by Manly, winners of the competition.

### Results:

- v. Hurlstone: Won 14—10.
- v. Sydney Technical: Won 21—0.
- v. North Sydney: Won 26—11.
- v. Canterbury: Won 6—0.
- v. Sydney: Lost 3—9.
- v. Parramatta: Won 35—0.
- v. Randwick: Won 21—6.
- v. Homebush: Won 15—0.

v. North Sydney Tech.: Won 32—11.

v. Manly: Lost 5—13.

Total: 178 for; 60 against.

**Individual Players:** Curry, Stevenson, Trahair, Kocass, Murphy: A fine group of forwards who, playing with great vigour and determination, gave excellent support to the backs.

**R. Cowley:** A splendid lock and an inspiration to the pack.

**K. Forbes** and **D. Clifton:** Good fast breakaways, prominent in defence and attack.

**B. Hynard:** A smart, intelligent half.

**K. Finch:** Played well as five-eighth. Noted for his straight running and his penetrative power.

**J. Thompson:** A solid, fast inspiring centre, most reliable in defence and attack.

**H. Millar:** Not only a reliable back but also a fine goal-kicker. His consistent conversions were remarkable.

**J. Sharpe** and **R. Baker:** Two excellent wingers, prominent in every match.

**J. Ludlow:** Shone well as full-back, always safe in handling and in defence.

Mention must also be made of the fine spirit shown in which the individual was subordinate to the team.

In conclusion the team desires to thank Mr. Ledlin, the coach, for his interest, and the reserves who so loyally gave their support throughout the season.

## FIFTH GRADE FOOTBALL.

This was an interesting competition. It was a pity that Fort Street, having done so much (the team came fourth), could not do the little more needed to give them victory. They looked and played at first like a winning team; and even in later matches continued to look until the final whistle, as if they might win. They were beaten decisively only twice—by Sydney High's superior team, and by Homebush's tactics. Their final match, in which they drew with Manly was their finest effort and was full of sparkle and determination which, if displayed earlier, might well have gained them first place.

Many players showed excellent improvement. Dorsett's handling became surer, and his defence almost infallible. Stacey has speed and when he gained confidence in the position of five-eighth gave flashes of real brilliance; he scored most tries for the team. The forwards learned gradually to work together and to be always on the ball; among them Williams, Burns the hooker, and

Taylor were perhaps most prominent. Finlay and Henson too became good solid forwards as the season advanced. The backs were perhaps a trifle slow in developing penetration and their handling was never really first-class. They should watch this next season. Cleary gave good service as out-centre, and his replacement by Duncan was an attempt to build up the weight of the team, and not an expression of dissatisfaction. Ellis was a good half, and credit must be given to Elvin who captained well, and carried out soundly the requirements of the new position of full-back. Perhaps the outstanding find of the season was Griffiths who, in the last match gave a splendid exhibition on the wing.

The scores were:

Hurlstone 3, Fort Street 25.  
 Sydney Tech. 8, Fort Street 9.  
 North Sydney 8, Fort Street 12.  
 Canterbury 6, Fort Street 3.  
 Sydney Tech. 8, Fort Street 9.  
 Parramatta 0, Fort Street 23.  
 Randwick 11, Fort Street 11.  
 Homebush 22, Fort Street 5.  
 North Sydney Tech. 8, Fort Street 3.  
 Manly 12, Fort Street 12.

## SIXTH GRADE.

The Sixth Grade had an enjoyable but disappointing season. Hopes raised high by an unbroken succession of early successes were dashed when the last three matches were defeats.

Definitely the strength of the team lay in the forwards. Lindsay, McGregor, Butler, Stewart, Hill, Dutton proved most reliable.

The backs were much inferior and could not be relied on. They never seemed to acquire cohesion and team work. Football brains are needed especially by backs. Bonner, Clements, as halves might have been more reliable. Jones as half was good but as five-eighth was disappointing. That key position, despite many changes of personnel, was never adequately filled. Parker, Horrigan, Thompson, Dash, Jergens, Johnston and Butler filled the back positions with varying success, Parker being a courageous tackler. Deayton was a reliable full-back.

Off the field the team conducted itself in a gentlemanly manner. On the field it played the game like sportsmen. With these two considerations in mind, it can be truly said that the season was a successful one.

Here's hoping for better football next year.



# CRICKET

## FIRST GRADE.

The School has had quite a successful run to date, winning all matches played on the first innings, and leading in its division. A win against Canterbury in October would ensure the right to meet the redoubtable North Sydney side in the final.

The batting was steady throughout the season, the main fault being the failure to

handler will give balance to the attack. A. Wyatt was selected to open the Combined High School's attack in Newcastle against Combined Northern High Schools, and one felt that his absence on the second day of the Parramatta match prevented an all-important outright win.

J. Giddey kept wickets well and his captaincy was of high quality. He kept the fielding up to a good standard.



1st GRADE CRICKET.

BACK ROW (L.-R.): W. Jamieson, T. Dawson, B. Teague, B. Olds, G. Thirkettle.  
FRONT ROW (L.-R.): R. Jose, P. Casimir, J. Giddey (Captain), Mr. K. Cunningham (Coach),  
A. Wyatt, K. Muller. ABSENT: K. Hoveling.

force the pace against Parramatta and thus secure an outright. P. Casimir and B. Teague proved good openers, Teague securing a place in the C.H.S. side to play Northern Schools.

K. Muller and W. Jamieson also batted soundly, Muller's 70 n.o. against Parramatta being the top score of the team.

The opening attack of A. Wyatt and R. Jose proved most successful and on occasions was well supported by G. Thirkettle's slow leg-breaks. A good off-spinner or left-

The team comprised of J. Giddey (capt.), K. Hoveling, P. Casimir, A. Wyatt, K. Muller, J. Walsh, T. Dawson, R. Jose, B. Teague, G. Thirkettle, W. Jamieson and B. Olds.

B. Olds replaced J. Walsh when the latter left school and gave a creditable performance against Homebush.

Results of the matches played were:—

1.—FORT STREET 9-111 (W. Jamieson 31, B. Teague 27) defeated HURLSTONE 67 (A. Wyatt 5 for 17).

2.—FORT STREET 5-173 (K. Muller 70 n.o., B. Teague 39, P. Casimir 34) defeated PARRAMATTA 95 (G. Thirkettle 3 for 18, A. Wyatt 3 for 21) and 8 for 103 (G. Thirkettle 6 for 35).

3.—FORT STREET 8-139 (K. Hoveling 34, W. Jamieson 24, K. Muller 26) defeated HOMEBUSH 105 (R. Jose 5-23, A. Wyatt 4-46).

## SECOND GRADE.

M. Jones (capt.), R. Finch (vice-capt.), N. Gibbs, R. Daggett, G. Morgan, B. Olds,

Our batsmen capitalised on the fine performance of our bowlers. Wassal, Finch, Jones, Olds, Gibbs and Daggett recorded good scores. Wassal and Jones, our openers, invariably gave the side a good start.

In the first match of the season the side had to be content with a first innings win, for after dismissing Hurlstone for 55 (Daggett 6-8), we had replied with 6-154 when rain stopped play on the second day. Wassal (23), Olds (38), Kidd (25 n.o.) and Morgan (23 n.o.) were our most successful batsmen.

The second game against Parramatta re-



### 3rd GRADE CRICKET.

BACK ROW (L.-R.): R. Jones, R. Lumley R. Cowley, H. Millar, J. Charker.

FRONT ROW (L.-R.): I. Dean, W. Davies, B. Jenkins (Capt.), J. Sharpe, P. Besnard, Mr. K. Mitchell (Coach). ABSENT: K. Fountain.

P. Wassal, P. Kidd, R. Barnes, F. Peisah, J. Thompson and J. Watson formed this year's second grade team.

The strength of the team lay in its bowling attack, which often resulted in the cheap dismissals of our opponents. It was a well-balanced attack with P. Kidd and R. Barnes providing a reliable opening pair. Daggett, the most successful of our bowlers, together with Thompson, formed a dangerous combination, while Jones and Finch completed a formidable array.

sulted in an outright win for Fort Street, our opponents being dismissed for 33 (Daggett 4-3, Thompson 3-2) and 76 (Daggett 3-8, Jones 4-41). Our batsmen replied with a total of 3 for 101 (Jones 33, Finch, Daggett 15 n.o.) and 1 for 9.

In the next game Fort Street was defeated on the first innings by Homebush, unluckily going down by two runs. Homebush batted first and recorded 158 (Daggett 3-42, Jones 3-39) while Fort Street replied with 156 (Jones 33, Finch 28). This was a

meritorious display as one of our leading batsmen, Olds, had been promoted to first grade.

In conclusion, the team extends their thanks to Mr. Kester for his assistance to the team. He was always keen in his work and gave valuable advice to the team.

### THIRD GRADE.

With the first half of the season now completed, the thirds are able to look forward optimistically to the remaining matches, as they have a great chance of winning the premiership, being undefeated in the games so far completed.

Although the team is sound in all departments, nevertheless it is the bowlers (Sharpe, Dean, Jones, Fountain and Charker) who have mainly been responsible for the cheap dismissals of our opponents.

In the first match of the season Fort Street defeated Hurlstone outright. Moore (45), Fountain (43 n.o.) and Sharpe (22 n.o.) were mainly responsible for our total of 9 for 153 while Sharpe (6 for 1 and 5 for 12) and Dean 4 for 2 and 3 for 4) between them dismissed Hurlstone for 5 and 16.

Against Parramatta, Fort Street recorded a second outright win dismissing Parramatta for 56 and 23, after Fort Street had declared at 6 for 136, Cowley (47) and Davies (25) being the most successful batsmen, while Sharpe 4 for 21 and 2 for 5) and Fountain 2 for 16 and 8 for 16) shared the bowling honours.

In the following match Fort Street played Homebush, and after scoring 79 in the first innings (Fountain 21), we had dismissed 5 Homebush batsmen for 35, when the match was postponed owing to the ground being unavailable for the following week. This match will be played again in the next half of the season.

The enthusiasm and good sportsmanship of all members of the team were responsible

for making the season a successful and happy one, while the fine coaching and sound advice of our coach, Mr. Mitchell, formed an invaluable asset.

The team, so far, has drawn its members from the following: Jenkins (capt.), Moore, R. Jones, Lumley, Dean, Cowley, Millar, Sharpe, Davies, Charker and Besnard.

### FOURTH GRADE.

This season Fort Street had a fairly consistent team which did well in the competition.

The team drew its members from Flanagan (capt.), Rothwell, Stacey, Hales, Dunstan, Smith, Corderoy, Gilligan, Marshall, Short, Butler, Cooper, Coughlin and Fell. Southwell was chosen as captain but was unavailable because of a broken arm.

The first match against Hurlstone resulted in a draw. We closed our first innings at 6 for 139 (Hales 43, Rothwell 30, Marshall 30). Hurlstone had lost 4 for 18 (Gilligan 3 for 6 including the hat trick) at the end of the day. Rain washed out the next day's play.

Next match we met Parramatta and lost on the first innings. Fort Street was dismissed for 59 (Hales 16, Corderoy 12) in reply to Parramatta's 102 (Flanagan 4 for 15, Stacey 2 for 19).

In our next match we defeated Homebush on the first innings. We totalled 96 in the first innings. (Rothwell 31, Corderoy 16) Homebush was dismissed for 57 (Rothwell 4 for 13, Stacey 3 for 18). In our second innings we closed at 1 for 46 (Rothwell 24 n.o.). Homebush at the end of day lost 3 for 23 (Dunstan 2 for 8).

Hales fielded gamely throughout the season close up in silly-point and Fell fielded well on the boundary while Smith was reliable as wicket-keeper.

The team enjoyed a happy season and wish to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Duncan as coach.

## TENNIS

### FIRST GRADE PREMIERS.

This year Fort Street won the first grade tennis competition, defeating last year's premiers, Homebush, by the narrow margin of three games.

The team comprised of M. Jones (capt), B. Teague, G. Stanford and R. Jones. The combination and enthusiasm of the team was the deciding factor in our win and the team paired as follows: M. and R. Jones; B. Teague and G. Stanford.

Brothers Max and Ross Jones lost only

one set throughout the competition—a very creditable performance.

The competition results were:—

- v. Sydney Technical 8-0.
- v. North Sydney High 7-1.
- v. Canterbury 5-3.
- v. Parramatta 8-0.
- v. Hurlstone 8-0.
- v. Homebush: 4 sets, 41 games, to 4 sets, 39 games.
- v. North Sydney Technical 6-2.
- v. Manly 6-2.
- v. Sydney High, Randwick—washout.

### Comments on Individual Players:

**M. Jones:** A good consistent all-round player who was equally at home at the baseline, where he used the toss to advantage, or at the net, from where he hit crisp, well-played volleys.

has the uncanny ability to toss, but his ground shots were at many times unreliable. Lifted his game to a remarkable standard against Homebush.

**R. Jones:** With a good repertoire of strokes, he followed his lengthy drives to the net from where his volleys penetrated



#### 1st GRADE TENNIS.

BACK ROW (L.-R.): R. Jones, B. Teague.

FRONT ROW (L.-R.): M. Jones (Capt.), Mr. A. W. Stanley (Coach), G. Stanford.

**B. Teague:** A reliable attacking player who follows his good service and much improved angled backhand to the net from where he invariably volleys a winner although at times his smash lets him down.

**G. Stanford:** Possesses a good service and

deep into his opponents' defence. Possesses an excellent first service and should form a solid backbone for next year's firsts.

M. and R. Jones were selected in the Combined High Schools' team which defeated Northern High Schools at Newcastle.

**MAX AND ROSS JONES.**

The two Jones brothers, Max and Ross, played in their first competitive tennis in 1947. In 1948 they played "C" grade district tennis together, and won the district "C" grade doubles championship. Max came to Fort Street in 1947, and played 4th grade tennis for the school. In 1948 he was joined at Fort Street by Ross, and the pair played 4th grade tennis. In 1949 the partnership was broken up, Max playing 3rd grade and Ross again playing 4th grade. By 1950 Max was playing 1st grade, whilst Ross was playing 2nd grade tennis for the school.

In May, 1951, the two brothers played in the N.S.W. Schoolboys' Championships, and reaching the finals, they successfully defeated Bill Peters and Warren Woodcock 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, making them winners of the N.S.W. Schoolboys' Doubles.

In 1951 also, the brothers were selected to represent the Sydney High Schools against the Newcastle and district High Schools. The tour was very successful, and won by the Sydney High Schools by 40 sets to 3 sets.

This year both boys played in our 1st grade premiership team, and lost only 1 set, to the Homebush team.

Both players are strong volleyers, an advantage which helps them greatly in their numerous victories. Although off the court, like all brothers, they have their differences, yet on the court they combine in fine co-ordination.

—K. FORBES, 4A.

**SECOND GRADE.**

This season 2nd grade was unfortunate in many ways. The original team of Gibbs (capt.), Adney, Davis and Barraclough, played only two matches. Adney was lost to football in the early competition stages. He was ably replaced by Westwood, but not before the team lost Gibbs through illness.

Barraclough and Davis were the mainstays of the team. The team did not do as well as it should have. No match was lost until Canterbury, who, with a strong team beat us when we had only two regular players. Sayers and Sharam filled the vacant positions for this match, and both performed well. Rutherford played well in filling the vacant positions against North Sydney Tech. and Hurlstone. Barraclough played the most consistent tennis throughout the competition, and considering that he was virtually without a regular partner, he must be congratulated on some very fine performances. He must also be congratulated in gaining No. 3 position in the under 15 New South Wales team which toured Queensland.

The competition results are:

- v. Sydney Tech. High 5-3.
- v. North Sydney High 5-3.
- v. Canterbury 2-6.
- v. Parramatta 8-0.
- v. Homebush 3-5.
- v. Hurlstone 8-0.
- v. North Sydney Tech. High 6-2.

Sydney High and Randwick matches were washed out.

**Individual Players:**

**P. Davis:** A good forehand player, lacking powerful killer tendencies, but always a good baseline player, able to keep the ball in play. Backhand could do with a brush-up.

**N. Gibbs:** An unsteady player possessing a good backhand volley and good forehand. Second service could be strengthened.

**J. Barraclough:** An almost faultless player on his day but lacks concentration. Good baseline player, and volley work at net exceptionally good. An asset to the team.

**W. Westwood:** Has a tendency towards taking opponents too cheaply, but otherwise a steady player. Return of service very good, but backhand volley a little weak.

**P. Adney:** A hard hitter, with a powerful service and return, a little weak on the backhand, but overhead work fairly good.

**THIRD GRADE.**

This year Fort Street had a most enjoyable season. Although not successful in winning the competition Fort Street was unlucky not to do better than third, being narrowly defeated by the premiers, Homebush. Originally the team composed of Besnard, Limbrick, Westwood and Jamieson. But Westwood was promoted to 2nd grade and Easton filled the vacancy. The team paired as follows: Limbrick and Easton; Jamieson and Besnard.

The competition results were:—

- v. Sydney Technical 6-2.
- v. North Sydney High 7-1.
- v. Canterbury 0-8.
- v. Parramatta 8-0.
- v. Hurlstone 6-2.
- v. Homebush: 4 sets, 31 games to 4 sets 35 games.
- v. North Sydney Technical 6-2.
- v. Sydney High, Randwick—washouts.

**Individual Players:**

**Limbrick:** The captain and mainstay of the team who always put up a creditable performance. He possesses a strong serve and follows it ably to the net. He has a good backhand drive but his forehand could be improved.

**Besnard:** An erratic player with great capabilities. His forehand is strong and he possesses a powerful service. However, his backhand and volleying could stand improvement.

**Jamieson:** A player with a fine style but who does not concentrate enough. His first service is good and his baseline play is consistent. However, his volleying let him down at times.

**Easton:** A left-hander, who was consistent throughout the competition and combined well with Limbrick. Possesses a good forehand but his double-handed backhand lets him down occasionally.

## 41st ANNUAL ATHLETIC CARNIVAL.

At Petersham Oval on the 8th and 9th of August we held our 41st Athletic Carnival. The weather, so important for the success of the carnival was excellent, except for a strong wind on the second day. This resulted in poor times for many events, though three records were broken during the carnival.

It is unfortunate that the number of entries was not what they might have been, too many boys being drawn into the ranks of the onlooker. We look forward to a carnival next year, in which every boy shall endeavour to compete in at least one event, especially the championship events. We also hope that more House enthusiasm, which was sadly lacking in all houses except Williams, will be shown next year.

The staff must be thanked for the valuable assistance rendered, for, without this the carnival could not have hoped to function. In particular our Sportsmaster, Carnival Manager and Committee should be thanked for the tremendous amount of work they had to do. However, even with the combined efforts of all these people, our carnival could not have been held except for the marvellous work of the groundsmen. These men did a wonderful job in repairing Petersham Oval, which suffered badly in the heavy football and baseball seasons, for our carnival. We take this opportunity in thanking them for their grand work.

In conclusion we would express the sincere desire that when next year's athletic carnival comes along, not some, but every member of the school will be competing, in order to make his house the 1952 athletic champion.

—J. ASTON, 4B.

Results:

### HOUSE COMPETITION.

- 1st: Williams—219 points.  
2nd: Christmas—187 points.  
3rd: Mearns—169½ points.  
4th: Kilgour—122½ points.

### SENIOR —

100 yards: A. Day 1, K. James 2, R. Milgate 3. Time, 11.0 sec.

## FOURTH GRADE.

The 4th grade team under the captaincy of A. Glover defeated Hurlstone, North Sydney Tech. and Manly, but was defeated by each of the other high schools played.

First year players J. Irvine, J. Barras and B. Rothwell were given an opportunity of gaining experience with the team so that the 4th grade team for next season ought to be strengthened. A Cobbin and T. Cole of second year played for the team during the season and met with moderate success.

220 yards: A. Day 1, R. Milgate 2, A. Mercer 3. Time, 25.5 secs.

440 yards: A. Mercer 1, B. Adam 2, R. Milgate 3. Time, 56.5 secs.

880 yards: B. Petrie 1, B. Adam 2, A. Mercer 3. Time, 2 mins. 9.3 secs (record).

1 mile: B. ePtrie 1, B. Adam 2, A. Dash 3. Time, 4 mins. 44 secs.

120 yards hurdles: K. Morgan 1, K. James 2, I. Cooke 3. Time, 16.6 secs.

Broad Jump: K. James 19 ft. 3½ ins. 1, K. Morgan 2, D. Mourney 3.

High Jump: K. Morgan 1, D. Mourney 2, I. Cooke 3. Height, 5 ft. 1 ins.

Shot Putt: K. James 1, P. Adney 2, D. Mourney 3. Distance, 36 ft. 7 ins.

Tug O' War: Mearns 1, Christmas 2, Kilgour 3.

Relay: Mearns 1, Williams 2, Christmas 3. Time 50.0 secs.

880 yards Walk: C. Monty 1, B. Adams 2, B. Pike 3. Time, 4 mins. 20 secs.

Champion House: Mearns.

Senior Champion: K. James, 21 points.

### UNDER 16 —

100 yards: J. Sharpe 1, G. Young Lee 2, P. Cansick 3. Time 11.5 secs.

220 yards: J. Sharpe 1, L. Coleman 2, P. Cansick 3. Time, 26.8 secs.

440 yards: L. Coleman 1, G. Young Lee 2, Time 59 secs.

880 yards: L. Coleman 1, G. Young Lee 2, K. Finch 3. Time, 2 mins. 20.4 secs.

90 yards Hurdles: G. Young Lee 1, J. Watson 2, P. Cansick 3. Time, 14.3 secs.

Broad Jump: P. Cansick 1, G. Young Lee 2, G. Hall 3. Distance, 17 ft. 2½ ins.

High Jump: G. Young-Lee 1. Height, 4ft. 8ins.

Shot Putt: G. Young Lee 1, P. Furst 2. Distance, 36ft. 1in.

Tug-o'-War: Mearns 1, Williams 2, Christmas 3.

Relay: Williams 1, Christmas 2, Mearns 3. Time, 49.6 secs.

Junior Walk: K. Bunting 1, G. Berry 2, J. McCulloch 3. Time, 4 mins. 22.7 secs.

Champion House: G. Young Lee 34 pts.

Champion House: Williams.

**UNDER 15—**

100 Yards: J. Thompson 1, R. Baker 2, M. Morgan 3. Time, 11.5 secs.

220 Yards: J. Dorsett 1, J. Thomson 2, R. Baker 3. Time, 27.1 secs.

90 Yards Hurdles: R. Baker 1, J. Thomson 2, R. Edwards 3. Time, 13.8 secs.

High Jump: J. Dorsett 1, R. Edwards 2, R. Cowley 3. Height, 5 ft. 2½ ins. (record).

Broad Jump: R. Edwards 1, S. Durkin 2, J. Thomson 3. Distance, 16 ft. 11 ins.

Shot Putt: J. Thomson 1, M. Morgan 2, M. Malouf 3. Distance, 35 ft. 8 ins.

Champion: J. Thomson 22 points.

Champion House: Williams.

**UNDER 14—**

100 Yards: R. Stacey 1, N. Duncan 2, I. Fraser 3. Time, 11.4 secs.

220 Yards: R. Stacey 1, N. Duncan 2, J. Delmas 3. Time, 27.2 secs.

60 Yards Hurdles: R. Stacey 1, Frazer 2, N. Duncan 3. Time, 9.5 secs.

High Jump: G. Brown 1, R. Stacey 2, I. Fraser 3. Height, 4 ft. 4 ins.

Broad Jump: R. Stacey 1, N. Duncan 2, G. Collett 3. Distance, 16 ft. 6½ ins.

Shot Putt: I. Fraser 1, R. Flanagan 2, N. Duncan 3. Distance, 41 ft. 10 ins.

Relay: Williams 1, Kilgour 2, Mearns 3.

Juvenile 440 Yards Walk: N. Harrison 1, R. Stacey 2, G. Juergens 3.

Juvenile Tug-o'-War: Williams 1, Kilgour 2, Mearns 3.

Champion: R. Stacey 26 points.

Champion House: Williams.

**UNDER 13—**

100 Yards: W. Saxby 1, M. Johnson 2, P. Bonner 3. Time, 11.8 secs. (record).

High Jump: Deayton 3 ft. 4 ins., 1, Maitland 2, Southwell 3.

Broad Jump: W. Saxby 1, Deayton 2, Trinder 3. Distance, 15 ft. 2½ ins.

Relay: Williams 1, Kilgour 2, Mearns 3. Time, 56.0 secs.

Champion: W. Saxby 12 points.

Champion House: Williams.

## THE 59th ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

The Annual Swimming Carnival was held in perfect weather on 1st March at Cabarita. All races were strongly contested but the champion house was Mearns who gained 224½ points with Christmas and Kilgour Houses second and third respectively.

The outstanding school swimmer was John Henricks, who broke the standing records for the 880 yds., 440 yds., 220 yds., 110 yds., 55 yds. freestyle and 55 yds. backstroke, in the under 16 age group. Henricks went on to break the 220 yds. C.H.S. record.

The event which most amused the spectators was the dive, which showed how lacking the school is in good divers. The many attempts at fancy diving resulted in complete failures in all but a few, and this caused great peals of laughter each time a competitor would nearly break his back in a "belly-buster."

Another interesting event was the demonstration of scientific swimming given by our very capable masters, Mr. Arnold and Mr. Neuhaus, who managed the carnival. The demonstration included somersaults, rolling log, boating, the water-wheel, and methods of rescue.

The fine weather made the carnival a success and, the big attendance was pleasing.

Credit, however, is due to the teaching staff who organised and arranged the carnival and also entertained the spectators.

The following are the results:—

**HOUSE COMPETITION.**

1st: Mearns, 224½ points.

2nd: Christmas, 191 points.

3rd: Kilgour, 146 points.

4th: Williams, 129½ points.

**SENIOR—**

55 Yards Freestyle: B. Morton 1, J. Butt 2, A. Theak 3. Time, 30.4 secs.

110 Yards Freestyle: B. Morton 1, J. Butt 2, A. Theak 3. Time, 1 min. 10.8 secs.

220 Yards Freestyle: B. Morton 1, J. Butt 2, J. Jewell 3. Time, 2 mins. 51.6 secs.

440 Yards Freestyle: B. Morton 1, J. Butt 2, J. Jewell 3. Time, 6 mins. 4.4 secs.

880 Yards Freestyle: J. Henricks 1, B. Morton 2, D. Amos 3. Time, 11 mins. 28.4 secs. (record).

55 Yards Backstroke: B. Morton 1, J. Butt 2, J. Pike 3. Time, 39.8 secs. (record).

110 Yards Breaststroke: J. Butt 1, B. Morton 2, B. Hayes 3. Time, 1 min. 39 secs.

Dive: B. Morton 1, K. James 2, R. Milne 3.

220 Yards House Relay: Kilgour 1, Christmas 2, Williams 3. Time, 2 mins. 23.8 secs. (record).

50 Yards Life-saving Championship: J. Butt and K. James 1, A. Theak and J. Jewell 2. Time, 1 min. 13.6 secs.

Senior Champion: B. Morton 44 points.

Senior House: Mearns 68 points.

**UNDER 16—**

55 Yards Freestyle: J. Henricks 1, G. Young Lee 2, K. Bunting 3. Time, 29 secs. (record).

110 Yards Freestyle: D. Amos 1, K. Bunting 2, B. Wrenford 3. Time, 1 min. 20.4 secs.

220 Yards Freestyle: J. Henricks 1, D. Amos 2, K. Bunting 3. Time, 2 mins. 28.6 secs. (record).

440 Yards Freestyle: J. Henricks 1, D.



1st GRADE WATER POLO — PREMIERS, 1950-51.  
 BACK ROW (L.-R.): J. Jewell, K. James, G. Martin, A. Theak.  
 FRONT ROW (L.-R.): J. Butt, Mr. L. N. Rose, Mr. B. N. Farlow (Coaches), B. Morton  
 (Capt.). ABSENT: D. Amos, J. Henricks.

Amos 2, K. Bunting 3. Time, 5 mins. 12.3 secs. (record).

55 Yards Breaststroke: J. Henricks 1, G. Young-Lee 2, D. Amos 3. Time, 38 secs. (record).

55 Yards Breaststroke: D. Amos 1, G. Young-Lee 2, E. Small 3. Time, 44.8 secs.

Junior Dive: D. Amos 1, G. Swalwell 2. B. Eadie 3.

220 Yards House Relay: Mearns and Williams 1, Christmas 3. Time, 2 mins. 32.4 secs. (record).

40 Yards Life-Saving Championship: J. Henricks and G. Young-Lee 1, D. Amos and B. Morton 2, J. Arnold and G. McIntyre 3. Time, 1 min. 14 secs.

Champion: J. Henricks.

Champion House: Christmas.

#### UNDER 15—

55 Yards Freestyle: G. Martin 1, C. Lovett 2, T. Trahair 3. Time, 34.9 secs.

110 Yards Freestyle: G. Martin 1, T. Tra-

hair 2, D. McLennan 3. Time, 1 min. 24.8 secs.

220 Yards Freestyle: G. Martin 1, T. Trahair 2, D. McLennan 3. Time, 3 mins. 9.6 secs.

440 Yards Freestyle: G. Martin 1, T. Trahair 2, D. McLennan 3. Time, 6 mins. 44 secs.

55 Yards Backstroke: D. McLennan 1, H. Macindoe 2, K. Forbes and B. Smith (aeq.) 3. Time, 48.2 secs.

55 Yards Breaststroke: P. Kenny 1, C. Lovett 2, H. Macindoe 3. Time, 48.6 secs.

40 Yards Life-Saving Championship: J. Davis and P. Kenny 1, B. Robinson and B. Taylor 2. Time, 1 min. 17.2 secs.

Champion: G. Martin.

Champion House: Mearns.

#### UNDER 14—

55 Yards Freestyle: G. Barwick 1, J. Dorsett 2, D. McDougall 3. Time, 39 secs.



110 Yards Freestyle: P. Lindsay 1, J. Dorsett 2, D. McDougall 3. Time, 1 min. 30.4 secs.

220 Yards Freestyle: P. Lindsay 1, N. Harrison 2, K. Bennett 3. Time, 3 mins. 41 secs.

55 Yards Backstroke: P. Lindsay 1, I. Fraser 2, R. Muhs 3.

55 Yards Breaststroke: N. Harrison 1, R. Muhs 2, P. Lindsay 3. Time, 52.6 secs.

Juvenile Dive: I. Fraser and N. Harrison 1, B. Andrews 3.

220 Yards Juvenile House Relay: Mearns 1, Christmas 2, Williams 3. Time, 2 mins. 41 secs. (record).

30 Yards Life-Saving Championship: B. Andrews and B. Blows 1, C. Brown and N. Harrison 2, T. Cole and P. Short 3. Time, 59.8 secs.

Champion: P. Lindsay.

Champion House: Christmas.

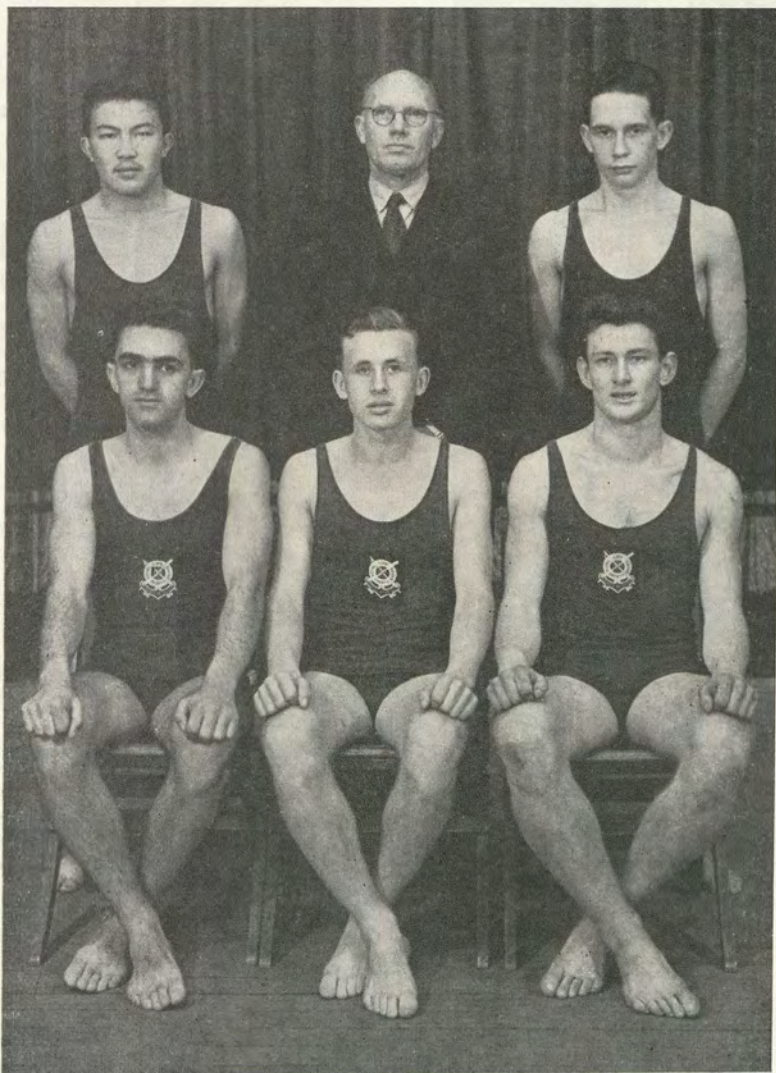
**UNDER 13—**

55 Yards Freestyle: D. Lindsay 1, B. Wilson 2, D. Ryan 3. Time 43.3 secs.

110 Yards Freestyle: D. Lindsay 1, D. Ryan 2, B. Wilson 3. Time, 1 min. 42.2 secs.

55 Yards Backstroke: D. Lindsay 1, B. Wilson Jones 2. Time, 57.8 secs.

55 Yards Breaststroke: D. Jones 1, W. Jones 2, R. Bridges 3. Time, 58.6 secs.



**ARTHUR PARKER CUP TEAM.**  
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 FRONT ROW (L.-R.): J. Butt G. Stanford (Instructor), K. James.



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30 Yards Life-Saving Championship: R. Bridges and J. Maitland 1. Time, 1 min. 6.2 secs. (record).

Champion: D. Lindsay.

Champion House: Mearns.

#### C.H.S. SWIMMING CARNIVAL, 1951.

Fort Street came 5th in the aggregate point-score with 74 points whilst we also came 4th in the junior point-score with 43 points.

Individual results were:

#### SENIOR—

B. Morton: 3rd in 110 yds. freestyle; 3rd in 440 yds. freestyle; 5th in 55 yds. backstroke.

J. Henricks: 2nd in 880 yds. freestyle.

J. Butt: 4th in 110 yds. breaststroke.

Henricks, Morton, Butt: 3rd in medley relay.

#### UNDER 16—

J. Henricks: 1st in 440 yds. freestyle; 1st in 220 yds. Time 2 mins. 24.6 secs. (C.H.S. record); 1st in 110 yds. freestyle; 2nd in 55 yds. freestyle; 2nd in 55 yds. backstroke.

Henricks, Morton, Young-Lee, Bunting: 3rd in the under 16 relay.

#### UNDER 13—

D. Jones: 2nd in 55 yds. breaststroke.

J. Henricks, the school's outstanding swimmer, broke the under 16 220 yds. record and scored 46 points for the school.

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At the age of eleven John Henricks showed early promise by swimming 1,000 yards at the Cabarita pool. From that day onwards, he has never looked back, and now ranks high amongst the State's best swimmers.

John entered his first carnival in 5th class at primary school, but was unplaced. Coming to Fort Street, he was again unsuccessful, but, by 1949, in 2nd year, he had improved, and gained several places in the C.H.S. carnival.

In 1950, John decided to take swimming seriously, and began a strict training routine with the Cabarita Club. This showed quick results as his achievements in the C.H.S. carnival of 1951 prove: 1st in under 16 110, 220, 440 yards freestyle, 2nd in open 880 yards to Barry Darke 2nd in 55 yards freestyle and 3rd in 55 yards backstroke.

Following the advice of his coach John entered the 1951 State Carnival and finished 2nd in 110 yards freestyle and 3rd in the 880 yards. These performances earned him selection for the Australian Championships in Melbourne where he swam 3rd in the Australian junior 110 yards, 2nd in the junior

440 yards and 6th in the open 880 yards freestyle.

At present John is attempting to better his times next season by training throughout the winter at the Tattersall's Club indoor pool in Sydney and by carrying out the special training hints received by his coach from America.

John is aiming at future Olympic Games selection and we all wish him the best of luck in his swimming career.

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#### FIRST GRADE WATER POLO.

Following last year's undefeated record we succeeded in becoming C.H.S. premiers.

The win was due to the fact that the team played as a team throughout the season and were at all times enthusiastic about the games and competition.

The season began with two closely fought victories against North Sydney Tech. (6-5) and Manly (5-4) but by the end of the season the team had acquired such good combination that they defeated Canterbury (11-0) and the strong Homebush team (7-0). Other convincing victories were Randwick (13-0) and Sydney Tech. (9-0).

Unfortunately the team was unable to go through the season undefeated as we suffered a defeat at the hand of North Sydney High (3-2). The defeat was due to the superior speed of the opposition.

Scores: 54 for; 12 against.

Leading Scorers: B. Morton 37; J. Butt 12.

Criticisms of players:

**Centre Forward**—B. Morton (capt.):

A strong and fast swimmer who gave the team a feast of the ball from the swim-off. A brilliant attacker and prolific goal-scorer he successfully lead the team to victory.

**Right Forward**—J. Butt:

A great supporting forward, Butt was always in the right position at the right time and scored many good goals because his knowledge of the game enabled him to outwit the opposition.

**Left Forward**—Martin:

Proved valuable for his ability to get the ball to the centre and also because his speed allowed him to be a part of our attack and defence.

**Centre Back** — D. Amos:

Although not a sprinter his rugged, slapping style confused and outplayed opposing forwards.

**Right Back** — A Theak:

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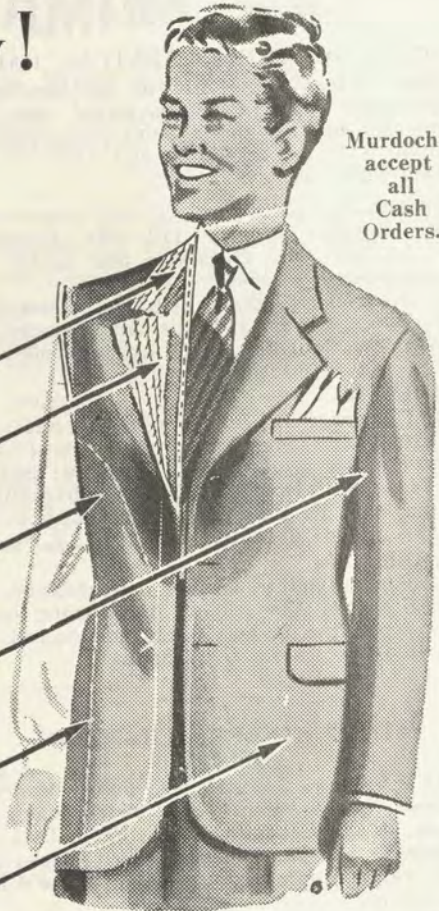
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**Goals — K. James:**

A capable goalkeeper, James defended our goals with great efficiency throughout the season.

**J. Jewell:**

The team's auxiliary who played both forward and back during the season.

The team would like to thank Mr. Rose for the splendid way he supervised the team throughout the season. The happy atmosphere created by his presence was a vital factor in the team's success.

The members of First Grade Water Polo are grateful to Mr. Rose for his coaching and advice throughout the season and are happy that in his final year the school could be the premier team of the competition.

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### SECOND GRADE WATER POLO.

In conjunction with the other metropolitan high schools, Fort Street entered a team in the Second Grade Water Polo competition. Although we have not met with as great a success as the first grade, only two matches have been lost out of seven we have played. We have two more matches to play against Sydney Tech. High and Parramatta. The players were:—

Arnold, Pickering, Martin, Jacobs, Pike, Hayes, Bunting, James, McIntyre, Trahair, Lippiatt and Jewell.

The able coaching of Mr. Farlow has helped the team tremendously. We were beaten by North Sydney High and Hurlstone, drew against Manly, but won our games against Randwick. 15 goals have been scored against us but we have scored 19 ourselves. We were highly commended on our play by the coaches from other schools

who said that our play in the last two games equalled some first grade matches. This was mainly due to our team work which is the key to future success.

As a number of the present players will be leaving school this year, it is imperative that we should get a number of boys from the junior ranks and train them in the game. Any promising swimmers who are interested in a manly and pleasant game should see Mr. Farlow and try out for the team.

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### ARTHUR PARKER CUP, 1951.

In accordance with its usual practice the school again entered a team in this competition. It was decided to enter only one team as it was considered futile to enter any team the standard of whose work would not do credit to the competition. The team ultimately chosen was composed of G. Stanford (Instructor), J. Butt (Captain), B. Smith, K. James, and G. Young-Lee. After a period of fairly intensive training in land drill under the expert eye of Mr. Neuhaus the team became sufficiently proficient to win the competition though the standard of its work was not as high as that of previous years.

Unfortunately the competition was not as keen as hoped. Several country schools which had virtually promised to enter a team were unable to do so whereas Cessnock was unable to face the barrier because of illness in the team. Finally Fort Street, two teams from North Sydney Tech. High and one from Newtown Demonstration School faced the judges. Fort Street lost points most heavily through lack of discipline, some "smart" member or "members" thinking they could talk during the drill without being detected by the judges, an error in calculation for which they paid dearly. However, the team excelled in water work particularly in speed and so were able to build up a sufficient score to beat North Sydney Tech. by 7 points.

## Old Boys' Union Report

The Old Boys' Union is prospering now, with a greater number of members and increasing activity. Functions are being held regularly to hold the varied interests of our members whose tastes cover a wide sphere of activities.

Three events which stood out last year were the Annual Ball held at the Trocadero, a lecture by Harry Hopman on "Tennis and the Davis Cup", and a Supper Dance held at Carl Thomas'.

The ball was a great success, being the best since our Centenary Ball, and Fort Street Old Girls' Union presented debutantes to an Old Boy in the person of Mr. Justice Toose.

The lecture by Harry Hopman was held in a lecture theatre in B.M.A. House in Macquarie Street. Although a wet night, over 100 Old Boys and friends arrived to hear this very interesting and enjoyable

talk. Everyone confirmed that this was a tribute to the Old Boys of our school.

Last month over 200 Old Boys and friends had a Supper Dance at Carl Thomas' Restaurant. Prices were reduced and the Union carried the excess expense so that the young chaps could join with us in our function.

We are printing our application for membership form with this report so that those chaps leaving school can join with us and so make our Union and your Union greater than ever before in its history.

Congratulations on behalf of the school to Group-Captain W. L. Hely, A.F.C., on his appointment as Officer Commanding Western Area (Perth). Group-Captain Hely, earlier this year appointed honorary A.D.C. to the King, was educated at Fort Street.

Hedley Bull, who matriculated from Fort Street in 1948, was chosen as N.S.W. finalist for selection of an Australian representative to the Youth Forum in Great Britain.



### LATE NEWS.

The School wishes to congratulate Mr. K. McLellan on his selection to play for Leeds Rugby League Club.

### 1952 PREFECTS.

"The Fortian" and School extend their congratulations to the Prefects of 1952.

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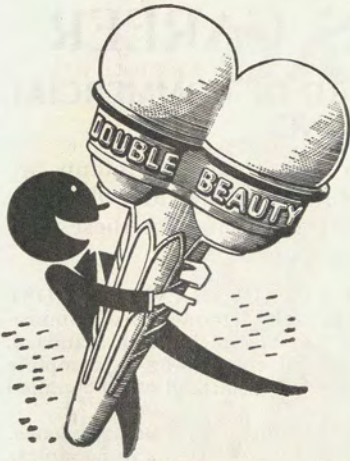
Captain: B. Phillips.

Vice-Captain: A. Wyatt.

Prefects: P. K. Bunting, P. Cansick, L.

Coleman, R. Daggett, B. Easton, B. Hillman, W. Howard, K. James, W. Jamieson, R. Jones, R. Jose, W. Kent, H. Millar, K. Muller, B. Olds, F. Peisah, G. Precians, T. Rippingale, W. Selle, A. Sharam, J. Sharpe, D. Steen, G. Thirkettle, F. Thomas, G. Young Lee and J. Yu.

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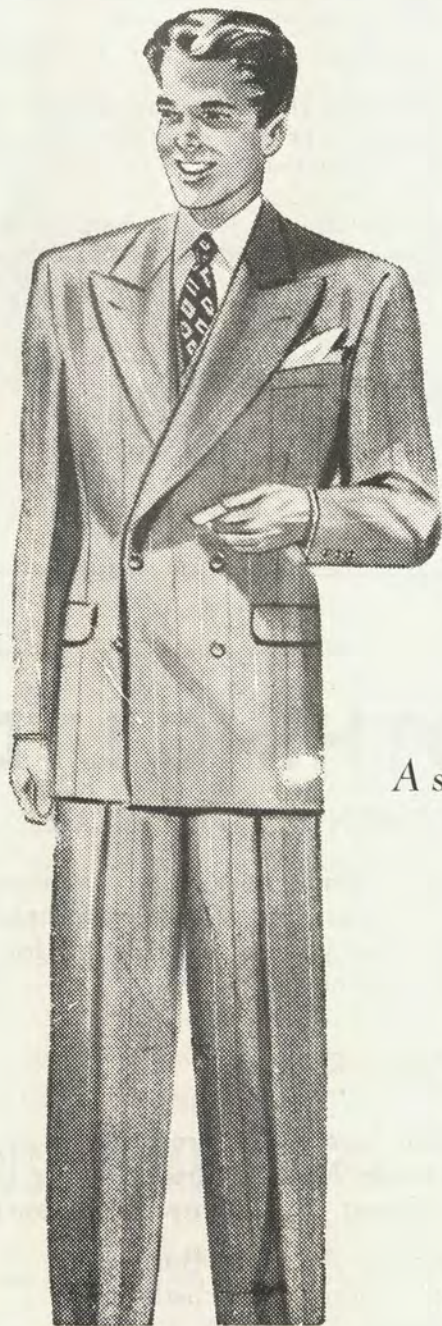
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